



# *United Irish Counties Association of New York, Inc.*

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Dear Delegate, Friend and Supporter,

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York Inc.** is pleased to announce our **119th Annual Dinner Dance** will be held on **Friday, January 26, 2024**, 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 12:30pm to the music of Rumor Has It. Tickets are \$125.00 per person or a table of ten for \$1,250.00.

We are delighted to announce our '**Gael of the Year**' is **William M. Lynn**. A native New Yorker who traces his roots to County Mayo through both his parents, Bill is the Business Manager and Financial Secretary of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 30, a position he has held since 2014. A second-generation Local 30 member, Bill joined the union in 1990 as an apprentice and was a shop steward before rising to Dispatcher, Business Representative and Recording-Corresponding Secretary. Bill also holds leadership positions at several labor organizations, including the Long Island and Westchester-Putnam AFL-CIO, Nassau-Suffolk Building Trades, Municipal Labor Council, New York State Public Employee Conference, Long Island Labor Advisory Council and the James Connolly Irish American Labor Coalition.

We are pleased to announce the recipient of this year's **Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award** is **Regina O'Dwyer**. Born and raised in the Inwood section of upper Manhattan, Regina traces her roots to County Tipperary through her father and Counties Clare and Cork through her maternal grandparents. She is a delegate to the UICANY from the County Tipperary N. & B. Association of New York where she served as Corresponding Secretary, President Oct 2009-Oct 2011, and presently serves as a Trustee. A past Director of the UICANY, Regina currently serves as our Recording Secretary. Regina's background as a musician, music adjudicator and Irish stepdancer serve as the perfect base for her role as Chairperson of the UICANY Feis Committee.

In conjunction with this event and in recognition of our honorees, we will be producing a souvenir journal. A journal contract is attached for your consideration and should be returned by Friday, January 12, 2024.

We look forward to greeting you on January 26th as we pay tribute to our distinguished guests. A dinner dance reservation form is attached for your use and should be returned by Monday, January 22, 2024.

Proceeds from this annual event enable us to donate to and provide support to various Irish and Irish American cultural and educational events throughout the year. 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 hope you will support us and help to make this special night a success by attending the dinner dance and/or advertising in our journal.

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