



# Irish Women Rise

## LAOH Irish History Newsletter

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will be participating in many 1916 Centennial Commemorations throughout the country. Our Order's focus will be on honoring the Women of 1916. The 2015-2016 Irish History topic is "The Involvement of Women in the 1916 Easter Rising". The Easter Rising was a very significant event in Irish History. In order for the students to research this topic and not interfere with their class courses, please announce and publicize now to allow students time over the summer to prepare. The brochure, contest rules and online displays on some of the Women of 1916 can be found on our website: [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com).

### EASTER 1916 COMMEMORATION

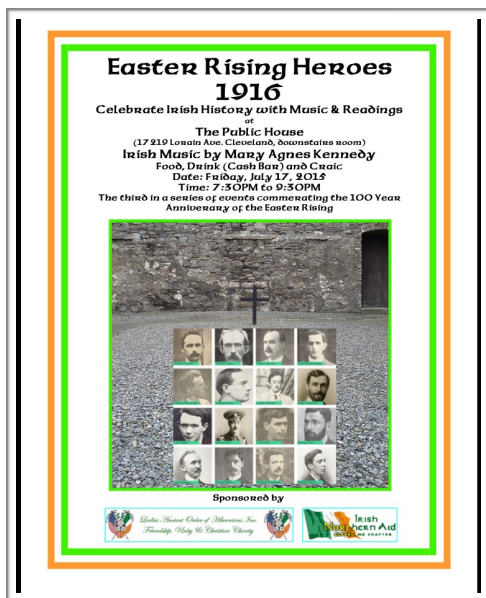
#### REMEMBER THE WOMEN OF THE RISING APRIL 24, 1915

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Our Lady of the Rosary Division and Irish Northern Aid of Cleveland, Ohio hosted a very successful event on the 99th Anniversary of the Easter Rising to honor the Women of 1916. The program featured displays, music and a short presentation. The LAOH and INA collaborated on 8 posters highlighting Irish Women Rise. These posters featured the Inghinidhe na hEireann, the Cumann na amBan, the Howth Gun Running,

the women framing the Proclamation, the Women active in the Easter Rising and their Garrisons, posters featuring Dr. Lynn, Elizabeth O'Farrell, Winifred Carney, the Connolly Sisters, Molly O'Reilly, Constance Markievicz, Kathleen Clarke and Margaret Skinnider. These posters are available on our website so that all Divisions, Counties and States can use in any of their events. The organizers of the event were honored that Jack Kilroy loaned us displays from Friends of Sinn Fein and Margaret Lynch, Irish American Archives provided a display on Cleveland Women which included a Past National President Adelia Christy



The Displays were taken to the Ohio State Board Meeting on April 25 and will be displayed again at the Ohio State Convention. The LAOH and INA of Cleveland will be hosting 1916 Commemorative Events throughout the year. The other event held this year was an One Island One Ireland Film festival. The next event will be held on Friday July 17. At the Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival on Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26, Marilyn Madigan will repeat the presentation on the Women of 1916. If you are in the Cleveland area, please support these events.



## LAOH and O'Donovan Rossa

There is a special relationship between the National President of the Ladies Ancient of Hibernians. In the July 10, 1915, Gaelic American Newspaper reports the New York Funeral of O'Donovan Rossa listing all the Honorary Pallbearers and those in attendance. Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly National President Ladies Auxiliary Ancient Order of Hibernians was the only woman listed as an Honorary Pallbearers at the Funeral of O'Donovan Rossa held at St. Peter's Church Staten Island.

100 years later, the National President Mary Hogan who lives in Staten Island was involved in the O' Donovan Rossa Commemorations. On the 100th Anniversary, the National LAOH National Chaplain Fr. Michael Martinez delivered the Homily at the Memorial Mass held at St. Peter's Church. Following the Mass a Wreath Laying Ceremony was held at the O'Donovan Rossa Family Grave at St. Peter's Cemetery. Guest Peakers included Dr. Judith Campbell from Drew University spoke about Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa and William Rossa Cole, a great grandson. In attendance at this great event were Irish Consul Barbara Jones, Mary Hogan LAOH National President, Fr. Michael Martine LAOH National Chaplain, Charles McLean AOH National Director, Dan Dennehy AOH National Immigration Chair, and Rita O'Hare Sinn Fein



## MOLLY O'REILLY - WOMEN FEATURED ON THE HONOR OUR HISTORY PIN REMEMBER THE WOMEN OF THE RISING



Molly O'Reilly was a young brave woman. She was chosen by James Connolly to raise the Green Harp Flag of Ireland over Liberty Hall. Molly first went to Liberty Hall to learn Irish Dancing. She heard Connolly speak and was inspired. During the Lock Out in 1913, she carried messages to the strikers from Connolly. After the Howth Gunrunning, she bravely hid under her bed some of the smuggled weapons. During the Rising, Molly served with the City Hall Garrison. She was a courier sending messages between City Hall and the GPO. Her activities were unknown to her father who was a

supporter of the crown. The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians honor Molly in the Commemorative Pin.



Thanks to Peggy Cornish for designing the Pin. Every Hibernian Sister should wear this pin proudly to Honor Our History and Remember the Women of the Rising. Please contact Peggy Cornish to order pins at [laohpeggy@aol.com](mailto:laohpeggy@aol.com)

Please send me information on your 1916 Events so that we can help publicize. I hope you like the Newsletter. My goal is to highlight the LAOH Events to Commemorate 1916 as well as feature the remarkable Women of 1916. Photos courtesy of Facebook. I would like to thank all the State Historians for promoting our History.

Go Raibh Maith Agat

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