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## Special Edition - Comedy Night 2013

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### President's Message



Our premier "Comedy Night" October 5th event was a huge success. This edition of our Newsletter is dedicated to the events that took place during the planning and implementation of this major event and to our members who were committed to make this "the best ever at St. Mary of Sorrows." We should all be very proud of this major accomplishment as a fundraiser for our charities.

This event was a true implementation of our motto...Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity! This is what the AOH Corby Division & Associates personify! We have once again, put the Fr. Wm Corby Division on the highest level as a St. Mary of Sorrows Ministry.

In our Motto,

*Bill*

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"Comedy Night" a huge success for our AOH family was held at *St. Mary of Sorrows on Saturday, October 5th, 2013*. Farrell Hall was transformed into a Comedy Club with dim lighting, a beautiful stage area complete with beautiful large ferns from *Pat Edward's* garden, comedy/tragedy mask artwork created by *Rae Copeland*, enlarged photos of our comedians and a great spotlight shining in the distance towards the stage manned by *Tim Gabaree* for our talented and professional comedians.

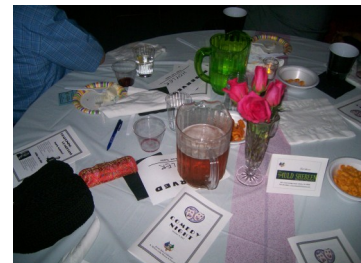
The far wall of Farrell Hall highlighted a beautiful Silent Auction area, compliments of *Sharon and Paul Kourtz and their son, Collin* and helpers *Patty McMahon, Emily Murphy, Pat Warakomsky, Pat Edwards and Peggi Strehle*, was covered with black linens and shiny gold gossamer fabric beautifully displaying our lovely auction items. The finishing touch was the theatrical lighting shining on all the many items. What an enchanting sight. Something for everyone, a 5-bedroom, 3-level condo at beautiful Smuggler's Notch, Vermont donated by *Don Devane* and a beachfront condo in Myrtle Beach donated by *the Dwyer family* just a few of the many wonderful items. And our famously popular "Basket of Liquor" created by *Pat Edwards* with donations from our AOH members.



An open bar area manned by the Lad's, *Don Devane, Gerard Fahy, Fred Parker, Johnny Restivo, Bob Keating, Mark Roddy, Ryan Sabo et al.* All the wine, beer, pizza, spinach & romaine salad you could comfortably eat. Long spires of tables coming from the stage area covered in white and pink tulle ribbon down the center with votive candle tea lights, programs and cutlery.



*Jim McHugh*, our resident DJ, spinning songs, "*I Got the Wedding Bell Blues*" or "*Will You Marry Me Bill?*"



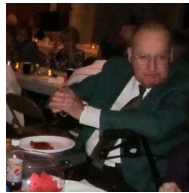
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It was a group effort that came to fruition thanks to our very fearless leader, *Bill Baker's* vision. When good people come together for a fun and worthy purpose, "*our 46 charities*" what can go wrong? The **Lord** was truly in the midst of us all.



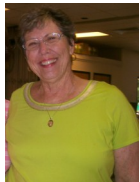
The many guests were dazzled by this sight and greeted by a warm and friendly, *Andi Baker*, who quickly oriented them in the room and stage area with a *RESERVED* sheet with their name to hold the place where they wanted to sit. This great idea worked out beautifully allowing the guests to freely mull around, socialize and take in all there was to enjoy and not losing their seat.



Lots of activities going on "*Give Away*" raffle with *Tom Copeland*, "*the money man*" our cashier and lovely *Rae Copeland* and *Dianne Cadden* enticing our guests with thoughts of winning gift certificates from \$25-\$50 to wonderful and great restaurants.



Our *50/50 Raffle* with *Peggi Strehle*, *Pat White*, *Bob Strehle* and *Mary Ayre*, our star salesperson, reached an all time high of \$1,300 which meant the "winner" our own, *Patty McMahon*, received \$650 and our charities another \$650. *Congratulations to Patty, a most deserving recipient!*



The overseer of the food and *Chef Extraordinaire*, *Pat Edwards*, and her many helpers *Dawn Roddy*, *Mary Parker*, *Pat Warakomsky et al* did an excellent job. Kudos to the cake cutting crew, feverishly working in the kitchen, with *Pat Edwards*, *Linda O'Brien*, *Catherine Fahy*, *Pat Warakomsky*, *Dianne Cadden*, *Mary Parker* and *Patty McMahon et al*, tirelessly serving our 180+ guests dessert and coffee.

Our three Gold Sponsors, Sunshine Contracting, Nicely Done Kitchens & Baths and Fairfax Memorial and our Bronze Sponsors American-ProTech Roof Cleaning and Auld Shebeen were spotlighted with a huge banner created by *Bill Baker* hung near the Silent Auction area and a power point show by *Mark Roddy* displayed on a screen in a corner of the hall.



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We cannot forget the stars of our show, Mike Aronin and Mark Matusof. Everyone roared with laughter and good cheer as they engaged the audience with their wit and fun-loving satire. *Mike Aronin* endeared himself to everyone especially *the La Salette Sisters* and *Mark Matusof* with his mandolin playing and comedic style. Both comedians lit up the whole room with laughter and joy.



All *Bill's* hard work, blood, sweat and untiring efforts were rewarded with a *Premier* event that in the words of many guests "*Was the Best Show ever put on at St. Mary of Sorrows*" "*Excellent and Great Show*" "*Can't wait until next year's (hope sooner) performance.*" Enough to make *Bill's* heart go pitter patter.

A resounding success with everyone looking forward to attending again maybe next year. *Bill Baker*, your leadership abilities brought this to a wonderful finale and you can be proud of all your enduring success for the entire AOH family of friends in support of the Hibernians and their many charities.

Last but not least, we do not want to forget all those who came out to decorate the hall on Friday night and put the finishing touches on Saturday morning. A happy and supportive crew of *Pat Edwards, Mary Ayre, Andi and Bill Baker, Mary Hanlon, Patty McMahon, Emily and John Murphy, Sharon, Paul and Collin Kourtz, Rae Copeland, Dianne Cadden, Pat Warakomsky, Tim Gabaree, Carrie T., Mark Roddy, Gerard Fahy, John McAnaw, Don Devane, Kevin Costello, Dennis Halpin, John Moar et al.* We could not have done this transformation without all of your help. We always say, "many hands make light work," which is so very true when the Hibernians are involved.



Thank you to all who attended and supported this *lively* event and made it a huge success. Your friendship to the Hibernians is "Priceless."

To anyone whose good deeds went unsung (just let me know and we will correct that). A heartfelt thank you to *Judy Boyle* for always stepping up to purchase necessary items for our event and all others who encouraged and supported us.

With God's graces, Mother Mary, looking on with all the Irish Saints in Heaven and special Angels Kelly Elizabeth, Sean C., Beth Ann, Sean W. and Dearly Departed, were at peace and happy their work was now done until another day . . .



Humbly prepared by Andi Baker, 9 October 2013



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