



Hibernian News



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Hibernian Hall
845-534-2528



Fair weather has returned so see Dennis Malone for a Friday night stint as the Hibernian Chef. We'd love to see you and your family at the Hall on an upcoming Friday night.

Building Fund Raffle

The DJW Building Fund Raffle will be held on the grounds of the Hall on Saturday June 15th. Ticket holders receive admittance to the event which begins at 2 PM; guests are \$25 per person. There will be music, great food, children's activities, great fellowship and more.

County Convention-June 8th

The Orange County AOH will hold its biennial convention at the Division 1 Hall on Saturday June 8th. A new slate of officers will be elected and Kevin Moore, Division 2 immediate past President and current county Vice President, will be seeking the President's position. Each members of Division 2 is eligible to attend the convention so consider attending and supporting Kevin in his bid for office. Food will be provided and a cash bar is available. The convention begins at 10:00 AM.

Boston College Belfast Project

On Friday May 31st Boston College won a major victory in its fight to reduce the number of interview recordings it was required to turn over to the British government for use in their investigation into the 1972 murder of Jean McConville, a west Belfast mother of 10 who was found dead and buried on a beach in County Louth in 2003. It is believed that she was abducted, shot dead and buried by the IRA on the belief that she was passing information to the British Army. A lower US court had earlier ruled that Boston College had to release 85 wide ranging interview recordings of eight IRA members to assist the British government. Those recordings were compiled by members of the Belfast Project, an undertaking of Boston College to interview former members of the IRA and other militia groups who fought during the Troubles, and to archive the recordings for future historical research. It was agreed that none of the recordings would be released until after the interviewee had died. Over time some of those interviewed have died and earlier subpoenas by the US government have been honored and information released. The US government issued subpoenas under the guidelines contained in a treaty with Great Britain that requires both countries to assist each other in criminal investigations. Two of the Belfast Project researchers, Edward Moloney and Anthony McIntyre had separately fought to not have the interview recordings released, but a US appeals court ruled that neither man had the right to interfere with the investigation. In April the US Supreme Court declined to hear their appeal. Boston College believes the most recent court ruling affirmed their belief that the lower US court had abused its discretion by ordering interview recordings not related to the investigation to be released. If you've not heard of the Belfast Project or would like to know more, a fall 2012 report on CNN is available at the following website: <http://bostoncollegesubpoena.wordpress.com/supporting-documents/cnn-secrets-of-the-belfast-project/>


IRISH BREAKFAST!

Our last Irish Breakfast before the summer break will be held on June 9th. Treat yourself to the hearty menu: **Scrambled eggs, Irish bacon, Irish sausage, black and white pudding, home-fried potatoes, the fried tomato, pancakes, soda bread, toast, juice, coffee & tea.**

Sunday June 9th

Serving from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

\$7 per adult, \$3 children

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A Message From the Division President			Upcoming Events (subject to change)		
<p>Dear Brothers and Friends,</p> <p>It was with deep regret that I submitted my resignation as your president. Due to family commitment pressures and the health of my oldest daughter Susan, I had no choice. I was unable to spend the time at weekend AOH functions that is required of a president. Our worthy brother Mike Shannon has step up and taken over the role of president. I know Mike will do a fine job. I will continue to support our Division as a fellow brother member.</p> <p>Yours in our Motto, Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity</p> <p>Raymond J. Fitzgerald bosspi@hvc.rr.com</p>			Jun 8	Orange County Board AOH Biennial Convention - Division 1 Hall: 10 am	
			Jun 9	Irish Breakfast - Hall: 9 am -12:30 pm	
			Jun 15	Building Fund Raffle - Hall and grounds: 2 pm-5 pm.	
			Jun 19	Division Meeting - Hall: 7 pm. All members encouraged to attend.	
			Jun 30	DJW Quarterly Meeting - Hall: 2 pm	
			Jul 10-13	NYS AOH Convention - Saratoga Springs.	
			Jul 13	DJW Work Day - Hall: 8 am to noon	
Thank You			Irish News (from Ireland's news media)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• to Pat Finn, Kevin Cummings, Neil Halpin, John Halpin, Jim McDonnell and the rest of the breakfast club for their hard work at the Mother's Day breakfast. 91 people came and enjoyed the delicious food, an all-time high attendance for any breakfast. It was nice to see so many people. The hall felt so alive.• to John Greehy, Dennis Malone and the Walsh Family for planting the beautiful flowers outside the Hall for Mother's Day.• to Ray Fitzgerald for his tenure as Division President. We wish him well.			➡A recent poll by a Northern Ireland governmental agency revealed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➡ 20% of school aged Catholics knew Irish compared with just 6 % of those aged 75 or older.➡ 52% of Catholics were under age 35 compared to 40% of Protestants.➡ 6% of Protestants were unemployed compared to 9% of Catholics.➡ The average size of a Catholic household was 2.72 compared to 2.4 for Protestant households.		
			➡ On Monday June 3rd, a Bank Holiday in Ireland, some 40,000 women took to the streets of Dublin to take part in the Flora Women's Mini Marathon. In it's 31st year it's the longest running women's race in the world.		
Hall Rental			➡ Recently released statistics revealed the suicide rate in Ireland has dropped slightly from 525 in 2011 to 507 in 2012. Regionally the rate is highest in in Limerick, Cork, Wexford and Mayo.		
Looking for a nice, clean, comfortable location to host a special event for a family member or friend? Look no further than the Irish Cultural Center...our Hall! You enjoy the Hall yourself so why not consider hosting an event there. This year's building coordinator is Bill Moore. Contact Bill at the Hall at 845-534-2528.					
For Fathers			Irish Language Course		
A very happy father's day to all the fathers in or associated with the Division. We hope you have a relaxing, enjoyable and fun filled day on June 16th!			Interested in learning to speak Irish, or advancing your current understanding of the language? If so, the 2013 Summer Week Irish Immersion Program may be just what you're looking for. From Sunday August 25th through Saturday August 31st you can join other like minded learners and immerse yourself in the language. There are classes for students at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels as well as separate classes for children. Cost is \$375 and includes dormitory style accommodations and cafeteria style meals. For more information or to register for the session visit http://www.daltai.com .		
Calling all golfers			D.J.W. Business		
A.O.H. Division #4 is hosting the 13th annual Patrick E. Cochrane Memorial Irish Open Golf Tournament at the Monroe Country Club on Friday July 26th. Cost is \$100 per golfer which includes green fees/cart, lunch, refreshments, dinner, prizes and of course a good time. Shotgun start at 9 am. More information can be found at http://www.aoh4ocny.org/id4.html .			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday June 30, 2013 - 2:00 PM - Annual business meeting of the DJW Corporation at the Hall. All Division members are encouraged to attend. Important information will be discussed about the building and grounds.• There will also be a work day on July 13th from 8:00 AM to Noon. Please come by and help with upkeep of the hall.		