

COUNTY ROSCOMMON SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC.



Dear Friends,

January, 2020

The County Roscommon Society of New York invite you to their **91st Annual Dinner Dance**. This year's dance will take place on **Friday March 6, 2020** at Riccardo's in Astoria. We are pleased to announce that this year's honorees are Joseph Cryan and John Beirne.

Joseph Cryan was elected to the Senate in 2017. A former member of the New Jersey General Assembly, Cryan represented Legislative District 20 from 2001 to January 4, 2015. He resigned after he was elected Sheriff of Union County in 2014 where he created the CLEAR program which provides hope for those suffering in addiction. Cryan served as the Majority Leader in the Assembly and chaired or served on over a dozen different committees in the legislature. Joe Cryan became the Executive Director of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority in April of 2018 where he is committed to promoting public health, protecting environmental resources and sustaining the development and growth of Middlesex County through efficient management of wastewater and landfill management. He has been honored and recognized by many organizations throughout his career. Joe Cryan was also the first general chairman of the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee and is the standard bearer of the Cryan Association, an Irish American charitable civic organization. Joe is the son of John and Mary Cryan. Mary's parents hail from Donegal and John Cryan was a proud immigrant to America hailing from Castlereagh, County Roscommon. The Cryan family still has many relatives throughout Ireland including County Roscommon. Joe Cryan resides in the Township of Union with his wife Kathy and daughter Katie Peterson. He also has a son, John, and daughters Megan Bell and Hannah Peterson, and four grandchildren.

John Beirne comes from Kilmurray, Tulsk, Co. Roscommon. John has been a member of Local 79 since 1997, and currently works for Structure Tone. He is the youngest child born to Bridget (Kearney) and Val Beirne (deceased – 2008). John has an older sister, PattiAnn and an older brother, Patrick. John attended Kilmurray National School and St. Nathy's College in Ballaghaderreen. John played football for both schools, as well as Tulsk GAA. After spending four years in London, John came to New York in 1995. Never losing the love of the game, John joined Astoria Gaels team, where he played for many years, became manager of the team and also served as President of the team. In 1999, John married Peggy Collins from Astoria. They have three daughters: Zoe (15), Ciara (13), and Abigail (7). After moving to Wantagh, Long Island in 2007, John began volunteering his time as soccer coach for his daughter, Zoe's team; helping to lead the team to many successful seasons including winning the Long Island Cup. John also coaches Ciara's CYO volleyball team and has recently began coaching Abby's soccer team.

Each year we produce a **Souvenir Journal** in conjunction with the dinner – the journal is a vital component of the Society's financial stability and it is our only fund raiser for the year.

We are so grateful for your support, that allows us to exist; and, we hope we can count on your continued support for our 2020 Dinner and Journal.

Sincerely,

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