



# Erin's Echo



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## President's Message

Spring has finally arrived and all are looking forward to warm weather, trees and flowers blooming. The LAOH is busy planning our upcoming events including our Missions and Charities BINGO, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception in Towson. The Bingo is one of two fundraisers the State Board sponsors and usually brings in much needed revenue for the Columban Fathers and their missions. We are looking forward to a great turnout and a fun-filled evening.

Our second State Board Fundraiser will once again be our "Shucks and Shamrocks" Bull, Oyster and Shrimp Roast on September 24<sup>th</sup> at Rosedale Gardens. Last year, this fundraiser was a huge success with over 200 tickets sold. The food is delicious, the music Irish and the company outstanding. Get your ticket early so you will not miss out on this spectacular time.

This summer, we will be working hard to prepare for our upcoming State Convention in October in Ocean City, MD. Nominations for new officers will soon be held and of course, elections at the Convention. Each member is asked to think and pray about serving as a State Board Officer or new Appointee. Each member has many talents and gifts. Please consider sharing those gifts and talents with you LAOH sisters.

Enjoy the Spring weather and have a healthy, happy, and sun-filled summer.

-Cyrile-



## LAOH Website

Go to [www.marylandlaoh.org](http://www.marylandlaoh.org) for events, flyers and forms. There are links to items of interest in the local Irish Community as well as information on the national scene.

You can also find us on <http://www.facebook.com>

## Calendar

### April

**April 15 -30:** Frederick County Fundraiser, First Communion "French Blue Veil" Raffle

**April 27:** Division 4, Times Gone By (Baltimore)

**April 30:** Membership Mass, Division 2 Harford County, St. Benedicts' Church, 11 AM Mass, Lunch at Kibby's

### May

**May 8:** Book club, 1PM Bluestone Restaurant

**May 20:** Harford County 1, Fundraiser "Preakness Party"

### June

**June 3:** State Board Meeting, 10 AM, the Villa

**June 16:** Missions and Charities Bingo, Immaculate Conception, Towson

### August

**Aug. 13:** Lady of Knock Mass, Details to follow

**Aug. 26:** Irish Day at the Races, Details to follow

### September

**Sept. 15:** AOH Crab Feast, Tall Cedars, Details to follow

**Sept. 24:** LAOH "Shucks and Shamrocks: Bull, Oyster and Shrimp Roast," Rosedale Gardens

### October

**Oct. 27-29:** 2017 State Convention, Holiday Inn, Ocean City, MD

## Cultural Corner

### Irish Fiction

HIMSELF by Jess Kidd

EGGSHELLS by Caitriona Lally

SLIPPING by John Toomey

THE WEIGHT OF HIM by Ethel Rohan

TENDER by Belinda McKeon

IMMORTAL IRISHMAN by Timothy Egan; Next book club selection-May 8 at 1 PM, Bluestones



-Joanna Cox-

## Baltimore City, Division 1

The ladies of the Venerable Catherine McAuley Division in Baltimore City enjoyed celebrating all the St. Patrick Day festivities, especially the Parade events. Once again we provided much of the door coverage at the LAOH Parade fundraiser. We always enjoy greeting our Irish friends and welcoming them. We shared a beautiful Parade Mass and a blustery Parade march with our sisters and our Irish community.

We also took time to celebrate our Catholic core by attending our annual St. Brigid's Mass. We can't wait to see what spring brings us.

We invite you to join us in helping those in need and sharing our Irish history and culture. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Life of Reilly pub in east Baltimore. Join us for dinner and a meeting.

In friendship, unity, & Christian charity,

**-Dorothy Reed, President-**

St. Brigid

by Bro. Mickey O. McGrath OSFS



## Anne Arundel County

Some sisters participated in the "Winter Relief" program for the homeless at St. John Neumann in early February. The division donated gift cards to McDonalds which were used as Bingo prizes. Snack items were also collected for distribution.

Our latest new member presented us with a fantastic St. Brigid Celebration at our February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with traditional foods of her feast day. Each was asked to bring their favorite tea cup

(an Irish tradition) and wear one of the colors St. Brigid was known for: Blue, Red, Green or White.

Our annual Wednesday Lenten Soup Night was held on March 15 with the AOH, as well as our March 19<sup>th</sup> Memorial Mass. On St. Patrick's Day we joined the AOH at the 12:10 Mass and followed the piper to our reserved seats. Donut Sunday found us with the AOH distributing donuts, juice and coffee after the Masses.

