



## THE FRIENDLY SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ST. PATRICK OF THE FINGER LAKES REGION, INC.

### 2019 Fact Sheet

The Friendly Sons & Daughters of St. Patrick of the Finger Lakes Region, Inc. ("Friendly Sons and Daughters") is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to increasing the awareness of the cultural achievements of the Irish. The Friendly Sons and Daughters is patterned after, but not affiliated with, other organizations operating in the Albany area, Westchester County, New York City, and at various locations throughout the Northeast. You will find references to Friendly Sons organizations throughout the Internet with histories dating back over 150 years. Our local organization includes Sons and Daughters and maintains a website at [www.fsdf.org](http://www.fsdf.org).

The Friendly Sons & Daughters of St. Patrick of the Finger Lakes Region, Inc. has been formed primarily to hold an annual event on or about St. Patrick's Day. The annual event serves as a forum at which local community and business leaders come together to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The annual event is also used to raise funds for charity. Charitable groups from the Finger Lakes region will be encouraged to apply for consideration. The Inaugural Dinner was held on March 15, 2000 and contributions were made to the Flax Trust of Belfast, Ireland, the Irish Children's Fund of Rochester and the Scholarship Fund formerly administered by the Irish Festival Committee. Once we fulfill our commitments to Irish charities, we dedicate our fund raising efforts primarily to inner-city, at-risk youth programs. We have raised over \$695,000 for charity in the first nineteen years and hope to raise another \$30,000 this year.

The twentieth annual dinner is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019 at **Oak Hill Country Club**, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Valet parking will be available. The cost is \$185.00 per ticket. Honorable William Napier, Assistant Monroe County Executive, Dwayne Mahoney, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Rochester and George Romell, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Rochester will be our Honorary Chairs for this year's event.

Attendees must be invited by a Table Captain and attendance at this year's annual event is limited to no more than 290 people. There will be a silent auction.

The following is the tentative schedule for this year's annual event:

#### **Black Tie Optional / Green Tie Preferred**

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| <b>6:00 - 7:00 p.m.</b> | Bag Pipe - Welcome  |
| <b>7:15 p.m.</b>        | Irish Dance Exhibition  |
| <b>7:45 - 9:30 p.m.</b> | Grazing Stations  |
| <b>8:00 p.m.</b>        | Invocation  |
| <b>8:15 p.m.</b>        | Maureen McGuire as Emcee<br>Acknowledgement of Honorary Chairs  |
| <b>8:30 p.m.</b>        | Induction of Members / Annual Membership / Directors Meeting /<br>Induction of Honorary Members by Tara Circle. |
| <b>8:45 p.m.</b>        | Toasts by Honorary Chairs and Designated Members  |
| <b>9:00 p.m.</b>        | Music by Everheart  |
| <b>9:30 p.m.</b>        | Close Silent Auction  |