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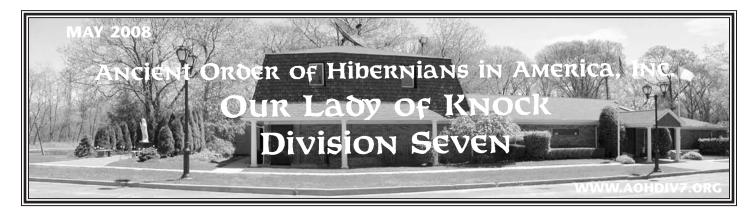




The plot revolves around a family that has lost its way after they left the family home on the island Roan Inish. Then, "10-year-old Fiona is sent to live with her grandparents in a small fishing village in Donegal, Ireland. She soon learns the local legend that an ancestor of hers married a Selkie - a seal who can turn into a human. Years earlier, her baby brother washed out to sea in a cradle shaped like a boat; someone in the family believes the boy is being raised by the seals. Then Fiona catches sight of a little boy on the abandoned Isle of Roan Inish and takes an active role in uncovering The Secret of Roan Inish."

This is one of the few movies that you can say "great for the whole family" and mean it.





President's Message

Our next meeting will be held on May 7, 2008 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

As part of our May meeting, we will be having a Shamrock Degree. During this degree, we will be admitting 30 new members to our organization. Congratulations to the division members who have sponsored the new candidates.

On May, 9 I invite everyone to bring the family down to the hall to feast at the annual Junior Girls and Junior Boys 'Spaghetti Dinner' beginning at 6:00 p.m. Come and support the future of our division.

Now that spring is finally here, things are becoming somewhat busy around Division 7. So plan ahead and become involved in the many things that will be happening in the next few months. The Project Children's Golf Outing at Brentwood CC is rapidly approaching on June 9. Please see Pat Philbin or Danny Kissane for information. Then of course on Father's Day weekend, it's the annual 'Skip McCormick' Memorial Horseshoe Tournament. This is always one of the highlights of the year for everyone involved. It is also a great way for members to show their support for the Roisin Dubh Pipe Band. This is a big fund raiser for the band. Please support this group of dedicated color guard members, drummers and pipers. For information contact Tom McHugh.

John Fitzpatrick (581-5705) is the chairman of our sick committee. Please contact John should the need arise. Our division notifies its members of important announcements via a telephone messaging system called the "Calling Post". If you are not currently on the calling post list and would like to join, please see our information chairman Al Norton or send him an email via our website, www.aohdiv7.org.

Finally, our division has been saddened by the loss of many members in the past several years. Last month, we mourned the loss of one of the original 18 charter members of our division, Peter Bulfin. Peter was our division's original Vice President back in Feb 1963. I was very proud to see the many members of our division as well as members from all of Suffolk county come and pay their respects to Peter. Thanks to Fintan for his touching words about Peter. He will be missed. Please pray for all our deceased members.

God Bless the Troops Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

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It was a joy to see 225,000 marchers gathered in Washington D.C. in January to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs Wade Supreme Court decision.

In those 35 years over 50 million babies have been aborted. It was heart warming to hear the voice of George W. Bush on the loud speaker, as he vowed to veto any legislation that would weaken existing pro-life policies.

In order to become effectively involved in working against the evil of abortion, you are again invited to join the New York State Catholic Advocacy Network at www.nyscatholic.org.

Ladies Division

The monthly meeting of the LAOH was held on Wednesday, April 9th. There were 21 new members installed. I would like to congratulate and welcome all of our new members; we look forward to their presence at our regular meetings. Following the installation of the new members the Suffolk County Degree Team held a degree. Thank you to the Degree Team for their time and effort.

The annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock Shrine and the NYS LAOH Board Meeting will take place Friday, May 2nd thru Sunday May 4th in East Durham, NY. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact me at 224-4157 for details.

Our Junior. Girls/Junior Boys Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9th, beginning at 6:00pm here at the Hall. I ask you all to support this function of our JuniorGirls/Junior Boys. All of the proceeds made this night go to the "Make A Wish" Foundation of Suffolk County and it is a charity that is near and dear to their little hearts. It is a fun evening and the Spaghetti is delicious!!! Tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation or if you would like to donate food items and didn't get it on the list at our last meeting you can contact Charlene Gibbs at 834-8766.

The Ladies of the LAOH have been invited to march in the Islip/East Islip Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th. We will meet on Saxon Avenue (South of Montauk Hwy.) and march to the Memorial at 401 Main Street, Islip. Step off is at 9:00am. Please don't forget your sashes!!!

The Murder Mystery, "A Death in Dallas" will be held on Saturday, June 7th. Tickets are \$30.00 per person which includes dinner and beer, wine and soda. There will be entertainment that does include Western Line Dancing following the Murder Mystery. I can assure you that this will be an event that you will not

want to miss, so please call Mary Ann Baron for reservations at 422-7773. Tickets will not be available at the door, so call all your friends to make your plans to reserve a table or two!!!

Finally, the members of the AOH/LAOH of Divisions 7 and 8 are holding a benefit here at Division 7 on Saturday, June 21st. "A Miracle for Pat" proceeds will go to Pat Kelly, husband of our Past President, Lorraine Kelly who sadly, is battling cancer. Please keep the date open and look for more information in next month's newsletter!

The next monthly meeting of the Division 7 LAOH will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30pm.

