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# SCHENECTADY HIBERNIAN

*The newsletter of the Schenectady Ancient Order of Hibernians  
JFK Division 1*



## **JOHN F. KENNEDY DIVISION #1 SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK 131ST ANNUAL COMMUNION BREAKFAST May 22nd, 2011**

**MASS: 9:00 AM**

**BREAKFAST: 10:00 AM**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 11:00 AM**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER WILL BE  
LORI KEHOE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NYS RIGHT-TO-LIFE**

**COST: \$10.00 PER PERSON**

**THERE IS A SIGNUP SHEET AT THE HALL  
SO ATTENDANCE FIGURES CAN BE DETERMINED**



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# AOH President's Message

I can hardly believe it's May already. We've had quite a few challenges over the past few months. Thank you to everyone that was involved in meeting those challenges. We have many challenges ahead as well. I'm confident we'll all step up.

I hope to see everyone at this year's Annual Communion Breakfast on May 22. After all, we're Catholic first.

This year will be extremely interesting given current events in Washington and Albany. Please try to purchase a few tickets as well as sell a few more. I'd like to publicly thank the Colonie K of C for purchasing a half table. It is much appreciated Dan. You are a wonderfully dedicated brother. You bring credit to both the K of C and the AOH.

Also, this May is auspicious relative to current events in Ireland considering her modern history. On May 5th (I hope this gets to you by then) the Northern Ireland Assembly will be electing its new members. It is assumed that Sinn Fein will be the majority party for the first



time. We can expect to see Martin McGuinness as First Minister. Good work boyos! Tíocfaidh ar la! The date is also auspicious for another reason.

It's the 30 anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands. Talk about the stars coming together. Vol. Roibeárd Gearóid Ó Seachnasaigh, MP (ptew) kept his keen mind and great wit throughout his final battle with the crown years ago. As a commemoration of his final victory 30 years ago I'd like to quote part of his "Hunger Strike Diary":

"I am awaiting the lark, for spring is all but upon us. How I listened to that lark when I was in H-5, and watched a pair of chaffinches which arrived in February. Now lying on what indeed is my death

bed, I still listen even to the black crows.

"The birds were singing today. One of the boys threw bread out of the window. At least somebody was eating!

"I was lonely for a while this evening, listening to the crows caw as they returned home. Should I hear the beautiful lark, she would rent my heart. Now, as I write, the odd curlew mournfully calls as they fly over. I like the birds. "Well, I must leave off, for if I write more about the birds my tears will fall and my thoughts return to the days of my youth.

"They were the days, and gone forever now. But I enjoyed them. They are in my heart -- good night, now."

"Beidh bua againn eigin la eigin. Sealadaigh abu."  
(We will be victorious someday. Up the Provos.)

It's weird that I can cry and laugh simultaneously at these quotes.

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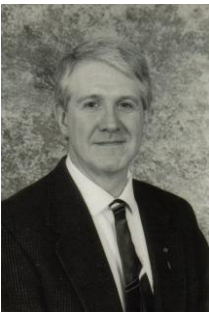
## Club President's Message

As we progress through our evolution as an entity we have been making numerous changes to make the operations of our organization, AOH JFK Inc., more in tune to what we should be as a business, there will be a recall of all check books so that we can have the proper name on them to help reduce confusion for all parties. If you hold a check book we

have missed, let us know. There are plenty of events for all take part in, it's imperative we all support what is happening. One way you can do so is to be involved on the Corporate Board or attend the open meetings. This is your club, if there is something you'd like to see going on, this is your chance. There will be some board openings coming up in May, please show your support.



## Celtic Crossing President's Message



This month is unfortunately tarnished with bad news, and that is an expense we have to deal with, the repair of the water line to the house next to the Hall. The cost is significant, so much so that we don't have the funds to cover this emergency repair (we are required to replace the entire water service for the building) and have had to look for financing. We've started to pass the building fund container around at the pub, but we need to fill it a

number of times to cover this expense. We look to everyone to contribute that can, and if your employer makes matching donations, please exploit that. Fund raising will have to continue for quite a while just to get past this, and there is no simple way to say it, for us to get this behind us we will need to dig deep. We'll be contacting all in the near future as we try to keep afloat financially, please be



# Pub News by Ryan Daley

Thank you to everyone who supported the Friday Lenten Dinners.

We now have dinner on Tuesday evenings with live music. Joe Restifo puts out a tasty menu each week for your dining pleasure.

We are planning Game Night for Thursdays, with board games and Wii tournaments.

Bar prices has increased but don't despair look for our new Happy Hour specials coming your way!



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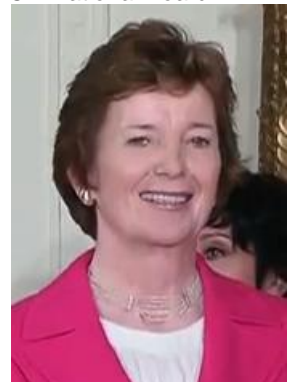
## A Bit of History – A Monthly Feature

Mary Therese Winifred Robinson (née Bourke) (Irish: Máire Mhic Róibín; born 21 May 1944) served as the seventh, and first female, President of Ireland from 1990 to 1997, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, from 1997 to 2002. She first rose to prominence as an academic, barrister, campaigner and member of the Irish Senate (1969–1989). She defeated Fianna Fáil's Brian Lenihan and Fine Gael's Austin Currie in the 1990 presidential election becoming, as an Independent candidate nominated by the Labour Party, the Workers' Party and independent senators, the first elected president in the

office's history not to have had the support of Fianna Fáil

She is widely regarded as a transformative figure in the presidency of Ireland, who revitalized and liberalized a previously conservative political office. She resigned the presidency two months ahead of the end of her term of office to take up her post in the United Nations. Robinson has been Honorary President of Oxfam International since 2002 and of the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization EIUC since 2005, she is Chair of the International Institute for Environment and

Development (IIED) and is also a founding member and Chair of the Council of Women World Leaders. Robinson is also one of the European members of the Trilateral Commission. In the early 90's she sent a congratulatory letter to the AOH National Board.



