

Mayo Society of New York

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Founded 1879; incorporated 1891 as Mayo Men's Benefit, Patriot and Social Association of the City of New York; later as Mayo Men's P & B Association and in 1985, gender neutral as the Mayo Society, Inc. of the City of New York.

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Regular Meeting Cancelled due to COVID-19

Where: St. Sebastian Parish Center

39-60 57th Street Woodside, NY 11377

Time: <u>7:30 P.M. Sharp</u>

Our President's Note

Dear Members and Friends.

As we get out and about again, one thing this whole pandemic has thought me, is that we have one life to live. And, the importance of staying connected, and being kind to one another. This year continues to be a difficult year for our Society. Since my last newsletter, we mourn the loss of long-time members and dear friends of our Society:

- Mr. Thomas Begley.
- Mrs. Eileen Conachy.
- Mrs. Teresa (Tess) Carmon.
- Mrs. Mary Doherty
- Mr. Justin Lenz
- Mr. Fran Filip.

May they all Rest in Peace.

We're currently scheduled to hold our annual Mass at Our Lady of Knock Shrine East Durham on August 21st at 11am 2020. There will be changes to our prior trips;

- We must adhere to CDC guidelines; social distancing, wearing masks and only 70 people allowed in Church.
- There will be no bus from Queens/Woodlawn.
- No group luncheon arranged, (as in the past).

Anyone wishing to join us for the mass, must arrange their own transportation, and arrange their own luncheon if they choose and confirm your attendance with Betty McLoughlin or I at 347-613-1303 or 914-643-1014 respectively. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but due to CDC guidelines we must adhere to them.

Our Annual 2020 Dinner Dance rescheduled for October 2nd, 2020 is now canceled. Our honorees for 2020 have agreed to accept the honors for 2021; Ms. Rita Lydon Lenz as Mayo Woman of the Year and Mr. William (Bill) Lynn as the Mayo Man of the Year. We thank them both for their continued support to our organization and look forward to this celebration next year. The 2021 Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 13th, 2021 at Antuns, Queen Village

As of now our annual **Communion Breakfast** is still scheduled for November 15, 2020. However, we will continue to monitor city and state guidance to social gathering and numbers permitted for in-door dining and update closer to the time.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our long time **Chaplin Fr Kevin Sweeney who is now Bishop of Paterson NJ**. In the July 28th, 2020 Edition of The Tablet newspaper, the Diocese of Brooklyn published a lovely supplement dedicated to him and his installation to Bishop. I hope you got to see it as a lovely tribute.

The UICANY has joined with the NYGAA, the EIIC, the Aisling Irish Community Center and the New York Irish Center in a fundraising effort entitled 'Sláinte 2020' which will assist individuals and families in the Irish communities in the tri-state area during the COVID-19 pandemic. This assistance is intended to help meet essential needs such as rent and food.

Website: www.Slainte2020.org

Mailing Address: Sláinte 2020-COVID-19 Fund,

990 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, N.Y. 10704.

Country Bank: Account number: 201 0000 7771 Routing Number: 021911369

Please continue to practice social distancing, reach out to your family at the Society and pray for our first responders and service employees.

Keep our dearly departed and sick in your prayers

God Bless, Stay Safe.

Noreen Lydon O'Donoghue

President