We are very pleased that one of ours, Kathy Norris, was a Parade Marshal in the Baltimore St. Patrick Parade. Quite a few sisters marched and rode in the Annapolis St. Patrick's Parade on March 5<sup>th</sup>. One sister joined with the New York City LAOH to march there.

Some members attended the annual Annapolis Good Friday Way of the Cross at Manresa by the Severn River, welcoming sisters from Harford, Carroll and Baltimore Counties.

Our fundraising committee has met a few times and has moved away from our bazaar to a Christmas Tea on Saturday afternoon, November 18. Save the date!

**-Joanne Wasson, Reporter-**

## Harford County, Division 2

We were very pleased to see the March 16<sup>th</sup> APG News had a color, full-page article on the Irish Railroad Workers Museum. A copy of the article and our monthly newsletter was distributed or emailed to our members for our April meeting.

At the April meeting we planned a May Baby shower for the St. Gabriel Project at St. Mark. In honor of Memorial Day we will be collecting donations from our Division and the St. Mark parish for our charity, Angels Supporting Your Troops. Donations of toiletries, candy, crackers, dog treats for the canine handlers, blankets, basketballs, footballs etc. will be sent to our troops in Afghanistan. Clothing and toiletries continue to be collected to support our veterans at Perry Point Veterans' Hospital.

Pat Kaufman continues to work on our Christmas party plans in December. Barbara Jo Wuest is developing an outline plan for our St. Ita Mass January 2018. Thelma Graziano, Kathy Santora, and Elaine Gardner plan to attend monthly meetings of the Third Order of Franciscans.

Kathy Santora and Jackie Waltemeyer are interested in starting a prayer group and will be presenting this idea to our Division. The Beatitudes will be focused on in our monthly Division newsletter for the next several months.

Peace,

**-Gleela Kolakowski, Reporter-**

### Worcester County, Division 1

Our division will again have a Baby Shower at our May meeting. The items donated are given to Worcester GOLD (Giving Others Lives Dignity) for distribution to those families in need in Worcester County. It is appropriate that we do this during the month of Our Blessed Mother.

We will also be delivering boxes of cereal collected at several meetings to the Seton Center in Princess Anne, MD. The sisters there have told us that cereal is one of the items that is in great demand for their clients.

Our June meeting will be a picnic. We did this last year and it was a great success. The recipients of the 2 Scholarships, \$1,000.00 each, given to seniors at Stephen Decatur High School will be invited to join us, with their families, at the picnic.

Our division doesn't meet in July or August but our work never stops. Pat and Rick Fairbend head up the Irish Outreach Program in Ocean City and many of our members assist them at the Center. Students will start arriving in mid-May and stay until August or September.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

*-Mary Rosenhagen, Reporter-*

### Harford County, Division 1

We are happy to have obligated two former Junior members into our fold. Welcome Sheila Tyler and Kira Schoeffield! Kira still has her dancing shoes, and she delighted us with a hard shoe dance at our annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Another former Junior (*We won't say how many years ago*) Dorothy Orndorff actually joined Kira for a little duet! It was a great time.



All are eager for our "**Preakness Celebration**" on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be an enjoyable "girlie" day. There will be a Hat Parade with prizes, raffles, games, boutique shopping, and fashions by J. Jill. All this and lunch for \$30... Cash bar includes wine and Filly's Fizz drinks.

We continue to support the St. Mark Food Pantry and donate diapers, baby wipes, etc. to the Gabriel Network. Proceeds from the Preakness Celebration will benefit the Gabriel Network, Anna's House and our adopted special needs Boy Scout troop.

*-Kathy Lay, President-*

### Carroll County, Division 1

On March 12, we participated in the Westminster Irish Festival by selling baked goods. The following weekend we continued the Bake Sale at St. Bartholomew's Church, where we also raffled off an Irish Basket and a large stuffed Easter Bunny.

Some of our Division members attended the Cross Walk at Manresa and the luncheon that followed.

For our last meeting we will be having a retreat at Asling House with a luncheon to follow. On June 16, some of us will be attending the bingo sponsored by the Maryland State Board. Here's hoping the bingo is a success!



*-Christina Parks, Reporter-*

### Baltimore County, Division 14

Alleluia! Spring is finally here!

Division 14 continues to grow with two new members, Heather and Lauren Breidigam, mother and daughter, who were obligated at the March meeting.

For our charity donations this year, Division 14 will be donating funds to My Sisters Place, Sisters Academy, Marian House, Hezekiah House and St. Vincent's Cemetery. Many thanks go to the generosity of our members, who have allowed us to continue to carry out our mission of charity.

