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NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER!

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AOH President's Message

Of all the American holidays, Thanksgiving is probably the one most open to personal interpretation. Thanksgiving, while certainly known for food and football, is first and foremost about giving thanks in whatever way you find personally appropriate. Across the nation, thousands of Americans will volunteer their time to help serve a Thanksgiving meal to those in need. What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Is it just like any other Holiday, a day away from work to enjoy a beer and watch some football with family and friends? That's okay but can it and/or should it be something more? Please let me offer a personal introspection. Approximately 10+ years ago we started a Thanksgiving tradition. After dinner we sit around the table and write on the tablecloth what we were thankful for over the past year. I was pleasantly surprised to see that Patrick and Sean had such a profound understanding of what they were thankful for at such an early age. It seems that as we get older we become more complacent and tend to take things for granted. Please take time this year to share some words of thanksgiving with family and friends.

Thanksgiving came early this year at the Hibernian's November 1st. It was a welcome sight to see so many people come out in support for Dennis Murphy (see letter enclosed). A special word of thanks for Dan and Meg McAdam for planning and putting everything thing together to make that a night we won't soon forget.

As we come closer to the end of the year it's good to know that our membership numbers, for the most part, remain fairly steady and that we are fiscally in good shape. If you're reading this message and haven't stopped by the club in a while please do so we'd be glad to see you.

Let's remain focused on what's possible instead of what's not.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Joseph P. McCusker Jr.

LAOH President's Message

The beginning of November was an extremely busy time at Hibernian Hall. The Dennis Murphy Night was a HUGE success thanks to all the efforts behind the scenes, a great tribute to a Great Guy.

Early the next morning, thanks to Des and Dan the set-up for our Indoor Yard Sale was completed. Who knew the Red Sox Rolling Tribute would coincide with that date? Still, we realized a sizable addition to our Treasury. Thank you to Janice Connolly and Carol Stockdale for their efforts with this Fundraiser, especially after all their work on behalf of Dennis Murphy. It is nice to be young and have all that energy.

Our November meeting our Baby Shower was very successful. Mary from The Pro-Life Office in Natick was very grateful. She spoke to our members and explained how and who would receive our donations.

Last night I attend the Fintan Stanley Evening. He is a talented performer. If you didn't come, you missed out on a wonderful evening.

Friday night, November 22nd the Annual Turkey Shoot will be taking place. It is a fun filled evening and just maybe, you will win the makings of your Thanksgiving Dinner. Come and join the fun. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

The Final scheduled Tailgate Party will be held in the Lounge on Sunday, Dec. 1st. As we were told at the November meeting this is a great way to watch the Game, fun, food and raffle prizes.

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Saturday, December 7th, our December Meeting and Christmas Party will be held at the Talk Restaurant, on Main St., Watertown. Parking is available in the Rear off of Pleasant Street. Tickets are \$30.00 each. Checks are to be made payable to LAOH, Div. 14, and mail to Jeanine Brown, 83 Morse Street, Watertown, 02472 no later than Dec. 3rd.

Please indicate on the memo section of your check your preference of menu. The choices are, Steak Tips, Chicken Parm or Fish. Any questions, contact Jeanine at 617 924-8784.

The AOH Children's Christmas Party will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 8th. You must register your child or grandchild at the Lounge as soon as possible so that Santa will be prepared for them.

At this time I want to express my gratitude to AOH for all their help in assisting us with all our projects through the years. Hope Santa is good to each and every one of you.

May you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next meeting, will be on Monday, March 10th 7:00PM.

Please pray for the surgeon and myself as I undergo surgery on Nov. 19th for a full Hip Replacement. Remember in your prayers all AOH/LAOH members who are facing medical issues at this time.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
Mary B. Ryan, President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope all is well!

Regarding the fundraiser we held on Friday November 1st for our Brother Dennis Murphy, I wanted to let you know that the event turned out to be a HUGE SUCCESS! More than 400 members, guests and friends of Dennis came through the doors that evening! It was great to see such a large turnout for a great friend and Brother Hibernian. There were many friends of Dennis' that he has not seen since high school! There were past employers that came out for Dennis also! It was great to see his whole family there also; he even had relatives fly in from Texas for the event!! The event raised over \$20,000 that will help Dennis out tremendously during his long hospitals overly with his medical bills, living expenses etc,

I would like to thank all of those who attended the event for your help in making this a huge success!! I would also like to thank all those that had dropped off or donated items for the various raffles and baskets. They obviously were key to our fundraising efforts.

