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NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY

MARCH 14, 2017

7:30 PM

**WHITE EAGLE HALL
DELAWARE AVENUE
KINGSTON, NY**



**ICCHV
FUND RAISER
TO BENEFIT THE
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
KEEGAN ALES
MARCH 5, 2017
1:00 – 7:00 PM**



**ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
JOURNAL**

The Parade Journal is done. Thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters who have taken out ads and helped us continue to put on the best parade in the valley. Thanks to the 2017 Parade Committee and Dan Lasecki for all of his hard work and expertise organizing and designing our 30th parade journal.



**2017 ST. PATRICK'S PARADE
MARCH 12, 2017**

Thank you once again to the 2017 Parade Committee, Dylan and Neely Kennedy of Tony's Pizzeria and our co-Chairs John Kelly, Larry Dunne and Kathleen Houghtaling.

Planning for the 2017 30th edition of the St. Patrick's Parade is complete. Please put your rosaries on the line and pray that this beautiful weather continues through our parade season. Please get involved and help with the biggest and best parade in the valley. Please contact John or Larry for more information.

**LET'S MAKE SURE THIS
CONTINUES TO BE THE
GRANDEST PARADE IN THE
VALLEY!!!**



**GRAND MARSHAL
2017 ST PATRICK'S PARADE**



BILL MURPHY

William R. Murphy was born in Little Falls N.Y., his family moved to Kingston when he was a toddler. He is the oldest of 7 children. His grandparents, migrated from County Cork, Ireland, however, his dad was born in Little Falls, like himself. Bill had the pleasure and thrills of visiting County Cork, Ireland the birthplace of his ancestors on his 60th birthday. He ate, drank, and sang his way over Ireland's beautiful countryside, he climbed to the top of Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone, so anyone who knows him, knows he walked away from that memorable trip a "master blarney man"!

Bill attended and graduated from St. Peters School in Kingston, graduated Kingston High School the class of 1962. He went on to learn his trade with the

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in their 7 year New York State Apprenticeship Training Program; graduating as a journeyman electrician (the starting rate of pay in those days was \$1.85 an hour). Bill retired from his trade after 45 years. Serving as general foreman on many noteworthy projects, including Security Systems for the NYC Reservoirs and the Eisenhower Library at West Point.

Married to his wife Mary, for 51 years, they were blessed with a son, (David Murphy) and daughter, (Michelle Murphy Constantine), who ultimately gave them three beautiful granddaughters, (Nicole and Megan Murphy and Chloe Constantine). This makes up what they call the "Murphy Clan". The Murphy's have made the Town of Esopus their home for 46 years.

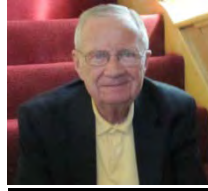
Participating in most sports, throughout his lifetime, Bill enjoys a good round of golf the most. He was an avid baseball player in his youth and is a devoted fan of the NY Giants.

Bill was a member of the local Moose Lodge, as well as the I.B.E.W. Retired, he belongs to the AARP Chapter #2039, the Town of Esopus Seniors, a member of St. Coleman's Parish, and an active member the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Bill will willingly tell you that one of the most memorable moments in his life was when Jim Carey, announced that he was selected as the 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Grand Marshal. This is an honor that he will cherish all the days of his life.



MAYOR OF THE DAY
2017 ST PATRICK'S PARADE



BILL FITZGERALD

Bill Fitzgerald and is married to Hannelore Osterwald Fitzgerald 55 years. He has 4 sons Michael, John, Aaron, and Sean and 10 grandchildren.

Bill's parents were both born in New York, NY. His paternal and maternal Grandmothers were both born in Ireland. Bill graduated from Redemptorist Seminary, North East PA, and attended SUNY New Paltz Business Management and Accounting

Bill was active US Air Force from 1957 to 1961 in the USA, Europe and Tripoli, Libya. He was active Air Force Reserve from 1961 to 1965 Stewart AFB, Newburgh NY Bill has been a member of the Connelly Fire Department for 60 years and a Fire Commissioner for 8 years.

