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## NEWSLETTER

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### January 2012

**Happy New Year!!!!:** Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our first meeting for 2012 is scheduled for January 11, 2012. Doors will open at 7:00 and the meeting will start at 7:30.

Our speaker for the meeting will be **Sr. JoAnne Jones, RSM** who currently is involved in Adult Education and retreat work at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch. Sr. JoAnne has a Master's degree in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Education.

As we Women begin a New Year full of new beginnings, Sr. JoAnne will present "**Women of Faith and Action**" through the window of the founder of the Mercy Sisters in Ireland, Catherine McAuley of Dublin (1827) whose early ministry is very much in touch with many of the goals and good works of the Women of Irish Heritage.

**WOIHJS Christmas Party:** Thank you to Maryanne Slowey for organizing the Christmas Party in December. Santa and her Elves were the highlight of the evening! Thanks also go to Susan Doolan for the delicious dinner and dessert and to Mike Byrne who led us all in some very intricate dancing.

Our **Super 50-50** tickets will be available at the January meeting. We encourage all members to participate in ticket sales by taking one or two books of tickets and offering them to your family and friends for purchase. Who knows, the lucky winner may be you! The winner will be announced at our Cocktail Party on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mary Keaney for tickets.

**Desserts, January Meeting:** The following members have graciously volunteered to bring desserts for the January meeting: Kathy Essner, Mary Henry, Margie Gallagher, Denise Buttimore, Eileen Kean, Maureen McQuillan, Mary Agnes Knox, Mary Murphy,

Margie Ward, Joanne Dwyer, Amanda Cregan, Maureen Flummerfelt, Kathy O'Connell, Flo Higgins, Rhonda Perkins. We are still in need of a few more cakes, if you are able to bring a dessert please notify either Kathy Essner 732-223-5962 or Mary Agnes Knox 732-223-6393.

The **March Parade Season** is approaching quickly and the fundraisers start this month. A detailed schedule is included in the Newsletter. Congratulations to the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal of the **Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade** **John Carr and Jane Guild**. The parade, which will be held on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, is dedicated in memory of Isabel Smith. Isabel served for many years as the Sunshine Lady for WOIHJS

**St. Patrick's Day Post Parade Party:** The celebration never ends! After marching down Dave Stanley Blvd. in Belmar, hop on over to Doolan's for another great party chaired by Kerri Arrington. Tickets and reservation information can be obtained by calling Kerri at 732-722-8326 or by leaving your name on the sign up sheet available at the January meeting.

**March 2012 Meeting:** March 7, 2012--- Please note that the date of our March meeting will be changed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday to March 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Wednesday. This will be our St. Patrick's Day Party and we have a great craic planned. Watch for details to follow.

**Irish History by Peggie O'Brien:** As of October 2011, the Certificate of Irish Heritage is now available to anyone who wishes to document and acknowledge their Irish ancestry. This is especially meaningful for those whose Irish roots stretch too far back to permit them to apply for citizenship. Application is open to people who were NOT born in Ireland and who can provide appropriate documentation connecting them to an individual Irish ancestor. In cases where a document cannot

be found, a sworn affidavit signed by a notary public or other oath commissioner will be acceptable. The program is being run by Irish outsourcing group Fexco on behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs. For more information visit [www.heritagecertificate.ie](http://www.heritagecertificate.ie)

**Food Bank:** Margie Ward will again be collecting non-perishable items for the needy. Please bring your items to the January meeting. In December we collected 67 pounds and \$157.00 which was wonderful. As always, thank you for your generosity.

**Toy Drive:** Our members are always so very generous. This year was no exception. Our toy contributions were very much appreciated by the Shillelaghs who coordinated the collection and distribution of toys to the children. Thank you for making Christmas bright for a lot of families in our area.

**Spotlight On:** This month, the spotlight shines brightly on

our troops who are returning from Iraq. God Bless all of them for the sacrifice they have made to secure the Freedom of our Country.

**Care and Share:** If you or someone you know is in need of Care and Share assistance, contact **Peggy Carroll** @ 732-775-4177 or **Barbara Reilly** @ 732-449-2236. Please do not hesitate to call Peggy or Barbara.

