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Pearl River, NY

November, 2013



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Welcome aboard to new members Tim Sweeney and Greg Freeman. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, November 15 at 8m. Congrats to the Ladies AOH Div.3 on running a very successful Dancing Like the Stars fundraiser. The pub football party was once again a great success. We managed to raise a sizeable donation to the O'Hara Family as well as \$250+ for the girls food drive. Many thanks are in order for Sean Walsh, Mike O'Sullivan, Tommy Healy, Dennis Madigan, Bucky, John Gannon, Kevin Donahue, John & Eileen Crilley, Pete Dunne, Mike Dempsey and anyone else who pitched in that I may have missed. All of these folks contributed one way or another including cooking, cleaning, organizing, serving or lifting the load in some other way. That is what made the day a success and thanks to all of them for a great day.

Dan Callanan reports the following Good and Welfare News... A retraction is in order from last month's report, Mike Smith did not suffer a

stroke. It was another medical problem which has been corrected and he is good to go. Please keep Terry Baxter in your prayers who is recovering from a stroke right now at Helen Hayes and doing well. Congratulations to Craig Basler who is now a NYPD sarge, to Pete Connolly on the birth of his granddaughter Molly via his son Dennis. Gene Flood and Connie Smith both stopped by the pub and both are doing just fine. Pete Dunne is scheduled for a new knee to replace the one he damaged jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. Dermot and Joan Moore are off to Australia for their 30th wedding anniversary and to see their daughter who has been studying down there and their son Terence who has just finished his deployment in the Middle East with the USAF.

As always, please remember in your prayers our wounded warriors and their families.

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,
Dermot O'Connor Moore, President.

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CALENDAR _____

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| Nov. 10 | 1st Pot O'Gold Drawing Party |
| Nov. 15 | Division Meeting |
| Nov. 23 | Senior Citizen's Luncheon |
| Dec. 8 | O'Hara Benefit |
| Dec. 22 | Final Pot O'Gold Drawing Party |

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The Picnic was a howling success thanks to Brian and Tim. You would never know they like to cook by looking at them. Mystery man still in pool, Donny Mc looking to hire a hit man.

Beer consumption is down at the pub due to a certain barkeep cutting back (*no names but he works Sunday days*). The football party was a big hit, thanks to all who brought food. Kevin Donohue noticed a lot of members are training for the fat-off so we may need a bigger scale.

Great job by the Ladies AOH on Dancing Like the Stars. Word is a certain vice principal is going to enter and he said he'll win. More "Power" to him. Found at the AOH - a set of false teeth, 2 sets of car keys. Any ideas?

The doctors have recently confirmed there's nothing inside of Jim Gallagher's head. Ciaran Timoney had a great time at the pub last week. He was so happy he took Chris and Mook home with him. Big John O is opening a key shop in Pearl River. If you need any keys, he already has a copy of it. Word to the wise, stay off Denis's block. The Count and Bobby Who are headed back to Florida, the night bartenders rejoice. Don't forget the Family Fund for Christmas and weigh in for the 10th anniversary fat-off on Jan. 1 from 1pm to 3pm.

Pete Dunne

Pot of Gold

Once again our Annual Pot of Gold raffle has begun and we are seeking your support. Each year demand for these tickets increases and yet our space remains somewhat limited. It is for this reason that we ask, if you are considering attending our parties, please secure your tickets as soon as possible. This year we are once again keeping the cost for our tickets at 100.00. Not only will you be helping us to continue to support our numerous charitable endeavors, you and a guest will be entitled to attend both of our parties and also have an opportunity at winning numerous prizes. This year our 1st party (*drawing #1*) will be held on Sunday November 10th at the Hibernian House. The second party (*drawing #2*) will be held on Sunday December 22nd also at the Hibernian House.

Tickets can be secured by contacting Bill Lee at mr.williamlee@gmail.com or by calling 845-558-4148. Tickets can also be obtained at the Hibernian House, please ask the bartender on duty for the tickets.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S LUNCHEON

Our senior citizen's Thanksgiving Luncheon is November 23rd and we could use volunteers starting at 10 am, especially any students looking for community service.

