



# Mayo Society of New York

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## Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Where: St. Sebastian Parish Center  
39-60 57th Street  
Woodside, NY 11377  
Time: 7:30 P.M. Sharp

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. There are no meetings July & August.

## Our President's Notes

Dear Members and Friends:

I hope you all enjoyed all the St. Patrick's Day festivities. Our dance and journal were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended, to our honorees, and a big thanks to our chair-people. Thank you to everyone who marched in our parades -- Mineola, New York City, Bayside and Yonkers. I must say, that for the first parade in Bayside, it was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

I had the pleasure of attending the Announcement for Corporal Patrick Gallagher, and Irish Immigrant from Long Island whose heroism in the Vietnam War earned him the Navy Cross. Patrick Gallagher made the Ultimate sacrifice for our country. I'm proud to say he will finally have the recognition he deserves. A USS Navy Destroyer will be named in his memory. It was a beautiful ceremony with some of his family present. In addition to our society's involvement, the AOH played a crucial role in the Campaign. We also express our deep appreciation to Senator Chuck Schumer who has always shown a deep affection for all things Irish and was in the vanguard of this highly successful campaign. Martin Brennan is Senator Schumer's State Director and the son of deceased NYPD Chief Patrick Brennan who hailed from Kiltimagh. We greatly admired Paddy Brennan and enthusiastically honored him as Mayo Man of the Year some years ago. We are delighted to advise that Martin will be joining the Mayo Society of New York.

This past week I was in touch with Fr. Gibbons, rector of Knock Shrine. He asked to be remembered to all and is wishing and praying Pope Francis will visit Knock.

We need new members to join our society. Please contact us for applications forms or access our website at <http://www.mayosocietyofny.com/> or E-mail: [mayosocietyofny@gmail.com](mailto:mayosocietyofny@gmail.com) – down-loadable application forms are available. Recruit your friends or neighbors who have Mayo roots.

We're making plans for August 21<sup>st</sup> for our annual visit to Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham. More about that later.

I hope everyone had a blessed Easter holiday with their families.

Remember our sick and our deceased in your prayers.

Sincerely,

**Betty McLoughlin, President**

## News of our members

Mulligan Mayo Day May 5 Maura Mulligan reminds us that "Mayo Day" will be celebrated worldwide on May 5, 2018. People from the green & red county all over the world are celebrating in all sorts of ways. Maura was wondering if as many as possible of our members and friends would like to get together for a meal somewhere in Manhattan. She suggested it to others (with Mayo roots) from the IAWA group. This seems to this writer that this is a novel way of participating in this great celebration rather than some of the more complex ways previously suggested e.g. prevailing upon the Empire State Building light to up in the Mayo Colors on the night of May 5.

If interested contact Maura at [mauramulligan@aol.com](mailto:mauramulligan@aol.com) or by phone at (201) 869-6717. As noted in our March newsletter, Maura is an indefatigable promoter of Irish heritage in the tristate area and as honored on March 22 as Irish Woman of the Year by the Irish American Heritage and Culture Committee, NYC Dept. of Education. She gave a fine acceptance speech combined with a performance relating to her memoir, "*The Call of the Lark*."

## Upcoming Events

**The Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens** presents, direct from Ireland, Country Stars Touring the USA Featuring Louise Morrissey & Gary Gamble with The Swinging Paddies Band, Saturday 7 April 2018, 8:00 pm -- Tickets \$30 available at the Irish American Society. For information, please call the Center Monday thru Friday between 9:30am & 1:00pm (516) 746-9392 or (516) 742-8080. Jeff Clark, President.

