



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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23rd Biennial Reunion Banquet

August 12th, 2023 at the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, County Cork, Ireland



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Dear Friend and Patron,

The County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York invites you to join us as we celebrate our 23rd Biennial Reunion Banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel in Douglas, Cork, on Saturday, August 12, 2023. The festivities will begin with a complimentary cocktail reception at 7:00 pm followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Colm Collins and Friends Band. Tickets are \$80 Dollars or €70 Euros each. This year we are delighted to honor two outstanding Corkonians – **Maureen Forrest** Founding President of the Hope Foundation and Mogeely native and **Denis Mulcahy**, Rockchapel native, decorated member of the NYPD and one of the founders of PROJECT CHILDREN.

Maureen Forrest, from Mogeely, comes from a family of twelve and so the caring and sharing started the day she was born. Maureen was inspired by two visitors to her school during her early years – a medical missionary nun and an Aer Lingus stewardess. Development work and travel would become major aspects in her life. After her first mission to Somalia, where she spent six weeks in a feeding camp, she found it difficult to focus on the ordinary tasks in life having been changed by her experiences. In 1993 after a life-changing meeting with Mother Teresa, Maureen's humanitarian journey brought her to India. She volunteered with an Irish organization in Calcutta helping to set up schools in the slums. In 1999, to help and support the street and slum children of Kolkata, she founded The Hope Foundation (HOPE) in Cork. They provide support in four key areas: child protection, healthcare including HOPE Hospital, education, and vocational Training. Maureen and her husband Dick have three children – Louise, Robin, and Ricky.

Denis Mulcahy, a native of Rockchapel, immigrated to the United States in 1962. He joined the New York City Police Department in 1969 serving with the Tactical Patrol Force and Street Crime Unit before joining the elite Bob Squad in 1983. Denis was one of the founders of PROJECT CHILDREN in 1975. Throughout the 40 years of the program over 22,000 young Catholic and Protestant children travelled to the US for summer holiday respite from the everyday violence and strife of their homeland. Denis was instrumental in founding the Greenwood Lake Gaelic Society and served as its first President. In 1987, Denis was awarded the Medal of Valor by the NYPD for the extremely dangerous task of defusing a bomb. The documentary "*How to Defuse a Bomb: The PROJECT CHILDREN Story*" will be shown at The PAV theater August 11th at 6:30 pm in Cork City. He was also nominated for two consecutive years for the very prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for all his work for the children of Northern Ireland and was runner up to Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa. Denis is married to the former Miriam O'Rourke and they have four children – Denis Jr., Maureen, Sean and Tara.

We will publish a souvenir journal dedicated to our honorees. We invite you to include a greeting or advertise your business. Enclosed is a contract with advertising rates and ticket reservation information. Please mail or email your ad or greeting to Taryn Butler at: corkdance23@hotmail.com, no later than **July 15, 2023**.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to welcoming you on August 12th.

Taryn Butler

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