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NEW YEAR'S EDITION

2012 ST. PATRICK'S EVE DINNER



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Sean Kearns, our 2012 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner Honoree is the Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Houston. Shown

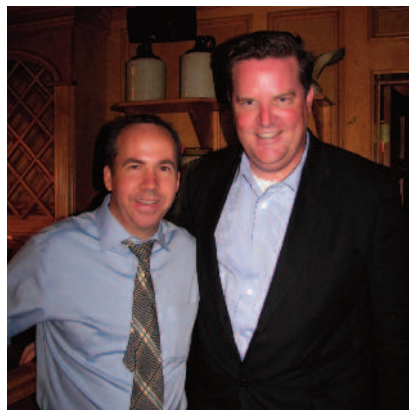


here at the 2011 Mike Davitt Irish Golf Open in September with his wife Janelle & his mother, Mary.

The dinner will take place at the Petroleum Club, on Friday, March 16, 2012. Ticket price has not changed from \$150 per person.

For reservations, please call "Lyn" Brogan at (281) 531-0656 or Pat Sharkey at (713) 752-4266.

WELCOME JOE O'ROURKE



Joe O'Rourke, son of Irish icon Burke O'Rourke, will continue his Dad's legacy of supporting the Houston Irish community. Burke's famous green jacket lives on. Joe was voted on to our Board recently. Here he is with Neil Miggins, who sponsored him.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Here are Pat Sharkey, Gregory Horan, Sandy Smith and Neil Miggins at the Mike Davitt Irish Open Golf Tournament.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, I extend best wishes to each of you for a healthy, happy and prosperous 2012. We have a strong, committed group of Board Members. I hope each of you will continue your commitment to active participation in our organization in 2012. Our finances are solid. With financial security, we have planned a plethora of social events for our members in 2012. The list of events is set out within this Newsletter. Please mark the dates of Irish Society events on your calendar to insure your participation in our activities. I encourage you to bring an Irish friend so we

can continue to increase our membership. Speaking of members, please note that all members are welcome to attend our quarterly Board of Directors meetings: February 8, May 9, August 29 and November 28. Your attendance allows the Board to hear your suggestions and make The Irish Society a stronger organization. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Board of Directors meetings.

Please make yourself available to attend our “Annual Members Meeting and Open House” at the Center for Irish Studies located at 4206 Yoakum on January 24, 2012 at 6:30PM.

We are also fortunate to have two new, youthful Directors: Patrick Keegan and Joe O'Rourke. These two fine lads will be reaching out to our younger members for suggestions on activities and programs which will attract our younger Irish community.

As with all charitable organizations, our future is dependent on active involvement of the younger generation. We are fortunate to have the commitments of Patrick Keegan, Joe O'Rourke, Gregory Horan & Neil Miggins to provide leadership for years to come. 2012 shapes up as the most active year in our history. The events we have planned are intended to provide each of you with an opportunity to enjoy your Irish heritage. Together, The Irish Society will grow stronger and better. Slainte!

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OUR DIRECTORS EMERITUS



Charles R. Greene,
Pastor Emeritus at Terrace
United Methodist Church.

Charles R. Greene, is our newest Director Emeritus. Rev. Greene is the Pastor Emeritus at Terrace United Methodist Church. He gave our Invocation last year at our Celebration Dinner and will do so again this year. Charles, as all of our Directors Emeritus, are founders of our Irish Society.



John B. Kane,
Honorary
Irish General Consul.



Madeline O'Brien,
Houston's Premier
Realtor, Retired.



Dr. Joseph 'Tip' McFadden,
former UST President.



Dorothy Davitt, Emerald Ball
Chair for many years.

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ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

It's that time of year again. Please send in your annual dues promptly. We would gladly hope that you all can renew your membership prior to March 1st. Individual 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. Your dues are instrumental in our providing social events during the year: St. Patrick's Day Downtown Parade on March 17; Our annual Bloomsday Event in June; 2012 Summer Euro Soccer Tournament featuring Team Ireland "parties" with dates and sites forthcoming. Irish Cooking class in September. And, don't forget the Irish Aires Family Picnic in the Autumn.

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