He was employed at Hercules Inc. Port Ewen NY as Development Lab Technician, Atlas Chemical Industries Valley Forge PA as Product Engineer, Colt Firearms Atglen, PA as Sales Engineer, Caldor Kingston NY, AT&T Basking Ridge NJ as Corporate Finance Manager and Business Process Designer.

Bill retired from Avaya Communication (AT&T Spin-off) in 2001.

Bill presently works as a Real Estate Broker for Mary A. Bono

Real Estate and has been there since 2003. Bill has been a member of the Presentation Parish Port Ewen since 1938 and currently serves as a Lector, Commentator, Eucharistic Minister, and Altar Server Bill has been a member of AOH since 2008 and is an active member of the Irish Cultural Center. Hudson Valley



IRISH PRINCESS
2017 ST PATRICK'S PARADE



MYKELTY BENSON

Fifteen-year-old Mykelty Elizabeth Benson is a sophomore at Ellenville High School. An honor student, she enjoys participating in band with her flute, and singing in both Women's and Festival choirs. She is a confirmed member of St. Mary's and St Andrew's Parish in Ellenville where she is an altar server.

Mykelty has been a part of the AOH Pipe band since she was about 5 years old. She carried the parade banner with her sister for years until she decided that she would like to play the bagpipes. Although bagpiping did not work out, she is extremely excited and honored to have been chosen Irish Princess for 2017 and hopes she can fill her position in such a way as to make everyone proud. Mykelty is looking forward to an exciting year.



BEARER OF ST. PATRICK
2016 ST PATRICK'S PARADE



THOMAS LASECKI

Thomas Lasecki is excited to be honored as the Bearer of Saint Patrick for the 2017 AOH Saint Patrick's Day Parade. He joined the Junior Ancient Order of Hibernians in the spring of 2016, and celebrates his Irish heritage following in the footsteps of his Grandfather Thomas Kelly and Uncle John Kelly who are members of the AOH, as well as his Grandmother Kathy Kelly and Aunt Pat Schiskie who are members of the LAOH. As a fourth grader at Kingston Catholic School, Thomas excels academically while participating in many extracurricular activities including musical theater. He is a cub scout with the Webelos Pack 4 of the Rip Van Winkle Council and an altar server at the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. In his spare time, Thomas loves to play all sports including Cal Ripken Baseball, PEAA Soccer, and CYO Basketball, golfing with the CYO "Hook a Kid on Golf Program", or running in the Kingston Cross Country Summer Series organized by the Irish Cultural Center of the Hudson Valley in conjunction with Ulster County CYO. Thomas is the 10-year-old son of Dan and Bridget Lasecki and is a loving older brother to Anna Mae.



FROM THE
HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Contributing Reporter Neil Murray

"Meagher of the Sword"
Thomas Francis Meagher



There is no shortage of heroes when it comes to Irish, or, Irish – American history. Thomas Francis Meagher, however, rises to the top of this list. The unquestioned leader of the Irish Brigade of the Civil War, the life story of General Meagher is nothing less than legend. From Irish Rebel, to exiled and banished British prisoner, to fugitive seeking asylum in the United States, Thomas Meagher would not only help a struggling immigrant group establish themselves in their adopted land, he would rise to the rank of General and eventually serve as Governor of Montana Territory. His remarkable story is one that any freedom loving American can admire, and, be inspired by. Thomas Francis Meagher was born into a wealthy family on August 3,

