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ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER HONOREES FOR 2014



We are pleased to announce that Jeannie Kearns and Pat Sharkey are the honorees for the 2014 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner. Jeannie is a pillar of the Irish American community here in Houston & has contributed her leadership skills to the Saint Patrick's Parade for more than 40 years. She and Pat are original founding members of The Irish Society. They are shown here at the 2012 Dinner, with Pat presenting Jeannie a rose bouquet. Pat, our 3rd President, has been at the helm of our organization for 12 years. He & Jeannie have been previous Parade Grand Marshals. Next year's event will be on Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Houston Petroleum Club. Mark your calendars!

BLOOMSDAY PARTY 2013



A rainy Sunday afternoon kept our attendance at the Olde City Pub down a bit, but the Irish music and step-dancing, the cuisine and the good times were enjoyed by all. Thanks to our hosts, June & Eamonn Finnerty.

Here are the “usual suspects.” Rita Hill, Olivia Howlett, and Peggy O’Connor welcoming back Ronica O’Keefe. We all missed seeing dear Ronica, our usual hostess, at this year’s Celebration Dinner. Kaye & Neil Connelly, him of the Carr Brothers Bones Band. Lifetime Members, Jack & Elizabeth McCormick, they too never miss this event. Are there any members that would wish to nominate our next Irish Society Molly? Please contact David O’Keefe through our Web site at: www.TheIrishSociety.Org



ANNE HOAR: ELEGANCE!

Anne, our Lifetime Member, has been elected President of the Ladies Club at Epiphany Catholic Community in Katy.

Anne served on our Board for a while and she is still always present at all of our social events.

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org for regular updates.

SPECIAL TREAT FOR OUR MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER

On September 18, Professor Janet Lowery, is hosting a 95 minute film presentation of Brian Friel's drama Dancing at Lughnasa . She'll give a brief talk entitled: 15 Years Later: Backdrops and Backgrounds. It will take place at UST's Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon at 7:30 PM. It is free and open to the public.

A POTENTIAL POLITICIAN

John P. McMullan, our Vice-President, is a candidate for The Woodlands Township Board of Directors. You may take a look at his campaign site at www.mcmullan4township.com. John received his bachelor's degree at UT. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he met his lovely wife Kim.



4TH ANNUAL IRISH AIRES PICNIC AT DAN ELECTRO'S

Join KPFT's Irish Aires crew for an afternoon of great Irish music, dancing and good ol' Picnic lunch, on Sunday September 29th beginning at 1PM at Dan Electro's. This year's line up includes an "unplugged set" by our good friends BLAGGARDS, a must see for fans, the rest of the line up will be as follows... 12:30 Doors Open, 1:15 Blaggards Unplugged, 2:15 Traveling Murphy's, 3:15 Constant Billy, 4:15 O'Maileidgh Dancers, and grand finale at 5:00 with the Dead Rabbits.

For all you newbies...Dan Electro's is located in the Heights at 1031 E 24th St Houston, TX 77009, just inside the loop between N. Main and Airline. The modest \$10 admission also includes dogs, burgers, beans and potato salad served on the spacious outdoor patio, and graciously provided by our good friends the Irish Society, with chillins under 10 in for free. For you Texan fans...who can't do without, we will have a TV in the bar room to keep up with the game. All proceeds will benefit KPFT's Irish Aires radio program, the longest running Irish show in Texas at 90.1 on your FM dial every Saturday at 6PM. See you there!

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BURKE O'ROURKE - R.I.P.



Here's Burke, his wife Anne, and their son Joe at our Bloomsday event only 7 days before his passing away. He was a former president of the AOH and a Grand Marshal for the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1987.

His pastor, Fr. Troy Gately, excelled at the visitation at St. John Vianney the evening before the funeral and again at the funeral Mass the next day at St. Anne's. His funeral Mass was filled. He will be greatly missed.

MERILYN DEANE, R.I.P.



Dear Marilyn left us at a rather early age. We extend our condolences to Ron, her husband, and the rest of her family.

Ron and Marilyn are shown here with the Miggins, in June, at our most recent Bloomsday event .



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