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# The Dooley Dispatch

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**Celebrating 44 years of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity**

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Next Meeting – Tuesday November 14, 2023 7:00 p.m. St. Michael's Church

### President's Message: President's Message:



It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for our last business meeting of the year on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be electing our slate of officers for 2024. I love that three recently inducted members have already agreed to take on leadership roles. The Division is in really good shape financially heading into next year. I'm confident that our officers will do a great job for us in 2024.

We hosted the quarterly State AOH meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Vince Eikmeier was not able to attend the State Convention this summer but was sworn in as state vice president at the quarterly meeting. Dan Caffrey was able to secure the meeting space for us and the LAOH as well as making sure everyone was well fed.

The weather forecast looks great for the Richmond Highland Games November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Dorey Park. Please plan on attending and telling folks about what a great organization the AOH is. This is also the kickoff to our raffle ticket selling season.

I had the pleasure of hosting a caddy who was in town for the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. Lorcan Morris is originally from Dublin and has traveled the world. He reached out through our website and was really impressed with our organization. He helped secure tickets for several of the members to attend the tournament. He certainly has the gift of gab and I hope this is the start of great friendship.

Happy Veterans Day to all that served!

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,  
Mike

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## Upcoming Events:

**December 3, 2023, Sunday at 1 pm at St. Michael's Catholic Church - Family Christmas Party.** (Chair Mike Muldowney). Division to provide main dish and beverages. Families to bring sides, salads, appetizers, and desserts. Please sign-up with number attending and what you're bringing. Donnybrooks to play music.

**December 12, 2023, Tuesday - Officer Installation** for 2024 Officers by a State AOH Officer at St. Michael's Church. Families invited to attend. Shepherd's Pie to be served.

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## AOH Dooley Division Prayer List For November 14, 2023 Meeting

### From Previous Meeting and since then:

- **Aunt - Frank Kelly** – Last rights given
- **John Bonner** – Friend of *Mike Canning* – Passed away
- **Peter George** – Having retina surgery November 18
- **Ed Gillikin** – Passed away on October 13.
- **Stokes McCune** – In recovery after being in ICU

### From Prior Meetings:

- **Greg Hill** – Cousin of *Tim McDonnell* - Being treated for esophageal cancer (48 with young family)
- **Mary Margaret McGowan** – Mother of *Patrick McGowan* – Spent a few nights in hospital. Is out and adjusting to assisted living.
- **Betty McGowan** – Wife of *Joe McGowan* – Recovery from head surgery
- **Theresa** – Sister of *Mike Canning* – Diagnosed with cancerous lesion on her face. Undergoing surgery.
- **Molly Nugent** – Daughter of *Scott Nugent* – Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Beginning treatment.
- **Caitlyn Woychik** – Daughter of *Dave Woychik* – was hospitalized for kidney issues. Is home now recovering.
- **Andy Cox** – Diagnosed with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the right lung. Having further tests and putting together a treatment plan.
- **Dick Kemper** – Undergone medical procedure in late September
- **Melissa Atchison** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Stage 3 cancer

- **Jack Griffin** – Moved to extended care in Northern VA. Being looked after by his son
- **Helene Zaepeel** – Mother-in-law to *Steve McGann* – Covid recovery/rheumatoid arthritis pain
- **Mercedes McGann** – Mother to *Steve McGann* – Recovering from a fall
- **Bill Shelton** – *Chad Costello's* sister's father-in-law – Covid
- **Barbara Muldowney** – Wife of *Mike Muldowney* – Having knee replacement surgery in December
- **Anne Gillikin** – Wife of *Ed Gillikin* – Recovering from an operation on October 25.
- **Bob Boyle** – Had bypass surgery and is recovering well
- **Kelli Smith** – Wife of *Mike Smith* – Kelli had Gamma Knife surgery and she is at home and feeling good. The doctor said it went really well. They will do scans every six months or so to monitor her progress.
- **Melissa Stellman** – Daughter of *Mark Atchison* – Has Stage 3 colon cancer. Finished chemo in early Sept.
- **Phyllis Collins** - Mother of *Mark Collins* – She is currently in the hospital
- **Siobhan Nolan** (53) – Sister of *Tom Nolan* – Having open heart surgery
- **Gary McAuliffe** – Dealing with tremors in his hand
- **Jim Calpin** – Recovering from stroke
- **Edward Maynes** – is having an upcoming heart procedure (date is not yet known)
- **Rita Hastings** – *Tom Hastings'* mother – Hip operation, gallbladder removed
- **Joanne Kennedy** – Aunt of *John Kennedy* – Breast cancer. Operable. Good success for recovery.
- **Dover Harper** (Social Member, Good friend of *Jack Cassells*) – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery
- **Mark Atchison** – Brother **Daniel Atchison** – Quadruple bypass in August, spot on lung discovered, biopsy indicated cancer, determining treatment.
- *Billy Spicer's* brother-in-law, **William McCracken**, had an infection on the brain and had brain surgery to remove it.
- **Pat Saizan**, sister of *Larry Keefe*, suffering from Lymphoedema
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## Bono

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U2's 2002 Super Bowl performance is the most memorable and inspiring half-time show ever. I will never forget that performance. U2 insisted on doing the production live rather than lip-synching as most half-time acts do. The band began their set with Bono walking through the crowd singing "Beautiful Day," a song about guarded hope and optimism, and then the names of all the victims who had died on 9/11 scrolled up the screen. Then U2 performed "Where the Streets Have No Name." Bono finished the song opening his jacket displaying the American flag. It was a grand gesture of extraordinary communion; a gesture of Bono's sense of the dramatic and it was well received by all Americans. This half-time performance was astounding. You could feel Bono's energy and passion as well as his flair for the dramatic right through the TV. This showed me how far in front this Irish rock group was.

