

5/1/13

AT THE LEO BANQUET OF 4/26/13
I HAD AS A GUEST FATHER BILL O'DONNELLY,
THE PASTOR OF ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND,
(99th + THROOP STREET)

THE NEXT DAY I ATTENDED THE 4:30
MASS AT ST. MARGARET'S. DURING FATHER
BILL'S SERMON HE SAID HE ATTENDED THE
LEO ALUMNI BANQUET LAST NIGHT WITH GENE
EARNER. HE NOTICED VERY CLOSELY HOW PROUD
THE ALUMNI WERE OF THEIR SCHOOL. HE SAID
IT DIDN'T GO UNNOTICED. HE SAID HE MARVELED
AT THEIR SPIRIT AND ENTHUSIASM.

I'M GLAD NO ONE WAS LOOKING AT ME
BECAUSE I WAS SO PROUD TO BE A LEO MAN THAT
I KNOW I BLUSHED AT HIS KIND WORDS OF
LEO MEN.

IF YOU GET TO A MASS AT ST. MARGARET'S
IN THE NEAR FUTURE PLEASE STOP AND TELL FATHER
BILL YOU ARE A LEO MAN AND THANK HIM FOR
HIS KIND WORDS ABOUT LEO AND THE LEO
ALUMNI.

THANK YOU. "FACTA-NON-VERBA"
GENE EARNER CLASS OF 1950

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MUSINGS XXV
FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MERRY PLOUGHBOYS – FEBRUARY 2ND
- WILL BE ON 2 IRISH HOUR RADIO SHOWS ON FEBRUARY 16TH
- ST. MARGARET ST. PATRICK'S PARTY – MARCH 2ND
- LEO ALUMNI BANQUET – APRIL 26TH

I ALSO INTEND TO GET A HAIRCUT AND HAVE MY CAR WASHED. WOW!!!

MY SON DAN WILL BE INDUCTED INTO THE LEO HALL OF FAME ON APRIL 26TH. CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN AND A VERY HAPPY FEELING FOR HIS FATHER. A LOT OF PEOPLE QUESTIONED ME ABOUT HIM ENTERING LEO IN 1978. BECAUSE OF LEO HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ADMINISTRATION (BOB FOSTER), DAN ENTERED NOTRE DAME IN 1982. HE FINISHED 2ND IN HIS CLASS AT LEO. HE GRADUATED FROM NOTRE DAME IN 1986. HE NOW WORKS IN THE REGULATORY DIVISION OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE. THAT ANSWERED THE PEOPLE WHO QUESTIONED ME ABOUT DAN ATTENDING LEO. TO THIS DAY HE IS VERY COMMITTED TO LEO. LEO STARTED IN MY FAMILY IN 1935 WHEN MY BROTHER ENTERED LEO. I AM DELIGHTED THAT OUR PRIDE IN LEO HIGH CARRIES ON IN 2013 AND BEYOND. 6 OF MY BOYS GRADUATED FROM LEO.

AFTER CONSULTING WITH SOME OF MY CHILDREN, I HAVE DECIDED TO SWITCH FROM TOWNHOUSE CRACKERS BACK TO RITZ. THEY WERE UNANIMOUS BECAUSE OF TOO MANY BROKEN CRACKERS.

THAT NEWS IS ABOUT AS EXCITING AS SEEING THE COOKING SHOWS ON TV. MOST OF IT LOOKS UNFIT TO EAT.

MY SON JIM IS NOW WORKING FOR THE CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE ALSO. ON A RECENT VISIT TO ST. MARGARET'S, HE MADE A COPY OF MY 8TH GRADE REPORT CARD. IT SAID ON THE BACK THAT MY TUITION WAS PAID IN FULL. \$14.50 FOR THE FULL YEAR.

I HATE TO QUESTION GOD BUT WHY DID HE GIVE US WISDOM TEETH AND AN APPENDIX? I KNOW PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST ALL 4 WISDOM TEETH AND ARE JUST AS WISE AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN. A FELLOW ONCE TOLD ME WE COULDN'T HAVE APPENDICITIS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE AN APPENDIX. WELL SPOKEN!!! I OFTEN WONDER IF HE HAD ANY WISDOM TEETH.

POINTS TO PONDER FROM TOM EARNER IN EYRECOURT, COUNTY GALWAY:

1. LIFE IS LIKE PLAYING THE VIOLIN. SOLO AND LEARNING THE INSTRUMENT AS YOU GO ALONG.
2. LIFE IS A COIN. YOU CAN ONLY SPEND IT ONCE.

