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## HAPPY EASTER BLOOMSDAY - 2019



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 15, 2019 from 1-3pm at the Bull & Bear Tavern, 11980 Westheimer.**

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!

### ADRIAN FARRELL SPEAKS ON BREXIT AT UST

April 11, 2019, Thursday, 7-9pm, at The University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon St., Free and open to the public, RSVP for those with mobility issues and for groups of 6 or more 713-525-3592 or [irishstudies@stthom.edu](mailto:irishstudies@stthom.edu).

The UK will leave the European Union (EU) in 2019. In his remarks, **Adrian Farrell**, Ireland's Consul General in Texas, will discuss how Brexit will impact on Ireland, Northern Ireland, the EU and the future transatlantic relationship. Consul General Farrell is Ireland's first Consul General



to Texas (and Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas/Kansas City, New Mexico, Louisiana, Oklahoma). Consul General Farrell was born in Dublin, Ireland and has a twenty-year diplomatic career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland.

## CELEBRATION DINNER SUCCESS



The Irish Society's 2019 Celebration Dinner was a great success thanks to our incredible members! All of this is possible because of you. Thank you to all who attended, contributed and made Our Night for the Irish memorable.

A Big Thanks to our Founding Members for seeing their vision come to life 20 years ago. We continue to honor those who forged our path to learning about and sharing our Irish Heritage and Culture with everyone. Our Celebration Dinner in 2020 will be held on March 7th, Saturday at the Petroleum Club of Houston. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## SAVE THE DATE, MARCH 7, 2020 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM PAT SHARKEY

As President of The Irish Society, I am extremely proud of the members of The Irish Society and Houston's Irish community for an outstanding St. Patrick's Day season. A big shout out to Gregory Horan for his terrific efforts organizing and hosting the St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner. It was a first class affair and a nice tribute to the founders of The Irish Society. Similarly, the Parade Commission produced one of the best St. Patrick's Parades in my memory through the new downtown parade route. Thanks to all the members of The Irish Society who participated in an outstanding salute to Houston's Irish community.

As we roll into Spring, the calendar of Irish events continues to grow. Rather than list the events in this space, I encourage each of you to regularly review our website, [www.theirishsociety.org](http://www.theirishsociety.org), for updates on Irish events throughout Houston. More importantly, I urge you to actively participate in the Irish events around town. You will reap abundant rewards by attending and participating in the variety of Irish events throughout the Spring.

Finally, The Irish Society derives its financial viability from the support of our members. Our 2019 dues statement will be in your mailbox in the near future. I encourage you to immediately pay your 2019 dues to insure The Irish Society is fiscally able to provide the plethora of entertaining Irish activities for our members. Thanks again for your continued support of The Irish Society and enjoy your Spring.

## THE HOUSTON GAELS



The Gaels 2019 Schedule: April 13th tournament in Austin; May 11th tournament in San Antonio; June 8th tournament in Houston, Venue TBD; June 22nd Texas Finals in Dallas.

We will be having **Youth Camps** in July and would invite all Irish Society members' children to join us. Locations and dates TBD but we are looking at three camps. They will be for boys and girls ages 5-17. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram or on our website **HoustonGaels.com** for more details. We will finalize dates and locations in the next couple of weeks.

Currently we are looking at The Woodlands, League City, and Northside Village (next to the Heights just north of downtown) and potentially Sugar Land depending on demand. For more information or if your children are interested, please email **HoustonGaels@gmail.com**. If you would like to play football, we have both ladies and men's football and have levels for beginners to more advanced.

**- The Houston Gaels will host their First Annual Crawfish Boil at the Pimlico, 810 Waugh Dr #100, (713) 560-1721, on April 20th at Noon. Come out and enjoy some great crawfish and music and support your Irish Footballers - The Houston Gaels!**

## 'GOD SAVE ALL HERE' - A PRAYER BY LARRY MIGGINS

**God Save All Here**, There is a prayer that's breathed alone in dear old Ireland. 'Tis uttered at each threshold stone with a smile and a clasping hand. And oft per chance 'tis murmured low with a sigh and a falling tear. The grandest greeting Man may know, the prayer, **God Save All Here**. In other lands they know not well, how sacred is the lore. That hovers like a holy spell 'or Ireland's cottage door, To you it is no empty sound who think with many a tear. Of long loved memories wreathing round the prayer, **God Save All Here**. Live on old prayer in Ireland still live on forevermore. The echoes of our homes to fill when uttered at the door. And guarding by each holy spell the soul and conscience clear, May be graven upon each heart as well, the prayer, **God Save All Here**.

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

## CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENTS

**May 3, Friday - Dan's House of Hope 8th Annual "Driving FORE Hope"** Golf Tournament & Dinner at Houston National Golf Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd, Houston, TX 77095; For golfers, the all-inclusive price of \$150 will provide: Delicious lunch provided; An assortment of fun golf games and drawings for prizes; Delectable buffet-style dinner. Pre-pay before the event and receive expedited check-in! Thanks to Central Bank, we will be having a Hole in One contest on every par 3. Participants will have a chance to win \$10,000 in cash on the 147 yard hole #4 (135 yards for the ladies). Registration and practice range opens at 10:00am, with shotgun starting at 11am. Non-golfers / significant others are welcome to join us for dinner (\$40). Contact **Roger Kenneavy** at [roger.kenneavy@danshouseofhope.org](mailto:roger.kenneavy@danshouseofhope.org) or go to [danshouseofhope.org](http://danshouseofhope.org).

**May 20, Monday - Molly's Pub 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting Prader-Willi of Texas** - Check-in 8:00 to 9:45am, Shot-Gun Start at 10am sharp; \$125 per person/\$500 team; Beverages & Box Lunch at Cypresswood; Followed by Awards, BBQ Dinner, Auction and Raffle at Olde City Pub, 3:00pm 14124 Stuebner Airline, Houston, TX 77069. Contact **June Finnerty**, TXPWA 713-516-5711 or [junefinn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junefinn@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

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The Irish Society wishes you and your family a very Happy Easter. May the joy of this Easter Season stay with us all throughout the year.



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