

PA LAOH JUNIORS



2ND PA STATE JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

Dear Juniors,

I write this message to congratulate all of you for all the great work you have done for the Order. The LAOH Juniors are the future of the Order and you are the ones that will continue the Irish Catholic heritage of our ancestors.

It has been a pleasure serving you in the capacity of PA LAOH State Vice President. Hopefully, this newsletter will continue and assist in sharing with all PA Juniors ideas and communication across the state.

I look forward in attending your next PA LAOH Juniors Convention in 2010. This will be hosted by Allegheny County in Pittsburgh.

Again, thank you all for being our future!

Yours in Friendship, Unity, Christian Charity,

Colleen D. Bowers
PA State LAOH Vice President

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide specialized information to the PA Juniors. Newsletters can be a great way to communicate with Junior Divisions on a bi-annual basis. You can add pictures, too.

Much of the content you provide for your newsletter will also be used for the State and National LAOH Web site. This is a way your great works will be shared across the states.

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A few of the Philadelphia Juniors from LAOH Div 39 & LAOH Division 17 with both coordinators Dot Crowley (39) and Kathy Brown (17) who attended the LAOH Division 39 Kate's Way 4th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk held on Saturday May 9, 2009 at the Perzel Community Center in Philadelphia. All proceeds from the walk are donated to local hospitals for breast cancer research and to local support centers for patients who are going through or have already survived Breast Cancer.



Juniors Division 39 had a presentation on St. Patrick's Parade Day,

Message from Philadelphia County Vice President Dot Crowley:

Tara Clark, a member of St. Brigid Div 39, who is the niece of Noughla McGuinness, held a Family Bowling Day in February. Noughla was the lady who *started our Junior LAOH* and was also very active with Visiting Nurses. Tara holds this event in Noughla's name in order to raise monies for the visiting nurses and to help with tuition assistance for Div 39 Junior LAOH who will be entering their senior year in Catholic High School. The monies are sent directly to the schools and a certificate is given to the girls. This year was the first for the scholarship contributions to the Juniors. Philadelphia County Vice President was pleased to report that 7 of Division 39 girls received certificates. This year we did have two current seniors which were included in the Scholarships.

Our 2 Seniors:

Kate Coughlin, Cardinal Dougherty High School
Christina Snyder, Archbishop Ryan High School

Our 5 Juniors entering Senior Year in September...

Tricia McGuinness
Meg Dillon
Erin Kate Scanlon
Holly Mortimer
Lillian Mongan

(All attend St Hubert's High School)

Congratulations to Tara Boyle Clark for a job well done! In addition, I would like to extend congratulations to all of our Juniors.

Also, Erin Kate Scanlon has been elected *St Hubert's High School President* for the upcoming school Year.

"Way to go Erin Kate"! Our Juniors are amazing young women and set wonderful examples for others to follow!

Noughla McGuinness was National AOH President Seamus Boyle's BIG sister!

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY DIVISION 87 JUNIORS



JUNIORS DIVISION 87 AT THE CELTIC TEA

The Juniors from Division #87, Port Richmond had a busy year. At their monthly meeting they decided to plan activities that will help those in need. In November they served sandwiches and desserts to the Ladies at our Annual Celtic Tea. Later that month they help put together food baskets for the families of domestic abuse at Providence House Shelter.

In December, they decorated the Christmas tree in our division hall with handmade items and helped distribute toys to the young kids at the luncheon with Santa.

In March they were front and center along with the Ladies Division marching in the St. Patrick Day parade in Center City Philadelphia. They attended morning Mass and looked awesome in their sweatshirts marching down JFK Blvd. The division won the prize for most spirited group in the parade was the topper!!! The girls had a great time.

This month breakfast bags are going to be put together to send to the Veteran Multi-Service Center to help the homeless Veterans in our area. They are going to take the summer off but will be back in business come the fall.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DIVISION 23 JUNIORS



JUNIORS DIVISION 23 AT THE 2009 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Here's a little update on the Junior's of LAOH Division #23:

Our girls marched in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Lawrenceville Memorial Day Parade.

LAOH Junior Division #23 is proud to be the home of Pittsburgh's "Miss Smiling Irish Eyes" Bridget Byrne. She will be representing the city of Pittsburgh in Ireland for the Maid of the Mourne Contest in August. Bridget was presented an Honorable Mention Award from the National LAOH Board at the 2008 National Convention in New Orleans.

The Juniors have given their time as well as monetary contributions to St. Matthew's Parish for many of their events including the Cash Bash. They also helped in the preparation of St. Kieran's Church (St. Matthew's Parish) for Christmas which involved cleaning and decorating.

Some other contributions: Race for the Cure, Junior Diabetes, Junior Achievement, VFW, St. John Neumann School.

Maggie Donaldson, who was one of our original members, was Miss Deaf Pennsylvania. We have two members this year who graduated from high school and who will be heading to college.

The girls in the past year have donated money to St. Matthews (Spaghetti dinner, cash bash, money raffles, and two of the smaller girls assisted in cleaning the church hall). We donated to the Junior Diabetes Walk, Junior Achievement and Race for the Cure

The Juniors of Division #23 would like to thank Colleen Bowers who has been a great mentor and wish her luck in her run for LAOH Pennsylvania State President.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DIVISION 23 JUNIORS (CONTINUED)



Bridget Byrne at Pittsburgh 2009
St. Patrick's Day Parade as "Miss
Smiling Irish Eyes"

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DIVISION 32 JUNIORS

The girls have been very involved in activities at Bishop Canevin and with Division 32 activities. The highlight of the year was marching in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade. This past year the girls went to a movie at the Irish Classical Theater and on St. Patrick's Day were honored to have Fr. Kealy from Duquesne University celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Mass with them and learn a lot of history about Ireland. The girls continued their annual Christmas project of gathering and sending supplies to our troops in Iraq. Several of the girls participated in the March on Washington in January to protest Roe vs. Wade. The girls are very involved with the Genesis project and collect money in baby bottles to send to Genesis. The girls will be the guests of the ladies division at the annual August Summer Picnic meeting. The girls are looking forward to hosting the 2010 Junior Convention in Pittsburgh along with their Sisters from Division 23 in Lawrenceville.



The Junior Girls from Division 32 proudly march in Pittsburgh's St. Patrick's Day Parade



Jayme Smith, the 2009 Division 32 Junior Hibernian of the Year poses for a picture with Pat McGrath, Division 32 Service Award Winner



Brittany Bowers, Anne Sadowski, Kelly O'Toole, Heather Metro and Sarah Wilson enjoyed the tour of the Hershey Factory at the 2008 Junior Convention.