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Newsletter

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Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 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

Greetings and Happy New Year as we enter our one hundred thirty ninth year of peerless service to our members, promoting Irish heritage at large and our Mayo heritage in particular. I hope you enjoyed this joyful holiday season and caught up with family and friends.

The December meeting was very well attended as we closed our year end accomplishments. Compliments to Mayo member Mike McMahon who hosted a delicious buffet enjoyed by all. Special thanks also to Betty McLoughlin who prepared the coffee, tea and treats at all the monthly Mayo meetings throughout the year.

The **Installation of Officers** will be held at the Irish American Center in Mineola on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3 p.m. Please confirm your reservations by following the details on the invitation.

Congratulations to **Loretta Brennan Glucksman**, co-founder of Glucksman Ireland House at NYU being honored as Grand Marshall for the 2018 NYC 257th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Congratulations also to **Denis McCarthy**, recently elected Chairman, **Thomas Beirne** as Vice Chairman and its new officers of the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade & Celebration Committee. Thank you also to past Chairman **John Tully** for his great service with the Committee that represents all of the Affiliated Organizations.

Save the date! The Mayo Society of New York will pay tribute to two outstanding Mayo people at our society's 139th Annual St. Patrick's Ball on Saturday March 10, 2018. **Mary Coyne-Byrne** will be honored as Mayo Woman of the Year and **Tony McGarry** as Mayo man of the Year. This event will take place at Antun's, 96-45 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, New York. Deluxe cocktails begin at 7pm followed by dinner and great dancing at 8pm.

Shine your shoes and dance to the great entertainment of The Tommy Flynn band and meet folks you have not seen in a while.

Please don't feel left out, as the Mayo Society welcomes large and small groups, including single guest and couples to attend the ball. Therefore, everyone will have the opportunity to celebrate the St. Patrick's festivities and our dance committee will accommodate comfortable seating for all our guests.

Reservations: Rita Lydon Lenz 516-444-3879, Jim Prendergast 917-497-4657, Michael Regan 516-850-6813.

The Mayo Society is now accepting journal ads. Please remember that all ads and photos are half price for members. All ads must be received no later than February 28th, 2018 for the final editing of the journal.

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Condolences are extended to the family of our beloved friend and Mayo member **Mary McDonagh** who passed away during the Christmas season. Mary was a treasured member since March 8, 1988. She hailed from Killasser, Swinford, Co. Mayo. Mary was noted for her gentle, caring way who was a model for all who worked with her in Ozanam Hall Nursing Home, Bayside. Our chaplain, Fr. Kevin Sweeneys spoke warmly about Mary in the funeral Mass as he noted the Sweeney and McDonagh children growing up together two doors from each other. Many a cup of tea Mary and Agnes Sweeney R.I.P. enjoyed together. Thank you to all the members who attended the wake and/or funeral Mass during this difficult time for the family. We also send our heartfelt condolences to Mayo member Kevin Rooney on the passing of his beloved father **Michael Rooney**. Michael John Rooney was born in Glenamoy, north Mayo on January 15, 1938. He immigrated to the U.S. on May 26, 1960. He is survived by his wife, Mary Rooney (née Wallace) a native of Glin, Co. Limerick, sons Michael John Rooney, Jr, his wife Tammy and only granddaughter Mattie Rooney; and Kevin Gerard Rooney, and his wife Louise Watson-Rooney. He is also survived by one brother, John Rooney in the USA, one brother, James Rooney in England and both a sister Nellie Healy and brother Brendan Rooney in Mayo and many nieces and nephews. Kevin attributes his great love for all things Mayo from his beloved father.

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Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

As I close out my final letter as president, I sincerely thank all the officers and members who have helped the Mayo Society in so many ways. As a team, we have achieved so many objectives throughout these past two years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president and I look forward to supporting the great work of the Mayo Society of New York in the future. I wish our new, incoming President, Betty McLoughlin, Vice President Noreen O'Donoghue and all the officers great success.

