



# THE GALWAY LION

(CONFIDENTIAL BULLETIN OF GALWAY LIONS CLUB)

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The February meeting could be described as a "build-up" one, so many projects in the pipeline, you'd wonder whether you would have the energy for them all.

President Tom whips through the agenda as if he was trying to catch a bus! His Project Chairmen are something else, as they rattle off dates, times and expected revenue. Our Minister of Finance could learn a bit by listening to our Chairmen and I am not saying that to butter them up to get out of a job, which task our misunderstood Minister is doing his best to create, and not getting the response he would like. But then the Minister has not had the privilege of being a Lion, and the ability of driving up enthusiasm to achieve better service to the community.

Take a bow lads, your efforts are appreciated.

### GALWAY LIONS DAY 1993

Confirmed by Keith Finnegan, General Manager, that we will have our **3rd Lions Day** next Christmas. They are delighted at Galway Bay FM at our professional approach in making the day a success.

### CONVENTION BID 1994

Keep this quiet, our President Tom and the District Governor are bosom pals, how did this come about? The official answer is a denial, but sure we expected that there's a nod and a wink going on between them. You look after us and we will look after you, is the motto and it's working.

President Tom is a firm believer in looking after oneself, the District is groaning under the weight of circulars exhorting support for our Convention bid at the District Convention being held in Coleraine the first weekend in March.

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The D.G. let slip to President Tom that Antrim, which happens by chance to be the D.G.'s own club, were shaping up for a Convention bid themselves.

Well we all know them to be gentlemen, its agreed it will be "After you Claude" so barring an earthquake, 1994 we will be up to our necks in putting the final touches to the best ever Lions Convention.

### **OLD FOLKS PARTIES**

Project Chairman Michael O Regan has completed one party at the time of writing and by the time you have read this, the second party will have taken place.

It's been some years since we last held a party in the Merlin Park Hospital. It was gratifying to see the improvement in their new home in Unit 5 compared to the previous location.

A simple formula: bring some Guinness, whiskey and minerals, some port or sherry, but principally bring John Duggan's multi-talented family and if you discover a new singing sensation so much the better!

The happy atmosphere was a delight to behold, all the nursing and catering staff participated in the sing songs, did their party pieces, danced with the patients.

Enda Colleran looking every inch the gentleman he is, sang the old favourites, had the patients joining in and did they enjoy themselves!

How is it that John Duggan has reared such a gifted musical family, well maybe Anne had a part to play as well!! As someone bereft of a note, except the one in one's pocket, and that one a bit shaky, you can only admire the sweet harmony and ease of playing, the hallmark of true talent.

Our President warbled a few well known numbers, Pat Connolly chatted up the Senior Citizens who love the opportunity to have someone listen to them.

Sister Pigott was most thankful to Michael for organising the party with such style.

We await Michael's report at the March meeting when the accustomary method of appreciation will be demonstrated.

.....Thank you Michael.....

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### **21ST CHARTER ANNIVERSARY**

Project Chairman Peter Flanagan has confirmed that Saturday, 27th March, in the Ardilaun Hotel will be the great occasion to celebrate our 21 years.

Details are as scarce as hens teeth, but you know Peter, always an item or two up his sleeve!

The D.G. is coming, the Charter members are being invited, the Mayor and other dignitaries will be coming and don't forget to come yourself!!

### **21ST EDITION BULLETIN**

A good response to date from those Lions requested to write for this exciting once off edition. The display of writing talent makes your Editor very humble and glad that he has never to face re-election.

There are those who have been waiting for their creative inspirations to come flooding to their pens, please don't wait too long, as the editorial board must put to bed this special edition.

Just so that expectations do not run riot, it is not the Dublin Opinion that we will be printing.

It will be our opportunity to record the contributions made by present and past Lions which has contributed to make the Club what it is today.

### **THE SLIM-IN**

Frank Kinneen, Project Chairman, has come up with a winner, to raise funds for the Mosney holiday for 50 Senior Citizens. At a press conference held in the Park Restaurant, Frank rounded up the weightiest people in Galway.

How is it that these personalities play such a notable role in Galway, thin is thin and casts a poor shadow compared to these weighty figures.

1st Vice-President John Hanlon, did the honours in the unavoidable absence of President Tom, and you know what - John was very witty!! Most of the personalities were present for the weigh in with the heaviest clocking up 267 lbs. That's over 19 stone, Holy Heaven!!

We have been issued with our cards and Frank has provided space for 43 contributors. Thanks Frank!

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**TOM SUPERMAN**

Have you cracked your arm in three places, damaged your breast bone, suffered cuts and bruises, been unconscious, all at the same time? No, lucky you, but Tom O'Connor achieved this distinction. Tom keeps himself as fit as can be, he could be seen cycling along in the early hours in the morning, head down and pedalling as if chased by a hot tempered bull. Sorry, I exaggerate, but he is no slouch when it comes to pushing a bike.

As Tom recounts it, there he was gliding down a hill, the handle bars snapped, fell into the spokes and Tom flew into space, crashed, and landed on the side of the road. Luckily there was no following traffic at the time. This mishap was kept quiet, no one knew, no cards or flowers, zilch.

Our hero wanted no fuss, no solicitors rushing into the hospital with offers to sue on his behalf, makes you feel inadequate, does it not? Me, I would be screaming and threatening compensation, all at the same time.

Bravery, that's for Superman, and Tom that's you!!

There's nothing for it lads but.....

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**MARCH MEETING**

**DATE: MONDAY, 8th MARCH**

**VENUE: ARDILAUN HOTEL**

**DIRECTORS: 7.30 P.M.**

**ALL LIONS: 8.30 P.M.**