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HAPPY EASTER! A PREMONITION...



Back in 2006 Jeannie Kearns supported Pat Sharkey on his march as Grand Marshal of that year's St. Patrick's Parade. Little did they know that they would be sharing awards as Honorees at our 2014 Celebration Dinner.

Thank you to all who helped make our Eighth Annual St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner a great success!

Charlie Fogarty, Steamboat House restaurateur, was made a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto on April 5th for his services to Texas. This order was founded in 1846 by Sam Houston for diplomatic purposes and has only 34 members at this time.

Charlie Fogarty is a member of the Irish Society and was the featured speaker at The Miggins Family's Dick Dowling Statue Ceremony.



2014 CELEBRATION DINNER CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES

PATRICK SHARKEY



The evening's honoree, our President Pat Sharkey, and his family proudly displaying his award certificate.

Standing next to Pat is his son Shawn and at far right is Shawn's wife, Ada. Next to Mary Sharkey is their daughter, Callie.

JEANNIE KEARNS

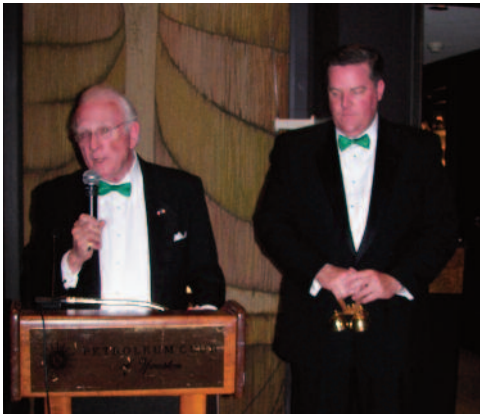
Kathleen Miggins closed our program with a beautiful recitation of a poem about our "Heavenly Mother." She dedicated this to Jeannie Kearns, the evening's honoree.

Jeannie the Heart and Soul of the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade.



OUR 8TH CONSECUTIVE CELEBRATION DINNER

Thank you, Griff, for again providing dear St. Patrick, who oversees a grand evening. He presented our patron saint.



Dinner Chairman Lyn Brogan led the Annual Tolling of our deceased members and friends. Abla assisted by Neil Miggins with the altar bells.



Bottom right is Kim, candidate for Harris County District Attorney, with her Dad, Jack Ogg, lifetime Irish Society member & Judge Jim Sharp, Justice for the Texas First Court of Appeals. Both Jack & Jim are longtime supporters of our organization.



Left, Kim Ogg, the celebrity of the evening, with Honorary Irish Consul General John Kane.



MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL REMINDER

Please send in your Irish Society annual dues. Our annual dues renewal period ends in March. Please respond to this request ASAP. Our annual dues represents a third of our annual operating expenses.

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org for regular updates.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Jane Hornsby was nominated by the Irish Society for this year's PARADE QUEEN. Per usual, this event is held each year at Griff's in Montrose. Here she is shown with our Board Members Barbara Hogan and Joe O'Rourke immediately prior to her being elected "Queen." The Irish Society is sponsoring Jane in this year's Rose of Tralee Festival up in Dallas on April 26th. Good Luck, Jane!



The Carr Brothers in their usual location on Texas Ave. prior to the Parade. Mike and David are always ready to serve their famous Scotch eggs. Oh, how we miss Billy, R.I.P. Here is Greg with fellow AOH & Irish Society member Sandy Smith at the 2006 St. Patrick's Parade. He will be remembered for his famous song sheets. This year as our marching contingent passed the reviewing stand, we sang an Irish song for him with Joe O'Rourke as our leader. The Parade Emcee Michael Martin then sang along with us over the loudspeakers. GREG GALLAGHER, R.I.P.

UPCOMING EVENTS



HOUSTON GAELS RALLY: McElroy's Pub on South Sandman on May 3 at 7:30 PM. After the Gaels' afternoon game in Missouri City there will be refreshments. We sponsored a hole & also participated this year in their 2nd golf tournament. Our intention is to continue our support. Philly Larkin & Johnny Ziomek of the Houston Gaels are shown here with Joe O'Rourke at our Celebration Dinner.

Tailgate with Your Irish Society! USA vs. Scotland in Rugby! The Rugby Boys Are Back In Town! The U.S. Men's National Rugby Team, the Eagles are back in Houston to take on the Scottish Rugby Union at BBVA Compass Stadium, an AEG Facility, on Saturday, June 7, 2014 as one of the only international matches being held in the U.S. this year. Tickets start at \$20 and are on sale now! Check our website for more information.

Our hole sponsorship & participation at the **PRADER-WILLI Golf Tournament** is always appreciated by June & Eamonn Finnerty, the hosts of this fundraiser at Cypresswood Golf Course. It will take place on Monday, May 12th. Call June for details: 713-516-5711.

Our 1st hole sponsorship at the **WELLSPRING VILLAGE Golf Outing** will be on Wednesday, June 4th, at Cinco Ranch Golf Club.

The Irish Society sponsors & also participates in the **EDDIE BURKE, SR. Golf Tournament** which will be held on Wednesday, July 24th in Memorial Park.

Dan's House of Hope Driving FORE HOPE 3rd Annual Houston Golf Outing Dinner and Auction Monday, May 5, 2014, Riverbend Country Club, Sugar Land, TX, Registration 10:30AM - Shotgun start Noon. Check our website out for more information on all these great events!

BLOOMSDAY PARTY AT OLDE CITY PUB

Our Bloomsday is paid for from our annual dues. It will take place on Sunday afternoon, June 22nd, at 3 PM. It will be held at the Olde City Pub, 14124 Steubner Airline (one block north of FM 1960.) There will be Irish music, a dance exhibition & Irish food. First alcoholic beverage on us. See our Website for details. RSVP Lyn Brogan @ 281-531-0656, Pete at PeteLittle@comcast.net, or Neil at nmiggins@sbcglobal.net.



Here is V.P. John McMullan & his Mom, Maureen at last year's party.



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