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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY EDITION

### TOM HORAN'S WEEKEND



Friday Night - The St. Patrick's Celebration Dinner.

The Presentation of The Irish Society's first and only Toastmaster Award to Tom Horan.

A full house was in attendance at the Petroleum Club on

March 16, 2012 to view Tom Horan receiving his Toastmaster Award from Dinner Chair Lyn Brogan. His family was thrilled, especially his wife Jeani.

## SATURDAY, ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As promised, Tom did officially "march" in his 49th St. Patrick's Parade. His 1st parade was at age 18 as he marched with his Dad, Tom Horan, Sr. and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Tom was a past President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and past Grand Marshal of the Houston St. Patrick's Day Parade.



## ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



The Grand Marshal & his bride seen here waving to a great crowd. Sean and Janelle Kearns enjoyed the entire weekend.

We look forward to Sean and Janelle pushing the new Kearns' baby in the parade next year!

Special thanks to David Postma & our member Ward Arendt for their photography in this newsletter.

Right: Here is our Board Member, Patrick Barden Keegan and his lovely wife, Tracey, with their newborn son Thomas Barden Keegan in the baby's 1st parade. Patrick heeded the words of Sean Kearns' remarks from the night before claiming that he was but an infant in his 1st parade.



AOH Veteran Greg Gallagher each year provides our marching contingent with Irish song sheets. Here is Sandy Smith (on right) distributing these sheets to Pat Sharkey, new member, Joe Galbraith, new Board Member, Joe O'Rourke, & Honorary Irish Consul General John Kane.

Our banner proudly presented by our Board Member Greg Horan and his brother Tom III.

More members marched in our contingent this year than in any of the 6 previous years of our participation.



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## 6TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER



The evening's honoree, Sean Kearns received the highly coveted Jameson Award from Greg Horan. Sean was humbled at being named the Parade Grand Marshal and also honored at this Dinner. These events evoked much emotion. When he accepted this award he mentioned putting an extra hop in his step the next day in remembrance of Billy Carr.

Charlie Fogarty won the intra-Ireland C.I.E. tour as our only auction item of the evening. Yes, he was a winner & The Irish Society was a bigger winner by his generous bid. Here is Charlie & his wife Senie receiving the winning document from emcee / auctioneer Lyn Brogan. Special thanks to Jim Kelly of C.I.E. Tours for providing said auction item via Tom Horan.



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Our one & only “Wild Irish Rose,” Ann Hoar & our 2nd “Molly,” Peggy O’Connor, share their smiles with us at our Celebration Dinner.

We thank all those who participated in making the Celebration Dinner a great success!

## BLOOMSDAY IN JUNE

Please Join us on June 14, 2012 for our Annual Bloomsday Party. It will again be held at The Olde City Pub. Here is Mary Miggins Hohlt, receiving her flowers from our social director Pete Little at this year’s Celebration Dinner. Mary was elected as our 5th Irish Society “Molly” at last year’s Bloomsday Party. Watch your mailboxes for details forthcoming in late May for this year’s annual event.



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