

# NEWSLETTER



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**Laois Association  
Dublin**

**Cumann na Laoiseach  
Baile Átha Cliath**

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## Spring 2006

**WELCOME to the Spring 2006 Newsletter of the Laois Association – Dublin. On behalf of the Association, we commend to you the events planned in 2006. We hope this year will provide an opportunity again for all Laois people in Dublin to meet, socialise and share the privilege of our origin in the O’Moore county.**

### 1. Open Meeting

(Guest Speaker)

**Mon. - 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2006.**

*Jackson Court Hotel,  
Harcourt St.*

### 2. Night at the Dogs

(Social Evening)

**Thurs. - 30<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2006.**

*Shelbourne Park.*

### 3. An Evening of Fine Wines

(Social Evening)

**Thurs. - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**

### 4. Open Meeting

(Guest Speaker)

**Mon. - 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2006.**

*Jackson Court Hotel,  
Harcourt St.*

### Student Bursary Recipient - 2005



Karen Daly, Recipient of the inaugural Laois Association Student Bursary in September 2005.

*5. (Selection Panel only)*

**Student Bursary**

**Candidate Interviews**

**Fri. - 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2006.**

*Laois County Council  
County Hall - Portlaoise*

### 6. Bursary

**Presentation to Student**

**Mon. - 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2006.**

*Laois County Council  
County Hall - Portlaoise*

### 7. Race Night

(Fund Raiser)

**Thurs. - 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2006.**

*Garda Club - Harrington St.*

### 8. Ecumenical

**Service followed by**

**A.G.M.**

**Tues. - 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2006.**

### 9. Christmas Party

**Thursday -**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2006.**

#### OFFICERS 2006

President	- Sandy Metcalfe
Vice-President	- Mary Doyle
Chairman	- Joe Dowling
Vice Chairman	- Rita Delaney
Secretary	- Declan McEvoy
Minutes Sec.	- Kay Hickey
Treasurer	- Tony Brophy
Asst. Treasurer	- Colm Healion
PRO	- Joe Carmody

*‘The purpose of the Laois Association is to foster the origins and interests of Laois people of all traditions and of all ages in Dublin, through cultural, educational, sporting and social contact, developing the traditions of the past while embracing and contributing to the Ireland of the New Millennium.’*

**Members will be notified of final details well in advance of all events**

## STUDENT BURSARY

### *Best wishes, Karen!*

The recipient of our inaugural Bursary (2005) ... Ms. Karen Daly, a student from Ballyfin College... is from Castletown. With the help of the Bursary, Karen has commenced her studies at the Quinn Business School, UCD, where she is studying for her Bachelor of Commerce degree.



At the presentation at Laois Co. Council: Cllr Willie Ainslie, Bro. Matthew Hayes, Ballyfin College; Joe Dowling; Karen Daly; Cllr Larry Keenan, Cllr Cathal O'Leary, Cllr Sandy Metcalfe; Peter Carey; Laois Co. Mgr.

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The purpose of the bursary is to provide financial support for a Leaving Certificate student from a County Laois second level school while undertaking an undergraduate Diploma or Degree course, over a maximum of a three-year period.

All second-level schools in the county are invited to nominate a student to represent the school in the selection process. The selection criteria used recognises outstanding merit through contributions to school and community life.

€500 – a year for the winning student in each of the next three academic years.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> recipient student will be selected in the academic year 2005/2006 – closing date 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006. The overall contribution by the Association in supporting 3 students during the total period will be €13,500, the single biggest financial commitment ever undertaken by the Association.

## 'Congratulations, Inspector...'

(Photo - Rita Delaney)

The Officers and members of the Association were delighted to learn of the recent promotion of Rita Delaney to the rank of Inspector in An Garda Síochána.

Rita, who recently graduated with an M.A. in Criminal Justice, is the first Laois woman to be appointed to (and one of 17 women to currently hold) the rank of Inspector in the force. She has been appointed to the Strategy and Services Section at Garda Headquarters in the Phoenix Park.

A stalwart of the Association in the past 6 years, Rita is the current Vice- Chairman, and held the position of Chairman in 2002/3, having been Hon. Secretary for a number of years. The Association wishes Rita every success in her new role.

## Membership

The lifeblood of any organisation is its membership. The Laois Association relies on its members' support for its events, not just for fund raising purposes, but to fulfil its broader purposes, particularly the most important benefits of friendship and mutual support which such events provide. If you have allowed your membership lapse, or you know other Laois people who would join, our Membership Officer, Colm Healion would be delighted to hear from you.

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### *A special word of thanks to .....*

- Cathal Jackson, Jackson Court Hotel, Harcourt St. who generously provides a 'home from home' for the Laois Association - Dublin.
- The Garda Club for the use of facilities for our fund raising events.
- Laois County Council for their continuing encouragement to the Association, in particular, in supporting the Association in the running of the Student Bursary through providing the venue and other facilities for the running of the selection and presentations process.
- The media for their interest in the activities of the Association
- Harcourt Printing for their advice and support in the production and printing of our Newsletter.