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The County Roscommon Society of New York invites you to the **90th Annual Dinner Dance**. This year's dinner will take place on **Friday March 1, 2019** at Riccardo's in Astoria.

The 2019 Guest of Honor is **P. Christopher Tully**. Chris represents the 38th Legislative District in the NJ General Assembly. He was sworn in on May 24, 2018 and serves on the Health and Senior Services and Commerce and Economic Development committees. Previously Chris served as a Councilman in Bergenfield, eventually rising to Council President. During his tenure on Council, he reduced debt and delivered stable budgets while maintaining borough services. Bergenfield was also recognized for its safe community as one of the best places to raise children. Chris recently served as the District Director for Congressman Josh Gottheimer, and he is a former aide to Senator Frank Lautenberg and Governor Dick Codey. He is cum laude graduate of Northeastern University, and he resides in Bergenfield with his wife Mairead and son Finnian. Chris is a first generation American. He is the oldest of two children to Philomena and Peter Tully. His mother is originally from Co. Roscommon and his late father was from Co. Meath.

The 2019 Distinguished Service Award will be presented to **Aoife Elizabeth Butler**. Aoife is from Keoghville in South Roscommon, was educated at St. Joseph's College, Summerhill, Athlone in County Roscommon before pursuing a Master's in Chemistry at the University of Dublin, Trinity College and reading for a law degree at the University of London. While Aoife is an intellectual property attorney in New York City, she has devoted countless hours to helping others, for example, Board of Directors of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center; co-founder and inaugural President of Irish Network USA; Board of Directors and Emerging Leaders Board of the Children's Medical Research Foundation; Irish American Leadership Council; Chair of the U.S. All-Ireland Pan-Alumni Association.

We also intend to acknowledge past chairs for their dedication and commitment to the Society, including: **Patrick Leyden; T. Vincent Geelan; Alfred Sharkey; Meta Brady** (in memory of **Kevin Brady** and **Fr. Coman Brady**); **Stephen P. Groarke; Thomas P. Giblin; Michael A. Lyons** and **Kevin P. O'Connor**.

Each year we produce a **Souvenir Journal** in conjunction with the dinner – the journal is a vital component of the Society's financial stability. In honor of this year being our 90th anniversary, we want to make the journal extra special to benefit not only the Society but so that we can make a financial donation to the **Emerald Isle Immigration Center** to celebrate their vital role in the community and their 30th Anniversary this past autumn.

We are so grateful for your support, that allows us to exist; and, we hope we can count on your continued support for our 2019 Dinner.

Sincerely,
Mary

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