With the frigid temperatures, remember to check in on our elderly to ensure they are in good form.

With warmest regards,

James A. Prendergast, President

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News of our members

(Addendum to our president's notes)

Condolences to the extended Coyne Family on the loss of beloved Aunt Sally/Sarah Lydon McPartland Collins who passed away on November 25th. She was born in Greenport, Brooklyn on March 24, 1925 to Patrick and Mary (nee Prendergast) Lydon as one of six siblings, Mary (nee Cuff), Beatrice (nee) Goode, John, Catherine (nee Coyne) and one surviving brother, Patrick. She was also loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and caring cousin to many members of the Lydon and Prendergast clan with strong Mayo roots.

Sally raised three children after the death of her first husband, Thomas McPartland, two of whom survive her: Kathleen McPartland LaScala and Eileen McPartland Burns and her beloved son, Thomas McPartland who also predeceased her. Sally was also loving grandmother to three, Amanda and Christine LaScala and Thomas McPartland.

Sally enjoyed a long and full life for 89 years and loved traveling, gambling and most of all, good fun with others. During her lifetime Sally found many opportunities to serve others assuming many leadership roles including Past President of Mayo Society, Catholic War Veterans, and numerous community groups in Woodside, Cairo, New York and in Hallendale, FL where she spent her later years with her second husband Charles Collins who also predeceased her.

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Condolences to the extended Prendergast and Haugh Families on the death in Ireland of Mick Haugh. Mick is uncle of member Teresa Prendergast and brother of her father, Anthony (RIP), also brother-in-law to member Margaret (Teresa) Haugh.

Events

The United Irish Counties Association will hold its 114th Annual Dinner Dance at Antun's, Queens Village, on Friday, January 26th, 2018. Gael of the Year is New York born Sean Downes, Esq. He has a passionate interest in all things Irish. He is a past president of the Brehon Law Society and a founding member of Friends of Sein Fein. The recipient of The Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award is Joe McManus, a native of Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim. He is a past president of the Leitrim Society and the UICANYC. A successful businessman and real estate broker, Joe is co-owner of Wolfe Tone's Irish Pub & Kitchen. For journal info 646-489-5258.

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The Irish American Society Mineola will hold its installation of officers on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar. Music by The Kitty Kelly Band. Master of Ceremonies Tony Jackson. **Tickets \$50 pp.** **Contact 516-746-9392 / 516-742-8080 / FAX 516-742-7086, info@irishamericansoc.com**

Anti-Communist cardinal and The 'Rosary Priest' declared venerable

Pope Francis has recognized the heroic virtue of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and Fr Patrick Peyton

Fr. Peyton, (January 9, 1909 – June 3, 1992) known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest," was a Catholic media pioneer in the 1940s, using radio and later television to produce popular programs featuring Hollywood stars and other celebrities to promote family prayer.

His ministry produced more than 600 radio and television programs and 10,000 broadcasts. The priest also conducted rosary crusades for millions of people in dozens of countries. He had two especially famous mottos: "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace."

Fr. Patrick Joseph Peyton, C.S.C., was born in Attymass, Co. Mayo. His parents were John Peyton of Carracastle and the former Mary Gillard of Rathreedane, Townland of Bonniclonlon, County Mayo. He was baptized in the Church of St. Joseph on Jan. 10 and at five years old attended the Bofield National School. After immigrating to the U.S. in 1928 he settled in Scranton, PA home to many people from the Ballina area. He became janitor in the Cathedral where he first met members of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. With his brother Tom, he subsequently entered the minor seminary at the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana. Patrick and his brother Tom were ordained together on June 15, 1941.

<http://www.holycrosscongregation.org/holy-ones/servant-of-god-patrick-peyton/>

Steps to Sainthood: Servant of God; Venerable; Blessed and finally, Saint