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# NEWSLETTER

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**December 2009**

### **President's Message:**

As the holidays approach, we look back over the past year and remember with pride the special times that have meaning for us. It's not those times when we were so busy we weren't sure we could finish a task, it's the times when we all came together, as a group, to do something special for the club. When we take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments especially the contributions made by each member, we realize that our successes are achieved by hard work and determination along with the willingness of each and every member to keep our club moving forward. Whether you contributed time, suggestions, monetary contributions or gave your support to an event, please know that your actions have positive results. Our programs enlighten and enhance our appreciation of our Irish Heritage. The success of our Fashion Show, will enable us to award scholarships to the children and grandchildren of our members. Our communities benefit from our members' generosity in contributing to the food bank, back to school campaign and toy drive. We also support families in need through our Christmas contributions and our Care and Share and Sunshine committees. All of the board members join me in thanking you for a memorable year. We are proud to serve as officers and look forward to continuing the work of the club in the coming year.

**WOIHJS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The party's on! Be sure to reserve your spot at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party by calling Marianne Slowey at 732-449-6810. Tickets are \$35.00 and will include a delicious dinner served by Doolan's, entertainment by Mike Byrne and a special visit from the Jolly Old Elf Himself!! If you would care to, bring a **NEW**, wrapped \$10-\$15 gift to participate in the grab bag. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 followed by dinner.

**ANNUAL TOY DRIVE:** As we have in previous years, we will be collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children in need at the December meeting.. Toys will be distributed by the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh during their Annual Toy Drive which benefits the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, The Boys and Girls Club of Monmouth County, Madonna House and many other local families and organizations.

**Membership:** Membership dues are payable every year in September. If you haven't yet paid, please contact Pat Lambert, Financial Secretary. Dues are \$25.00 and checks can be mailed and made payable to WOIHJS, INC. PO Box 302, Manasquan, NJ 08736.

Remember, in order to attend the WOIHJS Annual Christmas Party, dues **must** be paid.

Please visit the welcome table just inside the door at our monthly meetings to keep up on upcoming events in the Irish community. Flyers are **only** allowed on the welcome table, **NOT** on the individual tables in our meeting room. Please see Barbara Bassell or Kerri Arrington to place a flyer. Also, 50/50 tickets may be purchased at the Welcome Table.

**New Members:** Cead Mile Failte to Jacqueline Bertram, Patricia Christopher, and Helen "Dolly" Stolgitis.

**Newsletter:** We currently have 190 members receiving our newsletter by email. That's roughly half our membership!! If anyone has experienced any problems with delivery or if you have changed your email address, please contact me @732-831-1767 or email me @woihtherese@verizon.net.

**Food Bank:** At our November meeting, 102 pounds of food was generously donated along with \$325.00!!! Thank you all and please remember the poor and the needy, especially in this season of giving.

**Scholarship Applications** Currently, 18 scholarship applications have been distributed. Due date for applications is **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**. Winners will be announced at our meeting **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**.

Please encourage your high school seniors who are going to further their education to enter their essays. The essay topic is "What My Irish Heritage Means to Me". Our scholarships are available to children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews of members in good standing for at least one year. Judging is impartial and confidentially adjudicated by professionals who review the

essays anonymously. Please be mindful that the essays are strictly judged on content.

Applications need to be mailed to Kerri Arrington, 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ 08730.

**WOIHJS Publicity:** The WOIHJS is now on Facebook!!! And don't forget to visit our website at [www.WOIHJS.com](http://www.WOIHJS.com)

Also, anyone interested in regularly taking photos at our events please contact Clare DeStoppelare at 732-216-3369.

**Spotlight On** Congratulations to our member Maura Furlong and Kevin Kohlmann on their recent nuptials November 20. We want to wish Maura and Kevin health and happiness and a lifetime of love.

Snowbirds take note: Eileen Herbert will be the "Celebrity Barmaid" at Tim Finnegan's in Del Ray Beach Florida. Date and time in February will be announced. Proceeds from Eileen's bartending will be donated to the **WOIHJS!!!** Thank you Eileen!!

**Fashion Show and Luncheon:** Looking to be more involved in the club? Then think about coordinating the annual fundraiser next October. Many of the committees have already been formed and we just need that one special person to pull it all together. It might be you! Contact Barbara Bassell 732-556-9672 for more information.

**Stewardesses:** Desserts are needed for each meeting. Please use the sheets on each table provided by Mary Furlong and Betty Maguire. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert at least once or twice a year, so that everyone can enjoy a treat with their coffee or tea.

**Remember,** if you signed up at our November meeting, desserts will be needed for our **January** meeting.

**Care and Share:** Peggy Carroll and her committee are available and if you need assistance please call Peggy at 732-775-4177.

**Sunshine Lady:** If you or a member you know is ill or has suffered a loss, please contact Janet McGrath at 732-280-7283.

**Announcements:** Have something special to celebrate? If anyone would like to place an announcement in the newsletter, such as a birth, anniversary, or anything special please call me at 732-831-1767 or email me @ [woihterese@verizon.net](mailto:woihterese@verizon.net).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, December 13:** Christmas trip to Atlantic City is upon us. To date, 44 tickets have been paid for. If you have not yet done so; please send your payment as soon as possible to Eileen Herbert, 9 South Tamarack Drive, Brielle, NJ 08730.

The bus will arrive @ **8:45AM** in Belmar @ the FSOS parking lot. The bus will leave promptly @ **9AM**. The bus will arrive approximately **9:30AM** @ the Forked River Rest Stop and continue on to Atlantic City. The bus will depart Atlantic City @ **5:30PM**.

**Friday, February 26:** The most sought after Irish American group in Celtic Music, "Cherish the Ladies" will be performing at Monmouth University in the Pollak Theatre at 8PM. For tickets and information, please call 732-263-6889.

Respectfully submitted:  
**Therese Ebert**  
Corresponding Secretary

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