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Dear Friend and Supporter,

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York Inc.** is pleased to announce our **115th Annual Dinner Dance** will be held on **Friday, January 25, 2019**, at Antun's, located at 96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY. This year's festive occasion will begin with a deluxe cocktail hour at 7:30pm followed by dinner and dancing from 8:30pm to 12:30am to the music of Rumor Has It. Tickets are \$100.00 per person or a table of ten for \$1,000.00.

We are delighted to announce our '**Gael of the Year**' is **Patrick J. Mc Gowan**. A native of Culleens, Co. Sligo, Patrick immigrated to New York in 1982. With more than thirty years experience as a construction professional, Patrick is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Mc Gowan, a full service construction firm headquartered in East Rutherford, N.J. Patrick is very involved with many charitable, professional and community organizations. He co-founded the Loretta Mc Gowan Foundation, a non-profit organization created in honor of his Aunt Loretta to foster research and educational efforts to help people with Down syndrome. Patrick is also co-founder of the Vincent Mc Gowan Foundation, a non-profit organization in honor of his brother Vincent, who he lost to depression in 2014. Patrick is Chairman of the Board of Solace House (formerly Pieta House).

We are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's **Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award** is **Michael F. Prunty**. A native of Killoe, Co. Longford, Mike, as he is known to family and friends, is a delegate to the UICA from the County Longford Association of Greater New York, where he served as President for three "terms" totaling fourteen years between 1987 and 2017. An active member of the Irish American community, Mike has held many offices in the United Irish Counties Association including President in 2011 and 2012. In addition, he has served as Secretary of New York GAA, President of AOH Division 4 NY County, and is a founding member of The Emerald Guild.

In conjunction with this event and in recognition of our honorees, we will be producing a digital journal. A journal contract is attached for your consideration and should be returned by Friday, January 11, 2019.

A dinner dance reservation form is attached for your use and should be returned by Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Proceeds from this year's annual event will be donated to Solace House which develops, promotes, and supports programs that create awareness and provide help to those who suffer from suicidal distress and depression.

With your assistance, the UICANY continues to be a vibrant part of the Irish community, promoting and preserving our Irish heritage and culture, keeping true to the goals of our founding members.

We look forward to greeting you on January 25th as we pay tribute to our distinguished guests.

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