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PRESIDENT MESSAGE January 2013

Happy and Healthy New Year to all. Our first meeting of this year is on Wednesday, January 9, 2013. The doors will open at 7:00pm and the business meeting is at 7:30pm. Our guests for the evening are The Thomas Wesley Stern Group to entertain us. It should be a fun night. There is nothing like some good music to brighten the January doldrums. Looking forward to seeing you. Mary Keaney

Irish History by Kate Mulvey:

Cead Mile Failte (Kad meel a fall sha). The Gathering Ireland 2013 will be a yearlong celebration of all things Irish. The Gathering is a series of events celebrating Irish culture, history, and genealogy. Some events will be clan gatherings, festivals, sporting events, and music concerts. These events will take place all over Ireland throughout the year. Over 70 million people worldwide claim Irish ancestry. The Gathering provides the perfect excuse for the Irish people to reach out to relatives, friends, and descendants and invite them home. The Gathering will start off on Dec.31 with a big party in Dublin. The 2013 Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin will be a special event this year. Visitors will have the opportunity to march on O'Connell Street behind the banner of their county of origin or country, similar to the Olympic Games opening. The year 2013, also marks the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's historic visit to Ireland. In June there will be many special tours celebrating his visit.

Desserts for January, 2013: Jane Collins, Joanne Dwyer, Karen Bertone, Maureen O'Halloran, Sheila Lalas, Ginnie Acampora, Kathleen Hayward, Denise Buttimore, Mary Rowan, Elizabeth Tichenor.

Christmas Party: Thank you to Beverly McQuilken, Sheila Lalis and Barbara Sharkey for handling the reservations and table arrangements for our Christmas Party. This was their first event and they did a great job. Thanks to Santa (Kate Mulvey) and her elves for the entertaining gift exchange and distribution of the ornaments. We enjoyed a lovely cocktail hour and a delicious dinner and dessert provided by Susan Doolan and her staff.

Toys for Tots: Thank you to all members who donated toys for this drive. The FSOS really went all out this year and we were happy to help. Thank you to Nancy and Mike Tuttle for delivering our toys to the Shillelagh Club.

Scholarships: This year we will be having 2 different scholarships. We will have our traditional scholarship, and we will have the Joan Faux Nursing Scholarship. Kerry Arrington (732-722-8326) has the traditional scholarship applications and Mary Furlong (732-774-0282) has the Joan Faux Nursing Scholarship applications.

Food Bank: Maureen O'Halloran will again be collecting non-perishable items for the needy. Please bring your items to the January meeting. Please keep in mind that the food banks have an even greater need due to Hurricane Sandy. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Spotlight On: Ireland for donating \$250,000 euros to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

Bridge Flight: If you are interested in joining the group of bridge players, contact **Pat Gallagher @ 732-449-5801** for more details.

Care and Share and Sunshine Lady: 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.

Capes: Anyone interested in recycling your WOIH capes, please contact Peggy Carroll. 732-775-4177.

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 2012/2013:

Sunday, March 3: Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will be having our Post Parade party at Doolan's following the parade. Kerri Arrington is chairing this event. Details to follow.

Saturday, March 9: Seaside Heights St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Sunday, March 10: West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Friday, March 15: Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade honoring our own Eileen Gilleece as Deputy Grand Marshall, Kerri Arrington as her Chief of Staff and Mary Keaney as her aide. Kickoff is 1pm

Sunday April 21: We are planning our 2nd Annual Spring Fling. The date for the Spring Fling is April 21, 2013 and will be held at the Spring Lake Manor. We will be having our annual raffle and ad journal. Kerri Arrington (732-722-8326) is chairing the raffle with Mary Furlong and Ellen Cunniff. Joanne Dwyer is chairing the ad journal. Please contact them for raffle tickets and to place an ad. Our Woman of the Year will be honored at this event. Kate Mulvey (732-282-0111) and CC Gerraty (732-223-3519) are chairing this event; please contact them to purchase tickets to this event.

Fall 2013: We are still looking for that special person or two to chair our annual Fashion Show Gift Auction. This is a very rewarding experience. If interested please contact Mary Keaney (732-836-9389).

Respectfully submitted:
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