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President's Message

Our next scheduled meeting will be held on Sept. 2, 2009 at 8 p.m. in our hall. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. I hope everyone had a safe and healthy summer. Now it's back to work.

The division would like to congratulate our Vice President, Vic Vogel, on being elected NY State Director for District 6. I'm sure Vic is very proud of representing our division throughout the state.

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12 at Heckscher State Park. I know the weather will cooperate this year. Tom Snyder and his band of world famous Hibernian chefs have been hard at work preparing for this year's event. Please remember, this is for current dues card holders and their IMMEDIATE family. If you do not have a 2009 dues card and wish to attend, contact our financial secretary, Dr. Dave Ring before Sept 9.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, we will be holding the 12th annual Charlie Mackey 5K Run/Walk for Project Children. Chairman Danny Kissane is always looking for help the day of the race. Please contact him if you are interested in helping. This run has been very successful throughout the years because of the help of many behind the scenes. Please come out and either participate or work. This is a great family day.

October 1st is the scheduled date for John Davis' Children's Fund Golf Outing at Calverton Links. This outing is to generate funds to help underprivileged children in our area. If you cannot come out and have a great day on the course, sign up to be a hole sponsor. John does an outstanding job of organizing the tournament and entertaining us all at the dinner afterward. Please support the children.

We will have a screening for new members on Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m. in our hall. Applications are available on line at www.aohdiv7.org or contact John Hanley for information. Please make good use of our website. Our website provides up-to-date information on every event taking place within our division. Webmaster, Al Norton, is constantly updating the site. If you have any information you would like to have posted contact Al through the site.

Suffolk's County Tara Court Degree Team will be performing a Major Degree at the end of October. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of receiving your Major Degree. As you know you will be eligible for receiving a discount on the rental of our hall, and also for our division's scholarship. But most importantly, you become a full Hibernian. If you have not made your Major Degree and would like to do so, contact VP Vic Vogel for information.

The Pub will start to have entertainment again beginning in Sept. Please watch the website for the list of who will be playing. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to stop by the hall and view the new Lady of Knock statue. It is truly breathtaking and I hope everyone takes the time to utilize our reflection area for their personal reasons. God Bless the Troops

and the unborn Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity Jerry Delaney DIVISION 7 ANNUAL PICNIC Saturday September 12, 2009 12:00PM Pavilion Field 3 Heckscher State Park East Islip NY Food • Drink Games Band MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY

Grand Marshal Nominations

Nominations for Grand Marshal of the 2010 St. Patrick's Day Parade in East Islip are now being accepted.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the person submitting the nomination, to the "Attention of David Ring", Parade Chairman and place in the Division Mailbox.

The deadline for submitting nominations is September 29, 2009. Nominations will be announced at the October meeting. Voting, if any, will be at the November meeting. David Ring, Parade Chairman



2009 New York State Junior Girl Hibernian of the Year



At the 2009 Biennial New York State Convention, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, Division 7 Junior Girl, Bridget Hanley, from East Islip, was honored as the recipient of the Voelker-O'Leary Award, 2009 Junior Girl Hibernian of the Year.

In attendance for the award presentation on Friday, July 10, 2009, by the New York State L.A.O.H., was Bridget's father, John Hanley, member of Division 7 A.O.H., Kathy Conway, NYS LAOH Immediate Past President, Charlene Gibbs, Division 7 L.A.O.H Vice President and Jr. Girl Coordinator, Alice Faughnan Division 7 L.A.O.H.President, Winnie Morissey, Suffolk County L.A.O.H. President and Vic Vogel, Division 7 A.O.H. Vice President and Div 7 Jr.Boys Coordinator.

Ladies Division

I hope everyone had a relaxing enjoyable summer. The next meeting of the L.A.O.H. will be held on Wednesday, September 9th beginning at 7:30 with the recitation of the Rosary. I am sure all of the moms will be well adjusted; after all it is the first day of school.

As most of you may know by now, we will be celebrating the 45th Anniversary of the Division 7 L.A.O.H. and to commemorate the occasion we are planning a fun-filled evening of dinner and dancing at Shandon Court on Saturday, October 17th beginning at 7:00pm, entertainment by lerry Finlay and the Cara Band. Tickets are \$65 per person and there is a limited number so you will want to get in on the fun as soon as possible. The committee sent out post cards to the membership regarding the honor of Hibernian of the Year, a prestigious award given to a member of the division who demonstrates the motto, Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. The membership was asked to write a letter on behalf of a nominee to be received by September 1st so that the membership can vote on these nominees at the September 9th meeting.

