

**Ancient Order of Hibernians**  
of Hampden Hampshire Counties  
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**Next Meetings** – Monday, January 3  
LAOH – 6:15 p.m.    AOH – 7:00 p.m.  
At The Warehouse?  
[www.AOH-Holyoke.com](http://www.AOH-Holyoke.com)

**AOH President Paul Hogan and LAOH President Paula Paoli pray every Hibernian had a Merry Christmas and wishes everyone a Happy 2011 New Year!**

**The Children's Christmas Party held earlier this month was a great success** with 13 children receiving presents from Santa Claus. While waiting to get their pictures taken with Kris Kringle, the boys and girls made crafts and decorated cookies. As a special gift, each child went home with a personalized photo of Santa. Special thanks to elves, Chelsea Kelly and Mamie Burns for helping jolly old St. Nick and to our photographer Peter Hogan. Pictures of the event are being posted on the website.

**Enclosed with this newsletter are two books of Dan Curran Irish Night raffle tickets.** Please remember this is a major fundraiser for the club. Get your returns in early and for more tickets contact, Paul Hogan at 210-1416 or [fisha2@aol.com](mailto:fisha2@aol.com).

**Without the opportunity to volunteer and sell Brightside Angels, this year, Hibernians spent Saturday, December 18 helping out at the Salvation Army giving tree** at the Holyoke Mall. Volunteers include Paula Paoli, Peter & Paul Hogan, Charlie Popp, Jim Cannon, Frank Hennessey, Paul Mengel, Jim Sheehan, Louise Bisson and her niece, Alexandria, a Holyoke Catholic High School student. Alexandria saved the arms of older Hibernians by ringing the Salvation Army bell for four hours straight.

**Congratulations to Kevin O'Connor, son of Hibernians, Joe and Mary O'Connor** on becoming a member of the club. Kevin is a senior at Holyoke Catholic High School. Along with his older brother, Patrick, the whole O'Connor clan are Hibernians.

**With special prayers, Hibernians remember two longtime members who passed into eternal life during the 2010 year, Dan McMahon and David Miller.** May the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen.

”To Be Irish Is a Blessing – To Be A Hibernian An Honor”

**President Hogan would like to give special thanks to Chairman Francis Hennessey and John Driscoll on the success of the party for Jimmy Curran** and the naming the club in his honor. “We are proud to be called the James A. Curran Division One Hampden/ Hampshire County Ancient Order of Hibernians,” chairman Hennessey proclaimed.

**With the state AOH increasing dues \$1.50 a year to \$2.00 and the national AOH following suit from \$8.00 to \$12.00 next year at the December meeting the club voted to increase dues from \$25 to \$30 per year.**

**Discussion over the AOH Scholarship fund will be continued at our January meeting.** The club has reworked the scholarship application and is considering setting up a separate scholarship account with dedicated funds.

## **LAOH News**

**Wasn't that a great article about our quilt makers in the *Holyoke Plus* section of the *Springfield Republican*?** Their hard work and dedication to making the yearly LAOH quilt is a remarkable accomplishment. Good work, ladies!

**LAOH dues, \$20 per year, can be made out to LAOH** and sent to either Paula at 22 County Road, Holyoke, to Mary Pat Murphy, 9 Magnolia, Ave., Holyoke, MA 01040, or at any monthly meeting.

## **Irish Cultural Center Events**

### **January 2011**

**Irish Language opportunities** – The Irish Cultural Center in cooperation with Elms College will offer two non-credit and one 3 credit Irish language courses for the spring 2011 semester

**Introductory Irish 2** – will be offered on Tuesdays from 6:45 – 8:45 p.m. from January 18 through April 26. This course is non-credit

**Irish Conversation: Advanced Practice 2** – will be offered Wednesdays from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. from January 19 through April 27. This course is non-credit. There are no grades or examinations in these courses The cost is \$150.00. Call 265-2218 to register and for more information.

**Novice Irish 2** – meets Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. from January 19 through April 29. The cost of this three credit course is half tuition for seniors 65 and older, \$100 plus a \$20 registration fee. For more information call 265-2314. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant and Donegal native, Maitiu de Hal will teach the above courses.

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### **Winter Film Series**

**Wednesday, January 26 – *The Race*** is the story of a young girl who loves to race Go-Karts in her poor community in Northern Ireland. Racing gives her the most joy with her goal to win the first prize Championship trophy

**Wednesday, February 2 – *The Fighting Prince of Donegal*** is the story of a young lad in the army of Queen Elizabeth who leads his kinsmen in battle.

**Wednesday, February 9 – *Five Minutes of Heaven*** tells the tale of an Irish-Protestant teen assassination of an Irish Catholic teen which was witnessed by the Catholic boy's younger brother. Thirty years later after being released from prison, the Protestant and his victim's brother are brought together for reconciliation.

**Wednesday, February 16 – *Ondine*** stars **Colin Farrell** as an Irish fisherman who hauls in an unexpected catch when a mysterious girl gets entangled in his nets. Her mysterious presence affects the lives of everyone in town. All films are show at 7:00 p.m. in the Alumnae Library Theater.

**Information Session – 2011 Ireland Tour** On Sunday, January 16, 2:00 p.m. in the Dooley Campus Center at Elms College the Irish Cultural Center will present an informational meeting on its 2011 trip to the Emerald Isle. This year's trip is entitled, "West and Southwest Coast of Ireland Tour" and will take place September 3-13, 2011. For more information visit, email [KGAllivan04@gmail.com](mailto:KGAllivan04@gmail.com) or call Kathy Gallivan at 536-9709.

### **Holyoke Saint Patrick's Parade Events**

**Grand Colleen Pageant – The Holyoke Saint Patrick's Parade Grand Colleen Pageant will be held on Saturday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. at Holyoke High School.** For more information visit: [www.holyokestpatricksparade.com](http://www.holyokestpatricksparade.com). Tickets will be available at the door and are \$15 for adults; \$10 for seniors; with children 12 and under free.

**2011 Grand Marshal Reception – Gerry Healy, organizer, visionary, leader and intensive speaker of who we are as Americans with Irish ties, oh, and did I forget, Hibernian,** will be honored by the Holyoke Saint Patrick's Parade Committee as its 2011 Grand Marshal. The Marshal's Reception will be held on Friday, January 14, 2011. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by contacting Hayley Feyre at [hayleyfeyre@yahoo.com](mailto:hayleyfeyre@yahoo.com) or Jane Chevalier at [tjcheval@comcast.net](mailto:tjcheval@comcast.net)

### **And our monthly reminder:**

The shelves at Margaret's Pantry are at low. Non-perishable food items are needed. Bring something to the next meeting. Volunteers are also needed. Consider your time and effort to this great cause.

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