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HAPPY EASTER

WHAT'S NEXT...? THEN WHAT...?

Happy Easter To All! Hopefully this April Newsletter finds you and yours healthy and getting by in these unprecedented times. No St. Patrick's Day Parade, No Irish Pubs open and No Mass and Brunch at the University of St. Thomas! Very strange indeed.

Your Irish Society is planning a Bloomsday event soon. We are not sure the exact date, but we will keep you informed on any upcoming events and rescheduled events. Visit our website: theirishsociety.org for updated information.

Please let us know if you have any events you would like promoted. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy and Stay Informed! Hope to see you all soon!



Date to be Determined - Dan's House of Hope Golf Tournament
-Auction-Dinner Contact Roger Kenneavy at
roger@danshouseofhope.org for more information

Date to be Determined - Molly's Pubs Golf Tournament
-Auction-Dinner Benefiting TXPrader-Willi, Contact June Finnerty
at junefinn@sbcglobal.net for more information

Date to be Determined - BLOOMSDAY!

SUPPORT, DONATIONS AND GIVING BACK

During this epic downtime our frequented Irish Pubs, Charities and Friends need your help. Please reach out to your neighbors and see if there is anything you can do for them. Make a donation to your favorite charity. Check your local pubs for To-Go food and drinks. As everyone does their part, we will get through this. I have a lot of Guinness I want to catch up with and a few friends as well! Keep On Keeping On!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the luck of the Irish may feel like it's run out with this Coronavirus bringing our US economy, Ireland's economy, and global economy, to an abrupt halt, and certainly testing our patience, not to mention directly adversely affecting the health of some in varying degrees.

There's been a few sayings floating around, such as I was not expecting to give this much up for Lent. I find that quite humorous, but I also find that we have a wonderful opportunity to truly continue to sacrifice, and offer it up. Yes we recognize this is quite challenging, but we have an opportunity this Holy Week to find that extra humor and lightness in life that our heritage provides, while thinking of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ who paid the ultimate sacrifice (who St. Patrick taught Ireland about many years ago) that puts our current situation in perspective. We have this week to make the most of our circumstance, and look forward to the Easter Sunday before us - a season of renewal, and opportunity to connect with our fellow members, families, and friends, even if it's through phone calls, video calls, etc in lieu of in-person gatherings.

One other bit of perspective; When we think of the potato famine that many of our ancestors before us endured, this current situation isn't even in the same league of severity. We can all be thankful of that! So let's find that Irish spirit, that song to sing, that jig to dance, that prayer to pray. Let's make the most of this week, knowing we have Easter upon us. **Happy Easter to all of you!**

An Irish Blessing; "Green are the hills of Ireland, And green they will always stay. Warm are the blessings wished for you, And they'll always be that way."

HOUSTON GAELS



We are actively recruiting new players and if anyone, male or female, would be interested in joining, please email us at houstongael@gmail.com. All levels of play are welcome and we can teach new players; including youth teams, between the ages of 5 and 17 who is interested in playing Gaelic Football. Follow us at HoustonGaels.com.

IRISH NETWORK HOUSTON

The Irish Network invites you to attend our Monthly Mixers. Everyone is welcome. Go to irishnetworkhouston.com for more information. The bonds that we look to create provide our members with valuable contacts, friendships and opportunities both sides of the Atlantic and especially Houston, Texas!



CHRISTINE FLANAGAN IMBER, REST IN PEACE



Christine Flanagan Imber, 1914-2020, died peacefully in her sleep at the young age of **106** on February 27, 2020. Christine was born on January 10, 1914 in Port Arthur, Texas, to Christopher John Flanagan and Hazel Grubb Flanagan. In 1920 her family moved to Houston. She graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in 1932. She attended Incarnate Word College & Houston University. She worked for Texaco, and was the first woman to serve on the board of The Texaco Country Club. In 1947 she married Joseph Robert Imber, they were happily married for 44 years. They were founding members of St. Michael's Catholic Church. Christine was a past President of The Charity Guild of Catholic Women. She was a valued member of the Irish Society and will be missed by all.

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2020 CELEBRATION DINNER SUCCESS

What a Great Night for the Irish! Thank you to Olivia Howlett for being the most gracious honoree! Strangely enough, our dinner was the last Irish Gathering before St. Patrick's Day and the dreaded Pandemic. The three auctioned Howlett paintings raised \$1,500. We gave \$500 to Dan's House of Hope, \$500 to Texas Prader-Willi and \$500 to the Parade Commission! We appreciate all that attended the affair and to those who sponsored our event program. Thank you to **Lyn Brogan** for elegantly performing the In Memoriam!

Here are some great photos from our event on March 7, 2020 at the Petroleum Club. You can go to **Genesis Photographers** and click on Events/Irish Society to download your photos.

Our next Celebration Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021, We look forward to seeing you all there! Sláinte!



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Happy Easter!

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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