The Division Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 12th at Hecksher Park. The picnic is "free" to all members and their immediate families who have an up to date PAID dues card. Dues are now \$30 if you would like to make arrangements to pay your dues please contact myself (224-4157) or Carol McHugh (277-8034). As always, the ladies are asked to bring a salad for the food table.

The picnic is always the kick-off to the annual "LAOH 300 Club Raffle" so please bring extra cash to purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$20 each - this is our biggest fundraiser of the year! If anyone would like to purchase a ticket or can sell some tickets, please see myself or Maryann Baron at our regular meeting. The drawing will be in December.

Two of out members Maura

Sullivan and Donna Boyle will be walking in the 2009 Avon Breast Cancer Two-day walk in October. This is an awful disease that has struck so many of our friends and family and I would like to wish them the best. If anyone would like to sponsor these women please email me at ali4nan@aol.com. You make us proud ladies!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our lunior Girl President, Bridget Hanley who is the 2009 recipient of the Voelker-O'Leary Award, NYS Junior Hibernian of the Year. Bridget was the winner over nominees submitted across New York State. This is the second consecutive winner from Division 7 (Emily Baron received the award in 2007). Congratulations Bridget we are so proud of you! And on that note I would also like to congratulate the Division 7 Junior Girls for winning 1st Place in the NYS Ir. Girls Scrap Book Competition. Way to go Girls!!!!

For those of you who have not yet taken your Degree we are planning to host a Major Degree following the October Meeting. Please email me at ali4nan@aol.com or see me following the September meeting if you would like to take your degree at this time. We have over 100 members in our division who have not yet taken their degree and this is a great opportunity for you to do this. If we do not have enough candidates we will have to postoone the Degree.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting! Alice Faughnan



Junior Girls

Our June meeting was held at the East Islip Bowling Lanes. After a couple of games of bowling the Junior Boys and Girls met at Rita's for an Italian ice. That was a nice way to start the summer!

During the summer Bridget Hanley was named the winner of the distinguished Voelker-O'Leary award at the LAOH NYS Convention. Bridget graciously accepted the award at the convention. Congratulations Bridget! There will be a reception honoring Bridget, Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7pm at the hall. Please join us.

The Juniors' scrapbook took first place at the NYS Convention. Nice job Junior Girls! The scrapbook will be available for viewing at the reception for Bridget. We have a very talented group of Juniors.

Our next meeting will be Monday September 14 at 6:30 pm. We will set up for the reception to be held at 7 pm.

Hope everyone had a happy, healthy summer. In our motto.

Charlene Gibbs

Irish Essay Workshop For Junior Boys and Girls

Essay topics will be discussed Contest rules will be explained Mentoring will be provided for essay development

Presenters Tom Conway, Marge Intreglia, Dave Ring

Monday October 12, 2009 6:30-7:30 pm AOH Division 7 Hall

East Islip, NY All Suffolk County Juniors welcome. Email Charlene Gibbs at charlene65@msn.com to reserve a seat

Workshop offered by Junior Boys and Girls of Division 7

Announcements

Vic Vogel, vice-president of A.O.H.Division 7, East Islip, was elected at the Biennial New York State Convention held in Albany New York on July 11, 2009 as New York State Director of District 6.

On July 6, 2009, the new statue of Our Lady of Knock was installed.

The riggers who installed the statue were professional. However, because of the weight, the intricate design of the hands, robe and crown it went beyond a routine installation.

The Division wishes to thank Joe Columbo who happened to be on hand with some additional rigging equipment, as well as assisting in the

WW II Irish American

On Sunday January 7, 1945 at approximately 0710 local time a flight of four U.S. Army Air Corps P-38 aircraft were conducting a fighter sweep of the northern part of Negros Island in the central Philippines. Their mission was to search for and engage any airborne lapanese aircraft they might encounter. After circling one lapanese airfield at Fabrica they headed for a second airfield at Carolina. Approximately three miles from the Carolina Airfield they suddenly observed a lone Japanese single engine fighter aircraft flying below them and heading directly towards them. As the lapanese aircraft passed directly underneath the flight leader an intense aerial engagement broke out. In less than two minutes two of the P-38 fighters lay burning on the ground, their pilots killed. The two remaining P-38's continued to fight the lone enemy fighter but eventually sought the safety of the overcast clouds and headed back to their base on Levte. The lone lapanese fighter apparently got away undamaged.

The news of this dogfight devastated the morale of the American fighter pilots prosecuting the war against the Japanese. The top Army brass imme-

installation. If you haven't been by to see "Our

Lady" you need to do so. Bernie and Mary Phalen will be

married fifty years on Sept. 19, 2009. They will be celebrating with family and friends a few weeks earlier, on Aug. 22nd. A Mass will be offered at St. Mary's Church followed by a party at the E.I. Fire House, that will be catered by the Irish Coffee Pub.

