

American Irish Teachers Association, Inc.

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Dear Members and Friends of the AITA:

Our 39th AITA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Liederkrantz Club, 6 East 87th Street, NYC, just off Fifth Avenue. Please review the enclosed conference program and journal advertising agreement.

The AITA is a leader in the promotion of Irish heritage and culture in America and has a number of crucial initiatives to its credit, notably the mandated teaching of the Great Irish Famine curriculum in every school in New York State. We were also the initiators of the successful lobbying for the Irish Immigration Stamp published by the United States Postal Service. We organize lectures and special events and work in cooperation with the UFT Irish American Committee and the Irish American Heritage and Culture Committee, NYC DOE.

Our souvenir conference journal is our single fundraising appeal of the year. Journal revenue is a vital supplement to our membership dues and is used to defray increasing expenses related to our organization's mission. Please consider using a journal page to send a greeting to family or friends, to commemorate a unique occasion, or to honor the memory of a loved one. We invite members of other organizations and those in the business community to use our journal to reach the desirable market our membership represents.

Please bear in mind that our annual conference is open to the general public and it is not necessary to be active in the field of education to enjoy all that the day offers. This year's conference, "Well Versed: A Celebration of Poetry from Ireland and America", will feature poets Terence Winch, Sean Nevin, and Connie Roberts, musicians Jerry O'Sullivan and Niamh Hyland, and arts journalist Earle Hitchner (who will graciously act as co-host with me for the day).

For more information, please do not hesitate to call me at 917-691-2883 or Deborah Shea at 914-235-2519.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on November 8th.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Doris Marie Meyer, AITA President