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February 2011

Well the Groundhog predicted an early spring so let's hope we've seen the last of the snow! Since our January meeting had to be cancelled, our speaker Hank McNally will be re-scheduled at a later date.

February Program: Our general membership meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 9, 2011**. Meeting begins promptly at **7:30PM**. Our speaker this month will be our member, Eileen Gilleece. Many of you know Eileen as President of the WOIH North and she is also a very popular speaker with a wonderful sense of humor. Eileen will present some tips on safety and security.

Investiture and Luncheon March 5, 2011: Parade Investiture Mass will be held at 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 are also available for purchase at the **Irish Centre**, Spring Lake. Please try to have your tickets purchased by **February 24th**.

Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade March 6, 2011: One of our favorite times of the year kicks off with the Parade on Sunday, March 6th. The Women of Irish Heritage will be marching as a group. 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. We'd like to stress that as is the case every year, 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.

Congratulations to Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade **Grand Marshal** Bob Jenkins, husband of member **Pat Jenkins** and to member **Pat Feehery, Deputy Grand Marshal**.

St Patrick's Day Post Parade Party March 6, 2011: Will be held at Doolan's from 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tickets are **\$35.00** per person. Included in the ticket price are buffet, beer, wine & soda along with fantastic entertainment provided by the Ed Kennedy Band.

Please see **Kerri Arrington** at the February meeting for reservations or you can contact Kerri @ 732-722-8326. Checks can be mailed directly to Kerri at 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ, 08730 and made payable to WOIHJS. Please try to have your tickets purchased by **February 24**.

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

Marge Ward will have approximately 2 dozen scarves, with our logo, available at the meeting, or contact Marge at 732-364-0665. Cost of each scarf is **\$15.00**.

Notice of March Meeting Date Change: Our March meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 2, 2011** at Doolan's. This is our annual St. Patrick's Day party and you won't want to miss out on the fun, food and dancing. Peggie O'Brien, programs chair, has arranged for some wonderful entertainment to enhance our celebration.

Also, at the March meeting we will be having an **"Irish Soda Bread Contest"!!!!** To enter your family's favorite bread, sign-up sheets will be available at our **February** meeting.

Membership Dues: If you have not already paid, your 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.

Our membership directory is just about ready to be distributed. Distribution will take place at the general meeting but if you are unable to pick up a directory, arrangements can be made to mail it to you. To help keep postage costs down, we ask that if you know of a member who can't make our general meetings, please take a directory for them.

Food Bank: Marge Ward will be available at the General Meeting to accept donations for the Monmouth/Ocean Foodbank. We thank you for your continued support of this very worthy cause.

Scholarship Applications Scholarship applications are still available from **Kerri Arrington**. Due date for applications is **April 1st, 2011**. 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 judged strictly on content.

Winners will be announced at our general membership meeting on **May 11th, 2011**. Applications should be mailed to Kerri Arrington, 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ 08730.

Spotlight On:

Peggy Carroll who welcomed her fourth grandchild Liam Edward!! God Bless Liam!!!!

Pat Gallagher and the Bridge Flight Ladies who made a very generous contribution to the Foodbank in the amount of \$1,300.00!!!!!!!!!!!! Our heartfelt thanks to ALL!!!!!!

WOIHJS Annual Gift Auction and Fashion Show October 16, 2011: General Chairpersons for this year's event will be **Kathy Strittmatter** and **Marge Ward**. As you all know, this is our major fundraiser for all of the programs we offer - including the scholarship program. It's a great opportunity to participate in the work of our club so if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Kathy or Marge. Committees are now forming for ticket sales, solicitation of gifts, basket making, fashions and many other categories. Kathy can be reached at 732-202-7177 and Marge's number is 732-364-0665.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, February 13, 2011: Connolly Station, Main St, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Sunday, February 20, 2011: 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.

Friday, February 25, 2011: **Eileen Herbert** will be the celebrity bartender at Tim Finnegan's in Delray Beach, Fla located at 1725 S. Federal Highway starting at **6:00 PM**. Proceeds from Eileen's fundraiser will benefit the WOIHJS Scholarship Fund.

Sunday, February 27, 2011: 507 Main, Main Street, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music. This has always been **OUR** club sponsored fundraiser and it's going to be a great craic! Please try to attend and bring as many family and friends as possible.

Friday, March 4, 2011: Belmar Parade fundraiser – An American Wake – Riverview Pavilion, Belmar. 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music by the Bantry Boys. Tickets \$50 (in advance only) includes hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, desserts, 2 hour open bar. Tickets are available at the Irish Centre, Spring Lake.

Saturday, March 5, 2011: AOH Division 9 Dinner Dance at Mayfair Farms. This year's honoree is **Ronnie McGovern**. Tickets are \$75.00 prior to February 21 and \$85.00 thereafter. Congratulations to Ronnie!!!!

Sunday, March 6, 2011: Belmar & Lake Como St Patrick's Day Parade 12:30PM.

Tuesday, March 8, 2011: Friends of Brian Boru Dinner 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 12, 2011: 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, March 13, 2011: West Orange Parade 12:15PM

Respectfully submitted:
Therese Ebert
Corresponding Secretary



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