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# THE GENIE GAZETTE

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## NEW EXECUTIVE ELECTED

The Society elected its 8th Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting in October. Most of the out-going Executive were re-elected, though, the Society has a new Public Relations Officer, **HEATHER JEFFERY** of Blackrock. Heather is taking up the reins at an exciting, yet busy, time for the development of the Society and the Daonchartlann Project. Indeed, **Rory Stanley**, re-elected as Cathaoirleach, stressed the importance of the Daonchartlann Project at the Martello Tower at Seapoint when he urged members to dig deep in to their pockets and purses when contributing to the Building Fund. Others elected at the AGM were: **George H. O'Reilly** (Leas-Chathaoirleach), **Michael Merrigan** (Hon. Secretary), **Joe FitzGerald** (Hon. Treasurer) and the two elected to the non-executive positions of Auditor and Members' CIGO Representative were **Declan Byrne** and **Ted Morrissey**.

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

At the first meeting of the 8th Executive Committee held on Thursday 6th November, the meeting confirmed the appointment of the following officers: **Sean Kane** (Membership Officer), **Roisin Lafferty** (Oifigeach na Gaeilge & Projects Liaison Officer), **Liam MacAlasdair** (Editor) and **Seamus Moriarty** (Chair, Finance Sub-Cmmtt). The position of Publications Sub-Cmmtt. Chair not yet appointed.

## MEMBERS HAVE THEIR SAY

The Members of the Society are afforded an opportunity to have a direct say in the development of genealogy or genealogical services in Ireland by the election of **Ted Morrissey** as Members' Rep. to the Council of CIGO. Members can contact **Ted Morrissey** at 203, Barton Road East, Dublin 14.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Tuesday Nov. 11th & Dec. 9th 1997*

Evening Open Meeting - An Culturlann, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown. 20.00 hrs.

Buses 7 & 8 - DART Seapoint or Monkstown.

*Saturday Nov. 22nd 1997* - 14.00 hrs ILAC Library - CIGO Annual General Meeting.

*Wednesday Nov. 26th 1997*

Morning Open Meeting - Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. 10.30 hrs

Buses 7, 8, 46A, 59, 111, 75 - DART Dun Laoghaire Station.

*Note: There will be no Morning Meeting in December.*

## A SPECIAL THANKS

The Archivist, **Frieda Carroll**, wishes to record her appreciation and sincere thanks to the celebrated author, broadcaster and genealogist, **Ida Grehan**, for the collection of twenty publications donated to the Society's Archive.

## DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

### *Like to help ?*

The Society will erect a lasting memorial to all those who, by their kind and generous subscriptions, enabled Ireland's first "*Daonchartlann*" to become a reality. This memorial will be placed in a prominent position in the Martello Tower as a mark of gratitude and respect. This memorial is an unique opportunity for members and friends of the Society to mark the life of a loved one or that special ancestor by having their names inscribed on this memorial. What better way to commemorate their lives than on this memorial in Ireland's *Daonchartlann* (Ir. "peoples archive"). The Society will publish a full list of subscribers, though not the amounts of each subscription, in the commemorative booklet to accompany the opening of the *Daonchartlann*. As this special memorial has limitations as to the number of names that may be inscribed thereon, only subscriptions in excess of twenty five pounds or fifty dollars will qualify for inclusion on the memorial, though, all subscriptions will receive a certificate to mark the donation and the official opening of the *Daonchartlann*. Payments by *Bank Transfer* to: D.L.G.S. Building Fund, c/o Ulster Bank, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Sort Code: 98-59-50 Building A/C No. 5252212. *Thank you for your support.*

## **PUBLICATION RECALL**

The Society advises all who purchased a copy of Vol. 3 of the Memorial Inscriptions of Deansgrange Cemetery that, due to a production fault, copies are being recalled and full refunds offered. It is hoped to relaunch this publication before Christmas. Our sincere apologies to all for any inconvenience caused.

## **COMPUTER COLOUR MONITOR**

The Society seeks the kind donation of a colour monitor for one of its computers. Must be in working order. Please contact George O'Reilly at Dublin 01. 831 4475 or email: ghor@iol.ie.

## **RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE AGM**

The following resolutions were passed at the AGM in October by an overwhelming majority of the members present. Copies of the resolutions have been forward to Brian Cowen, T.D., Minister for Health, who is responsible for the GRO, Dublin. Members, at home and overseas, are encouraged to contact either their local Teachtaí Dála or directly to the Minister to obtain support for these important resolutions. The Minister for Health can be contacted at Dept. of Health, Hawkins House, Poolbeg Street, Dublin 2.

### **Charges at the General Register Office, Dublin**

That, this meeting deplores any proposed increases in the fees charged to family and historical researchers in the General Register Office and instructs the incoming Executive Committee to write accordingly to the appropriate Government Minister(s) and to such members of An Dail and An Seanad who might be sympathetic to the views of the Society

### **The Records of the General Register Office.**

That, this meeting instructs the incoming Executive Committee to write to the appropriate Government Minister(s) and to such members of An Dail and An Seanad who might be sympathetic to the views of the Society requesting that microfilm copies of all Births, Marriages and Death Registers, now held in the General Register Office, be placed in the National Archives and National Library for free access by family and historical researchers.

### **C.I.G.O. and the General Register Office.**

That, this meeting instructs the incoming Executive Committee to immediately request the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations, C.I.G.O., to issue a strong protest - both publicly and directly to the appropriate Minister(s) - regarding the proposed increase in fees in the General Register Office.

### **Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access.**

That, this meeting fully endorses the definition of our genealogical heritage as meaning "records of birth, baptism, marriage and death; burial records; census returns; testamentary, property and school records and maps; biographies and family histories; heraldic devices; clan/sept and local histories; gravestones and the inscriptions thereon and all other associated records", and in doing so, affirms the principle of public ownership and right of access to this heritage by the people of Ireland and her diaspora. In addition, the meeting instructs the incoming Executive Committee to ensure that the Society shall only affiliate with such organisations and bodies endorsing this "*Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access*."

## **NEW PUBLICATION**

The third in the series Irish Genealogical Sources "Newcastle, County Wicklow - School Register 1864-1947" (ISBN 1 898471 70 3) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). George H. O'Reilly has compiled and edited this valuable genealogical source as a census substitute for this area of north County Wicklow. Hopefully, other school registers will be produced in this format for ease of access for researchers in Ireland and overseas.

## **HERITAGE COUNCIL STUDY**

The Society submitted a fully researched report to the Heritage Council as part of their study in to genealogy and genealogical practices in Ireland. A total of thirty-four paragraphs covering six sections clearly represents this Society's commitment to the development of genealogy in Ireland.

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