1823 in Waterford, Ireland. As a youth, he witnessed the Great Hunger first hand. It became clear to young Meagher; the British were responsible for the hunger and were in his mind, the enemy. Although Meagher himself didn't suffer from the famine, he felt for his countrymen. A skilled orator, Meagher began to urge the violent overthrow of British rule on the Emerald Isle. Making connections with the American Revolution, Meagher felt the time was right for revolt. He joined the Young Ireland movement and became more militant. During one of his famous speeches, he earned the nickname "Meagher of the Sword". He began to attract the attention of British Authorities. With a visit to France, it is Meagher himself who inspired the Tri-Color to become the Irish Flag. During the late summer of 1848, Meagher was arrested, and convicted of sedition and treasonous activities. As a Catholic, Meagher's guilt was compounded with a death sentence. He sentence was to be hanged. In time, and due to his family's influence, he sentence was reduced to banishment to a tiny Island off the coast of Australia. Tasmania, or otherwise known as Van Diemen's Land, Meagher tried to imagine his island of captivity as the island of his birth, but, it wasn't long before he planned his escape. With the help of a prearranged transport by boat, and the help of two sailors, he was rowed to a tiny island off Tasmania where he waited, almost without food, for ten days, until he was able to board a larger ship and escape captivity. He was now a fugitive. Thomas Francis Meagher arrived in New York City in May of 1852.

He was the most famous Irishman in New York upon his arrival. He was an instant celebrity and leader. He became a US Citizen and married a girl from a wealthy New York Family. Elizabeth Townsend, his wife, was a Protestant. She would convert to Catholicism and become a dedicated supporter of the Irish – American cause her husband was a leader of.

With the outbreak of the Civil War, Thomas Francis Meagher dedicated himself to the Union cause and that of the country that gave him refuge and protection. The Sons of Erin with their distinct green flag adorned with shamrocks and a harp flew with pride as now General Meagher led his countrymen in defense of their adopted home. With a green jacket and gold lace, the green plume of General Meagher's hat made him stand out. The heroism of Meagher, and that of the Irish Brigade he led, was discussed in a previous month's article. There is no doubt; Meagher was brave, courageous, a natural leader, and a freedom fighter on two continents. Always dedicated to the Union cause, he never lost sight of the fight for freedom in Ireland.

With the end of the Civil War Thomas Francis Meagher found himself in Montana. President Andrew Johnson appointed Meagher secretary of Montana Territory. In this capacity, Meagher found himself as acting Governor. Forever dedicated to justice and freedom, Meagher found himself at odds with the political machine that existed in the corrupt territory. The vigilante justice and anti-Irish hotheads that existed in the Territory and the threat of Native American attack

was ever present. To address this concern, Meagher made his way to Fort Benton to pick up an arms shipment. On the night of July 1, 1867 a cry from the steamship Thomson, where he was staying for the night, screeched into the dark evening air, "man over board" and a splash into the dark waters of the fast moving Missouri River. The General was never seen or heard from again.

The death of General Thomas Francis Meagher is forever shrouded in mystery. Was he murdered by the anti-Irish vigilantes? Was he drunk and fell overboard? Did he commit suicide? There are theories and evidence to indicate all three options. Suicide is the least accepted theory. Why would someone who survived banishment to Tasmania and the Civil War end their own life? As for the drinking, Meagher was indeed fond of "the drink". I will, however, reserve my opinion for murder. Author Timothy Eagan in his new book, "The Immortal Irishman", presents clear and concise evidence to support the murder theory. Regardless of the mystery surrounding his death, it is clear Thomas Francis Meagher is an Irish – American hero. Upon his death, flags of his native and adopted country flew at half-mast. Some proclaimed "our country has lost a true patriot, friend of universal liberty, a sympathizer with the afflicted of all nations, a foe to tyranny, a fearless and intrepid general, a man of genius and of eloquence, who, at all times was ready to sacrifice personal interest for the public good". Today, on the front lawn of the Montana Capitol in Helena, there is a bronze statue of the General as

he sits on horseback, saber raised, ever ready to charge into battle, continuing to inspire the citizens of the United States.

Slainte!
Neil



ULSTER AOH MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE

Michael Hertle

On February 14, 2017, we held our monthly general meeting. The meeting was opened at 7:30 PM by the AOH President, Jim Carey. Some items of note:

- Paul Geary sent the Treasurer's Report for the General and Hooley accounts.
- Bill Murphy presented an update to the Yearly Calendar fundraiser and reported on the calendar account.
- Bill Kearney updated the membership on our 2017 dues collection. Dues payments continue to be received.
- John Kelly provided an update on the planning for the St. Patrick's Day parade. They are meeting every Thursday at 7:00 PM at Tony's in Kingston. If you are interested in helping with the parade, please feel free to attend.
- Grand Marshal Night will also be held at the White Eagle Hall in Kingston on Friday, February 24, 2017. All are welcome.
- The club voted to use \$1,000.00 of the calendar 2016

monies to purchase a set or 2 of bagpipes.

