

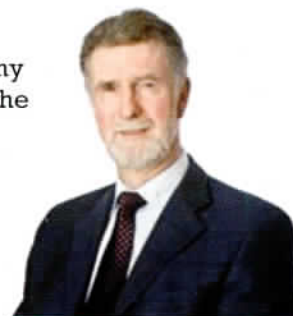


Pensioners' News

Dear Pensioner

This year is the 75th anniversary of the founding of Irish Life and it's great to see the company in such good shape particularly given the challenging times which we have all faced over the past few years.

The company has a new and strong parent with a long term commitment to the life and pensions business and the company has expanded with the merger of Canada Life's Irish business into Irish Life from the 1st January of this year. Those of you who visit Head Office will notice the increased numbers and new faces as our Canada Life colleagues and other group businesses move into Abbey Street and vacant offices get a refit to accommodate nearly 500 additional staff.



The business is performing strongly. Irish Life, the leader in the market, was voted the Best Life Company in the IBA awards for the 4th successive year and ILIM was winner of Investment Manager of the Year in the recent Pension Awards. Staff and pensioners alike can take pride and comfort from this success.

We have had a very enjoyable and well attended Dublin pensioners function in January with a lot of new faces. Functions are planned for around the country over the next few months, which I hope to attend, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Regards

Barry Walsh,
Company Secretary

Competition Time

The 4 star luxury Keadeen Hotel is situated on the outskirts of Newbridge in the heart of County Kildare - "The Thoroughbred County", located just 30mins from Dublin. The Keadeen offers hotel guests a broad range of amenities, with our lucky winner getting to enjoy:

**Two nights accommodation with
Full Irish Breakfast
each morning for two.**

To be in with a chance to win, simply answer this question.

What year did Sean Doyle join Irish Life?



**Entries to be received by Friday 2nd May
by post to:**

Pensioners News Competition, Eileen Quinn,
Group Staff Pensions (Loc 41), Irish Life Group
Limited, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street,
Dublin 1

Pensioner's Profile

Seán Doyle

I was born on the 31st December 1923 and went to the Christian Brothers school in Nenagh where I obtained my Leaving Certificate. My first job was in the State Solicitors Office, James O'Brien & Co., Nenagh from 1944 to 1947.

I joined Irish Life Assurance on the 12th May 1947 working as a Rep in Thurles for 4 years and was then transferred to Roscrea. After that I was based in Nenagh as a Rep. In 1967 I was promoted to Inspector and was based in Carrick-on-Shannon for 2 years. I also worked in North Leitrim and part of Cavan, Roscommon and Sligo.

In 1956 I married Mary Aherne from Castlecranna, and we had 2 children, John and Marie.

A move to North Dublin saw me based in Raheny for 7 years. My promotion to District Manager in 1974 saw me leave the "big smoke" for Carlow (a district with 37 staff and 2 clerks). Wellington Quay in Dublin was my next base and my final years were spent in Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire (staff of 45 and 3 clerks). I retired in 1987 after 42 years' service. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the staff of each District I worked in, both as District Inspector and District Manager for their support and loyalty and also the staff in Head Office.

During my long career at Irish Life and through many moves, I had an active social life. I always believed that a social life, as a volunteer or team member, was an important part of a person's rounded character and a beneficial to my career.

A meeting in 1947 with the late Pádraig O'Meara (RIP) in the Nenagh Post Office was to have a big influence on me. He spoke to me "in Gaelic" and I felt ashamed I could only reply poorly in Irish.

I mentioned the experience to my parents and I was very glad that I followed their suggestion and joined Chonradh na Gáeilge. I became involved in all the activities this wonderful organisation run. I took particular pride in organising the Irish Dancing Competitions at the North Tipperary Show for 13 successive years. It was a very popular event and drew large crowds on the 15th August.

The Fainne pin is worn to show you have fluency and a willingness to speak Irish. The wearing of the Fainne has brought me many rewarding encounters, in business and in life. I have always been a proponent of the revival of the language.

I was also an avid participant in Amateur Drama while based in Nenagh often performing in Irish, a rarity at the time. My drama success is displayed in the Booklet "O'Gluin go Gluin" – Sceál Chonradh na Gáeilge in Aonoch Urún 1901 – 1993. I had the good fortune to win best Actors Awards at various festivals. I was privileged to be invited to the first filming of "Mise Eire" in Dublin.

Golf has been my passion since I worked as a caddie, as a boy in Nenagh, to earn extra money. I have been a member of various Golf Clubs over the years and have held many officerships including Captain of the Irish Life Golf Society. I was the first to win the Irish Life Managing Director's Cup in Carlow in 1956. I have accumulated a number of prizes on the golf course. I have always supported other players in the various clubs where I have been a member.

Mary and I have been happily married for 57 years. She is a member of our Active Retirement Group and plays "indoor" bowls with her friends.

