



THE DONEGAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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

September 6, 2011

Dear Member,

The next meeting of the Donegal Association is scheduled for **Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Irish Center. PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE BECAUSE OF THE OLD TIMER'S DANCE STARTING AT 5:00 PM.** Hope you enjoyed your summer despite the crazy weather.

As summer draws to a close, Ball Chairperson Nora Campbell is busy preparing for our "**Annual Ball**" which will be held on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> this year. The Ball is our only fund raising event and our members have worked diligently every year to make it a social and financial success. Thank you! The ad book, chaired by Bernadette Browne, generates most of the ball income. We are asking for your continued support to help get ads for the 2011 book. An ad form is attached. Ad forms will also be available at the September meeting and they are on the Donegal web site. ([www.philadonegal.com](http://www.philadonegal.com)) Ball tickets are \$25 at the door and \$20 in advance. Music will be provided by the Willie Lynch Band.

A **Ball meeting** will be held on Thursday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Irish Center starting 7:30 PM. All members are welcome.

**Congratulations** to Danny Mullen who has been chosen as this year's **Grand Marshall**.

This year again, we will also conduct the **Philadelphia Mary from Dungloe** selection on the evening of the ball. Contestants age 18-27 are welcome to participate and can contact me at 610-525-4242 for more information. "Mary" application forms are available on the Donegal Assoc. web site ([www.philadonegal.com](http://www.philadonegal.com)).

We **congratulate** Stephanie Lennon on representing the Association as the Philadelphia "Mary from Dungloe" in Donegal this summer. Congratulations to Stephanie on her engagement. We wish her and Paul the best of luck on their future plans. The newly crowned "International Mary" is the "Dungloe Mary", Debbie Rogers.

The **Donegal Memorial Mass** will be held on Sunday, **October 30th** at 1:00 PM in the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal at 475 East Cheltenham Ave. in Germantown. Mass will be celebrated by our Chaplain Msgr. Joe McLoone. Breakfast will follow in the Irish Ctr.

We extend our warmest **congratulations** to Patrick & Bridget Duddy on the birth of a grandson to their daughter Erin who resides in Donegal. Also congratulations to Charlie & Sally McEwee on the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, to their daughter Celine in Donegal. The boys continue with the birth of Shane Bernard to member Karen Boyce McCollum, daughter of Barney & Carmel.

*Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren. ~ Author Unknown*

The **Kathleen Meehan scholarship winner** was John Banes. He is the grandson of George and Ann Conaghan.

**Best wishes** go out to Mary McHugh who is recuperating from a fractured wrist and to John Flood who was under the weather.

We extend our **deepest sympathy** to the family of Annabelle Manley who died this summer. She was a long time Donegal member.

#### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (2011)**

**The Cavan Ball** is on Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield CC. Music is by the Vince Gallagher band. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call Tom Farrelly at 610-527-2406 for event information.

**The Mayo Ball** will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in the Irish Center. Music is by the Theresa Flanagan Band. Call Rosaleen at 215-742-4566 for event information.

**The Delaware Valley Hall of Fame** will be on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Irish Center. Call 215-872-1305 or e-mail [McGeeBurns@aol.com](mailto:McGeeBurns@aol.com) for information.

**The Donegal Bowling league** has started again. Games are on Wednesday nights at 7:00PM in Play House Lanes, Upper Darby. We can use a few High Rollers. Call Pat Bainum at 484-802-8529 or Nora Campbell at 610-623-8631 for information.

Sincerely

*Mary Crossan*, President,

Donegal Association of Philadelphia,