

## **President's Message**

I would like to thank the many men and women who attended the 9/11 ceremony at Division Seven Hall. The participation of so many Hibernians was heartwarming. Thanks to Leslie Lanigan and John Owen for leading the Rosary and the Roisin Dubh Irish Pipe Band for their performance.

I would also like to thank the members of Roisin Dubh who volunteered to perform at 9/11 ceremonies, such as those at East Islip High School, East Islip Library, Islip Town Hall and others. Your community service makes all Hibernians, especially those of Division Seven, extremely proud.

The next meeting of Division Seven will be on Wednesday, November 2nd, at 8:00 PM. A Shamrock Degree for new members will be performed at that time.

Sponsors are encouraged to attend.

A Slate of Division Officers for 2012 - 2014 was read at the October meeting. Nominations for officers may be made from the floor at the November meeting. If necessary, an election for contested offices will be conducted at the December meeting.

Division Seven will host its' Annual Christmas Party for Members' Children on Saturday December 10th, at 1:00 PM. The Annual Christmas Party for Members will follow at 6:00 PM. Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band will provide musical entertainment for the evening. Let's get ready for the Stack of Barley!

The Annual Christmas Party for Community Children will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 1:00 PM. Volunteers are welcome, the Christmas Spirit is all you need to bring.

I recently attended the National President's Testimonial Dinner in Philadelphia on behalf of the New

York State Board. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the 2011 Dr. Sean MacBride Humanitarian Award to Clara Reilly of Belfast. This brave woman fought for the human rights of all Irish Catholics in Northern Ireland during the darkest hours of the Troubles. It would be time well spent to read this woman's story.

I would like to thank the members of Division Seven for electing me Grand Marshal. It is indeed a privilege to represent the many fine Hibernians who have received this award before me. It is an honor to represent Division Seven to the community. Thank you.

The Officers of Division Seven would like to wish all Hibernians and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry and Blessed Christmas.

God Bless the Troops and the Unborn.

Slan go foill,

Vic Vogel



**9-11 Memorial Service at Division Seven**

## L.A.O.H.

The members of the AOH did a wonderful job hosting the Annual Picnic at Heckscher State Park in September. On behalf of the LAOH, I would like to thank the men for hosting this event. Picnicking is a dying art so we thank you for keeping the art alive. It is always such an enjoyable day. I would also like to thank the ladies for providing the delicious salads and desserts.

The kick off for the LAOH 10th Annual 300 Raffle began at the picnic. **Mary Ann Baron** has coordinated this fund raiser for several years. She always does an exceptional job. Thank you Mary Ann! Now it is time for us to participate in the raffle. Please see Mary Ann Baron or Aggie O'Leary for raffle tickets. If we each take 3 raffles to sell we will easily meet our goal. The tickets sell for \$20.00 each. Prizes are one \$1,000 winner, two \$500 winners, and 10 \$100 winners. The Raffle drawing will be held Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 at 8 pm at the hall. Please join us for the drawing, have some food, and hopefully you will be the big money winner!

At our October meeting we installed 7 new members, bringing our total paid membership to 282. Welcome to the new members. We look forward to meeting you and working with you at our activities. The next screening for new members will be Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 7 pm at the hall. If you would like to sponsor a new member please see Jo Ann Clancy for an application.

Division 7 will be hosting a Degree on October 24, 2011 at 7 pm. New members are encouraged to take their Degree on this date.

Our membership is also encouraged to attend. There will be refreshments served after the program. I would like to thank the members that volunteered to help with the refreshments.

The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates for the 2012 term of office. In addition to the slate presented, nominations from

the floor will be taken at the November meeting for any other members wishing to run for office. All candidates must be a member in good standing with a paid dues card. If necessary, elections will be held at the December meeting.

As a fundraiser we will be having an "Irish" Auction (formally known as a Chinese Auction) at the November meeting. Please leave your donations in the lobby closet at the hall. We had some interesting donations last time which provided us with a lot of laughs. Hopefully this will continue! Leslie Lanigan is coordinating the auction. Thank you Leslie. Volunteers are always needed to help set up the event. Set up will be Nov. 9, 2011, at 4 pm at the hall.

