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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. It was a beautiful weekend; it is nice to see the flowers blooming and the grass so green. We are looking forward to our Spring Dinner Dance, thanks to Brendan and Anne Kerins for catering. We are delighted to pay tribute to John Carroll. John always thinks of others, fellow seniors and of course our veterans. He is the essence of a good member always volunteering without any fuss and is always available to open the door.

Thank you to Pat Browne and his committee for the plaque to recognize our founding members that started this great society 86 years ago.

We are checking our membership rolls, we have a lot of members who have not paid dues for 2013/14 so we have pulled them from our active rolls. By the end of July we will pull members who have not paid for 2015. It costs a lot to do our mailing so we would appreciate any members who can settle their arrears. If you have any questions please call the office.

Our maintenance committee is busy keeping our center in running order, their efforts do not go unnoticed. Please donate any wool that you might have to our productive knitting club.

I was honored by the Irish Echo as a community champion, thanks to the center and my friends for supporting me. The Irish Society was also honored by The Irish Echo with the Open Door Award, we all should be very proud.

Our Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast was beautiful, thank you to the Kerins and Byrnes. Thank you to Betty O'Sullivan, Brigid McNulty and Tess Smith. We would like to thank Frank Collins and his family for chairing our Children's Christmas Party for over 26 years. We had our first Pub Quiz which was a very enjoyable night. Thank you to Bridie Kilkenny McMahan and her committee.

Congratulations to Donny Golden who is celebrating 45 years as an Irish dancing teacher. We are proud to have Donny and his school as such an integral part of our society. We wish him continued success. On June 11<sup>th</sup> we will show the Project Children "How to defuse a bomb" documentary. See calendar for details.

Please pray for our Pat Hickey, Pat McHugh, Mary Sexton, Jim Morris, Eileen Daley, John Howard and Eileen Flannery. We keep our deceased members in our prayer Michael Jordan, Tony Haugh and John and Beatrice O'Neill, may they rest in peace.

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