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Dear members and friends,

Summer is behind us and we won't feel it until Thanksgiving. We must never forget 9/11 and we must also keep all people suffering from the catastrophic weather all over the world in our prayers. Our thoughts are with them all.

July's Sean Wilson dance was a great success. The cancellation of the Eisenhower Park event was disappointing but you can't beat mother nature. The recent children's concert was terrific and we are all looking forward to the upcoming Christmas show. Everyone had a great time at the Mineola fair. Thank you to all the chair people and their committees who worked so hard.

Our Harvest Moon Ball was terrific, congratulations to all our honorees and thank you to their family and friends for making it such a great night. It was wonderful to meet our new Consul General Ciaran Madden and his wife Lana.

We had a very good season with our GAA this year, over 300 watched the final in the center. The chair people and their volunteers deserve a special thank you. It is a tremendous time commitment and a lot of hard work. Fashion show is coming up on the 29th and we are already preparing for our Feis on October 28th and 29th, if you could help please give the office a call. I would like to again invite any veterans to come to the center for a day of recognition on October 9th. Please call the office if you would like to attend.

A committee of 5 members has proposed several amendments to our Constitution to conform it to the procedures which have been in place for the last 14 years and update two other provisions. Board Members have been serving for a term of 2 years, the treasurer has a seat and vote on the board and society expenses under \$1,000 do not need to be approved by membership. However, our constitution states that the treasurer is not a voting board member, directors have to serve 3 years and that all amounts over \$100 have to be voted on by membership. The committee is also proposing another amendment that an audit be done every 2 years and appointments to the board of directors and trustees remain for the end of the term. A separate mailing will be done next month giving our members all the information. The proposed amendments will be voted on at October meeting. Please call the office if you have any questions or email us at irishamericansocietyny@gmail.com

Please pray for our sick: Mary Sexton, Eileen Daley, Pat McHugh, Anne Boland, Peter Collins, Eileen Flannery and Mary McLoughlin. Please pray for our deceased may the rest in peace: Maureen Flood, Greg Maney, Martin Browne, Seamus Egan and Pat Hickey. Congratulations to Denis and Betty O'Sullivan on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Thank you again to all our talented volunteers, the society couldn't continue without you. Happy Thanksgiving.

Betty McLoughlin