- President Jim advised the club of a recent audit by the state AOH of our Federal 990 filings. The meeting concluded with the auditors advising us that all is well and we would be receiving a letter of confirmation all is in order and some suggestions for account identification.
- Bob Carey spoke about the status of the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. This included updates to the Planning Board and Zoning Board processes.
- Bob Carey also updated the group about the Shamrock Run. They are having ongoing meetings to plan and organize the event. This year's event will be in memory of Joyce Carey and will help support the Kingston Library Children's Program.
- The ICCHV is having a kickoff for the Shamrock Run at Keegan's Ales on Sunday March 5th from 1 to 7 PM. Bill Sutton and the Ruby Boys will be in charge of food and preparations.
- We welcomed Bill Yosh back from his recent stay in the hospital looking well and fit. Bill advised he is feeling great. We wish Bill the best and will keep him in our prayers.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM. Our next general meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,

February 14, 2017 at the White Eagle.

All meetings that I attend are digitally recorded and available upon request.



ULSTER COUNTY AOH
DIVISION 1
FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Mike Hertle

If you are in the AOH, LAOH, JRAOH, or Pipe Band and would like to learn more about these initiatives or help manage them, please feel free to contact me via Facebook.

In the meantime, please check us out at the links below:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/UlsterAOH>

Twitter: @UlsterAOH

We also have pages' setup for the Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley. They can be found at:

- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/ICCHudsonValley>
- Web: <http://www.icchv.org>
- Twitter: @ICCHudsonValley

Finally, if you have any pictures, events, or announcements you would like to have posted on the AOH or ICC Facebook pages, please send a message to either Facebook Account.



DUES-----DUES

Please mail in your 2017 dues payment as soon as possible so we can send in the payments to the State and National.

As you know the \$25.00 annual dues is split between Local AOH-State AOH and the National AOH

Remember we need to pay for all those on our membership list for National and State Dues. Send your 2017 dues and any other prior years to:

UCAOH Div 1
PO Box 2026
Kingston, NY 12402



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep in your prayers all our members who may be experiencing ill health especially:

Brothers Dr. Jim Cone, Joe Fay, Tom Kelly, George McArdle, Tom McInerney, Bill Yosh.



IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sadness that we advise the passing of our former Brother Tom Barton. Brother Barton had been a member of our Pipe, Drum and Honor Guard Band, softball team and participated fully at our Hooley on the Hudson™. He is the brother-in-law of Brother Tom Sullivan. Tom was married for 44 years to his wife, Ann (Callahan) Barton. They have two daughters, Allison Ward and her husband Ken of New Paltz, NY, daughter Juli Barton-George and her husband Andy, of Boscawen, New Hampshire, granddaughters, Hannah, and Maggie George who lovingly called him, "Papa Tom".

Please keep his family in your prayers. May Perpetual Life Shine upon him and may he rest in Peace.



IRISH CULTURE CENTER (ICC) - HUDSON VALLEY

www.icchv.org

Bob Carey

If you haven't signed up for the Shamrock Run please do so now. Race applications are available at schools, YMCA, Arace, Deising's, MAC Fitness, Monkey Joe's and many other public locations. You can also download an application from Shamrock Run website www.shamrockrun.org and print it. You can also register online by going to Shamrock Run web site and click on Register/Eventbrite. This is a special year where we are honoring a Librarian and the Run will Benefit Kingston Library Children's Program. We are honoring Joyce Ellen Carey a longtime volunteer and participant. Read more about Joyce on Shamrock Run web site. If you can't participate by running please consider volunteering. Please contact volunteer coordinator Kaitlin Welsh cmwelch24@gmail.com. Please join us for a very exciting Shamrock Rock Run Kick-Off Party Sunday March 5th 1PM to 7 PM to raise funds to support Kingston Library Children's Program. Many bands, kilts selling at special pricing for this event. Price of admission is \$15 and you receive a delicious corn beef sandwich cooked by Bill Sutton and the Ruby crew. Entertainment is being headed up by Terry McCann featuring the T. McCann Band, McGroovin, Irish Step Dancing, AOH Pipe & Drum Band and others to be named. You won't want to miss it!