At our **May 21** meeting, we will be holding our annual division Baby Shower to benefit the newborns and premies of Mercy Hospital. We all enjoy shopping for baby items to help welcome these precious children into our world. All members, please join us for this fun meeting, and get to know your fellow sisters! Also in May, we will be assisting at the end-of-year picnic on May 26, for the students of Sisters Academy. More information will be forth coming.

Members can also bring items for the Ocean City Irish Outreach.

We wish every success to the State Board LAOH Mission Festival Bingo, and hope you will all be attending and/or supporting this important event.

And finally, ALLELUIA and a Happy, Holy Easter Season to all!

*-Margie Hayes, President-*

### Cecil County, Division 1

In these past months we were busy with projects and we welcomed in five new members. It is great to see our division growing.

During the winter months, Member Teri Palat had a personal project of "blessing bags" for those in need. She met her goal of getting 500 filled and out to area homeless. Member Beth Greiner, Teri's mother, lent her a hand with these bags as well as crocheted mats for the homeless to sleep on. Well done ladies...

St. Brigid's day was celebrated with mass and dinner at Olive Garden. Then we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by co-sponsoring a dinner/dance fundraiser for Immaculate Conception Church. Members sold tickets, baked and decorated. Our division escorted the bag piper to get the festivities started. We had a membership table set up and picked up three new members.

The division donated to the Immaculate Conception School Jelly Bean jog to help support the school's athletic fund. We also scheduled ourselves to lend a hand during Lent. Mary Ann Smith and I led Stations of the Cross for the parish.

Jane Leitner has started a small division book club. They have read "The Magdalene Girls" and are now reading "Brooklyn".

Our next big event is to celebrate our first year anniversary as a division. It is hard to believe a year has gotten here already. Plans are underway for a luncheon and celebration for a year of growing and accomplishments. We have so much to be thankful for.

In our motto,

**-Janice White, President-**

### Frederick County, Division 1

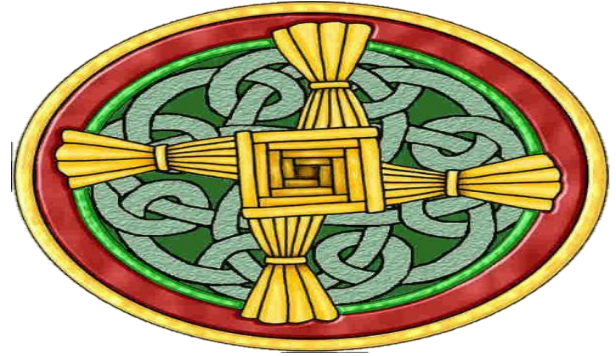
Frederick County Division 1 has added a new member to their Division!

Our first "fundraiser" will be for a two (2) week campaign to raffle a gorgeous First Communion veil and tiara, custom made by the French Blue Collection. It is an \$80 value and chances are \$5 each or \$20 for six (6). Please email [LAOHfred.md@gmail.com](mailto:LAOHfred.md@gmail.com) for more information. Drawing to be held April 30th and the veil will be shipped FREE May 1st.

Our Catholic Action Officer, Bailey Adams, will be graduating from high school in June and has applied for the *Sarah E. Murphy Educational Assistance Program* to be used towards her college tuition this coming fall.

Peace in Our Motto,

**-Danielle Adams, President-**



### Baltimore County, Division 1

We enjoyed the St. Patrick's Day Parade fundraisers along with the parade itself. It seemed to move pretty fast this year because of the cold but it was fun and we know how to dress since every year Mother Nature gives us different weather. Let's hope next year it's cool and sunny.

We had a St Patrick's Day Party for our division members just to get together and enjoy each other's company. We pulled the winner for our handmade throw and it was won by one of our own members! Honest--- it wasn't fixed.

We are looking forward to the membership mass at St Benedict's on the 30<sup>th</sup> since it's close and we can enjoy lunch at Kibby's afterwards and catch up with our sisters from other divisions who attend.

The Sally Murphy Educational Assistance Committee should meet the end of this month to select the winner for the \$1,000 scholarship fund.

Look forward to the Station of the Cross at Manresa on Good Friday, The Preakness Fashion Show in May and the Bingo in June.

"May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold—  
And at the end of all your rainbows may you find a pot of gold."

**-Maureen Shettle, President-**



### LET US PRAY

*Let us remember in prayer our Sisters who are sick and suffering, especially those in nursing homes and hospitals as well as our deceased Sisters that they may rest in God's eternal embrace.*