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February 2010

February Program: Our general membership meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 10, 2010**. Meeting begins promptly at **7:30PM**. The guest speaker this month will be **Eileen McCarron**. Eileen lives in Medford and has her degree in Art and Biomedical Communications. Eileen taught Irish studies at Camden Community College and formerly served as President of the Irish American Unity Conference. Her talk will center on the Celtic Calendar and its impact on Christianity.

Investiture Luncheon March 6, 2010: Parade Investiture Mass, St Rose Church, Belmar at 10AM. Investiture Luncheon will be held at Mike Doolan's, Rt 71 Spring Lake Heights immediately following celebration of the liturgy. Tickets are \$30.00. Please contact Peggy Carroll for tickets at 732-775-4177. Tickets must be purchased no later than **February 17**.

Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade March 7, 2010: The excitement is building!! Details on time and place to meet will follow as soon as they are available. As in prior years, we will march proudly wearing our capes and sashes but remember, no jeans and no sneakers. This year, we'd like to stress that there will be a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for alcohol in effect for the Parade. Anyone showing visible signs of intoxication or alcohol in containers will be removed from the line of march. The person and their organization will be prohibited from future participation in the parade.

St Patrick's Day Post Parade Party March 7, 2010: Will be held at Doolan's from 4-8PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Buffet, beer, wine & soda will be served. Entertainment will be provided by the Ed Kennedy band.

Please see Peggy Carroll at the February meeting for reservations or you can contact Kerri Arrington @ 732-722-8326. Checks can be mailed directly to Kerri at 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ, 08730 and made payable to WOIHJS.

Parade Apparel: The parade season is almost upon us! Peggy Carroll will have capes available for purchase at our February meeting. Cost of each cape is \$20.00.

Also, if anyone ordered a scarf, they will also be available at our February meeting. Please see Marge Ward who will have a limited quantity

available at the meeting. Marge will also take orders for scarves. Please call her at 732-364-0665. Cost of each scarf is \$15.00.

Notice of March Meeting Date Change: Due to the Brian Boru Dinner (which is honoring Eileen Gilleece) our March meeting will be held on a different date and at an earlier time **Wednesday, March 3, 2010** at 7:00 p.m. at Doolan's. This meeting is our annual St. Patrick's Day party and you won't want to miss out on the fun, food and dancing. Kate Mulvey, chairperson, might even have a few surprises in store for us.

New Members: Cead Mile Failte to our five new members Carol Bowers, Sue Charlton, Jane K. Collins, Colleen Harrington and Sharon Harrington.

Membership Dues: Membership dues are now past due. Please pay at your earliest convenience. Pat Lambert, Financial Secretary, can be contacted for assistance at 732-286-7611.

Food Bank: At our January meeting, 40 pounds of food was collected and \$355.00!!! Thank you for your continued support of such a wonderful organization!!

Scholarship Applications Scholarship applications are still available from Kerri Arrington. Due date for applications is **April 2nd, 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. Winners will be announced at our May meeting.

Spotlight On:

Our member, **Loretta Cody** has a new book published entitled "A Mighty Social Force". The book is a biography on Phebe Hanaford, a 19th century activist for women's rights. Great work, Loretta!

Fashion Show and Luncheon: Mark the date!!! This year's Annual Gift Auction and Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, October 17**, at the Jumping Brook Country Club. Chairpersons Clare Destoppelaire and Joanne Dwyer are looking for volunteers for all committees of the Fashion Show. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to lend your skills and meet new friends. Sign-up forms will be available at the front table at the February meeting, or by contacting Clare at 732-216-3369 or Joanne at 732-757-7527. We are accepting new, unopened gifts and donations for the gift auction. This is a great time to donate any Christmas gifts you received and will not be using. Please bring your donations to the General Meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010: Updated info for our snowbird friends - **Eileen Herbert** will be the celebrity bartender at Tim Finnegan's in Delray Beach, Fla located at 1725 S. Federal Highway starting at 5:00 PM on February 24th. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the WOIHJS Scholarship Fund.

Friday, February 26, 2010: 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.

Sunday, March 7, 2010: Belmar & Lake Como St Patrick's Day Parade 12:30PM.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010: Friends of Brian Boru will be honoring **Eileen Gilleece**, President of the WOIH North and member of WOIHJS, as Irish Woman of the Year. Reception will be held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ. Cost is \$70.00 per person. Please contact **Barbara Bassell** for ticket information (732) 556-9672.

Saturday, March 13, 2010: Ocean County St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in Seaside Heights at 12:30. Members can sign-up at our February meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday, April 18, 2010: Frank McGovern Assoc. will be

holding their Annual Dinner at Mayfair Farms in West Orange at 5:30. Honorees will be Maura & Billy Scully. Cost is \$75.00 per person. For tickets, please call 973-643-3984.

Thursday, April 29, 2010: Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner. Event will be held at the Spring Lake Manor at 6:30. Honoree is member **Mary Foley-Reilly**. Cost is \$75.00 per person, including 1 hour open bar, dinner and an entertaining Irish program. For tickets, please contact **CC Gerraty** at 908-489-8839.

Sunday, May 16, 2010: A bus trip is being planned for Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" at the Merriam Theatre, Philadelphia. Tickets are \$129 per person (orchestra seating) and include the show, bus transportation, gratuity as well as a post-theater luncheon at McGillin's Old Ale House. Lunch will consist of a 3 hour open bar and a 2 hour hot and cold buffet. Flyers will be available at the Welcome table. Contact Broadway Ray at 732-528-8434 for reservations. Checks can be made payable to: Broadway Ray, 1625 Holly Blvd, Manasquan, NJ 08736.

Belmar & Lake Como 2010 Parade Fundraisers:
Sunday, February 14, 2010: Connolly Station, Main St, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Friday, February 19, 2010: Beauty Pageant to be held @ Mike Doolan's, Rt 71, Spring Lake Heights @ 8PM. Donation of \$6.00

Sunday, February 21, 2010: Boat House Bar & Grill, Main St & 15th Ave, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Sunday, February 28, 2010: 507 Main, Main Street, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music. Last, but NOT least, this is **OUR** club's sponsored fundraiser and it's going to be a great craic! Please try to attend and bring as many family and friends as possible.

Respectfully submitted:

Therese Ebert
 Corresponding Secretary



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