O'HARA BENEFIT

Division 3 member John O'Hara passed away in August at the age of 43, leaving behind 5 children under the age of 10. There will be a fund raiser at Emmet's Castle on Saturday, December 8th from 2 to 10 pm. Please contact Vince Tyer at 914-588-1611 for tickets and more details.

Donations can be mailed to:
John O'Hara Memorial Fund

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LAOH

Well our "Dancing Like the Stars" was a huge success for all. I want to thank the following people for helping make it such a success: Dancers Martin Linnane, Teresa O'Rourke (*who is feeling better*), Trish Ramella, Christine McArdle, Darren Chandler, Seamus Keane, Pamela Geraghty, Carmel Reilly, Neil O'Sullivan, Rich Windram, Kim Glynn, Pat Withers and the "Winners", Colette and Dave Curry: DJ Frank Kennedy and Brian Fitzgerald (*Cameraman*): Tom Fennell as our announcer, Judges Pete Dunne, Pat Keady and Fergal Hayes: The staff behind the Scenes: Dance Central's Annie and Kim, Mandel Ross, Trish Ramella, Kiera Shields: Pat Engellener (*Dance Instructor*) Maggie Chandler (*Makeup*) and Emmett Woods and his entire staff at Emmett's Castle. A big Thank you to all the Ladies of Division 3 who helped: Kay McGinnis, Katie Basler, Pat Barry, Eileen Bierne, Alice Fogarty, Nadine Green, Tara Hooker, May Krieder, Christine Madigan, Jules Madigan, Terry McGeever, Teresa Morris, Loretta Reidy, Linda Sheridan, and Kristen Troy. Their hard work, donated time and talent helped make this an "EVENT." Hopefully we can continue this type of fundraiser that was enjoyable for all that participated and supported the event.

Our next Division 3 meeting will be on Nov. 19 - please note the date change. On the agenda is the election of the new officers for 2014-2015 year. Our Joint county meeting will be on Tuesday Nov. 12 at 8PM for the election of the Grand Marshal and Aide to New York City. The County Breakfast had a very good turnout. Thanks to Linda and Phil Sheridan for doing the cooking, Teresa Hardy Adametz for keeping the food moving and to all that helped set up, cleanup and did the 50/50. Many Thanks!! Division 3 LAOH will hold their annual Christmas Dinner this year at the Horse & Jockey in Pearl River at 7 PM on Tuesday, December 10th. Contact Mary O'Sullivan at 845-735-3682 to reserve your spot. The cost will be \$40 per person which includes appetizer, dinner, beer, wine and soda. We Welcome new members Christine Madigan, Jules Madigan, Elizabeth Foiles, Tara Hooker and Katherine McBride. Congratulations to Jules Madigan, one of our new members, on a successful food drive that collected over six boxes of food for the St. Vincent De Paul pantry. Well done! New members are always welcome. Applications are available online at www.ladiesaoh.org and can be dropped at the pub.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
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VALENTINE'S DANCE



The Valentine's/Mid-Winter Dance

will be

February 8th

with the Roddy Harrington Band

\$30 per person

Food 7:30, band starts at 8:30

Patrick Brady, "Faith Under Fire"



During the Vietnam War, a soldier wounded on the battlefield had a better chance of survival than if he had been injured as a civilian in a car crash back home in the states. This remarkable statistic is due to the courage and dedication of the pilots and crews of the aeromedical helicopter evacuation unit, radio call sign "Dust Off". A four man crew of a pilot, copilot, medic and crew chief would fly helicopters into the thick of jungle and battle to load and evacuate patients often while under fire. The personal sacrifice of these brave crews was high; the loss of aircraft was 3.3 times that of other helicopter missions and about one third of all air ambulance crew members became casualties. In a cadre of brave and remarkable men who achieved the extraordinary on a daily basis, one man exceeded even this elite groups' standards of dedication and courage; he was Major Patrick Brady.