Bernie and Mary have been residents of East Islip since June 1960. They are the proud parents of three children and very proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

In Oct. they will cap off their "Golden" year by joining approximately twenty-five members of Mary's family on a trip to Malta where Mary's parents were born.

diately slapped a "Top Secret" classification on any talk of this incident. For two decades after the war any details of this incident was kept from the public. Finally in the late 1960's the Freedom of Information Act finally opened up the military's records on this incident and allowed military historians to finally learn the truth about what happened that day over Negros Island.

Why was this incident so sensitive to the U.S. military? Because on that day America lost one of the greatest fighter pilots in its history. Major Thomas B. McGuire, Ir. aged 24 from Ridgewood, New Jersey. Major McGuire was the top ace of the 475th Fighter Group of the Fifth Fighter Command with 38 confirmed aerial victories. He ranked second only to Major Richard I. Bong who had been credited with 40 victories. At the time of his death Maior McGuire was the highest scoring American ace still involved in air combat against the enemy. At war's end Major McGuire's total of 38 victories would place him as the second leading American ace of World War II. Major McGuire was also one of the highest decorated pilots during WW II and was posthumously awarded the nation's highest award, the Congressional



Medal of Honor. Today McGuire Air Force Base located near his home town in New Jersey stands as a daily reminder of his sacrifice.

45th Anniversary Celebration Our Lady of Knock Division 7 LA.O.H.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 Shandon Court

Music by Jerry Finlay and the Cara Band

Tickets are \$65 pp Includes Open bar for 4 hours

Dinner, coffee/tea dessert The fun begins at 7pm

For tickets please call: Joann Clancy 581-6950 Sue O'Neill 581-1489 Pat Cassara 589-8369 Alice Faughnan 224-4157 Kathleen Callegari 472-5150



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Mhat's Happening... **Back to School** Sat Aug 29 Sunset Cruise - Captree Boat Basin 6:00PM Sept 1 Symbolic Naming Ceremony of Kings Highway Tues 11:00AM To Sqt. Michael Ryan - Hauppauge Wed Sept 2 Men's Division 7 Meeting 8:00PM Wed Sept 9 Ladies Division 7 Meeting 7:30PM Sat Sep 12 Division Picnic - Heckscher Park Field 3 12:00PM Mon Sept 14 Ir Girls and Ir Boys Meeting 6:30PM Reception honoring Bridget Hanley and Emily Baron 7:00PM Annual Charles Mackey 5K Walk/Run 9:00AM Sat Sep 20 Tue Sep 29 Grand Marshal Nominations Submission Thu Oct 1 Children Fund Golf Outing- Calverton Links 1:00PM Fri Oct 2 A.O.H. Screening for New Members 7:00PM West Point Trip - USMA vs Vanderbilt Univ. Sat Oct 10 Deceased Members Mass Sun Oct 18 St. Mary's Church 9:00AM CHECK WEB SITE FOR UPDATES

Roisin Dubh Pipe Band meets every Thursday at 8:00PM

Corporation Corner

As announced at the June meeting, starting in Nov 2009, member discounts will only be granted to those members who have made their Major Degrees. A current dues card needs to be presented at contract signing.



West Point Trip **USMA vs Vanderbilt Univ** Sat., October 10, 2009 Includes Bus, Game Ticket, Hot Breakfast After Game Steak Dinner, Beer, Wine and Soda Under A Tent Depart either 7AM or 9AM \$120 per person

> Vince Clancy 581-6950 Limit 49 Paid Passengers

Right to Life Announcement

A Gallup Poll released May 15, 2009 found that 51 per cent of Americans now call themselves prolife rather than pro-choice on the issue of abortion, the first time a majority gave that answer in the 15 years that Gallup asked the question. In addition the Pew Research Center found a reduction since August, 2008 in those saying abortion should be legal in all or most cases from 54 per cent to 46 per cent. Taken together, the two polls have elated anti-abortion activists, who had been stung by the November election results that placed President Barack Obama and other abortion-rights supporters in power in Washington. Ironically, Obama's radical abortion policies and nominees may have helped make America more prolife. Source: Life News, July, 2009

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Please join me, Suffolk County Legislator John Kennedy and the Ryan family in remembering Sot. Michael W. Rvan with the symbolic naming of Kings Highway in Hauppauge in his name.

A ceremony will be held in front of the HYO Complex, Kings Highway, Hauppauge on Tuesday, September 1st at 11 am, with a raindate of Thursday, September 3rd at 11 am.

> Please show your support for this brave hero. For more information on the ceremony. please contact the Office of Public Information at 224-5485.

Regards, Phil Nolan Supervisor, Islip Town

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