

THE IRISH CENTRE

JANUARY 1969

: NEWS-LETTER :

- Sat. 4th United Ireland Association
Sun. 5th Kerryman's Association Children's Party
Tues. 7th Children's Dancing
Thurs. 9th Araglin & Kilworth Reunion
Sat. 11th Roscommon Association
Sun. 12th Shannon A.G.M.
Tues. 14th Tipperary Association A.G.M.
Newport Reunion
Thurs. 16th OFFICIAL OPENING - The Douglas Hyde Lounge
Sat. 18th Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Party
Kilkenny Association - Dance
Mon. 20th Benefit Dance - Joe Reilly
Tues. 21st Kilnamatyra Reunion
Thurs. 23rd Kilkenny Beer Festival Bacon & Cabbage Dinner
Sat. 25th Mayo Association
Sun. 26th Tipperary C.B.S. A.G.M.
Tues. 28th Carrigallon Reunion
Thurs. 30th Benefit Dance - John Doherty

BINGO - Sunday, Wednesday & Friday
WEEKLY TOTE DRAW - Every Sunday

Dear Member,

We apologise for the late delivery of this month's News-Letter, but I am sure you will understand. The end of the year is always a very busy time here, and between all the demands, the News-Letter had to be postponed.

At the outset, we want to wish you all a very happy New Year. I don't know what you will remember most in 1968, but I'm afraid it was an unsatisfactory year in many ways. Not indeed that the turn of a new year is going to change the face of the earth or the hearts of people all of a sudden. At the same time we would all hope that after the season of good will, the men responsible for national or world policy would re-think their ideas and sincerity. The Russians say they want peace in the world; the Vietnamese say they want peace; Paisley says he wants peace but its a "piece" of Ireland he wants! And so it goes on. . . .

All we can say is, we hope they will all realise what peace really means, and we hope you will have that peace during 1969.

We take this opportunity of welcoming our new members, and we hope you will stay with us for many a long day. We hope too that you will make the Centre better known and take along your friends. As well as the social side of the Centre, there is also the welfare aspect and the following is just a very brief report on the important side of our functioning:

During the month of December we had a total of 85 people through our Welfare Office. We were able to find employment for 35 of them, and accommodation for 50. The total number who came to us this year amounted to 2,010. This figure only includes office hours, but as many of you know a lot come at night which have to be dealt with. Anyway, that is a very brief account of our welfare report for the past month.

The new hall has been named The Douglas Hyde Lounge, and it will be officially opened on January 16th, by His Excellency the Ambassador, and blessed by His Lordship, Bishop Casey. This lounge will be solely for the use of members at the week-ends. We feel sure you will want to come to the Douglas Hyde Lounge and have a comfortable sit-down, and know you will enjoy it.

On the 13th January we have our Old Age Pensioners' Party. This is one of the best and biggest events of the year. Those responsible for running the Party, i.e. the Social Club Committee, always look forward to this event for the pure satisfaction of the pleasure it gives to so many old people. The Mayor of Camden will be present, and all in all it will be a great and satisfactory event.

Our thanks to all who bought Christmas Cards. They made a very useful profit, and at the same time spread our 'fame' around. We hope next year, you will remember we sell cards, and give us your patronage again.

All here at the Irish Centre wish you a very happy New Year.

Rev. P. Sheridan, O.M.I.

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