

MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark Your Calendar!

- March 01 **East Islip St. Patrick's Day Parade**
03 **LAOH Monthly Meeting**, Travis Hall – 7:30 PM
08 **Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade**
09 **Junior Girls Monthly Meeting**, Centennial Room – 6:30 PM
10 **St. Joseph's Parish Lenten Soup Supper**
11 **AOH Monthly Meeting**, Travis Hall – 7:30 PM
13 **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance**, Travis Hall – 7:00 PM
14 **St. James Parade** – 12:30
16 **LAOH County Meeting**
17 **St. Patrick's Day Bus Trip**
21 **Hampton Bays St. Patrick's Day Parade**
*** 25 **AOH County Meeting**, Division 7 – 8:00 PM (Note change of date)

April 17 **AOH/LAOH Suffolk County Ball**, 7:00 Larkfield Manor, E. Northport

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

This year's dance is scheduled for Friday, March 13 at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes an open bar featuring Guinness and Harp and music by The Black Velvet Band. The delicious corned beef and cabbage will once again be supplied by Anderson's Deli of Kings Park. Chairpersons Lynn Johnston, Marge Rummel and Kevin Johnston are hard at work assuring a great night. Joe Weissenberger, who served in a number of positions on the County level and is a past president of the division, is being honored by his brothers this year for his years of service. Congratulations, Joe, on this great honor. We are all very proud to have you in the division. Please remember that no tickets will be sold at the door, so contact one of the chairpersons soon.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE BUS

Division 3 will once again have a bus going into the City for the parade. The cost is \$30 per person for adults and \$15 for 18 and under. Because St. Patrick's Day falls on a weekday this year, we are only booking one bus. **RESERVE EARLY!** To book your seat, call Kateri Lucarelli (361-6339) or Brian Clancy (523-7863). We will once again be congregating after the parade at the *Jack Russel Pub* owned by member Tom Stenson and his two brothers. It is at 1591 2nd Avenue, between 82nd and 83rd Streets (212-472-2800). The bus will be leaving St. Joseph's parking lot **promptly** at 9AM and leaving the city at 6 PM.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES

This year, the Ladies and Men of Division 3 have been invited to march in a number of parades throughout the island, in addition to our traditional participation in the St. James Parade (March 14 12:30). Our brother and sister Hibernians of Division 4 have invited us to march with them in the Huntington parade on Sunday, March 8. This is the 75th annual Huntington parade so it should be especially entertaining. In addition, the members of Division 11 have invited us to march with them on March 21 in the Hampton Bays parade. They also throw a great post-parade party. Anyone wanting more

details on these parades should contact Brian Clancy. And you'll probably be receiving this too late to participate, but we were also invited to the East Islip parade on March 1.

KP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS FRANK & JOAN O'BRIEN

Frank (AOH) and Joan O'Brien were selected by the Kings Park Chamber of Commerce as the 2009 recipients of its *Lifetime Community Service* award. Frank and Joan have been ardent supporters of all things Kings Park and are both lifetime residents. Frank's selection reflects very favorably on the AOH as well. Why not come on out and salute Frank and Joan in person on March 6 at the Islandia Marriott? Anyone wanting more information should contact Brian Clancy.

JUNIOR GIRLS DIVISION NEWS

The girls hosted their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24 from 5 to 8 PM. Pancakes, bangers, juice, coffee and tea were served and great entertainment was provided by the junior members. There appeared to be more than 200 people in attendance, and between table sponsors and raffle receipts it seemed like a good deal of fundraising occurred. Congratulations girls, all of us in the AOH and LAOH are very proud of you.

PROJECT CHILDREN

Division 3 will once again be running the **200 CLUB RAFFLE** to raise money to bring three children from Northern Ireland to America for the summer and as usual, we are in need of host families. Project Children benefits not only the kids who get away from the troubles in the North for the summer, but the host families as well. Your children get an exposure to Irish culture that is priceless. If you have children near the 10-14 age bracket, why not give it a shot? The memories will last you a lifetime. Anyone interested in hosting a child should contact Ed O'Brien, Division 3 Project Children coordinator, at 499-0847.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Barbara Griffin is happy to report that the bus for the CitiField baseball trip is currently sold out with a waiting list. Anyone wanting to sit with the group but not taking the bus should let Barbara know, as tickets will probably not be ordered until the middle of March. Barbara has her eye on May 8th against the Pirates but won't know for sure until the tickets go on sale. For more info, contact Barbara at 269-0863.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Preliminary plans are underway for a Division 3 Picnic at Hoyt Farm Park in Commack on August 1, 2009. Specifics will be discussed and voted on at the May Joint Meeting. Division 3 may provide beer, soda and watermelon as well as volunteer cooks. The most important thing is to circle the date on your calendar

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Ladies of Division 3 are proud to welcome 3 new members: Eileen Gallagher, Kathleen Lee and June Sutton. Congratulations ladies and welcome to Division 3.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

As it has for the past few years, St. Joseph's Parish will be hosting a Lenten "Soup Supper" on March 10. The supper allows parishioners to fast and also reminds them to be mindful of the hunger all around us.

The Ladies and Men of Division 3 will once again be donating two pots of soup and lending a hand in serving the soup. Call your division presidents for more details.

COUNTY BALL SET FOR APRIL 17

The 2009 Suffolk County Ball will once again be a “home game” for Division 3 when it is held at the Larkfield Manor on April 17. Tickets are \$75 and journal advertisements are still available. This year’s ball honors the current presidents of the Suffolk County LAOH and AOH, Agnes O’ Leary and Walter Butler. They are extremely dedicated Hibernians so why not show your appreciation for their efforts on April 17. It is a top shelf affair, black-tie optional and the entertainment this year will be provided by *Susan and Gerard*.

HUGH DOHERTY WINS SUPERBOWL POOL

If you thought it was exciting watching the Superbowl on television this year, you should have been in the Clancys’ living room as we tried to keep track of who was winning the Division 3 Scholarship Pool. The lead changed hands several times in the last few minutes and until Pittsburgh scored, Sister Phylis was winning. Then the Steelers scored on a Hail Mary pass and Hugh Doherty brought home the bacon. For you football purists, I know it wasn’t technically a “Hail Mary” pass, but I couldn’t resist having a nun losing on a Hail Mary pass.

CRUISE A HUGE SUCCESS

Barbara Griffin is pleased to report that everyone who traveled on the recent *Andy Cooney* cruise had a fabulous time. In addition to Andy Cooney, the group was entertained by Ronan Tynan, Paddy Noonan, Noel Kingston and Paddy Cole. Barbara is already making arrangements for next year when the cruise will be held in January in the Carribean. This year there were 15 AOH members in our group out of a total of 25 and Barbara is sure that there will be more next year when people hear how good it was. Each member of the group received a \$42 discount this year based on the size of the group.

TICK, TICK, TICK

We can hear the clock ticking as Carol and I prepare to turn over the reins of the newsletter in May. We are thrilled to announce that Mary Eberhart-Ramos has volunteered to take over as Editor of the newsletter, and we wish her every success. We are very fortunate to have a great distribution team, many contributors and a great group of sponsors who allow us to put out 10 issues a year. Thank You.

DUES ARE DUE

2009 Dues can be paid by sending a check to the AOH and LAOH Financial Secretaries, Bill Butler at 59 Indian Head Rd, Kings Park and Helen Long at 40 Narcissus Road, Kings Park 11754. LAOH dues are \$25 and AOH dues are \$20.

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