It is time to start collecting food for our Thanksgiving Baskets. Non-perishable food donations may be left in the lobby closet at the hall. Please contact Kerry Gimble at [kerry.gimble@yahoo.com](mailto:kerry.gimble@yahoo.com) if you wish to donate perishables or money to purchase perishables. If you know of a family that needs a basket please contact Kerry. The date for assembling the baskets is to be arranged.

The ladies will be cooking for the next soup kitchen on November 10, 2011, at 6:45 pm at the hall. Volunteers are always welcome.

It seems impossible but it is time to nominate a member from Division 7 for the Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid Award. If you have a sister that you would like to nominate please submit your letter by our next meeting. You may leave the letter at the hall or email it to [charlene65@msn.com](mailto:charlene65@msn.com). The award will be given at the breakfast following the St. Brigid's Mass in February 2012.

Please check "Dates to Remember" section for the schedule for the various Christmas parties at the hall.

Our next meeting will be November 9, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the hall.

As we move into the holiday season I wish you and your families a healthy, happy holiday. Please remember those family members and citizens that are away protecting our county.

In our motto,  
Charlene Gibbs

## Juniors

The Juniors were pleased to meet Mr. Don Hunt at their October meeting. Mr. Hunt and several of our own girls demonstrated the art of Irish Step Dancing. It was amazing to see how well our Juniors danced! Thank you all for taking the time to teach us.

We also spent time at St. Anne's Soup Kitchen one Saturday morning. We donated about 100 wash up kits that the Juniors had made during the Sept. meeting. Some of our Juniors and members spent the entire morning making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, packing donated bread and cakes, setting up and breaking down the tables and serving a hot lunch to almost 200 people. The soup kitchen staff always comments on how well our Juniors work! They gave up sleeping in on a weekend morning and did a great job!

Please start saving shoe boxes and stocking stuffers for our annual Shoebox project. The Juniors have traditionally forgone a Christmas gift exchange and have, instead, chosen to donate shoeboxes filled with goodies for children that are less fortunate.

Ms. Kathleen Ring has graciously volunteered to assist our Juniors with the Irish History Essay Contest. She will assist the Juniors with finding material for their essay and help with the editing as well. In the past we have had Juniors win both recognition and money prizes for their efforts. Please consider encouraging your child to participate.

Our next meeting (November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30) will celebrate our Veterans many contributions to our country. All veterans are most welcome to attend!

In our motto,  
Liz Colgan







## What's Happening... November & December



### NOVEMBER:

Nov 1 Tue	All Saints Day
Nov 1 Tue	Samhain: The Celtic New Year
Nov 2 Wed	All Souls Day
Nov 2 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting, 8:00 PM
Nov 6 Sun	Roisin Dubh Veterans' Day Performance LI National Cemetery
Nov 7 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting, 6:30 PM
Nov 9 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting, 7:30 PM
Nov 11 Fri	Veterans' Day
Nov 24 Thur	Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER:

Dec 7 Wed	AOH Division Seven Meeting, 8:00 PM
Dec 8 Thur	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec 10 Sat	Division Seven Children's Christmas Party, 1:00 PM
Dec 10 Sat	Division Seven Member's Christmas Party, 6:00 PM
Dec 11 Sun	Community Children's Christmas Party, 1:00 PM
Dec 12 Mon	Junior Girls and Boys Meeting, 6:30 PM
Dec 14 Wed	LAOH Division Seven Meeting, 7:30 PM
Dec 15 Thur	Roisin Dubh Christmas Party, 7:30 PM
Dec 25 Sun	Christmas Day
Dec 26 Mon	St. Stephen's Day
Dec 31 Sat	New Year's Eve



### **Children's Christmas Party**

The Christmas party for the children and grandchildren of Division 7 members will be held on

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**  
at our hall.

Please bring a wrapped present with the child's name on it for Santa to deliver. Presents should not exceed \$20 in cost.

### **Member's Christmas Party**

The Christmas party for members of Division 7 will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 11:00 PM at our hall.



