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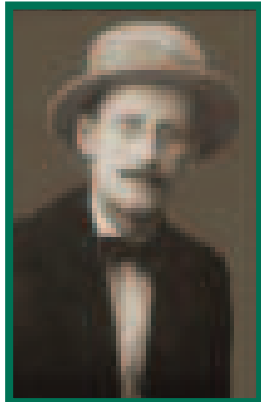
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BLOOMSDAY



We wish to extend an invitation to all our Irish Society Members and their guests for this gathering which celebrates a day in the life of Leopold Bloom, Joyce's character from his classic work Ulysses.

Bloomsday will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 1-3pm at the Bull & Bear Tavern, 11980 Westheimer

77077. Great food and entertainment await your arrival. Participate in the 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes for best James Joyce Look-A-Like and for Best Period Costume (1904).

See You There!

CHARITY GOLF OUTINGS

Grab your Clubs, Gather Your Friends and Family and get ready to play some GOLF! Please support Dan's House of Hope and Texas Prader-Willi charity golf outings. These events help raise much needed funds for both worthy causes.

The **Dan's House of Hope** 6th Annual "Driving FORE Hope" golf tournament and dinner at Riverbend Country Club, 1214 Dulles Ave, Sugar Land, TX 77478, (281) 269-2526 is on **Monday, May 1, 2017**.

The **Mollys Pub** 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting **Prader Willi** is **Monday, May 15, 2017** at Cypresswood Golf Club, 21602 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 7737, (281) 821-6300.

These two charities survive with your generosity and kind donations. Please check out their websites and consider a donation to each of these Non-Profit organizations: Dan's House of Hope: www.danshouseofhope.org; Prader-Willi: txpwa.org.

GREAT NIGHT FOR THE IRISH SOCIETY

Thank you to all who attended our 2017 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner Honoring John Kane and Family at the Petroleum Club on March 3rd. What a great night!



2ND ANNUAL IRISH TRIVIA NIGHT AT JOHNNY MCELROY'S

The Irish Society is pleased to host its second Irish Trivia contest on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Johnny McElroy's Irish Pub, 1223 Waugh Drive, Houston, Texas 77019. The initial Irish Trivia contest on September 28, 2016, was a rousing success with spirited competition, keen knowledge of Irish trivia and a fun evening for all participants. We expect the second version of our Irish Trivia contest to be bigger and better than the first contest. We will pair all attendees into teams of 2 – 3 members, with all teams being randomly selected at the outset of the competition. 36 challenging trivia questions will be asked over 6 competitive rounds to determine who is the master of Irish trivia in Houston. Of course, Johnny McElroy's will have a wide variety of adult libations available on a cash basis for all participants to enjoy.

Make plans to attend this festive Irish event and show off your knowledge of Irish trivia. Even if you do not win, you will learn a lot about the Emerald Isle!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU VIA E-MAIL

You can now contact Your Irish Society through our new E-Mail address. It is houstonirishsociety@gmail.com. You can also use our regular mailing address at: The Irish Society, P.O. Box 820010, Houston, Texas 77282. We want to hear from you so we can update our records to better communicate with all of our Irish Society Members!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25, Tuesday, 7PM - Irish Trivia Night, Johnny McElroy's

May 1, Monday, 10AM - Dan's House of Hope Charity Golf Tournament, Riverbend Golf Club

May 5, Friday, 8PM - *An Irish Odyssey, Apollo Chamber Players*, World premiere of an Irish-themed commission; featuring Faculty Artists from University of Houston and Houston Grand Opera Studio. Join Apollo for a concert inspired by the storied music of Ireland.

May 15, Monday, 10AM - Molly's Charity Golf Outing, Prader-Wili, Cypresswood Golf Club

June 10, Saturday - Ireland vs. USA, Rugby Match

June 17, Saturday, 1-3PM - BLOOMSDAY, Bull & Bear Tavern

September 29, Friday, 7PM - Molly's Pub downtown is generously hosting a gathering to benefit Dan's House of Hope on Friday, September 29. Join in for fun, music and beverages in the upstairs party room with it's balcony overlooking Main Street. The Blaggards will be playing starting at 10pm, and a live auction will be held. Entrance is a \$10 donation at the door. Mark your calendar!

HOUSTON GAELS 2017 SCHEDULE



Gaelic football is one of four Gaelic Games run by the Gaelic Athletic Association, the largest and most popular organization in Ireland. Gaelic Football is a field game and is played with a round ball, slightly smaller than a soccer ball. The sport is often described as a mixture of soccer and rugby. It predates both soccer and rugby. The game is believed to have descended from ancient Irish football known as **caid** which dates back to 1537, although the modern game took shape in 1887. We have a team in Houston!

April 29th vs Dallas at Houston Amateur Sports Park. Men's football and Ladies football 2PM

May 20th vs Austin in Austin location and time TBD

June 17-18 Texas finals in San Antonio, Check houstongaels.com for more information.

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH



The Irish Network invites you to mingle with the Irish. These monthly mixers are a great way to connect with the local Irish community, advance your own professional career, improve business prospects and make new friends. Everyone is welcome. Go to irishnetworkhouston.com for further information.

HAPPY EASTER!

YOUR IRISH SOCIETY DUES

You can now go to our website, www.theirishsociety.org and pay your dues with a credit card. More convenient for you and us. You can also send us a check if you would rather not use the internet. Please mail your check to: The Irish Society, P.O. Box 820010, Houston, Texas 77282-0010. We appreciate your membership in your Irish Society of Houston.

2018 CELEBRATION DINNER DATE - SATURDAY, MARCH 10

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner (Day Change): **Saturday, March 10, 2018** at the Petroleum Club. We have moved the dinner to Saturday to help you get downtown easier. St. Patrick's Day (and the Parade) will be held on March 17, 2018! We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, March 10, 2018.



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