CHARLIE HAYES, FATHER O'DONNELL AND I RECENTLY SPENT AN HOUR ON AN IRISH RADIO SHOW TO PROMOTE THE ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY. IT WAS SOMETHING YOU DON'T DO EVERY DAY. SIOBHAINN O'CONNOR'S MOTHER WAS ONLY THE 2ND PERSON I'VE MET WHO KNEW WHERE EARNER'S PUB IN EYRECOURT, COUNTY GALWAY WAS. INTERESTING AND FUN DAY. WE WERE TREATED EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. THEIR HOSPITALITY AND PERSONALITIES ARE UNMATCHED.

MIKE AND PEGGY COLLINS DID AN EXCEPTIONALLY GREAT JOB WITH THE ST. PAT'S PARTY.

A MESSAGE FROM DIM-WIT MAYOR BLOOMBERG OF NEW YORK CITY. AS OF MARCH 12TH, NO MORE LARGE SIZE SUGARY DRINKS ALLOWED IN NEW YORK CITY. HOWEVER, STARTING AT 7:00 AM YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE WHISKEY YOU WANT!!!

AFTER POPE FRANCIS WAS ELECTED, A QUESTION AROSE. DID HE GET A REFUND ON HIS ROUND TRIP AIRLINE TICKET?

A VERY GOOD FEELING HAS COME INTO MY LIFE. 2 OF MY SONS (DAN AND BRIAN) WILL BE RECEIVING THEIR MASTERS DEGREES IN MAY 2013. AFTER TIM RECEIVES HIS IN MAY 2014, THERE WILL BE 10 MASTERS IN MY DESCENDANTS' HANDS. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY. MY GREAT-GRANDPARENTS CAME HERE FROM IRELAND WITH NO EDUCATION. THEY NEVER LEARNED TO READ OR WRITE. ALSO, DONNA WOULD BE VERY PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS.

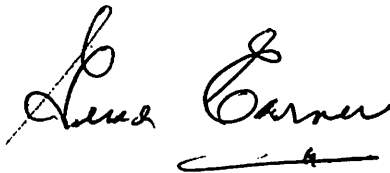
MY HEALTH HAS BEEN ON A DOWN SLIDE FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF. ON TOP OF MY HEART PROBLEMS (ATRIAL FIBRILLATION), I FATIGUE VERY EASILY. COUPLE THAT WITH AN ABUNDANT AMOUNT OF LAZINESS, I DON'T GET OUT MUCH ANYMORE. OUTSIDE OF A TRIP TO GET A NEWSPAPER IN THE MORNING AND WEEKLY MASS AT ST. MARGARET'S, I DON'T COMMUNICATE WITH MANY PEOPLE ANYMORE. COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MY WRITING OF "MUSINGS" AND ST. MARGARET BULLETINS.

WHAT STARTED OUT AS ONE MUSING LETTER TURNED OUT TO BE 25 "VOLUMES." MY GRANDDAUGHTERS URGINGS WERE THE RESULT OF 24 MORE. WITHOUT MEETING MANY PEOPLE IN 2013, I FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO WRITE ANYMORE. THEREFORE, THIS IS MY LAST "MUSINGS" LETTER. I HOPE YOU FOUND ANY OR ALL OF MY LETTERS INTERESTING IF NOTHING ELSE.

TO SIGN OFF I WILL USE THE SONG "THE PARTING GLASS."

GOD BLESS,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Earner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "GENE EARNER".

GENE EARNER

P.S. MY BEST FRIEND HERE LATELY HAS BEEN MY ELECTRIC RECLINER CHAIR. THAT IS WHERE I'LL BE SPENDING MOST OF MY TIME. I'LL BE 81 SHORTLY. IT'S TIME I START ACTING LIKE 81.

The Parting Glass

O, of all the money that ere I've spent,
I spent it in good company.

And of all the harm that ere I've done,
Alas it was to none but me.

And all I've done for want of wit,
To memory I can't recall

So fill to me the parting glass,
Good night and joy be with you all.

And of all the comrades that ere I've had,
Are sorry for my going away.

And of all the sweethearts that ere I've had,
Would wish for me one more day to stay.

And if it falls unto my lot,
That I should rise and you should not
Then I'll gently rise and softly call
Good night and joy be with you all.

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