I would like to wish all of the lovely Moms out there a Happy Mother's Day!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Alice Faughnan

Junior Boys Junior Girls

This month the Juniors held an Open House to introduce potential members to our organization. The juniors and their quests visited four stations throughout the evening. Tom Conway told historical Irish stories. Al Norton and Liz Colgan translated names into Irish. Vic Vogel and some of his band members demonstrated the various instruments used in the pipe band. The last group was run by some of the Junior Girls. They demonstrated and talked about Irish step dancing. Thank you to all of the presenters. You made the evening fun and very successful. We would like to invite all of our guests to the May meeting. We will have registration forms available should you choose to

The Spaghetti Dinner will be held May 9th at 6 pm at the hall. All the proceeds from this dinner go to Make-A-Wish. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children who are not members of the Juniors. We are doing a Western theme so put on your finest cowboy

hat and boots and come on down to the hall! If anyone would like to make a food donation please email me charlene65@msn.com and I will contact you. We appreciate your support of the Juniors.

At our May meeting we will be showing an Irish movie. The movie will begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8 pm. Popcorn and soda will be served during the movie. This is an open meeting so bring a guest if you wish.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Spaghetti Dinner: May 9th, 6 pm Movie Night: May 12th, 6:30-8 pm Hope to see you at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Charlene Gibbs

Please Pray For...

In the event of sickness or a death in the family, please call the Hall at 581-9317 and leave a message for the Chairman of the Committee on the Sick, John Fitzpatrick.

For L.A.O.H, contact Missions and Charities Chairlady, Liz Colgan at 277-2248.

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Project Children Golf Outing

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The AOH, Division 7, East Islip NY, has participated in "Project Children" since 1979. "Project Children" is a program that enables underprivileged children from Belfast, Derry, and Dublin, Ireland to spend four weeks with sponsor families in the United States. The children who participate are both Catholic and Protestant and are between the ages of 9 and 14. Division 7 over the years has been able to sponsor over 140 children and is sponsoring 8 children this year at a cost of \$660 per child, which covers their airfare and, insurance. The family with whom the child stays covers all additional expenses. The Hibernian Golf Tournament on June 9, 2008 is the primary fundraiser, which enables the Division to continue financing the cost of the airfare and insurance of the "Project Children" participants.

The Division, as a non-profit organization, would greatly appreciate any tax deductible donations or contributions that you could make to enable us to meet our goals for "Project Children".

Your \$50 donation is tax deductible and is greatly appreciated.

Irish Night at Shea Stadium Mets vs Astros

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Announcements

Dan Devietri, grandson of Tom and Kathleen Murphy, and son of Eileen Devietri, was recently named in the top ten basketball players of Long Island. Dan is a student of Chaminade High School.

Gerry and Susan Stewart announce the birth of their daughter, **Sara Grace**, on March 31, 2008 at 7 lbs , 8 ounces and 20 inches long.

Gerry, who made his Major Degree in 1990 also shared his personal experience concerning Project Children. (See following).

I'm Gerry Stewart, know as "Gerry from Derry".

In the early 1980s, when I was 11 years old, I was running the streets of Creggan, Derry, Northern Ireland. I was chosen to be one of the Project Children and I came through Division 7. My host family back then was the 'Keeleys" and today they are known as my American family. I stayed with Barbara, George and family for five summers.

It was my chance to see another part of the world and get away from the troubles at home. I was a member of the pipe band for seven years in the late '80s and early '90s. I have been a member of Division 7 for twenty years.

I wouldn't have the life I have today if not for the Project Children committee. Special thanks to Herman Boyle and my American family George and Barbara Keeley.

It is with great pride that I announce the birth of my daughter, Sara Grace Stewart and I am very thankful for where I am today.

Thanks to all who I met along the way.

Gerry Stewart



Grandma **Anne Marie Hayes** has another grandchild. **Erin Colleen Hayes** was born on March 26 weighing 7 lbs. and 20 inches long

Her 2 sisters, Caitlin and Megan and her brother James, "The Man" are overjoyed, as is the entire Hayes Clan.



Gerry Stewart with daughter Sara Grace.

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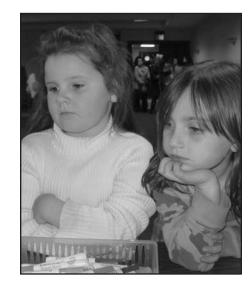
Charlene Gibbs and Vic Vogel held a very successful open house for the Junior Boys and Junior Girls.

There were four modules, a history module, step dancing, pipes and drums, and origins of Irish names.

The next open house will be on Monday May 12 at 6:30 PM.

It will be a movie called "The Secret of Roan Inish". (PG) See back panel for details.

Some had to wait patiently...





Mat's Glappening...

Wed May 7 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Shamrock Degree May 9 Spaghetti Dinner - Junior Girls/Boys 6:00PM Fri May 12 Junior Girls and Junior Boys – Movie Night 6:30PM Mon Open House – Bring A Friend

> May 14 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM May 26 Memorial Day Parade – LAOH Marching –Islip/El

Murder Mystery – "Death In Dallas" 7:00PM Sat lun 7

Project Children Golf Outing Mon Jun 9 Sat lun 14 Skip McCormick Memorial Horseshoe Tournament

Fundraiser for Pat and Lorraine Kelly 7:00PM Sat Jun 21

Irish Night at Shea Sat Aug 23

Wed

Mon

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