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2020 CELEBRATION DINNER OLIVIA HOWLETT - HONOREE

We are so proud to announce our 2020 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner honoree! **Olivia Howlett!** Olivia is an Irish artist, an avid sailor and a cherished Irish Society member.

Olivia Howlett was born and raised in Waterford, Ireland. She met the love of her life, Tony Howlett and they were married in 1966. They have 4 children, Tony Howlett, Stephanie (Howlett) Kelly, Kieran Howlett and Kevin Howlett.

Olivia, the Irish Artist, has produced many beautiful Irish scenes that grace a lot of our homes. Olivia is also an avid sailor and a member of the Conroe Yacht Club for many years and truly loves spending time on her sail boat. **Congratulations Olivia!**



March 7, 2020, Saturday Evening

6:30PM - Cocktail Hour and Appetizers, 7:30PM - Dinner
The Petroleum Club, 1201 Louisiana St., 35th Floor
Tickets are \$150.00 per person; \$1,500 for a table of ten
Entertainment, Dinner, Open Bar, Valet and more!

Go to www.theirishsociety.org to pay online or mail us a check:
P.O.Box 980334, Houston, Texas 77098

Congratulate Olivia - Buy a Dinner Program AD, only \$100
Contact **Gregory Horan - 713-459-4559 / gforan@hotmail.com**
Secure your Reservations today - **Steak or Fish?**

61ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Houston's 61st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Saturday, March 14, 2020 with a noon 'Step Off'!** Come out and support the Irish community and the Parade. You can March with the Irish Society or get your own group together. Also you can support the Parade by becoming a member of the **Irish 100 Club** by donating \$100.00. Visit the Parade website: **HSPPC.org** for more information about the Parade and other Irish events.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Irish Society Members, What a wonderful time of year! With the beginning of the year comes a number of Irish events as we prepare to celebrate our Irish saint. The board of directors have concluded our meeting and there are many stellar events in store for us as a Society. Not only are there a number of events in the coming months with Irish Society sponsored groups such as Dan's House of Hope Golf Outing, Molly's Pub Golf Tournament, The Houston Gael's, Cass-Barrington Academy of Irish Dance, The William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, UST and other fine organizations such as The Irish Network, but of course our signature event of the year - The 2020 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner on Saturday, March 7th at The Petroleum Club of Houston. We are pleased to honor **Olivia Howlett**, a wonderful Irish artist, sailor and cherished Irish Society member for all these years. Please join us for what is sure to be another fine St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner hosted by Your Irish Society Board. Please stay tuned to our NEW facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/IrishSocietyofHouston/> and our website at www.theirishsociety.org for many Irish events in the Houston Irish community.

Also the Irish Society Dues are being collected (see next page). If you are an IS Lifetime Member we thank you! You can use the page to update your contact information. If you are a member that pays your dues yearly, we thank you! You can renew your membership and update your contact information. If you know of someone who would like to become a member give them the page to fill out! Here's to being Irish, Irish-American and Irish Texan! See y'all at the dinner!

Best Regards, Joe O'Rourke, Irish Society President

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**
Direct link: <https://m.facebook.com/IrishSocietyofHouston/>

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. We also are doing our pub league every Saturday morning at Memorial Park, Field 8 at 9:30am. All levels of play are welcome and we can teach new players. Finally, we are starting youth teams. If you have a child between the ages of 5 and 17 who is interested in playing Gaelic Football contact us! Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram or on our website HoustonGael.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!



E-Mail us at houstonirishsociety@gmail.com

Below is the **Irish Society Membership and Dues Renewal Form**. If you have not yet done so, please fill it out and Mail your check/form in or go to theirishsociety.org to pay online.



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2020 New Membership and Dues Renewal
Membership Year: January 1 – December 31, 2020

Membership Dues

Select your membership or renewal category below:

New Membership

Renewal

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|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership | \$35.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership (under 60) | \$500.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership (over 61) | \$250.00 |

Save Time Become a Member or Renew Online or Send us a Check

New Membership or Renew online at www.theirishsociety.org

Payment

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Make check payable to The Irish Society - Check #: _____

Credit card (select the following): AmEx Visa MasterCard

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Send dues Membership/Renewal to: **The Irish Society**, P. O. Box 980334, Houston, Texas 77098

Please visit our Website www.TheIrishSociety.org for Event Information

UPCOMING IRISH EVENTS

February 20, Thursday - An Evening Concert with Máire Ní Chathasaigh and Chris Newman, UST Cullen Hall, 7PM, call Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 for more information

March 7, Saturday - 2020 Celebration Dinner honoring our own Irish artist, Olivia Howlett

March 14, Saturday - The 61st St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Houston, Noon start

March 17, Tuesday - Happy St. Patrick's Day! Celebrate with a Mass, 10:30AM at St. Basil Chapel, UST, Fr. James Murphy Celebrant; Followed by a complimentary Brunch in the Scanlan Room in Jerabeck Center; RSVP required by March 2nd to Lori Gallagher 713-525-3592

April 3, Friday - Movie Screening of 'In the Name of Peace, John Hume in America UST Jones Hall, 7:30PM, Free and Open to the Public

May 1, Friday - Dan's House of Hope Golf Tournament/Auction/Dinner
Contact Roger Kenneavy at roger@danshouseofhope.org for more information

May 18, Monday - Molly's Pubs Golf Tournament/Auction/Dinner Benefiting TXPrader-Willi
Contact June Finnerty at junefinn@sbcglobal.net for more information

AN IRISH BLESSING

May Your Neighbors Respect You
 Troubles Neglect You
 The Angels Protect You
 And May Heaven Accept You.

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



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