An event this large and well organized is usually not the work and efforts of just a few people. We had a great group of brothers and sisters who without hesitation jumped right in to help for such a great cause and a great person. I would like to recognize and thank all those who helped out that evening and for the month prior leading up to the event night. (We held meetings every Wednesday night for over a month at the club organizing the event.)

Dick Hart, Doctor Ed Prince, and Peter Daley, who started the day at noon preparing all the food for that night making sandwiches, cooking meatballs and wings, etc. They were on their feet for 12 hours that day! Great Job!!!!

Desi McElroy, Seamus Trainor, Dick Thompson Jr, for handling the tickets at the door. Great job moving the people in quickly; no one was waiting at the door!

Bob Casey manned the Bride's room all night as our banker: making change, counting monies, and organizing the raffle tickets for our sellers. Awesome Job!

*Our wonderful ticket sellers for the evening (you got to love these girls that don't know how to take NO for an answer!!!)--
Janice Connolly, Carol Stockdale, Jenn*

Smallwood, Mary McElroy, Ann Trainor, Jeanine Brown, the Morash girls, and Gussie Forte. Wonderful Job! Thank You!

Our own awesome DJs---Paul (the doctor) Connolly and Jim (the Spin master) Halligan--Great tunes!! Live music by the up-and-coming duo, Pat McCusker and Eric Falter, (keep your ears to the radio; you will be hearing more from these fine artists in the future). And let's not forget our own late night singer / Entertainer, Mr. Jamie Nicole, for his awesome singing of (what was that anyway)????? ENGLISH ENGLISH!!!!

We also had John Albert Bulger Jr. multi-tasking as our parking lot attendant and professional food taster for the evening (just kidding A!!! Great job!)

To Bob Wallace for handling the floor duties by keeping our bars stocked all night long. Thanks Bob!

To the fastest bartenders the club has (they are the only ones we have) Leo Falter, Mike Rooney (Team P&M) Buddy Macdonald, Mike Lenihan, and Pat Breen. Great job!

Also to a few of our speakers--President Joe McCusker and Bob Sanchez for his funny Murph stories!! Also a big shout out to Bob and his wife Sandy for donating the Team Murph t shirts. Thank you!

I would also like to thank Rob Shanahan the owner of City Streets Restaurant in Waltham for the wonderful meal he sent over at 5 o'clock that day for all the workers who had been there all day setting up. Great timing, Rob!

With all the people we had helping out, I hope I have not missed anyone--if so I apologize!!

One person I cannot forget is my wife, Meg, who spent many, many, hours organizing the event, with the late nights she put in on the computer organizing and categorizing all the donated raffle items, making calls for raffle donations, putting the baskets together, and coordinating pickups of donations and pretty much coordinating the whole event!!! Wonderful Job!! Love you!

And a big Thank You to Murph for being a great friend and partner with me around the club, you make it FUN!!!!

*TEAM MURPH CHAIR
Dan McAdam*

UPDATES

AOH Membership Notice:

Calendar Year 2014 Membership dues should be payable before January 1, 2014. Regular and Associates Members are \$55.00 Senior Members are \$30.00. You can mail your checks to A.O.H. Div 14 c/o Dennis Murphy, P.O. Box 11, Watertown, MA 02471. You may also leave payment with the bartender.

LAOH Membership Notice:

2014 dues are now payable. When sending your dues please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail. This will provide us with an up-to-date listing. Members age 64 and below - \$25, age 65 to 79 - \$20, age 80+ - \$15. Mary Ryan's contact information is 617.923.8891 email address is shamrockvillage1@verizon.net.

E-mail Addresses Needed From All Members

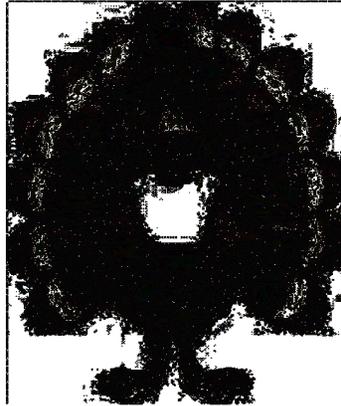
We have set up an e-mail distribution list to cut down on the expenses to print, assemble and mail the Newsletter. Please note that this is a tremendous cash drain on the Division account, the more we can save the more we can donate to charity. Please consider sending your e-mail to the Financial Secretary Dennis Murphy at moose1073@gmail.com.

