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2018 CELEBRATION DINNER HONOREES

This year we are honoring June and Eamonn Finnerty at our 2018 Celebration Dinner. The Finnerty's are the proprietors of Molly's Pub's. The Finnerty's are also involved in many worthy charities especially Prader-Willi, www.txpwa.org, and are great supporters of the Irish Society! We are excited to celebrate and honor the Finnerty's. Please save the date and make note of the date change to Saturday.



The **2018 Celebration Dinner** will be held on **March 10, 2018, Saturday**, at the Petroleum Club. One week before St. Patrick's Day and the Parade. Tickets are only \$150 a person or \$1,500 for a table of 10. Please call Gregory Horan for more information at 713-459-4559 or email at gthoran@hotmail.com.

Let's congratulate and celebrate our 2018 Honorees, **June and Eamonn Finnerty**. Slainte!

IRISH STEW COOK-OFF & MUSIC FESTIVAL



The 2018 Miggins Memorial Music Festival & Irish Stew Cook-Off, **Saturday, February 17th, 2018 - 12:00pm to 6:00pm**.

The Festival 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! Stop by the Irish Society Booth. RAIN or Shine!

Music on inside and outside stages, Dancers, Bagpipers, Cook-Teams, a vendor or two! 2018 Entertainment provided by The Houston Highlanders, Godfrey's Rangers, Dead Rabbits, Blaggards and more!

For more information call Ginger Simon at 281-704-7435 or ginger@hsppc.org.



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WILLIAM J. FLYNN CENTER FOR IRISH STUDIES EVENTS

James Joyce through Many Lenses - Friday, February 16, 2018 7:00 to 9:30 PM

James Joyce had the extraordinary capacity to tap inner resources that were powerfully suppressed by societal convention. This concert will feature musical settings of Joyce texts by composers Samuel Barber, John Cage, Joyce's friend Geoffrey Molyneux Palmer, and even a composition by Joyce himself.

Cost \$15 for adults; \$10 seniors (65+); UST faculty, staff and students free, Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006. **RSVP requested 713-525-3592.** Contact Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu.

Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty - Thursday, March 1, 2018 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Kate Hennessy is a writer and the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren. She is the author of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*, published by Scribner. Hosted in conjunction with the UST Donald S. Nesti, CSSp Center for Faith and Culture, Ms. Hennessy will provide an overview of her book and share stories from her childhood. Books will be available for sale before the lecture. Free and open to the public at Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006. Contact Fr. Chris Valka at valka@stthom.edu or Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu or 713-525-3592.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Saturday, March 17, 2018 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Four leaf clover with text reading St. Patrick's Day Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration! Begin the day with a lovely Mass officiated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan, the newest member of the UST Flynn Center for Irish Studies Advisory Board. Stay for brunch and feast on many traditional Irish and Irish-American favorites with your family and friends. Thanks to your faithful support of the Center, the brunch is on us! Please RSVP by March 5, 2018! For reservations, call the Center at 713-525-3592 or e-mail irishstudies@stthom.edu. The Mass is at Chapel of St. Basil, 3802 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006. Brunch is at Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006. Contact Lori Gallagher irishstudies@stthom.edu for more information.

THE 59TH HOUSTON ST. PATRICK'S PARADE



Michael Martin and Kent Hargett, of Godfrey's Rangers, are the Grand Marshal's of the 59th Annual Houston St. Patrick's Parade for 2018.

The Parade will take place on St. Patrick's Day!

Saturday, March 17th, 2018 at Noon, Clock Tower at MinuteMaid Park, 1800 Texas Avenue, Rain or Shine! This year's theme is **'Houston Strong. Irish Proud.'**

Join us at Lucky's Pub for the Awards Ceremony and After-Party! The Houston St. Patrick's Parade has always been a FREE event.

The two-hour parade has historically been one of the largest in the U.S. and each year includes over 100 entries to delight the Irish and Irish-at-heart.

Your Irish Society will march in the parade. We ask all of our members to either march or come downtown to support this annual event of Irish culture. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Go to hsppc.org for more information.



The IRISH Society
Cordially invite you and your guests to attend the
2018 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner

Honoring

June and Eamonn Finnerty

Owners of Molly's Pubs & Prader-Willi Supporters - txpwa.org



March 10, 2018, Saturday at 6:30PM

The Petroleum Club, 1201 Louisiana St., 35th Floor - Tickets are \$150.00 per person.

Go to www.theirishsociety.org to pay online or bring a check to the dinner.

Call Gregory Horan at 713-459-4559 for more information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the arrival of yet another calendar year, the pace of activities for Houston's Irish community accelerates through St. Patrick's Day. As chronicled in this Newsletter, the Irish community has social events ranging from the Miggins Irish Stew Cook-Off (2/17), the St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner (3/10) and the St. Patrick's Day Mass and Parade (3/17). I encourage all of you to be active participants in these wonderful events. We are always proud of our Irish ancestry, but it is particularly good to be Irish during the festive days of March. We Irish are also known for our love of the family, so please include your family in all The Irish Society events over the next couple of months.

I am extremely pleased that June and Eamonn Finnerty accepted the well-deserved recognition as Honorees at this year's St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner. I cannot think of another Irish couple who have given so freely of their time, treasures and talents to a variety of charitable causes. June and Eamonn epitomize the best of the Irish, i.e. loving, caring and sharing with both family and friends. I hope all of you will take the time to reciprocate the goodwill generated by June and Eamonn by attending the St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner on **Saturday, March 10th** honoring these two pillars of Houston's Irish community. The Celebration Dinner will be the biggest and best Celebration Dinner in our history and we hope you will be part of the celebration. Slainte!

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.

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org or **FaceBook** for regular updates

2018 IRISH SOCIETY DUES



Your annual dues have remained \$35.00 for individuals and \$50 for families since 1999. We have no plans to raise our dues, but we do need your financial support to re-energize and increase The Irish Society's role in Houston's Irish community.

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.

Once your dues are paid we will mail you an Irish Society Window Cling. It is designed to be visible in your car window and it is removeable once it is placed on the inside. Show your Irish Society Pride today!

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! - The Irish Society



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