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## 2021 ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER

### CONGRATULATIONS PETE LITTLE!



**Our 2021 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner Honoree is Pete Little.** Pete is an IS Board Member, Bloomsday Coordinator and Host of the Irish Aires Radio Show on KPFT 90.1FM. Pete was also the St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal in 2004. We are honoring Pete's many years of highlighting all things Irish!

Our 2021 St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner will be held on **Friday, March 5, 2021** at the Petroleum Club of Houston. This Dinner is our only FundRaiser of the Year! More soon.

### September 18, 2020, Friday - DAN'S HOUSE OF HOPE

9th Annual "Driving FORE Hope" golf tournament. DHOH and Houston National G.C. will be teaming up to provide you a safe and relaxing day on the links in support of Young Adult cancer fighters. Enjoy fun golf with friends, good food, beverages courtesy of Karbach Brewery, some fun prizes - all in support of a great mission. Thank you to Platinum Event Sponsor - White Oak Gives Back.

**Register now at [www.danshouseofhope.org](http://www.danshouseofhope.org) or contact Roger Kenneavy at [roger@danshouseofhope.org](mailto:roger@danshouseofhope.org) or 920-475-9654.**

### September 28, 2020, Monday - Molly's 10th Annual Charity Golf

Tournament benefiting Texas Prader-Willi Association. Cypresswood Golf Club, check in 8am-10am; Shotgun start at 10am. Followed by awards, BBQ dinner, Auction and Raffle at Olde City Pub-14124 Stuebner Airline Hou, TX 77069. If you cannot make the golf outing or the dinner please consider making a donation! For More Information: [txpwa.org](http://txpwa.org)

**Register Now / Donate Now at [www.txpwa.org](http://www.txpwa.org) or contact June Finnerty at 713-516-5711 or [junefinn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junefinn@sbcglobal.net).**

## MICHAEL FLEMING - R.I.P.



**Michael Fleming 1963-2020**, Mike was married to his college sweetheart dear Natalie since 1988. Mike & Natalie have 6 children. Mike is a St. Thomas H.S. graduate and a UST grad as well. His class mate at St. Thomas H.S., Bishop Brendan Cahill officiated at Mike's Funeral Mass. He loved ALL things Irish. He even ran in the Dublin Marathon four times. He was proud of his 26 trips to Eire. He received his Law Degree from the Univ. of Houston Law Center. Aside from being a **Founding Member of the Houston Irish Society**, as aforementioned, he was Honored twice by the I.S. He won two terms as Harris County Attorney. He was the only Texas attorney who was a licensed Solicitor in Ireland. We will never forget Mike and all his tremendous support of our Irish Society. Slainte!

## IRISH NETWORK HOUSTON

The Irish Network invites you to attend our Monthly Mixers. Everyone is welcome. Go to [irishnetworkhouston.com](http://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!



## HOUSTON GAELS

We are actively recruiting new players and if anyone, male or female, would be interested in joining, please email us at [houstongaels@gmail.com](mailto:houstongaels@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](http://HoustonGaels.com).

## ROBERT 'BOB' RYAN - R.I.P.

**Robert Ryan 1944-2020**, Bob was a graduate of St. Thomas H.S. and a huge financial supporter of the Irish Society. After St. Thomas H.S. on to the Univ. of Houston. Then into the airline business in sales for Eastern Airlines. He started the Ace Travel Agency. After Connie (Bob's father) left us, he began Robert Ryan Realtors. He was active in the American Ireland Fund started in Pittsburgh by a well known Irish guy: John Kane (Irish Consul General and a founder of the I.S.). Bob was a perennial Foreman of the Harris County Grand Jury and a "money player" in local politics. Listen (well, read) to this: He always made sure his views were known.

How true!!! His wallet was always open for Family AND Friends. His last two attendances at our annual March Dinner saw him wear his Father's famous green bow tie.