We could always use more volunteers to help on race day.

The ICCHV continues to sponsor many programs of Irish Cultural interest. Please check our website www.icchv.org

ICC Meetings- once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30PM, 20 Broadway, Kingston, NY

If you are not receiving Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley update emails about meetings and events and would like to receive the emails, please send an email to - communicate@icchv.org and your email address will be added to the list.



PIPE, DRUM AND HONOR GUARD NEWS

AOH Band is back up and at it after the Winter break. We are plugging away and getting ready for the upcoming St Patrick's Season. We will be participating in several parades including NYC and will be playing at local nursing homes in celebration of the holiday. Practice has been moved to Wednesday nights, starting at 6:30pm, at the White Eagle; anyone interested in learning is welcome to attend. Beginners classes are held Saturday mornings, 8 AM at Arace Electronics, contact Jim Carey for more information.

We are always looking for new members for the Pipes, Drums, or Honor Guard. If you would like to learn to play the Pipes, Drums or participate as part of the Honor Guard you are welcome. Call for information about the band. Please

contact Jim Carey or Robin Carey at 338-6622 or any member of the band and be ready to have some fun and laughs. Please call for details.



AOH JUNIOR DIVISION

Dave Jackson

We had the first of many JAOH meetings the beginning of Jan. We had 6 members there and we are moving in the right direction. Next meeting, we will be selecting officers and making some headway in planning for events this year. There are some projects in the works and they are as follows -

- Junior AOH website
- Announcement within the Kingston High School
- Announcement within Kingston Catholic and St Joseph's
- Looking for some possible sites for presentations within local schools as an assembly for the kids
- Charity drives for fund raising and community service
- Parade Participation
- Hooley Participation

These are just the beginnings of the consistent growth we can expect from our Junior membership.

As always, we need your help to spread the word. Nephews, Cousins, Grandsons, Family Friends... we need them all to join! Please help keep the AOH alive by infecting our youngsters with the same beliefs and cultural richness as we have!

Please call me directly for involvement - Dave Jackson 845-389-5150. Any input and assistance is welcomed!!



MEMBERSHIP

Sponsor someone for membership. Applications are on the website and dues are only \$25.00 per year.

Keep searching out those Irish sons that qualify for membership. We need all the help we can get.



THE IRISH SHOW

Bill Yosh and Ken Brett are very appreciative of recent generous donations to the Irish Show. If any members have a special event or interest, they would like to promote please let them know. They love to share with their listener's news about local events.

Ken Brett & Bill Yosh host the Irish Show on WKNY 1490 on the AM dial. 8:06AM every Sunday. The Irish Show is sponsored by the Division 1 AOH. Ken and Bill Irish show featuring traditional Irish music: jigs and reels about love, war, celebrations and newest contemporary Irish music from the latest Irish musicians and Irish American musicians. Also Irish American favorites such as Bing Crosby and Dennis Day along with Irish blessings and Irish proverbs-- Special theme shows such as St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter a visit from Santa Claus, Veterans Day, and July 4TH...Every Song is Dedicated to someone locally or around the world...live streamed to listeners around the country and the world-- special opportunity to celebrate the life of loved ones with the parting

glass...all sponsors are locally owned and most are family owned and operated. Take out an ad; send in a dedication or someone's birthday you want remembered. Dennis Howard originally hosted the Irish Show it is now in its 38th year. Hosted now by Ken Brett and Bill Yosh, who are starting their 32nd year, the Irish Show continues to keep everyone up to date on the Irish culture and news of the Hudson Valley. www.1490wknny.com