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**The American Irish Teachers Association, Inc.** will hold its 42<sup>nd</sup> annual AITA Conference on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the New York Irish Center, 1040 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City. Please bear in mind that this annual conference is open to the general public and it is not necessary to be active in the field of education to enjoy all that the day offers. At this year's conference, *"Irish Profiles in the History of New York City,"* we are delighted to present Hilary Sweeney on the intersecting roles of the Irish and urban work horses in 19<sup>th</sup> century NYC, Dave Hannigan on Eamonn DeValera in NY, Andrew McGowan on the life of John Butler Yeats (the poet's father) as a New Yorker, and Macdara Vallely on the labor leader, Mike Quill. We note with great appreciation that the Mayo Society of New York has graciously and generously donated to the AITA journal. For more information, please do not hesitate to call me at 917-691-2883 or Deborah Sea at 914-253-2519 or send an E-mail to either [дорismeyer@aol.com](mailto:дорismeyer@aol.com) or [debshea@yahoo.com](mailto:debshea@yahoo.com)

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**The New York Irish Center** announces its Annual Fundraiser 2018, Friday April 20, featuring Cathy Maguire and Friends for a night of country as they open the song book and sing the most famous and popular country songs down through the years. Celebrate with us at the New York Irish Center on what will be a great night of music, songs and stories! Your support is crucial and is greatly appreciated. Each ticket includes an open bar and refreshments. If you can't join us on April 20th, we will very much appreciate your donation towards this important fundraiser. For additional info contact <http://www.newyorkirishcenter.org/> or phone (718) 482-0909.

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**Holy Ghost Golf Classic 2018 3rd Annual Golf Classic at Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course May 21, 2018 TO AID THE HOLY GHOST FATHERS MISSION APPEAL in BRAZIL.** Registration 11.30am /Shotgun start 12.45pm, We invite you to support this mission either by participation in the Golf Classic OR by Sponsorship \$180 per Golfer/ \$100 Hole Sponsorship. Foursome \$720 Individual Player \$180; Reception & Dinner \$50; Hole Sponsor \$100; any donation appreciated. For more info please email [hgfgolf@gmail.com](mailto:hgfgolf@gmail.com) or contact: Fr. Tom Basquel, C.S.Sp. (917) 915-5850 Pdraig Curran (646) 261-5754 Larry Dollard (917) 648-7514, Sheila

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## Chairing A Meeting

Tips for all, hints to none -- JJG

### **The Person In Charge Must Be In Charge** **(But Should Not Be An Autocrat)**

1. Carefully prepare an agenda prior to the meeting. An agenda helps clarify objectives and provides a framework for the meeting.
2. Distribute the agenda in advance. If the group is too large, quickly read it aloud, e.g., "Ladies and gentlemen, we have the following agenda to deal with . . . There may be other, sensitive reasons to temporarily restrict minutes distribution.
3. Set time limits for the beginning and ending of the meeting and for items under discussion. Use discretion.
4. Use the agenda. Remind participants about achieving objectives. Stay focused on one issue at a time. Present a summary each time agreement is reached on an agenda item to allow participants the opportunity to challenge.
5. Encourage problem solving. Help participants communicate by interjecting well-placed questions, points of information, restatements and summaries.
6. Prevent domination or withdrawal. Keep the entire group involved by monitoring participation. If one participant dominates the discussion, gently interrupt and direct the discussion to someone else. Use discretion.
7. Defuse conflicts. When disagreements deteriorate into a clash of personalities or worse, try to defuse the situation by sharing an anecdote, or by turning the floor over to a neutral participant, **or** by calling a short recess. However, if the gavel is ignored, a stronger, more vocal command or signal may be necessary to enforce the 'authority' of the Chair. To repeat, the goal should always be to defuse and harmonize.
8. Be explicit about future actions. Before ending the meeting, clearly delegate responsibility for follow-up assignments. Set due dates and provide for back-up in case someone is unable to complete the task Remind committee chairpersons and any other task assignees to keep you informed. Follow up if necessary.
9. End the meeting on a positive note. Create an atmosphere of goodwill by summarizing the accomplishments of the group. If no decisions were reached, cite an accomplishment resulting from a previous meeting.
- 10 Follow up with 'good' minutes and other appropriate documents. Minutes provide a concise restatement of everything discussed in the meeting and remind participants of their follow-up responsibilities.
11. If possible, set date, time and venue for the next meeting.
12. A chair must not direct the discussion to a personal agenda or surround himself or herself with sycophants dedicated to supporting that personal agenda.

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