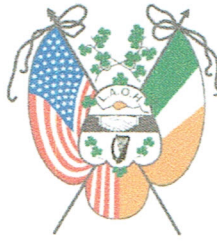


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Dear State Presidents and Historians,

I want to thank you for your confidence in me and let you know I am excited to serve as your National Historian. I have served the order the last two terms as your Webmaster, a job I am still retaining, and the last term as Asst. Hibernian Digest Editor.

Next year we will be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have come a long way from our beginnings as an Auxiliary. It is important, at this time, that you look at the history of your Division/County/State. Keeping copies of your end of the year history reports in a binder will give you a quick overview of your history. Photo albums will also be beneficial and help to preserve the memories. This is also an opportunity to locate your Charter and put it on display. If you have lost, or cannot remember who is in possession of the Charter, you can contact our National Secretary, Marilyn Madigan for a replacement. They can be done in different sizes too.

At the convention in Louisville there were several items addressed during the Irish History Committee meeting. It was decided in the membership meeting that we would not do away with the recommendation of discontinuing the Annual Irish Historian Reports. These reports are basically a "snap shot" or quick view of your annual history. Yes, some of the information is taken from membership reports; however, keeping these reports in a binder you can have an easy access to information throughout the years. It was decided to evaluate the current report.

There was a discussion on National History Day, and I have attached the report from the meeting. National History Day is a great opportunity for students to earn award monies from the AOH and the LAOH. The topics are separate from the writing contest we sponsor.

The Committee Chair, Dee Wallace, reminded members of the upcoming topic for the 2018-2019 writing contest. Members also selected the topics for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The topics are as follows:

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| 2018-2019 | Heroes and Heroines in Celtic Mythology and Celebrations                    |
| 2019-2020 | History of the LAOH in the USA (honoring the 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) |
| 2020-2021 | The Impact of the Irish Anglo Treaty of 1921                                |

I am attaching the Irish History Writing Contest brochure, which will be on the website for printing. There are two formats; one is fillable with your Division/County/State information for return mail. You must "download" the fillable one to type in your information. If you do not have Adobe and want it personalized, please let me know and I will do it for you and email it back.

Our National President, Carol Sheyer, has decided to combine the Interim Board meeting and our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and make it a long weekend celebration. President Sheyer wants to make this as cost effective as possible for all our members.

**SAVE THE DATE:** the date for the Interim Board meeting and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be October 10, 2019-October 12, 2019. This event will be hosted at the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood, Dearborn, MI 48124. They are working on a tour for Thursday with an event in the evening. The Interim Board meeting will be on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> with the banquet that evening. More information will be sent out later. We are also working on commemorative items for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I am looking forward to an exciting term and learning new histories of our organization. Please know that you can contact me anytime by email using [sandiswift@ladiesaoh.com](mailto:sandiswift@ladiesaoh.com). My cell phone number is 314-750-6907.

In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,



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