AOH

"LUCKY THREE" IRISH CALENDAR WINNERS FEBRUARY

- 02/01 #320 \$35 William F. Moughan
- 02/03 #741 \$35 Chris Carlisle
- 02/10 #731 \$35 Cathy Howard
- 02/12 #704 \$75 Cathy Howard
- 02/12 #704 \$75 Erin Reilly
- 02/12 #704 \$75 Brian Ginty
- 02/14 #864 \$35 Tiernan J. Corbett
- 02/14 #864 \$35 Kathleen Eggers
- 02/16 #158 \$35 Scott MacCreedy
- 02/20 #716 \$75 Brianne Murphy
- 02/21 #218 \$35 Barbara Warner
- 02/21 #218 \$35 Brian Ginty
- 02/25 #928 \$35 Joann Navarra
- 02/25 #928 \$35 Cathy Howard
- 02/25 #928 \$35 Louis Therrien
- 02/25 #928 \$35 Jean Rockwell
- 02/25 #928 \$35 Joseph Rapp
- 02/26 #903 \$75 Grace Rodriguez
- 02/26 #903 \$75 Loren Wangstad
- 02/26 #903 \$75 John Paul Hesse

The Lucky Three Ticket is based on the 3-digit number of the NYS Evening Pick Three Numbers. As in past years all you need to do is pick your number and Pay your

\$25.00 This year we have raised the payoff to \$35.00 per day You have a chance to win \$35.00 each day of the year.....



BEEF AND SAUSAGE SHEPHERD'S PIE

<http://www.bettycrocker.com/>



Ingredients:

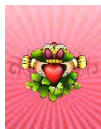
- 2 packages (24 oz each) refrigerated mashed potatoes
- 1 lb ground beef round
- 1 ring (14 to 16 oz) fully cooked kielbasa or Polish sausage, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup dry red wine or beef-flavored broth
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables (from 12-oz bag), thawed
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 cups Progresso™ beef-flavored broth (from 32-oz carton)
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Directions:

- **1-** Heat oven to 375° F. Spray 13x9-inch (3-quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray. Heat mashed potatoes as directed on package.
- **2-** Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked. Drain; set

aside. Add sausage and onion to skillet; cook 5 minutes or until onion is softened. Return beef to skillet. Add wine; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in vegetables, tomato paste, salt and pepper; cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

- **3-** In small bowl, mix broth and flour with whisk. Add to beef mixture. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly; cook 3 minutes or until thickened. Spoon mixture into baking dish. Spread heated potatoes evenly over hot beef mixture. Bake uncovered 20 minutes or until filling is bubbly and potatoes are lightly browned.



LAOH DIVISION 5 NEWS

Jean Steuding

NEXT MEETING

March 14, 2017

6:30 PM

**Divine Mercy Room
St. Mary's St Peter's
Church**

At our meeting on February 14, Becky announced that vice-president, Kathy Carey-Mihm decided to step down. Becky praised her for the contributions she has made as vice-president and wished her well. Kathy plans to remain active with the LAOH, and on behalf of the membership, she was presented with a gift for her dedication throughout the years. Kathy's even temper, diplomacy and ability to sort out the issues at

hand, were great assets in her role as vice-president. Thank you Kathy! Anyone who is interested in filling in as vice-president until the end of this year should notify Becky (532-1876). Ideally it should be someone who would be interested in running for president at our election in November.

A new applicant, Susan Feeney, is a member of St. Mary's St. Peter's Parish and is being sponsored by Kathleen Houghtaling.

We will be hosting a Degree Ceremony, conducted by the Trinity Degree Team, in Kingston. The new date is April 29 at 1:00 p.m. at a place to be announced. We need a minimum of 25 members to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for those members who wish to get a degree and don't like to travel. It should be a lot of fun, and those who already have their degree are encouraged to be a part of this event. Having the degree ceremony in our city should be a special and unique experience. Think about getting on board! Notify Becky if you plan to attend. We have met our quota, providing all those who signed up for the original day are still planning to attend, and we also have a good number of observers (those who have already obtained their degree) attending.

