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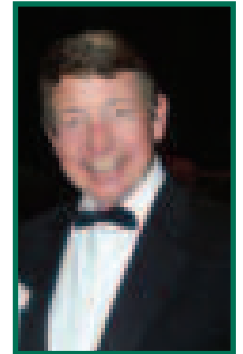
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2017 CELEBRATION DINNER

This year we are honoring John Kane at our 2017 Celebration Dinner. Kane is the Honorary Consul General of Ireland, a Founding Member and Life-Time Member of the Irish Society and a great ambassador of all things Irish.



The 2017 Celebration Dinner will be held on March 3, 2017, Friday, at the Petroleum Club.

Tickets are \$150 a person or \$1,500 for a table of 10. If you can not make the dinner please consider making a donation to the Irish Society in John Kane's Honor. Please make checks payable to The Irish Society and send to P.O. Box 820010, Houston, Texas 77282-0010.

We look forward to seeing you! If you have any questions please call Gregory Horan at 713-459-4559. Steak or Fish?! and how many tables you need?! Congrats to John Kane!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS AND BRUNCH

Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration! Friday, March 17, 2017, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Begin the day with a lovely Mass officiated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan. Stay for the reception and feast on many traditional Irish and Irish-American favorites with your family and friends. Thanks to your faithful support of the Center, the reception is on us! Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 8, 2017 to Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu or 713-525-3592.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE MARCH 11

March 11, Saturday, Noon in front of Minute Maid Park. Come out and March with your Irish Society or bring your family and friends downtown to CHEER the IRISH on! The Parade is dedicated to Dorothy Davitt, a founding member of the Irish Society. We look forward to seeing you!

MIGGINS MEMORIAL MUSIC FESTIVAL-IRISH STEW COOK-OFF



2017 Miggins Memorial Music Festival & Stew Cook-Off, **Saturday, February 18th, 2017 - 12:00pm to 6:00pm.**

The Event is held at Lucky's Pub Downtown, 801 St. Emanuel Street, Houston, TX 77003. For only \$10.00 you get great live music, Irish Entertainment and you get to try good food prepared by the cook teams! Irish Stew - Chili - Open Irish Dish - Irish Dessert - Chicken - Irish Coffee. Stop by the Irish Society Booth. RAIN or Shine!

Music on inside and outside stages, Dancers, Bagpipers, Cook-Teams, Face Painters, a vendor or two! 2017 Entertainment provided by The Houston Highlanders, Godfrey's Rangers, Houston Celtic Choir, Murder the Stout, TreynWrek, Los Vertigos, Blaggards, Black Irish and more to come! For more information call Ginger Simon at 281-704-7435 or ginger@hsppc.org.

GOLFING FOR GREAT CAUSES

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 is on **Monday, May 1, 2017**. The **Prader Willi Golf Tournament** is **Monday, May 15, 2017**.

These two charities survive with your generosity and kind donations.

Please consider a donation to each of these Non-Profit organizations: Dan's House of Hope: www.danshouseofhope.org; Prader-Willi: txpwa.org.

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.

WARD ARENDT REALTOR OF THE YEAR

Our Life-Time Member, Ward Arendt, has been named Realtor of the Year! Arendt was stunned. Marilyn, his wife, and he were on Thanksgiving vacation visiting Marilyn's aunt in Portland, Oregon. They were walking back from breakfast and when (HAR chairman) Mario Arriaga called. Usually, when Mario calls, there is a problem that needs attention. Reluctantly, he answered. The HAR Executive Board delivered the great news. Way to go Ward!

E-Mail us at houstonirishsociety@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16, Thursday, 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Come Dance with Me in Ireland: Encounters with W.B. Yeats by Patrick Ball. This is a musical and dramatic performance around the life of W.B. Yeats. Join harpist/performer Patrick Ball for a harp-filled evening celebrating the life, works and quirks of Ireland's greatest poet, William Butler Yeats.

March 2, Thursday, 7:00 - 9:00 PM - EVA – International Contemporary Folk and Harmony Group. Featuring breathtaking voices with roots in Australia, Ireland, the United Kingdom and the USA, EVA performs a seamless mix of traditional and contemporary original folk music. Kath Buckell, Liz Simmons and Nicole Zuraitis lend their three distinct voices to songs that meld worldly sensibilities with time-honored musical traditions. EVA's powerful three-part vocal harmonies are bedded on the textured landscape of guitar, piano, and percussion.

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 Seniors (65+), UST faculty, staff and students are free. University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon Street, Houston, TX 77006. Contact Lori Gallagher for more information at irishstudies@stthom.edu.

March 5, Sunday, 2 - 4PM - St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal's Reception. Come out and support the St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal at the Gorgeous Gael, 5555 Morningside Dr, Houston, Texas 77005, (832) 667-8321.

March 12, Sunday, 1 - 2PM - The Dick Dowling Statue Ceremony hosted by the Miggins Family.

March 12, Sunday, 5 - 7PM - Dan's House of Hope 4th Annual St. Patrick's Day Young Adult Cancer Awareness fundraiser from 5-7pm at St. Arnold's Brewery. Visit www.danshouseofhope.org or e-mail Roger at info@danshouseofhope.org for more info.

March 17, Friday - Happy St. Patrick's Day!

DOROTHY DAVITT - REST IN PEACE

Dorothy Ellen Davitt, 88, passed away on June 2, 2016, at Woodridge Nursing Home, Houston, TX. Dorothy was born on October 11, 1927 in Fort Worth, TX to the late Oather and Candis Griffitt. Dorothy was a Founding Member and Life-Time Member of the Irish Society. She was chairwoman for many years of the Annual Irish Emerald Ball. Dorothy will be missed by many but never forgotten. Thank you Dorothy for all you have done for the Irish community.



GLENN MCCARTHY, JR. - REST IN PEACE



Glenn H. McCarthy, Jr. passed away peacefully on January 12, 2017, in Houston. He was 78 years of age. McCarthy was a Founding Member of the Irish Society and Life-Time Member.

Mr. McCarthy was born August 12, 1938, in Houston, to the oil wildcatter and hotelier (Shamrock Hotel), Glenn H. McCarthy and Faustine Lee McCarthy.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! MARCH 17, 2017

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.

IRISH SOCIETY HAS A NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

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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