My children now are grown up. John, my son is a journalist in Canada where he lives with his wife. His book "A Great Feast of Light: Growing Up Irish in the Television Age" was first published in 2005 and has since been published in 5 countries, including the U.K. and Ireland. My daughter, Marie works in U.C.D where she was recently conferred with a "Doctorate" on Irish literature.



Seán Doyle

Irish Life Pensioners Association

The Irish Life Pensioners Association was formed to provide retired staff with a means of staying in touch with one another, to represent the views of Pensioners in dialogue with the Company and to make representations to state bodies and other relevant forums.

The committee is elected annually (AGMs are held in April/May) and currently comprises **Sean Donnelly** (Cork), **Mary Conlon** (Dublin), **Pat Howlett** (Dublin), **Joe Smith** (Dublin), **Jim Noonan** (Dublin), **Oliver McCann** (Meath) and **Michael Goodwin** (Dublin)

Even with a central committee, it is never easy to stay in touch with what is a disparate body of members in every corner of the country. The Committee has recently recruited a series of regional volunteers for the purpose of keeping itself informed of relevant developments around the country. These include **Kevin Argue** (Limerick/Tipperary), **Pat Delaney** (Kerry), **Angus Grant** (Waterford), **Tom Clancy** (Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo) and we are actively seeking similar volunteers for other areas.

The Association maintains its own web site, www.ilapensioners.ie, which aims to keep its members informed of news and events through online postings and email and it is piloting a texting service with a view to offering it to members in the coming months. Of course these communication tools are only as good as their content so we rely on serving staff and pensioners to keep us informed of news, developments, and achievements or to offer other contributions that may be of interest to retired colleagues.



Irish Life Pensioners Association

Irish Life Building, Irish Life Centre, Lt. Abbey St. Dublin 1



We are always on the look-out for members who can help us by volunteering to join the Committee or by informally assisting with technical advice especially in the area of Pensions, Legal, Finance and Social Welfare. Of course we'd welcome help from members to maintain our web site.

Membership of the Association is open to those who are currently in receipt of benefit from the Staff Benefit Scheme. An Application Form is available on the Club website or you can contact us at:

**The Secretary,
Irish Life Pensioners Association (Loc ILPA)
Irish Life Building
Lower Abbey Street
Dublin 1**

Or by email at secretary@ilapensioners.ie

And you can follow us on Twitter @ILAPensioners



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Pensioners' Functions:

Dublin Based Pensioners' Function held on the 25th January 2014



Left to right: Paddy Keenan, Breige Sheridan and Tom Quinn



Left to right: Bernard Rea, Brendan Wall, Jimmy Connolly, Michael Kavanagh and Michael Nolan



Left to right: Dermot Mullen, Jim Noonan, Michaela O'Shea and John Ferguson



Left to right: Bernie Galvin and Michael Shanley

Carol Pemberton's thoughts on retirement so far...

I retired on December 20th, it does not feel like four months, I somehow expected the time to go slower. I would definitely recommend it to my colleagues who are still working.

As I start into retirement the one thought that strikes me is how lucky I have been in my career and more importantly in the friends I have made in Irish Life. I don't believe there are many large companies who have the community spirit that exists amongst the "diaspora" that is Irish Life. I am struck by how supportive and caring our community is. As I get older I value it more and more and hope that the unique qualities that have made Irish Life a great place to work and retire from continue into the future.

Thank you all for your support over the years, and hope to see you all at the next first Friday.



Bereavements:

Patrick McEleney (Donegal), **Grace Boyle** (Donegal), **Mary Kirby** (Limerick), **Maureen McKeever** (Dublin), **Patsy McEntee** (Cavan), **Jack Leake** (Dublin), **Jim Gallagher** (Donegal), **Jack Deegan** (Dublin), **Tom Corr** (Dublin), **Kathleen Keating** (Waterford), **Des Delaney** (Dublin), **Donal McAleese** (Dublin)

Our thoughts are with their families & friends during this sad time.
May they Rest in Peace.

Retirements:

Frank Maher (Irish Life Financial Services), **Michael Mander** (Irish Life Financial Services), **Con O'Connor** (Irish Life Financial Services), **James Mullally** (Irish Life Financial Services), **Ann Linehan** (Irish Life Financial Services), **Michael Flood** (Irish Life Financial Services), **Michael O'Sullivan** (Irish Life Financial Services), **Ray Greally** (Corporate Business), **John O'Neill** (Corporate Business), **Martin Leech** (Corporate Business), **Bernie Garvey** (Corporate Business), **P.J. Doherty** (Group Functions), **Gerry Keenan** (Managing Director - ILIM), **Carol Pemberton** (Executive Director - Human Resources), **Mary O'Brien** (Staff Pensions), **Marion Kennedy** (Human Resources), **Gerry O'Toole** (Staff Pensions), **Brian O'Hanlon** (Human Resources)

The very best of luck to each of you in your retirements.