## CASS-BARRINGTON ACADEMY IS DANCING, AGAIN!

Cass-Barrington Academy resumed classes back in May/June after a 3 month hiatus by phasing in our upper level dancers at our central location. Many new Covid safety measures and rules were added, and it all went better than we anticipated! After a short summer break, we ran a week long dance camp at the end of July that included dancers of all levels. Needless to say, the kids were THRILLED to be back dancing, and so very happy to see each other again. We are currently accepting new beginner students in all four locations- Katy, Spring, Webster & The Heights! Here is a pic from our dance camp, and the “new normal” at CBA!



### EILEEN SMITH, R.I.P.

June Finnerty, 2018 Irish Society Celebration Dinner Honoree, lost her Mother, Eileen Smith, on August 2, 2020. Eileen Smith was 91 and the Mother of 8 children! Our thoughts and Prayers go out to June and Eamonn Finnerty and the entire Smith/Finnerty Family. As you all know June's mission is Texas Prader-Willi Association, a very worthy Charity. If you would like to make a donation in Eileen Smith's honor please do so. Go to [txpwa.org](http://txpwa.org) and click the 'Donate' button. Rest in Peace, Eileen!

### IRISH SOCIETY AND FACEBOOK

Hey members! Be sure to visit, like, and share the all New 'Irish Society of Houston' Facebook page! This is a public page, so there is no need for requests and approvals. Just follow us and keep informed of all things IRISH in the city of Houston! FB Search: [@IrishSocietyofHouston](https://www.facebook.com/IrishSocietyofHouston/)  
Direct link: <https://m.facebook.com/IrishSocietyofHouston/>

### CHARITY AND YOUR IRISH SOCIETY

We all can use a helping hand now and then. It's the NOW that a lot of us need it the most. It seems as if the world stopped or slowed way down. Many people who help others now need our help to continue their charitable works. Find the time to check on your neighbors. Find a worthy cause to donate your time, talent and treasure.

Many charitable organizations have seen their regular donations dwindle during this pandemic. Find the time to seek those organizations out and inquire about what you can do for them. Most can do all this On-Line.

The Irish Society made a donation to the Houston Food Bank, Dan's House of Hope (Roger Kenneavy, IS Board Member) and Texas Prader-Willi Association (June and Eamonn Finnerty, 2018 Honorees) among others. We will continue to support our Irish Community through donations, promotions and fundraising. Please send us Your Stories of *'Irish Helping Hands'* to [houstonirishsociety@gmail.com](mailto:houstonirishsociety@gmail.com) and let us know what you have been up to, if you need help and what you would like to see and read in future Irish Society Newsletters! Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

## WHERE CAN THE IRISH GO? LET'S GO IRISH!

The Bars are OPEN! Hold on, what's that? They are not open...The Bars are Closed, but everything else is open?! Oh how I wish to sit at my favorite barstool and chat with friends about all that is happening and not happening. What day is it?

Here is a list of some of our favorite Restaurants/Pubs open for our much needed business (Dine-In and Take-Out). They are open for 50% occupancy:

***Bull & Bear; BirraPoretti's Downtown; Mucky Duck (celebrating 30 Years!); Molly's on Louetta; Molly Malone's; Olde City Pub & Grill; Molly's Tomball; Molly's Conroe; O'Malley's Galveston; Murphy's Galveston and Griff's.***

Here are a few pubs that are awaiting the Go-Ahead to open soon: ***Kenneally's; McElroy's; Mr. C's 2 Pubs; Pimlico; Shay McElroy's and a few more Molly's locations.*** We are patiently waiting!

More and more of these important establishments are opening daily so please check on your local and help them out. And let us know who is open and ready for business! We will pass on the information to our members. Send us updates to [houstonirishsociety@gmail.com](mailto:houstonirishsociety@gmail.com). Keep On Irishing On!

*Happy 95th Birthday To*

**Larry Miggins**




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