At our last meeting, the final drawings for the 20 week club were held. Thank you to the sellers who sold a total of 318 tickets! Thank you again Rose Ferraro-Bruck for running with the ball and making a touchdown! We are very grateful for all you do with your assistant, Missy Harjes! We have been able to reach out to many people because of the success of this fundraiser this year

and in previous years. Kudos to Rose and Missy! Following are a list of all the winners starting with the first week: \$50 winners: Kathleen Carey Mihm, Kate Cook, Matthew Beesmer, Lisa Hanson, Clare Egan, Connor and Linzey Wrixon, Paula Horvers, Karen Ryan, Missy Harjes, Michael Schabot, Mickey Hein, Ethel Navarra, Clare Egan, Joe Boyle, Karen Fiandaca, Joanne Kelly, Margaret Hart, Pat Gilligan, W. Wrixon III. \$25 winners: Violet Halwick, Michelle Weider, LAOH, Margaret Hart, Rita Schabot, Madge Goercke, Brett Wrixon, Bernice Fitzgerald, Roseanne Harominek, Sharon Haber, Susan Manfro, Annika Heitanen, Gwen McCann, Ronald O'Neil, Barbara Micheleth, Patrick Ryan, Marie Gardinier, Larry Dunne, Pam Boyle. The Grand winners were Chris Carlisle, \$275; Kelly Kell, \$300 and Roseanne Harominek, \$1000! We are especially happy that Roseanne, one of our own, was the \$1000 winner.

Congratulations Roseanne and to all winners! Please mark your calendars for the March festivities. On Saturday, March 11, we will be delivering shamrock plants to our members and friends who need a little cheering up. Thank you, Pat Clausi and Sue Manfro for chairing this event. We will meet at Stadium Diner at 9:30 a.m. and then proceed to the places we will be visiting. You can join us at 10:30 a.m. for the itinerary if you do not wish to have breakfast. If you can think of anyone you would like a visit, please let Becky know (532-1876). Those who join us may decide which people/places they wish to visit. This is a very flexible endeavor. Even if you

only have a little while and can only make one visit, your time and support will be greatly appreciated. Families and friends are welcome to join us! Young people are always a bright spot! Also, on March 11, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's in Rosendale, the AOH Pipe and Drum Band will perform. Father Burke will offer this special Mass on the eve of the parade. The St. Patrick's parade will be held on Sunday, March 12, at 1:00 p.m. immediately following the Shamrock Run. Please meet on the Kingston Plaza hill at 12:30 p.m. We hope to have many participants this year. We did some brainstorming at the last meeting to get more people to become involved. Each member will be called by someone on the phone committee and asked to join us if possible. **THE TROLLY WILL BE AVAILABLE** for those who wish to ride for any reason. You may invite relatives/friends to join us. The attire is white or black pants (no jeans) and Irish sweaters or green jackets and tams. We will need volunteers to sign in the parade units the morning of the parade. Let Kathleen Houghtaling (338-8980) know if you are interested. Remember that after the parade, the "Hooley at the Hall" takes place at the White Eagle Hall. It is a wonderful way to continue the day's celebration. Bill Yosh paid us a visit at our meeting and left flyers announcing this event. There will be lots and lots of corned beef and cabbage! Come and enjoy! Thank you, Kathleen Houghtaling, for being the LAOH representative for both the parade and the Hooley at the Hall. The Mayor of the Day luncheon will be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at noon

at Little Italy. Kathleen Carey-Mihm has volunteered to chair this event, and Pam Boyle and Chrissie Wrixon will assist her. The price is \$20. The meal will be served family style with corned beef and cabbage and chicken parm. Contact Kathy (417-5871) if you have not signed up. You may pay at the door, but if you make a reservation and do not come, you will be obligated to pay. On the morning of the luncheon, a Mass will be offered at St. Mary's St. Peter's at 9:00 a.m. We will attend as a group. Please dress "Irish." Immediately after the Mass, a reception, sponsored by the City Hall staff, will be held at the City Hall. Mayor of the day, Bill Fitzgerald, will raise the Irish Flag! Plan to attend all these wonderful activities which are celebrated at this special time of the year! **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE SURE THESE EVENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR THE LAOH.** If anyone missed the names of our dignitaries, they are: Bill Murphy, Grand Marshal; Bill Fitzgerald, Mayor of the Day; Irish Princess, Mykelty Elizabeth Benson; Bearer of St. Patrick, Thomas Lasecki. Again this year the AOH Pipe and Drum Band are marching in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. They (and we) are very excited because they step off at 10:30 a.m., which means they are "right up there." What an honor! Selfishly, we will miss their presence at our activities on that day, but there is a rumor surfacing that, like in the past, a few members of the band will hang back to be with us! If that rumor is

