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Pete Little with Adrian Farrell

The Irish Consul General Adrian Farrell visited the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX).

Farrell spoke about Immigration, Trade and Business and answered questions from the audience. Lori Gallagher, Director for the Center for Irish Studies, hosted the event. The evening was enlightening and full of great banter. Farrell answered all questions posed and then some! A great thanks to Adrian Farrell and his staff for making the evening very memorable.

IRISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT



An Irish Christmas Celebration with The Jig is Up! Sunday, December 11, 2016 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Get into the holiday spirit with lively music from The Jig Is Up!, Houston's premier traditional Irish band. Presenting both ancient and new tunes and songs in innovative and dynamic arrangements, the songs will warm your heart. RSVP for those with mobility issues and groups of 6 or more. Cost - Adults: \$15; seniors: \$10; UST faculty, staff and students free. Jones Hall, 3910 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006. Contact Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu or 713-525-3592.

2017 CELEBRATION DINNER

John Kane has been named the 2017 Celebration Dinner Honoree. Kane is the Honorary Consul General of Ireland, a Life-Time Member of the Irish Society and a great ambassador of all things Irish.

The 2017 Celebration Dinner will be held on March 3, 2017, Friday at the Petroleum Club. Congratulations to John Kane!



IRISH SOCIETY PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising winds down for Ireland and the worldwide Irish community, I want to thank the members of The Irish Society for your continued support of the variety of Irish events throughout 2016. This year has been a year of celebration for all the Irish, and The Irish Society is pleased to have played its part in the celebration. The recent Evening with the Consul General of Ireland (10/25) and the Irish Trivia party (9/28) were great gatherings of Houston's Irish community. Similar social gathering of Houston's Irish community will be offered in 2017, so we encourage you to keep in touch with The Irish Society via our website (www.theirishsociety.org) and our FaceBook page for continuous updates on Irish activities in Houston.

As we enter the holiday season, please mark the Irish Holiday concert hosted by the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies on your calendar. Specifically, on Sunday, December 11, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at Jones Hall on the campus of the University of St. Thomas, The Jig is Up!, Houston's excellent traditional Irish band, will entertain one and all with its dynamic musical performance for the holidays. We may not live in Ireland, but for a few hours of holiday escapism, one can enjoy the musical wonders of traditional Irish music in a quiet setting. Record the Texans' game and treat you and your families to a lovely afternoon of Irish music.

As with all cultural societies, we are as strong as our members. Your continued support of, and participation in, The Irish Society's social events, including the St. Patrick's Celebration on March 3, 2017, are critical to the continued viability of The Irish Society. We look forward to seeing all you often in 2017. In the interim, have a blessed, safe and joyous holiday season. Slainte!

WELCOME SAM DORAN - NEW IS BOARD MEMBER



Samuel Doran is thrilled to be joining the Board of the Irish Society. Sam hails from New York City, by way of Washington, DC. His father was from County Down. He grew up with strong connections to his Irish roots. Sam is an attorney who practices at the trial boutique of Berg & Androphy. His practice focuses on plaintiff's qui tam cases, and white collar criminal defense.

Sam plays with more enthusiasm than skill with the Houston Gaels GAA team, and is excited to be part of the Houston Irish-American community.

IRISH SOCIETY HAS A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

You can now contact Your Irish Society through our new E-Mail address. It is houstonirishsociety@gmail.com. You can also use our regular mailing address at: The Irish Society, P.O. Box 820010, Houston, Texas 77282. We want to hear from you so we can update our records to better communicate with all of our Irish Society Members!

E-Mail us at houstonirishsociety@gmail.com

IRISH SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CHEER AT GOOSE ACRE

Come join your Irish Society at **Goose Acre**, 21 Waterway Ave #140, The Woodlands, TX 77380, **(281) 466-1502**, for some Christmas Cheer. Wednesday, December 13, 2016 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We look forward to wishing you all a Merry Christmas!. If you have any suggestions for events please contact us at houstonirishsociety@gmail.com.

IRISH TRIVIA NIGHT A SUCCESS



Thank you to all who participated Irish Society of Houston's First Irish Trivia Contest. Teammates Stephanie Campbell and Patrick Kane proved themselves cerebral and exceptionally well-versed at the Irish Society of Houston's First Irish Trivia Contest at Johnny McElroy's Irish Pub and Patio in late September. Of the seven teams completing the 6 rounds, Stephanie and Patrick very narrowly bested the second-place team of Sam Doran (our newest Board member and, as his great Irish Luck would have it, Ms. Campbell's fiance) and Ben Geaghan, with whom they were neck-and-neck throughout the evening.

Our hosts and the proprietors of the comfortable and well-outfitted pub, "Max" and Valerie McElroy, although away in Ireland, assured the pub's staff extended gracious hospitality with perfect pours, exceptional service and a generous array of sandwiches, chips and flavorful guacamole. Abundant thanks is also due to the lovely and charming Ms. Ginger Simon made the key contribution to the success of the evening by lending the use of her amplified public address system. See you all next time!

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH



The Irish Network invites you to mingle with the Irish. These monthly mixers are a great way to connect with the local Irish community, advance your own professional career, improve business prospects and make new friends. Everyone is welcome. Go to irishnetworkhouston.com for further information.

PAY YOUR IRISH SOCIETY DUES ONLINE

You can now go to our website, www.theirishsociety.org and pay your dues with a credit card. More convenient for you and us. You can also send us a check if you would rather not use the internet. Please mail your check to our P.O. Box: The Irish Society, P.O. Box 820010, Houston, Texas 77282. We appreciate your membership in your Irish Society of Houston.

ROBERT K. MURPHY - REST IN PEACE

Robert K. Murphy departed us last Thursday at age 86. Bob was a Lifetime member of our organization. He lost his dear wife Joan only a couple of years ago. Any further info needed can be gotten on the Chronicle web site. A really good guy who used to participate at our events.

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org or [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com/theirishsociety) for regular updates

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



The Board of Directors of Your Irish Society wish all of you a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. May your Christmas Season include great memories of Family and Friends; past and present. Thank you for being valuable members to this great organization. We look forward to seeing you all at our many events in 2017, especially the 2017 Celebration Dinner on March 3.



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