# Granuaile: A Notorious Woman

True Stories of Grace O'Malley, Ireland's Pirate Queen (1530-1603)



Sunday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.

Storyteller **Marni Gillard**  
with Original Music Composed by **Tom O'Hare**

*Fritz Stafford (pipes); Eric Everson (Irish bouzouki)*  
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## MEMBER NOTES

- ♣ Prayers are asked for by the family of LAOH Past President **Donna Foy**, who is quite ill.
- ♣ Welcome to new members Tim Ferrara, Christopher McCall and Lou Cancellieri
- ♣ Saratoga AOH member Chris Kelly passed away April 12<sup>th</sup>, our condolences to the Saratoga AOH on the loss of a Brother to us all.

Last Month's "Guess who this is and win a prize" winner was JoAnn Langley, guessing Pat Cremmins. She won a calculator/ruler combo (that can be picked up at the Hall). For this month, the person below is the subject and must be identified by a non-relative (either by marriage or by birth)



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# Special Event!

## Schenectady Hibernians Mother's Day Dinner, May 8th 2011



Four Banquet Room Seating Times: 11:30 AM / 1:30 pm / 3:30 pm / 5:30 pm

### MENU OF THE DAY:

- ♣ Carving Station (choice of two): Roast Beef / Baked Virginia Ham / Roasted Turkey Breast
- ♣ Gravies and sauces of your choice
- ♣ Assorted Greens with House Dressing / Mixed Veggies & Croutons
- ♣ Baked Scalloped Potatoes with Sautéed Onions
- ♣ String Beans Almandine
- ♣ Italian Bread or Dinner Rolls with Butter
- ♣ Coffee & Tea included (additional libations available at the pub at additional cost).

## Dessert Contest!

Each Group Reserved is asked to bring a desert favorite or specialty to be shared with 8 guests for the desert table. At each seating the desserts brought in will be judged and a prize will be awarded for each seating.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** and your seating time must be selected at the time you reserve.

Reservations can be made by contacting John & Martha Juhren @ 377-7999

### COST:

Adults and children 13 years old and older  
Children 6 years old to 12 years old  
Children 5 years old or younger

\$15.00 per person  
\$8.00 per person  
Free

Todd Langley would and co-chair Honorable Bruce S Trachtenberg would like to thank all the many volunteers for a very successful St Patrick's Day celebration.. If we tried to identify everyone, surely someone would be missed, and we wouldn't want to offend.



Also a Thank You for all that attended the Friday Fish Dinners during Lent on behalf of the Celtic Faire co-chairs Dave Connelly and Sue Mackey and the group of dedicated helpers that made the 2nd annual Lenten Dinners a great success.

## Raffle

Grand Prize – \$2000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – \$250

Ticket Seller Prize - \$100

Donation \$10.00

Drawing July 29, 2011 – 9 pm

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## Save the Date

June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm Freedom For All  
Ireland Movie/Discussion/Lunch  
Sunday, Bloody, Sunday

Aug 13- 2nd Annual Rummage Sale  
to benefit Hibernian Charities  
(So, as you Spring clean, save items to  
donate. Sorry, NO CLOTHING)  
Details to follow.

*Join us on Tuesday  
evenings to listen to  
music by Brad and  
Chrissy aka PEAK  
Sounds, and dinner  
by Chef Joe Restifo!"*



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May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Dinner &amp; Music</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Celtic Faire @ 7 pm Game Night Div Brd Mtg</b>	<b>6 AOH meeting 7 PM</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Mother's Day Dinner</b> 	<b>9 Celtic Day in Park 7 PM</b>	<b>10 Dinner &amp; Music</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Game Night</b>	<b>13 LAOH meeting 7:30</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Memorial Breakfast 9 am</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Dinner &amp; Music</b>	<b>18 Club Board Mtg 7 PM</b>	<b>19 Celtic Faire 7 pm Game Night</b>	<b>20 AOH meeting 7 PM</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 AOH Communion Breakfast 9 am</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Dinner &amp; Music</b>	<b>25 Club Open Mtg 7 PM</b>	<b>26 Game Night</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Dinner &amp; Music</b>				

Annual AOH/LAOH Memorial Mass  
 For the Remembrance of our Members Who Have Passed  
 Mass in the Hall @ 9:00 am  
 Breakfast and Memorial Service @ 10:00 am  
 Cost: \$10:00 per person



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## The Back Page– Notes From Left Field

**CELTIC DAY IN THE PARK COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM AT THE HALL. THE EVENT WILL BE 9/24. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 9.**

**Celtic Faire meets every other week May 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Faire is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> on Jay Street in front of City Hall.**

**Irish 2000 for 2011 will be held on September 15.**

## ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The Schenectady AOH is part of a national organization chartered in the United States in 1836 and a Division was organized in Schenectady County in 1880, which continues today as a viable organization and the center of Irish Cultural Activities for the

county. The Schenectady Hall "Celtic Crossing" is home to the Men's Division, a Ladies Hibernian group, associate members, Celtic Friends and hosts the Irish 2000 as well as many Christian and charity events.