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## BLOOMSDAY EDITION

### GREGORY HORAN ELECTED TO THE PARADE COMMISSION

Recently, at a brunch at the Bull & Bear Tavern & Eatery, Jeannie & Mary Kearns welcomed Gregory Horan as a Board Member of the Houston St. Patrick's Parade Commission. Gregory is following in the footsteps of his well-known father, Tom, as a Houston Irish community ambassador. With Gregory on the Board of both The Irish Society and the St. Patrick's Parade Commission, there is bound to be a more effective working relationship.



The Parade is an important cultural anchor of the Irish community here in Houston.

And Gregory also does a great job on our Web site. Congratulations and thank you, Gregory for doing double duty!

## REMEMBER BLOOMSDAY

Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 6:30PM at the "Olde City Pub & Grill". R.S.V.P. to Pat Sharkey at 713-752-4266, Pete Little at [littlepete@comcast.net](mailto:littlepete@comcast.net). See Page 4 for more information.

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## OUR PIPER, JOHN BURKE HEADED TO PA

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Prof. John Francis Burke, Ph.D. is leaving UST after 24 years. He will become the Executive Director of Social Justice and Outreach at Cabrini College in Radnor, PA. John is a native of the Lehigh Valley and now will be near his parents. He looks forward to returning to almost where he grew up. John has marched with and piped our contingent in the St. Patrick's Parade and has also "piped in" many of our honorees at our Celebration Dinners. He and his family have also performed the music at the UST St. Patrick's Day Mass. We will miss you much, John, and wish you continued success in your career. Thank you and your family from all of us!



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## PEACE THROUGH COMMERCE CONFERENCE & LUNCH

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At the University of St. Thomas' Ahern Room, many Irish Society members came to hear Bill Flynn explain how the Peace Process in Northern Ireland began and continued. He met with all the participants in this movement and worked hard with them to bring about reconciliation.

He graciously answered all of our questions. We wished that Mr. Flynn could have kept on sharing these memories, but his time was limited. He is shown here with John Kane, Honorary Consul General of Ireland and with Lori Gallagher, Director of the UST William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, who served as moderator. It is uplifting to know that The Irish Society and our Irish American Heritage Association cousins from Katy attended this very informative luncheon.

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## ALL OF IRELAND'S EURO CUP GAMES AT TOMMY O'REILLY'S BULL & BEAR TAVERN AND EATERY



IRELAND vs. Croatia will be televised Sunday, June 10th at 1:45 PM; Spain, Thursday, June 14th at 1:45 PM; and Italy, Monday, June 18th at 1:45PM. There is no cover charge.

The Bull & Bear is located at 11980 Westheimer, near the corner of Kirkwood. Plan on arriving early with parking in mind.

Here is Tom, a big supporter of The Irish Society. He has a great selection of Irish brews, including Harp, Guinness, and Smithwick's.

Go to [thebullandbear-tavernandeatery.com](http://thebullandbear-tavernandeatery.com) for more information about daily specials, events and menus.

## CELEBRATION DINNER THOUGHTS

David & Ronica O'Keefe are our perpetual host & hostess at our Celebration Dinners. They always enjoy welcoming you and registering you at this event. They missed a few of you at this year's dinner, though. They hope to see all of you next year. Please mark your calendars for the next year's Dinner on Friday, March 15, 2013. This couple is also responsible for our newsletter master mailing list. David prints out said newsletter and Ronica stamps each and every one.



.....A little bird is telling us that something special is looming in October. Probably, Saturday, October 20th. The AOH is practically gone from our landscape here in Houston. Sad, but true. Keep that in mind. Also, our organization will reach its 13th anniversary then. More to follow.

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## BLOOMSDAY PARTY

### THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012 AT 6:30 PM

**AT THE “OLDE CITY PUB & GRILL”  
LOCATED AT 14124 STEUBNER AIRLINE ROAD  
JUST 1/8TH MILE NORTH OF FM 1960  
(832) 249-6167**

Hugh Morrison & “Murder the Stout” will start the music at 6:30 PM. The O’Maoiledeigh Dancers will perform at 7:15.

Here is Mary Hohlt who was elected our 5th “Irish Society Molly” at last year’s party.

Per usual, we provide a complimentary welcoming drink and an Irish dinner for our members. R.S.V.P. to Pat Sharkey at 713-752-4266; Lyn Brogan at 281-531-0656 or Pete Little at [littlepete@comcast.net](mailto:littlepete@comcast.net).



### IRISH AIRES GUEST ‘DJ’ TOM HORAN



Tom Horan and Gregory Horan sat in with Pete Little at the KPFT Studios and helped host ‘The Irish Aires’ radio program on June 2, 2012. They had a grand time!

Pete Little and Jay Dooling host the show every Saturday evening at 6:00PM. They need donations so if you want to please go to [KPFT.org](http://KPFT.org) and find out how you can help the cause.



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