true, that is a very special gesture, and we appreciate it! Pat Clausi is researching the price of shirts, fleece jackets and rain slickers. She will have some information sometime soon. If anyone wishes to read our Constitution, it can be read on line at the following: <http://www.ladiesaoh.com/forms-3/> or you can just google LAOH Constitution, and it will be your first option. Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's St. Peter's on April 1 in recognition of St. Mary's St. Peter's 175th anniversary. Let's celebrate as a group. Wear something green or an Irish sweater, and meet at 4:30 p.m. at the rear entrance. A reception will follow the Mass. Relics of the Passion will be displayed at Holy Trinity Church in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. along with a one-hour meditative program with supporting musical pieces that serve as a guide to help you accompany Jesus through His suffering during the passion. The program ends with an opportunity for personal veneration of the relics. The collection includes eight rare holy relics that would only be seen in collections generally found in Rome or the Holy Land. Included are: the relic of the True Cross; a piece of stone from the table or room where the Last Supper was held; a piece of the Column of Flagellation; a piece of the crown of Thorns; the effigy of the Veil of Veronica; a replica of the holy nail which contains filings taken from the true nails; a piece of bone from St. Longinus, the centurion who pierced the side

of Jesus; and a thread from the cloth used as the wrapping for the Burial Shroud. What a great opportunity to inspire you on your Lenten journey!

A "corks, cup and canvas" fundraiser for charity will be held on April 2 at the White Eagle Hall at 1:30 p.m. The price is \$35. It is being chaired by Chrissie Wrixon. This is a sip and paint fun event. The public is invited. Call Chrissie (339-7442) or Pam Boyle (331-6310) if you want to make a reservation. More information can be found on Heather Myer's facebook page.

Congratulations to us! Our division will be 115 years old on April 2. Becky will give us some history in the next newsletter. Please be reminded that our new address is Box 2432, Kingston, NY 12402. All correspondence should be sent to this address.

Please always remember to reach out to our membership if you are in need of prayers or some kind of help. At one time or another, we all need assistance. We are fortunate to be a sisterhood who are there for each other. As always, pray for each other, and pray for peace! Have a Blessed St. Patrick's Day! Always be proud of your Catholic Faith and your Irish Heritage!



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ICCHV FUND RAISER

KEEGAN ALES
SUNDAY
MARCH 5, 2017
1:00-7:00 PM



ST. PATRICK'S MASS

SATURDAY
MARCH 11, 2017
5:00 PM
ST PETER'S CHURCH
ROSENDALE, NY



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

SUNDAY
MARCH 12, 2017
STARTS AT 1:00 PM



SHAMROCK RUN / WALK

SUNDAY
MARCH 12, 2017
STARTS AT 12:50 PM



ST. MARY'S ST. PETER'S 175TH

ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY
APRIL 1, 2017
5:00 PM MASS



CARDINAL DOLAN WILL BE CELEBRATING
5:00 P.M. MASS AT ST. MARY'S ST.
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

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FEATURING:

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THE MIKE O'LEARY BAND,

THE WILD IRISH ROSES,

AOH PIPE AND DRUMS BAND

- MASTER OF CEREMONIES: KEVIN GINTY -

DONATION \$15: INCLUDES CORNED BEEF SANDWICH-
SUPPLIED BY ADAMS FAIRACRE FARMS

- CASH BAR -

THE WILD IRISH
ROSES: 1-2 PM



AOH PIPE BAND:
2-2:45 PM



MIKE O'LEARY BAND:
3-4:30 PM



T MCCANN BAND:
5-6:30 PM



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(We Remember)

