



THE DONEGAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19119**

**A CHARITABLE, SOCIAL & PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION
ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 18, 1888 CHARTERED JULY 19, 1892**

October 10, 2011

Dear Member,

The next meeting of the Donegal Association is scheduled for **Sunday, October 16, 2010 at 3:00 PM in the Irish Center**. Our next Ball meeting is at 2pm. just before our October monthly meeting.

The annual Mass for the deceased members of the Donegal Association will be held on Sunday October 30th at 1:00 PM in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 475 East Chelton in Germantown. Mass will be celebrated by Chaplin Msgr. Joe McLoone. Breakfast will follow immediately in the Irish Center catered by Mickey Kavanagh.

The Donegal Association will hold their **123th Annual Ball** on Saturday, November 26th. We will also select the Philadelphia Mary from Dungloe on the evening of the ball. We invite contestants age 18-27 to participate in the pageant. The winner will receive a free trip to Ireland and compete in Dungloe for the International title. Please contact Chairpersons Coleen Katz at 610-446-2676 for more information. "Mary" application forms are available on the Donegal Assoc. web site, (www.philadonegal.com).

The ball is our one **annual fundraiser** for our association **Please** try to obtain at least one advertisement so we can continue our generous charitable donations throughout the year. Ad forms will be available at the October meeting. They are also available on the Donegal web site; (www.philadonegal.com) We are grateful for the ads received so far. Please remember that Bernadette Browne, who is in charge of our Ad Book, welcomes a picture of you or your family as part of your personal Ad this year. The deadline for ads is fast approaching and we would greatly appreciate it if you could get most of your ads in at the next meeting Oct.16. Every year, it is a struggle to get ads ready for the printer at the last minute making it necessary for a few of us to work into the "wee hours" to make it under the wire.

Ball tickets are \$20, pre-sale and \$25 at the door. For ticket info, call Ticket Chairperson, Pat Bainum, at 484-802-8529. Nora Campbell is Ball Chairperson for information, call her at 610-623-8631. Dinner will be available, at additional cost, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

The **Grand Marshal** for our big dance is Dan Mullen and music is by the Willie Lynch Band.

Enclosed is an application form for the **Annual Donegal Scholarship** which will be drawn at the November meeting and presented at the ball. Please mail it to the address on the application or bring it to the next meeting. You must be a paid up 2011 member to be eligible to submit a scholarship application. For those behind in their dues, they will be collected at the October meeting.

Warmest congratulations to member Patrica Gallagher on her marriage to Mayo member Ray Wittekind.

Congratulations to my home town, Glenswilly GAA club, for winning the Donegal SFC County Finals.

The **Mayo Ball** will be held on Saturday November 5th in the Irish Center. Admission is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. For tickets and info., call Mary Jane Kane at 484-472-8285.

The **Cavan Annual Ball** will be held on Friday, Oct. 14th at the Springfield CC. Admission is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Call Tom Farrelly at 610-527-2406.

The **Delaware Valley Irish Hall of Fame Dinner** will be held on Sunday, November 13th in the Irish Center. Starts at 4:30 PM and admission is \$50.00 per person with dinner and a cash bar. Call Kathy McGee Burns at 215-872-1305 for info.

The **Holy Rosary Sister's Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Sat. November 12th in the St. Dennis Parish Grimes Center on St. Denis Lane, Havertown.



Sincerely

Mary Crossan

President, Philadelphia Donegal Association