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THE GALWAY LION

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The October meeting was well attended and a big welcome back to Brian Higgins, the joy of the club, and Lions in general was manifested by the presence of our Zone Chairman, John Joyce. Its not often that we receive important personages, but Brian has carved, or should I say "chopped", a no mean reputation of sterling service to our Club. As we trooped into our meeting room, we gazed at an unusual seating arrangement with the President and Secretary sitting together and at a separate table all by himself, our Treasurer. "Funny peculiar" I say to myself, could there be a split in our higher echelons. Who has placed a dagger in whose back, has there been a cooking aroma from the "books", you get the drift of my thinking, it is essential to be observant in these matters, and NEVER miss the gory details!

Well it became clear as the meeting jumped into life, President Tom banged the bell, all of us fell silent as Secretary Conor whipped through the minutes and correspondence, more of which later, and in reference to the D.G.'s newsletter and the matter of furnishing Clubs financial accounts, it transpired that no later than the previous Saturday at a cabinet meeting, the D.G. himself or was it the Treasurer himself, no matter, he or they, held up for the cabinet of all the District to see the Galway Accounts presented on the finest of paper, not a comma out of place, and a fine load of money collected and accounted for, an example to the whole District.

Well our little hearts swelled with pride, and then and only then we knew why President Tom placed Treasurer Michael Murray at the "table", it was a signal to erupt with the highest award the Club can bestow on its members

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Well done Michael, we always knew we had a good one, and now the District knows it.

TWINNING

It's not often we receive a letter requesting our Club to twin, we did have such a request read to us, I cannot be certain whether the letter was written in Italian or English, but it was from a Club in Sicily. Sun baked beaches came to mind, pasta and macaroni and what else dumbo, well now that you pushed me, murder, bombings, yes, we may have quite a lot in common after all. Sad commentary, I would have to say, but maybe a swap would do all elements some good, make us sleepy and them too cold to do harm, now that's an idea!!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members will be with us at our November meeting:

DERRICK KELLY	GARDA
TOM JOYCE	BANKER
SEAN LOUGHNANE	VICTUALLER
ENDA COLLERAN	VICTUALLER

As is customary, we will make them welcome so be sure to have all the names correct!!

ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

'Tis already held, Project Chairman Jim Kelly and his team of - Michael O'Regan, Tom Kenny, supported by President Tom, John Kelleher, and my colleague, Sean Hosty, who splendidly fulfilled the photographic duties.

And what's more, the **Regional finals** are being held on **Thursday, 5th November**.

The artists who presented themselves:

EAMON TOBIN	TENOR	OUTSIDE THE GARDEN
ARTHUR McWILLIAMS	TENOR	LOVE YOU DEAREST
MICHAEL FOLAN	TENOR	ONE DAY WHEN WE WERE YOUNG
MAUREEN MULVEEN	SOPRANO	LOVE YOU DEAREST
PADDY GALLAGHER	ACCORDIAN	
PADDY McGRATH	TENOR	SPENCIL HILL
LARRY FEENEY	POETRY RECITATION	

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We had two judges - John Armitage and Mary Boyce and the piano accompanist, Paddy Daly, was as usual in fine form.

Your editor was informed that the poem recited by Larry Feeney in Gaelic, dealt with a battle between the O Fahertas and the Earl of Clanrickard. So now that's something most of you never knew, and what's more Larry is Marion Watter's Dad, when next you are speaking to her find out more details about this great battle fought so long ago.

After the judging was complete an enjoyable sing-song took place, Mario handed out lolly pops to everyone who did their turn, another successful project.

We shall await a full report at the November meeting with interest.

WINE TASTING

To those of you who were not present at our Wine Tasting held in the salubrious surroundings of the Glenlo Abbey Hotel pay special attention as I try to capture the scene and perhaps educate you as well.

Project Chairman, Ger O Maille, together with Frank Kinneen and Frank Conlan, did us all proud, as they "attracted" sponsorship from the German Wine Information Service, and they "attracted" the Information Officer herself Dagmer McGuinness, no relation to Sam, and let's face it much prettier, sorry Sam!!

Now wine tasting is a serious business, and a complicated one, not alone do you need to be well up on horticultural know-how but your geography would also be required to be pin sharp.

As we approached the dining room, people spoke in hushed tones, no smoking allowed as this would interfere and impair our senses.

Phillip Hergette, the German Honorary Counsellor addressed us and gave a brief outline on the German wine industry and he was followed by Brian Walsh from R.T.C. College of Catering who with four students brought us through the seven wines to be sampled.

Tables to sit eight people, filled with seven glasses per person, cheese cubes, and bread spread around the dining room as Brian tried to control the babbling voices of the uneducated!!

I regret that I observed two Past Presidents, who arrived in after everyone was seated, with two half filled pint glasses and a trace of the devil's buttermilk on their upper lips, and wondering why everyone was staring at them!!

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We were issued with a booklet "A Short Guide to German Wines" which one couple flicked through before the tasting, and what I thought was a lovely compliment to his beloved referred me to the section dealing with the NAHE region which he said captured his wife and its as follows:

"NAHE wine is fragrant, subtly, racy, fruity, full of flavour", which of you Lions would describe your beloved in those endearing terms?

To get back to wines there are six white grape varieties, including the best known Riesling, there are three varieties of red grape but little of these are exported. There are thirteen regions. So now you know!!

What you who did not attend this educating experience will miss is the proper method of holding a wine glass, the correct way to swirl the wine in the glass, the savouring of the bouquet and hundreds of other tips which indicates that you are a man of the world! If you feel you need help in boosting your confidence, I could let you have my copy for £10!!

Well done Ger and team, a good start to our fundraising activities for this year.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

When did you last meet with your International Relations? Relations? I thought so, well some people take it as a privilege, certainly Jim Kelly does, it all happened like this--

Jackie O Keffe, lady president of a Lions Club in Maine, saw the Lions greeting sign courtesy of Tom O'Connor, on the outskirts of our famous city. Meeting in the Ardilaun Hotel, it states, so she rings and gets Jim Kelly's name and telephone number, Jim endeavours to contact President Tom, who is away for a break and finally I hear Jim's sweet voice on the phone "This lady President wants to meet Galway Lions and we're IT so get your camera ready as she's in a hurry back to Dublin". He contacted Conor O'Dwyer who was torturing a customer at the time, but put him on to Kevin Watters who had a bannerette, saved by the bell!!

The Galway delegation arrived, made introductions, exchanged information about the two Clubs, its membership and activities.

Photographs taken, we received Club and District badges, wished her well on her journey, and we're on our way, all this activity took place in under an hour and a half. Well done Jim, may you never be out when the phone rings!!

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Project Chairman Brendan Guerin has arranged our annual **Remembrance Mass** for **Monday, 16th November**, at **St. Enda's College** at **8.00 p.m.** Do try to make it, as the families of past Lions appreciate meeting with all of their friends.

FRANK KINNEEN

Did you know that Frank participated in the Dublin Marathon this year, only two weeks ago? His time was a very creditable three hours and a half. We had heard of his expertise on the rugby field, this new departure has caught us all by surprise.

We don't know what part Muriel paid in maintaining the secret, her attention to his diet, training schedule and ferrying him up and down to Dublin played no small part in the success.

The citation reads: For dedication, for endurance, for overcoming self doubt (well he must have) and being an alright fellow, Lions lets hear the rafters roar

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NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: MONDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER

VENUE: ARDILAUN HOTEL

DIRECTORS: 7.30 P.M.

ALL LIONS: 8.30 P.M.