Patrick Brady was born in South Dakota on October 1, 1936. His parents had separated resulting in a turbulent childhood where he and his brother were constantly being moved from relative to relative; Brady actually attended ten different schools in his first nine years of schooling. This changed when he moved to Seattle, Washington and began to attend the O'Dea School administered by the Irish Christian Brothers. The dedication and discipline of the Brothers provided young Patrick with strong adult role models; they instilled in young Patrick a strong sense of duty and a deep and enduring faith. Attending Seattle University, he enrolled in ROTC and was commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation. After an initial assignment to Germany during the Berlin Crisis, Kelly enrolled in the Army Aviation

School for training as a helicopter pilot. Upon graduation, Brady volunteered for service in Vietnam in 1963.

It was in Vietnam as an aviator with the 57th Medical Detachment that Brady met another great influence on his life; his commanding officer the legendary Major Charles Kelly. Kelly was the strongest proponent of the dedicated Air Ambulance concept and his commitment to evacuating wounded under fire had earned him the nickname of "Mad Man." On July 1, 1964 Kelly was attempting to rescue wounded soldiers when he was warned to leave a landing zone as it was still under enemy fire. Kelly's response was "When I have your wounded." Tragically, but fittingly as it epitomized his life, these would be Kelly's last words as moments later a bullet pierced Kelly's heart. The next day an Officer who was critical of Kelly's aggressive flying tactics approached Brady, who was now the 57's commander, throwing the bullet that had killed Kelly on his desk and asked if now would the unit stop flying so aggressively. Picking up the bullet, Brady replied, "We are going to keep flying exactly the way Kelly taught us to fly, without hesitation, anytime, anywhere."

Brady would be true to his word and to Kelly's legacy. On January 6, 1968, Brady was on his second tour in Vietnam and now a Major and commander of the 54th Medical Detachment. He was awakened to a report that two soldiers were in serious condition, but that seven other previous attempts to evacuate them had failed because of a thick blanket of fog that blanketed the area and would persist throughout the day. Brady and his crew successfully navigated in obscured visibility to the men's position and successfully evacuated the wounded men while under fire. On the flight back, Brady picked up radio chatter that another unit had been caught in a fire fight and had seventy wounded men. Two previous attempts to evacuate them had resulted in the responding helicopters being shot down; Brady and his crew immediately volunteered to try again. Brady was initially followed by four other helicopters, but they turned back because of the fog leaving Brady and his crew to continue alone. Instead of seeing the fog as a problem, Brady used it to his advantage, knowing it

would make it difficult for enemy gunners to get a fix on him as he flew directly over them. Brady and his crew would make five trips in what was reported as zero visibility under enemy fire and evacuated all the wounded. Some speculated that Brady's Helicopter had special navigation aids, but Brady stated that his only special equipment was "Two good eyes, two good reference points and God's good will."

Yet, Brady's days work was not through; he received a call for a third evacuation mission. Here the wounded could not make it to the designated landing zone. Despite his Helicopter being severely damaged by the enemy, Brady found and set down at an improvised landing site closer to the wounded, from where they could be loaded. Upon returning to base, he obtained a replacement aircraft and responded to a report of an American patrol that was pinned down in a mine field. Noting a spot where a Helicopter had set down earlier and realizing it was likely safe, Brady landed in the mine field and his crew exited the helicopter. Despite a mine detonating near his aircraft Brady was able to evacuate a further 6 wounded soldiers.

In all Major Patrick Brady, using three helicopters, evacuated over 100 wounded soldiers that day. His dedication to rescuing the wounded and his incomparable courage would earn him the Medal of Honor, joining such other Irish Americans as Dan Daly, "Wild Bill" Donovan and Audie Murphy. Modestly, Brady says the medal belongs to those he cared for and those who cared enough for him to write it down. Throughout that remarkable day, Brady claims he was never afraid; crediting the faith instilled in him years before by the Irish Christian Brothers and the belief that if he was killed there could have been no better way to die than in service to his fellow soldiers. In the bigger picture, the events of January 6, 1968 pale in comparison to Patrick Brady's broader career in Vietnam where he made over 2,000 flights and evacuated over 5,000 wounded, a reminder of the remarkable valor and sacrifice that so many of our veterans perform. While these unsung every day acts of courage may not be officially recognized by awards, may we never forget them or our veterans.

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