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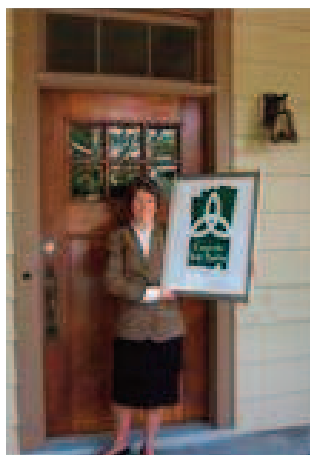
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2011 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER



Congratulations to this year's Dinner honoree, Lori Meghan Gallagher! From its small beginnings in a shared 2nd floor office in the Administration building, The Center for Irish Studies has grown into the premier showcase of our Irish-American heritage in the Southwest. Without Lori's leadership this grand project would never have come to fruition. Her unsung talents took an idea and created this model institution.

The Center officially opened on January 23, 2003. Lori had been a successful practicing attorney and gladly gave that up for this conceptual dream.

Lori, aside from her professional career, had earned a graduate degree at Trinity College in Dublin in Anglo-Irish literature.

CELEBRATION DINNER DETAILS

The 2011 Celebration Dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Petroleum Club. This Dinner takes place each year on the eve of the Houston St. Patrick's Parade (This year the Parade will be on Saturday, March 12, 2011). Lori will also be the Parade's Grand Marshal. Our Irish Society will march in the Parade, as will a contingent from the University of St. Thomas.

The evening starts at 6:30 PM with a reception hour. The grand entrance at 7:35. Dinner at 8:00. Open bar all evening. Valet parking included. The evening ends about 9:30 PM. The cost is \$150 per ticket. Please contact Lyn Brogan at 281-531-0656, Pat Sharkey at 713-752-4266, or Pete Little at petelittle@Comcast.net to make reservations.

THE RORY MIGGINS MEMORIAL IRISH STEW COOK-OFF

Please join us on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 12 to 6 PM at the Continental Club, 3700 Main, at Winbern St. This cook-off benefits the Parade Commission. Entertainment schedule begins at noon with HFD Pipe & Drum Band, followed by the Blaggards, Godfrey's Rangers, The Dead Rabbits, and The Irish Society's "own" Constant Billy. Cass School of Irish Dance will perform an exhibition. Free food tasting from cook-off competitors. This is a joint Irish Society - Parade Commission event. Admission is \$10 for adults. If you would like to help, please call Cheryl McSorely or Ginger Ney at 281-704-7435.

MEMBERS' GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING



This annual Meeting of our Society is Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 6:30PM at Kenneally's Irish Pub. Their famous pizza will be provided by the Board.

The Board of Directors has scheduled multiple social events in 2011 in response to the feedback from the recent members' survey. The most popular events will be announced at this meeting.

Please plan to attend this friendly gathering of our organization and provide us with your input on new and entertaining 2011 events. In addition, please continue visiting The Irish Society's website, www.theirishsociety.org, for updated news on Irish Society events. The Board looks forward to seeing you on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Kenneally's is located at 2111 S. Shepherd Dr.

DAN SULLIVAN, REST IN PEACE

Our member, Dan, left us on Nov. 25th, 2010. He and his wife Joan had been lifetime members since 2003. They were quite active in our group. Dan, a native New Yorker, was an opera buff. He served our country as a US Air Force pilot.

TREASURER'S FAREWELL FROM LYN BROGAN



My 11 year tenure as Treasurer has had its ups & downs; mostly ups. So many friend-ships (too many to mention here) but none as close as my “right arm,” David O’Keefe. We’ve raised so much money for our favorite Irish groups like Project St. Brendan & the Parade Commission. I’ll never forget how instrumental we were in establishing the CIS at UST. I’m still remaining on our Board & will continue as Chair of our annual St. Pat’s Celebration Dinner. I thank Pete Little, our social director, for taking over one my duties, our annual Bloomsday event; as well as his new project, the Joint Picnic with Irish Aires, & of course, the continuing Irish Stew Cook-Off. Thanks to the Board for letting me handpick my successor: Neil Miggins.

OUR WEBSITE IS EVENT CENTRAL

The Irish Society's website - www.theirishsociety.org - is updated regularly with a schedule of events and news of interest to The Irish Society's members. The Irish Society has an active social calendar planned for its members.

If you want current information on upcoming Irish Society events, check out our website on a regular basis. We will be adding even more useful features to the website in the near future.

If you have information you want posted on our website or any suggestions for improving the website, please forward your information to our distinguished webmaster, Gregory Horan at gforan@hotmail.com.

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

Please send in your annual dues promptly. We would gladly hope that you all can renew your membership prior to March 1st. Your dues are instrumental in our providing social events during the year. Your dues fund 40% of our financial operating expenses. In-dividual membership is \$35. It is only \$50 for a family membership. It is \$500 for lifetime membership under age 62 and \$250 for those over 62. Mail your check to: The Irish Society P. O. Box 820010, Houston, TX 77282.