**Sunshine Lady:** If you know of any member who is ill or has suffered a death in the family, contact **Janet McGrath** @ 732-280-7283.

**Logo Apparel:** Mike O'Hara will be available at our meetings for anyone interested in purchasing lovely items with our logo.

**Upcoming Events for year 2012:**

**Sunday, January 15, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day

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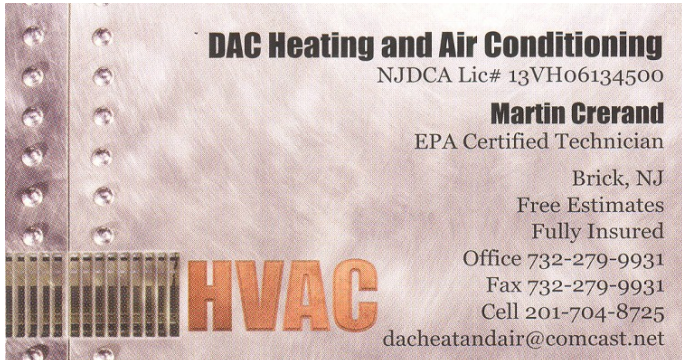
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Parade fundraiser 3:00 to 7:00pm --- Old Bridge Shillelagh's--- hot and cold buffet --- complimentary drink--- Old Bridge Shillelagh Pipes and Drums--- \$10.00.

**Sunday, January 22, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser 2:00 to 6:00 pm---St Stephen's Green--hot and cold buffet ----Pipes and Drums---\$10.00

**Sunday, January 29, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser 2:00-6:00 pm---Bar A---hot and cold buffet---complimentary drink--- Pipes and Drums--- \$10.00

**Sunday, February 12, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser 2:00-6:00 pm---Connolly Station---hot and cold buffet---Pipes and Drums---\$10.00

**Sunday, February 19, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser 2:00-6:00 pm---Boathouse---hot and cold buffet---Pipes and Drums---\$10.00

**Friday, February 24, 2012:** Attention Snow Birds! Guest bartender Eileen Herbert will be collecting tips at Finnegan's

**Sunday, February 26, 2012:** Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraiser 2:00-6:00 pm---507 Main---hot and cold buffet---Pipes and Drums---\$10.00

**Friday, March 2, 2012:** An evening of Irish Culture featuring performances by Trinity, Thomas Wesley Stern and Round the House. 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Waterview Pavilion, Belmar. Tickets are \$50 if purchased before February 15<sup>th</sup> and include a buffet and partial open bar as well as entertainment.

**Saturday, March 3, 2012:** Investiture Mass St. Rose, Belmar followed by Luncheon at Doolan's. Contact Peggy Carroll for ticket information.

**Sunday, March 4, 2012:** Belmar La Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Sunday, March 4, 2012:** Women of Irish Heritage Post Parade Party---Doolan's, Spring Lake---\$35.00 per person. For reservations call Kerri Arrington 732-722-8326.

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012:** Friends of Brian Boru Dinner – sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or contact Barbara Bassell for more information.

**Saturday, March 17, 2012:** The Women of Irish Heritage North will be marching in New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade this year. A block of rooms have been put aside at the Affinia 50 Hotel, at a rate of \$245 per night for a double occupancy room with two beds and \$275 per night for a suite with a king-sized bed and pull-out sofa. For more information regarding hotel accommodations, please contact Jean Benson at [BKLYNJean@aol.com](mailto:BKLYNJean@aol.com)

**Sunday, April 29, 2012 Spring Cocktail Party:** Our Spring Cocktail Party is going to be held at The Spring Lake Manor. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, which includes beer, wine and entertainment. The Super 50-50 drawing will be held at this event.

**June 4, 2012 Golf Outing:** Our Golf Outing will be at Spring Meadow June, 4, 2012, with a rain date of June 11. We are still working on the details. Our chair for this event is Barbara Reilly 732-449-2236.

**October, 2012:** We are still looking for that special person or persons to chair our Annual Fashion Show Gift Auction. This is our main fundraiser and is a very important event for our club. Chairing this event is a rewarding experience. Please speak to any board member if you are interested in this very important position.

Respectfully submitted:  
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