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## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

### CELEBRATE B L O O M S D A Y WITH US

We wish to extend an invitation to all our Irish Society Members and their guests to celebrate **Bloomsday** will be celebrated on Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 1-3:30pm at the **Bull & Bear Tavern**, 11980 Westheimer.

Complimentary buffet, live Irish music and Irish Step Dancers await your arrival. Participate in the 50/50 Raffle, and as always, the 1st drink is on us. See you then!

Born James Augustine Aloysius Joyce on February 2, 1882 in Dublin, Ireland, Joyce was one of the most revered writers of the 20th century, whose landmark book, *Ulysses*, is often hailed as one of the finest novels ever written. His exploration of language and new literary forms showed not only his genius as a writer but spawned a fresh approach for novelists, one that drew heavily on Joyce's love of the stream-of-consciousness technique and the examination of big events through small happenings in everyday lives.

The day June 16, 1904, was a big one in the romantic life of Leopold Bloom, the protagonist of James Joyces' *Ulysses*, at least inside his head. In celebration of that day, and Bloom's fictional perambulations around Dublin during the course of it, James Joyce fans mark the date each year as "Bloomsday."



## IRISH SOCIETY NEW MAILING ADDRESS

Please make note. The Houston Irish Society has a New Mailing Address:

**The Irish Society of Houston, P. O. Box 980334,**

**Houston, Texas 77098**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although I have never had the privilege of playing golf in Ireland, which I understand is an outstanding experience regardless of your heritage, I must commend the golfing members of The Irish Society who participated in the recent golf fundraisers for Dan's House of Hope and the Prader-Willi Foundation (June and Eamonn Finnerty). I am proud to say The Irish Society was well represented in these golf outings. I encourage all of our members who enjoy playing an occasional round of golf (and an adult libation or two while pursuing golf excellence) to join your fellow Irish Society members in all the upcoming golf outings hosted by our local Irish communities. Keep checking The Irish Society website ([www.theirishsociety.org](http://www.theirishsociety.org)) for listings of Irish oriented golf outings. You know the old saying, "the more, the merrier."



Speaking of Irish events, there is nothing more Irish in the month of June than **Bloomsday** itself. As always, this commemoration of James Joyce and his renowned novel, *Ulysses*, falls on June 16th. Fortunately, this year's Bloomsday falls on Saturday, which allows for a raucous good time for Houston's Irish community. This year's Bloomsday party, hosted by The Irish Society, will take place at the Bull & Bear, which is

an outstanding Irish pub in west Houston. I encourage one and all of you, and your friends, to celebrate Bloomsday with your Irish colleagues from 1:00 – 3:30 on Saturday, June 16th, at the Bull and Bear. In addition to learning a little bit about James Joyce, you will enjoy the camaraderie of your Irish friends coupled with a fine array of Irish drinks. Please make plans to be part of The Irish Society's Bloomsday party on Saturday, June 16th, at the Bull & Bear. Sainte!

## WILLIAM J. FLYNN - REST IN PEACE



Bill Flynn (91), the namesake of the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas, passed on June 2, 2018, at his home in New York. Bill was a frequent visitor and strong patron of the Center. He opened doors around the world for us in our work to promote peace and reconciliation. He also helped with scholarships and other support for our students. He was a regular guest at our annual Irish Gala and St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Bill devoted himself to many humanitarian causes, including the Northern Ireland Peace Process. His inspiration for peace in Northern Ireland originated from his Irish heritage. Bill's father came from

Loughinisland, County Down, and his mother came from County Mayo.

The William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston is the only Irish Studies academic program in the Southwest. The Center serves as a focal point for the study and appreciation of Irish and Northern Irish history, literature, politics, law, language, music, art, drama, culture and society. The Center sponsors lectures and cultural events, such as St. Patrick's Day, storytellers and lively concerts. Bill, you will be missed!

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## IRISH SOCIETY 20TH ANNIVERSARY & CELEBRATION DINNER

The Irish Society is Honoring all of Our Founding Members in 2019. We are celebrating the **20 Year Anniversary** of the Irish Society's inception. On October 15, 1999, 21 people gathered in Pat Sharkey's office and created The Irish Society. We are grateful to our founding members in that we have a Society where we can share our Irish Heritage and Culture with so many.

The 2019 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Petroleum Club. We look forward to celebrating this magnificent milestone with all our members and beyond.

### Founding Members of the Irish Society:

Mike Daly, +Dorothy Davitt, Judge Dan Downey, +Mary Lou Doyle, +Paul Doyle, Mary Jo Clancy Faykus, Eamonn Finnerty, Delia Fitzpatrick, Michael P. Fleming, Rev. Charles Greene, Col. Michael H. Harrington (USMC, ret.), +Ann Caraway Ivins, Hon. John Kane, Jeannie Kearns, +Mary Barden Keegan, +Dr. Jim Keegan, +Glenn McCarthy, Jr., Leah McCarthy McCurry, +Madeline O'Brien, Dr. Joseph McFadden, Patrick T. Sharkey. (+ denotes deceased)

## MARCH 9, 2019 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER, SAVE THE DATE

## HOUSTON GAELS



Want to become a **Houston Gael**? Want to Cheer on the Houston Gaels? Here is your chance to do both. The Houston Gaels, [houstongaels.com](http://houstongaels.com), host training camps to get new talent to join. Please go to the website, [houstongaels.com](http://houstongaels.com), to find out more about our Houston Gaels Irish Football Team!

**June 13 - Houston Gaels** - Gaels football training, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 7:00pm-8:30pm  
915 Northwood St Houston, TX 77009

**June 14 - Houston Gaels** - Gaels Bootcamp, Thursday, June 14, 2018, 6:00am-7:00am  
915 Northwood St Houston, TX 77009

**June 16 - Texas League Finals @ Houston**, Saturday, June 16, 2018, 9:00am-6:00pm, Houston, TX.  
Join the Houston Gaels as they host teams from Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio in the finals round of the 2018 Texas League

## 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](http://irishnetworkhouston.com) for further information.

*Irish Network Houston Third Thursday Networking Mixer, Date: Thursday June 21st; 6-9pm, Location: Molly's Pub, 509 S Main St, Houston, TX 77002.*



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

## OLD TOM HORAN



Tom Horan is known as Mr. Irish. If someone has questions about being Irish, Horan is the Irishman to give answers. 5 years ago John Rydman - Owner of Spec's, had a question for Horan, "Tom, How would you like an Irish Whiskey named after you?" Horan said, "YES!"

Old Tom Horan Irish Whiskey was created. It did so well Spec's also introduced Old Tom Horan Irish Cream. The Old Tom Horan brands are in all Spec's stores throughout Texas and in over 30 states.

Old Tom Horan Irish Whiskey is made in Ireland and shipped overseas to be bottled in the states. The Irish-Born product is high-quality and affordable. It is said by Rydman that it has outsold Jameson on many occasions. They also sold out of the Irish Whiskey many times.

Tom Horan is the only person alive that has an Irish Whiskey named after him and can make his own brand of Irish Coffee. Attend our Celebration Dinner in 2019, I'll make you one!

***"Being an Irish Catholic and having an Irish Whiskey named after me is better than being canonized a Saint!" - Tom Horan***

## AN IRISH BLESSING FOR ALL FATHERS

“May God be with you and bless you,  
 May you see your children’s children,  
 May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings.  
 May you know nothing but happiness  
 From this day forward.”

***Happy Father’s Day! - The Irish Society***



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