Musical entertainment will be provided by Gerry Finlay. Please join us in spreading the holiday spirit.



### **Community Children's Christmas Party**

The Christmas party for the community children will be held on

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 1:00 PM at our hall.**

Please see John Davis at our next division meeting if you would like to volunteer.

## Corporation Corner

At our October meeting the nominating committee for the Corporation announced the recommendations for the slate of Corporation Officers for 2012 as follows:

President – Gene Hearl

Vice President – Dan Kissane

Treasurer – Dave Dinota

Secretary – John Davis

At our November meeting if anyone is interested in running for one of these positions we will be taking nominations from the floor. As per our bylaws, the person who is nominated must be present or have a letter of consent for the office to which he is being nominated. At the December meeting a vote will take place by paper ballot if necessary.

**Saturday night entertainment** each and every Saturday for your enjoyment. So come on down and show your support.

**Are you ready for some football?** Each and every Sunday our 8 TV's in the Tap Room are dedicated to NFL football games. If your team is playing on Sunday it will be on one of our TV's. Food will be served and one of my favorite 50/50 tickets will be drawn at half time of the second game.

From your Corporate Officers we are hoping everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to all.

Corporation President  
Gene Hearl

## PUB ENTERTAINMENT

### NOVEMBER:

4<sup>rd</sup> – Friday night Happy Hour 5-9pm  
Music and Food.

5<sup>th</sup> – Todd the Guitar Man

12<sup>th</sup> – Joe and Katlin

19<sup>th</sup> – Gerry McKeveny

26<sup>th</sup> – Dan Donnelly

### DECEMBER:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pete K.

10<sup>th</sup> – Member's Christmas Party with Jerry Finlay in our Hall

16<sup>th</sup> – Friday night Happy Hour 5-9pm  
Music and Food.

17<sup>th</sup> – Bob Carney

24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve...

31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve...

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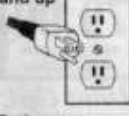
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## Hibernian of the Year

There will be a meeting for the Hibernian of the Year prior to the regular Division meeting on January 4, 2012 at 7:00PM sharp.

As is customary, Division 7 will select a "Hibernian of the Year", and the recipient will receive an award for this honor at our Grand Marshal's Ball in February, 2012. Anyone wishing to nominate a candidate please submit your selection, with an appropriate write-up. Nominations must be in before January 1, 2012. Committee members are asked to be upstairs and on time for the vote.

## THE IRISH

Merry Christmas!

"Nollaig shona!"

Null ugh HON uh



Happy New Year!

"Athbhliain faoi mhaise!"

ATH vlee un fwee wash uh



## LAOH 300 Club Tickets

The LAOH 300 club tickets are on sale. The tickets sell for \$20.00 each. Prizes are one \$1,000 winner, two \$500 winners, and 10 \$100 winners. The Raffle drawing will be held Friday, December 16, 2011 at 8:00 pm at the hall. Please join us for the drawing.

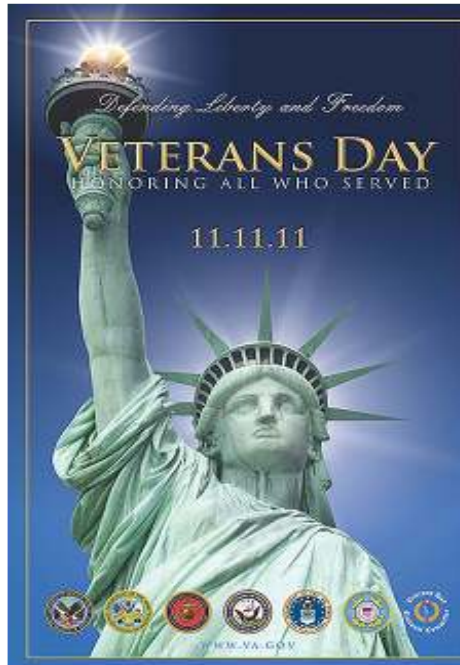
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## Remember our Veterans



Congratulations to  
**Vic Vogel**  
on being selected the  
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St. Patrick's Day Parade



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