Family Supper:

The next Family Supper will be in December. Please reference the Calendar of events.

Sick Members and/or shut-in

If anyone knows of a fellow member that is sick and/or shut-in please inform the Chairman of our Sick Committee (Desi McElroy). Desi can be reached at 617-710-8680.



AOH DIVISION 14 ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 22, 2013

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

CASH BAR

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL

BENEFIT THE SONNY WHOOLEY FUND

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED DURING THE

HOLIDAY SEASON



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 2013 DIVISION 14
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WHERE: Hibernian Hall 151 Watertown St.

WHEN: Sunday December 8th 2013

TIME: Starting at 1:00 PM

- Snacks, games and entertainment until 3:00 PM
- Santa arrives at 3:00 PM for presents (youngest to oldest)

SIGN-UP:

- In the Member's Lounge
- Email hfalter@hotmail.com
- Call Leo Falter at 617.926.3315

**PLEASE SIGN UP YOUR CHILDREN BY NOVEMBER 22ND
SO THAT SANTA MAY BE PREPARED FOR THEM**

Calendar of Events

Date

- Nov-21 AOH Club Meeting
- Nov-22 Turkey Shoot
- Nov-23 Pat McCusker (in the lounge)
- Dec-1 **Tailgate - canceled due to time change**
- Dec-5 Family Supper
- Dec-7 LAOH Division Meeting at The Talk
- Dec-8 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec-12 AOH Division Meeting
- Dec-13 UVM Winter Break
- Dec-19 AOH Club Inc. Meeting

Hall Rentals

Please remember when renting the hall as a member you must be a member in good standing, pay with your own check and you must be at the function. We have had a few people ask about these requirements for the member's rate, so we wanted to help clarify these requirements. The Members' Lounge may be used for up to fifty people. For more than fifty the Big Hall is available. We love to see members renting the hall for all their family functions. For more information please contact the Rental Agent, Desi McElroy, at 617-710-8680. Also check out our web pages for photos of the Hall:
www.aohdiv14.com

CURRENT LISTING OF DIVISION OFFICERS

LAOH DIVISION 14 OFFICERS

2013

President - Mary Ryan

Vice-President - Mary Logue

Recording Secretary - Ellen Ridge

Treasurer - Jeanine Brown

Historian - Dorothy O'Farrell

Catholic Action/Charities - Christine Breen

Mistress at Arms/Sentinel - Mary Flanagan

AOH DIVISION 14 OFFICERS

2013

President - Joe McCusker

Vice-President - Leo Falter

Recording Secretary - Jim Cunningham

Treasurer - Dick Thompson

Financial Secretary - Dennis Murphy

Chair of the Standing Committee - Mark LaPenta

Marshall - Desi McElroy

Sentinel - Jim Daly

**Please support these establishments
who have supported the Hibernians!**

Maria's Catering
104 School St.
Watertown, MA
617-926-5144

O'Leary's
1010 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA
617-734-0049

Steamers
311 Watertown St.
Newton, MA
617-244-9155

West St. Grill
7 West St.
Newton, MA
617-795-0883

Fiorella's Rest.
187 North St.
Newton, MA
617-969-9990

Baanthai Rest.
659 Main St.
Waltham, MA
781-893-7700

Pizza Regina
Arsenal Mall
Watertown, MA
617-926-5300

Darbar Rest.
130 N. Beacon St.
Brighton, MA
617-779-8800

Fit Z's Bar & Grille
451 Main St.
Watertown, MA
617-923-3969

City Streets
240 Lexington St.
Waltham, MA
781-647-2489

Stella's Pizza
605 Mt. Auburn St.
Watertown, MA
617-924-5692

The Talk Rest.
116 Main St.
Watertown, MA
617-600-3417

Gordon's Liquor
51 Watertown St.
Watertown, MA
617-926-1119

The Villa Rest.
124 East Plain St.
Wayland, MA
508-653-8570

The Fire Place
1634 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA
617-975-1900

Antoine's Bakery
317 Watertown St.
Watertown, MA
617-527-6747



Devlin's Restaurant
332 Washington St.
Brighton, MA
617-779-8822