Bono is the energetic front man and lead singer of the Irish rock band U2. But unlike most entertainers, Bono maintains an extremely high political visibility. He seems to be everywhere. At a tribute concert for victims of 9/11; performing in a Kyiv subway station; getting out the vote before a Northern Ireland election; in an Ethiopian village; on the cover of news magazines; and on all sorts of award shows. Pictures of him on stage competed with picture of him with Nelson Mandela, Bill Clinton, George Bush, the President of Brazil, and the Pope, to name a few; stories about Bono's work at relieving world debt or tackling the AIDS epidemic seemed more common than album or concert reviews. Bono was named a "Person of the Year" by *Time* magazine in 2005, and Queen Elizabeth II made him an honorary knight in 2007. He is the only rock musician who was nominated for an Oscar, a Grammy, a Golden Globe, and the Nobel Peace Prize.

As recently as September 29, 2023, U2 moved to Las Vegas as part of their three-month residency performing concerts at the high-tech venue called the Sphere celebrating their 1991 album *Achtung Baby*.

There are several stories as to the origin of Bono's name, the most common being that it was from the word's *bono vox*, meaning Latin for "good voice." But the more mundane truth is that he and his friends used to hang around a store on O'Connell Street that sold "BonoVox" hearing aids. And boys being boys, the name looked good, and so they christened the man Bono – after a brand of hearing aids.

Bono was born Paul David Hewson in 1960, in a poor North Dublin neighborhood of Ballymun. His was a family of mixed religions; his father was Catholic, and his mother was Church of Ireland, and in this way, Bono avoided the common religious prejudices that many of his contemporaries had inherited. Bono developed a more universal sense of religion – or spirituality – which plays an exceptionally large role in the lyrics he writes for his music.

In 1972, Bono enrolled in Mount Temple School. This was Dublin's first comprehensive, coeducational, and nondenominational school. When Bono was fourteen, his mother died. Her death was extremely hard on Bono, as would be expected, but he reacted in two opposite ways: he became rebellious and he became religious. The Mount Temple School provided the perfect haven for him at the time. There he met those people who would stay with him for the rest of his life: Alison Stewart, who would become his wife, and his classmates, who would become U2.

In 1976, Bono answered an ad posted on a message board by Larry Mullen, who was looking for people wanting to form a band. And with two other fellows from school, Dave Evans and Adam Clayton, Bono went to see what it was about. While Bono claimed he could play guitar – he could barely – the band liked his flair for management and his comfort in assuming a particular stage persona. And so, they made him their lead singer and front man. All the while, as the band was developing, Bono was writing lyrics. He had long written poetry, and had impressed the band from the beginning, so they considered him a songwriter. At first the songs were heavily laced with religion; then, they veered into the typical boy-girl adolescent love genre of pop music; but then

suddenly they became more intense in personal feeling, revealing the beginnings of Bono’s global humanism and spiritual depth. He was obviously profoundly influenced by Martin Luther King Jr.

Americans might struggle to believe the reaction they get when they ask an Irish person about Bono. Outside of Ireland, Bono is known simply as one of the world’s greatest living rockstars. In Ireland, the man born Paul David Hewson has a different reputation. There was a recent article written “Where the streets have no statues: why do the Irish hate U2?” If another country produced the biggest guitar band in the world, in a country of just 5 million, you would expect airports to be named after them. But walk around the musicians’ home city of Dublin and you will barely see an image of Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen Jr. There is no major mural solely dedicated to the group. The phrase ‘Bono is a pox’ is graffitied onto the stalls of so many bathroom walls that “manufacturers might as well just carve it in themselves and save the rest of us some time,” one person said.

The Irish nations dislike for Bono (or U2 in general) is classic Irish begrudgery – the phenomenon that Irish people are predisposed to feel envy and resentment towards those who achieve a certain level of success. The biggest issue that dogs the band is their tax status arrangement. In 2006, U2 moved part of their business to the Netherlands, where the tax rate on royalty earnings is more favorable for artists. Ireland was hurt by the global 2008 financial crash. Communities were eroded by austerity, while the band’s reputation as “tax dodgers” persisted. Bono was seen as part of that cohort of wealthy people who avoid paying tax in Ireland to support the hospitals, roads, and other essential public services but enjoy the fruits of living there.

Love him or hate him, Bono fits perfectly well in the new and evolving Ireland of today. He is lyrical and has the Irish way with language. He is full of practical and engaged spirituality. He is political and willing to fight for the issue he believes in. He is musical and energetic and full of life. And more than anything else he represents, on an international platform, the New Ireland: vigorous, cosmopolitan, ballsy, committed, and proud.

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