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## ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER MARCH 7, 2014 PLEASE RESERVE NOW



Jeannie Kearns and Pat Sharkey, our Honorees, deserve your support. Jeannie and Pat are both original founders of The Irish Society. They have both been previous Parade Grand Marshals. They have both served the Houston Irish community for more than 25 years. A special silent auction of antique bar mirrors will be included at this event.

We look forward to hearing from you ASAP. Our price per ticket has never changed from its original cost of \$150. Make your reservations now by Emailing your acceptance to any of the following: Joe O'Rourke at [wjoe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjoe@sbcglobal.net), Neil Miggins at [NMiggins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:NMiggins@sbcglobal.net), or to David O'Keefe at [Dfokeefe@Aol.com](mailto:Dfokeefe@Aol.com). You may also RSVP via old fashioned phone to Lyn Brogan at 281-531-0656.

Thank you.

Our Event is March 7, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Petroleum Club.

Please make your reservations today.

Gourmet meal, open bar and valet included!

Come and Support the Irish Society.

## OUR 6TH IRISH SOCIETY MOLLY



In previous newsletters I asked for you to vote for our next Molly. Our newest “Molly” is Cathryn Horan, a mother & an architect. She is shown here marching with two of her darlings in our St. Patrick’s Parade contingent in 2012. Congratulations, Cathryn & Gregory and their children, Bailey (4) and Kenzie (2).

## ANOTHER WILD IRISH ROSE

A lady who has quietly contributed to the Irish Society and the Houston Irish community over the years is dear Ronica O’Keefe. Ronica, our annual dinner celebration hostess, and who has placed labels and stamps on so many a newsletter, hails from County Singapore, where she was educated at Good Shepherd Sisters’ Marymount School. So, in a way, she comes from a little bit of “overseas” Ireland. She joins our original and first Wild Irish Rose, Ann Hoar, with this honor.



## JOHN ZIOMEK - NEW IS BOARD MEMBER

Welcome our new Board Member John Ziomek. John is a founding member of the Houston Gaelic Athletic Club. He was the 1st president of this organization; the new president is Phil “Philly” Larkin.

Please visit our Website [www.TheIrishSociety.org](http://www.TheIrishSociety.org) for regular updates.

## THE O'MAOILEIDIGH IRISH DANCERS NEED OUR HELP

In 2014, the Worlds Competition are being held over Easter week in London, England. The O'Maoileidigh School is hoping to send nine talented championship-caliber dancers to this event, which is the largest-ever number of competitors from the school. Go to [www.houstonirishdance.com](http://www.houstonirishdance.com) to see how you can help.

## A SPEECH ON IRISH CULTURE IN TEXAS

This February 25th, Tuesday at 7:30 PM David O'Keefe, Irish Society Historian, will give a lecture on 25 Early Irish Texan Businessmen who helped Texas in times of crisis. It will focus on the Texas War of Independence and the War Between the States. You have heard a few of the names before. But you will learn more & how they managed to be so helpful to Texas. To take place at the Katy M.U.D. building. Free & Open to the public. Call Karen Meehan for info 281-574-8355.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Please march with us in the St. Patrick's Downtown Parade on March 15, which is a week after our annual Celebration Dinner. We gather at Minute Maid Park at the corner of Texas & Hamilton at 11:30. We encourage all participants from children to senior citizens, to join us as we'll provide vehicular transportation for those who need such.

## UST ST. PATRICK'S MASS & BRUNCH

On Monday 17 March. Mass at 10:30, Chapel of St. Basil, followed by brunch in Jerabeck Gymnasium. A reservation is requested for breakfast by Mon. 10 March; 713-525-3592.

## ANNUAL BLOOMSDAY PARTY

Sunday afternoon, June 22nd at 3 PM. As usual there will be Irish music, Irish dancing, and Irish food. Please refer to our Website for any further details. First drink is on us.

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## GREG GALLAGHER - R.I.P.



Greg Gallagher, former AOH member and Irish Society member, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2014. Surely to be leading the singing in Heaven with his 'Irish Song Sheets'.

Greg Gallagher was one of the finest Irishmen to ever March in the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade.

He did not make us better singers, but he did make us sing! We, the Irish Society Marchers, carry on his Irish song singing tradition during the Parade. Please march with us this year and sing a few tunes for Greg Gallagher.

## ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

REMINDER. Please send in your annual dues NOW. We would gladly hope that you all can renew your membership prior to March 17th. Individual membership is \$35 and family membership \$50. Lifetime membership is \$250 for those age 60 & over and \$500 for age 59 & under. Your annual dues are instrumental in our providing social events during the year. Please mail your check to our Treasurer, Neil Miggins, at P.O. Box 130075, Houston, TX 77219-0075 or to the main P.O. Box address below. Since we are a 501 (c.) (3) entity, our dues are tax deductible.

"Thank you for your support."



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