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PRESIDENT MESSAGE February 2013

I hope you enjoyed the Thomas Wesley Stern Group as much as I did. Thank you Corny Ryan, Claudia Montiverdi and Kate Mulvey for bringing this group to entertain us. The February 13, 2013 meeting at Doolan's should be exciting too. We have Maureen Jennings, DPM from Brick to do Irish Dancing and tell stories. Although it is Ash Wednesday, we are celebrating Valentine's Day with a special dessert table. So please come out for a fun evening. We are hoping to have our 50-50 tickets available at this meeting. The drawing will be at our Spring Fling on April, 21. This is a very important fund raiser; we would like all of our members to participate in this drawing. Mary Keaney

Irish History by Peggie O'Brien:

An Gorta Mor, The Great Hunger...

The years 1845 to 1850 were the most decisive in the history of modern Ireland. In a country of well over eight million people, the potato failure is blamed for the death of 1.5 million and the forced emigration of a similar number. Neither need have occurred, nor was the potato to blame. It is a period the Irish now call, An Gorta Mor, or the Great Hunger. A course at Brookdale College is being given by the Irish historian Henry McNally, one of our illustrious speakers thru the past years. The course will describe the causes, effects and longer term legacy of these tragic years, a legacy that persists in Ireland even through today and examine how that same tragedy dramatically changed the history of the United States...4 SESSIONS, Thursday March 7-March 28, 7-9 pm...Call Brookdale College to register, 732-224-2315, M-F, 8:30-5PM...by Peggie O'Brien

Desserts for January, 2013: Ann Glaccum, Gerry Rubino, Rhonda Perkin, Theresa Abel, Anne Archer, Lori McDonough, Carol McDonough, Caren Stichter, Sue Morgan, Fran Emright, Zada Aldarelli, Joan Herb, Rita Harty, Patsy McMahon, Catherine Farrell, Pat Mayer, Regina O'Hare.

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. Scholarship applications are due by Monday, April 1, 2013.

Food Bank: **Maureen O'Halloran** will again be collecting non-perishable items for the needy. Please bring your items to the February 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: I Eileen Kean, a WOIH member, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of The Hurricane Sandy N.J. Relief Fund established by Governor Christie and his wife Mary Pat Christie...Eileen is the daughter of one of our earliest WOIH members, Eileen Kean...Congratulations Eileen for this honor.

Bridge Flight: The Bridge Flight, sponsored by the WOIH and led by our member Pat Gallagher, has donated \$1050.00 to a multi-problem, local family, severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy...A single mother with several small children living below the poverty line; her home was destroyed forcing the family to move in with her elderly mom. This is but one of the charitable donations given by the Bridge Flight annually.

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 Feb. 10: Connolly Station, Belmar; 2-6 p.m.; hot and cold buffet, bag Pipes; donation \$10.00

Sunday Feb. 17: BoatHouse Bar & Grill, Belmar; 2-6 p.m.; Hot & cold buffet; bag pipes; donation \$10.00

Sunday Feb. 24: 507 Main Street, Belmar; 2-6 p.m.; hot and cold buffet; bag pipes, Donation \$10.00

Friday March 1: An Evening of Irish Culture at the Waterview Pavilion, Belmar. Tickets \$65.00 and must be purchased in advance at . This includes a 4 hour open bar, dinner and entertainment by Thomas Wesley Stern.

Saturday March 2: Investiture Mass 10:00 am at St. Rose Church, Belmar. Investiture Luncheon to follow at Doolan's, Hwy 71, Spring Lake immediately following Mass. Call 732-681-6262 for tickets which are \$30.00, menu choice: sliced steak, salmon, roast chicken breast. Tickets available at the Irish Centre, 732-449-6650. Mary Reilly will be selling tickets at February meeting

Saturday, March 2: The Irish Comedy Tour at the Strand Theatre, Clifton Ave., Lakewood, 8pm

Sunday, March 3: Belmar St. Patrick's Day Parade. It is important to support this year especially since it the 40th Anniversary and to show our support for the Restore the Jersey Shore efforts.

Sunday, March 3: Our Post Parade Party will be held at a different venue this year. It is being held at the Spring Lake Manor, 415 Hwy 71,

Spring Lake, featuring the Ed Kennedy Show Band. The festivities begin at 4:00pm and will include 4 hour beer (including Guinness), wine and soda, appetizers, buffet dinner, dessert. Tickets are adults, \$40.00, Teen (12-20) \$20.00, kids (4-12) \$10.00 under 3 free. For tickets, please contact Kerri Arrington 732-722-8326; please mail checks to Kerri at 643 Summit Pl, Brielle, NJ 08730.

Saturday, March 9: Seaside Heights St. Patrick's Day Parade, also in support of Restore the Jersey Shore.

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

Wednesday, March 13: This is a reminder that we will be having our 3rd annual Irish Soda Bread contest. So get your recipes ready.

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 Keane 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 Keane (732-836-9389).

Respectfully submitted:
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