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WHAT A GREAT NIGHT!

CELEBRATION DINNER A SUCCESS



What a great night! Two well-deserving Honorees, wonderful entertainment and great food at the new Petroleum Club. The new dinner chairperson, Gregory Horan, accepted the role from Celebration Dinner chairperson Lyn Brogan. Here is Gregory Horan accepting the St. Patrick statue from Mike "Griff" Griffin. Top Right are Michael Fleming and Jim Foley with Gregory Horan. Bottom Left is Lyn Brogan receiving a plaque honoring his years of service as dinner chairperson. Bottom Right is Noel Hennebery, Petroleum Club Past President, Sue and Jim Power. Sue sang 'Our Lady of Knock' and the O'Maoileidigh Irish Dancers put on a great show. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Irish Society. Photos by David Postma of Genesis Photographers.



IRISH SOCIETY SPONSORED GOLF TOURNAMENTS

May 4, 2015 - Dan's House of Hope - Driving Fore Hope, 4th Annual Houston Golf Outing Dinner and Auction, Monday, May 4, 2015. Riverbend Country Club, Sugar Land, Texas. Registration 10:30AM, Shotgun start 12:00 (noon). For more information please contact Roger Kenneavy, Co-founder of Dan's House of Hope www.danshouseofhope.org or call 920-475-9654 (cell).

May 11, 2015 - Molly's Pubs 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting Texas Prader-Willi Association. Held May 11, 2015 at Cypress Golf Club. Followed by Awards, BBQ Dinner, Auction and Raffle at Olde City Pub, 3:30PM, 14124 Stuebner Airline, Houston, Texas 77069. For More Information contact June Finnerty at 713-516-5711 or junefinn@sbcglobal.net.

JUNE 16 BLOOMSDAY AT THE BULL & BEAR TAVERN

Once again we will celebrate Ireland's literary gift to world culture. The event will be Tuesday, June 16 at Tommy O'Reilly's Bull & Bear Tavern & Eatery from 6-8PM.

Live music from the Tomfooligans, Irish step dancing and complimentary dinner. Your first drink is on the Irish Society. Cash bar thereafter. The Bull & Bear Pub is on 11980 Westheimer between S. Kirkwood and Gray Falls Road.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN

The 2015 St. Patrick's Day Queens was crowned. Michelle Lewis, sponsored by the Irish Society, sang and laughed her way into our hearts and onto the Queens Float provided by Griff's for the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The contest was a great and spirited event held at Griff's on March 12th. The rain did not dampen the Irish Spirits. Here is Michelle being honored by Tom Ryan, the gracious and witty host. Congratulations to Michelle on a well deserved honor!



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2015 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Thank you to all who participated in the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Irish Society had a great marching day with many members in attendance. We 'Wowed' the judging stand with a passionate version of 'When Irish Eyes Are Smiling'. A Great Day for the Irish indeed!



Left are John Kane, Honorary Consul General; Lori Gallagher, Director of Irish Studies at UST; Eddie Kelleher, Irish Network; Adrian Farrell, Irish Consulate General and Paul Kehoe, Irish Minister of State.

SIOBHAN THOMPSON WINS 'THE ROSE OF TRALEE'

Houston resident Siobhan Thompson recently competed and won the 'Rose of Tralee' competition held in Dallas, Texas. She is sponsored by the Houston Gaels (Houston's Gaelic football team). This was a regional qualifier event for the main selection event held in Ireland each year.

'Roses' are women between the ages of 18-27 who are selected and sponsored locally to compete in regional competitions before traveling overseas to County Kerry and then on to the big show in County Laois where one young lady will be crowned 'The Rose of Tralee'.

Thompson is a 23-year-old music student at the University of Houston, graduating this month. Her father, Martin Thompson, hails from Belfast, Northern Ireland.



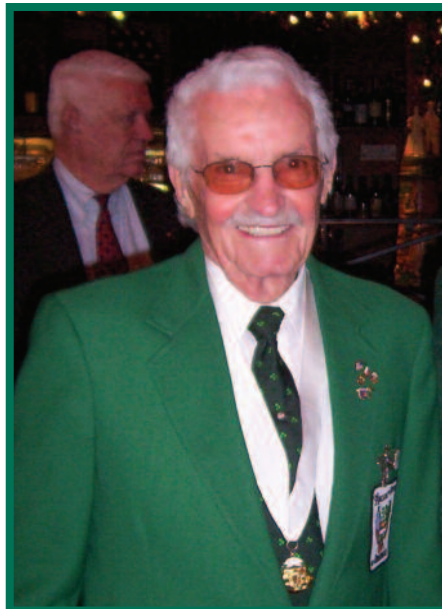
Above are Siobhan Thompson with Adrian Farrell, Irish Consulate General, after being named the Texas 'Rose of Tralee'.

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THE OLD GUARD MOVES ON

Recently we lost 3 longtime members of the Houston Irish community: Jim McNamara, Bill Hartney and Jay Dooling. All three were members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of our Irish Society.

Jim McNamara was a piper, who “piped in” many an honoree at Irish events. Bill Hartney played a major role in the A.O.H. And Jay Dooling was part of the team who host the radio show ‘Irish Aires’ for more than 20 years. Their leadership, contributions and friendship will be missed. May they Rest in Peace. Also R.I.P. Margaret Warrington. Our condolences to the Kearns family.



MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL REMINDER

Our dues presently make up 35% of our annual operating budget. The remaining 65% of our expected yearly income is from our annual Celebration Dinner proceeds. Dues have remained the same since 2000. If you have not done so please send Dues to the address below. Thank you to all who have renewed and or became a Member of the Irish Society.



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