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Dear Sisters,

I am honored that President Lubinsky has requested me to serve as the LAOH Representative for Irish America 250. Next year will be the Semi quincentennial of the United States. Irish Americans have played a significant role in shaping our Country. For over 130 years, the LAOH has made an impact on Irish America. We need to keep our Order as the heart of Irish America in action. Every member has a role to play in celebrating Irish America 250.

As most of you know I have a passion for history, I was proud to be able to attend the Commodore Barry Event on the US New Jersey this past October one of the first events to honor the Contributions of the Irish in the founding of the United States. A special thank you to Keith Carney and the AOH of the District of Columbia for the wonderful display on John Barry the Father of the American Navy. The AOH and LAOH of Pennsylvania and New Jersey also worked on this event to make it successful. Special Thank you to Clare McManus Fulginitti for her work on the Program Book and Carolyn Killion for her fantastic hospitality to the Irish Dignitaries from County Wexford. This event can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/PX7QzSIAXy8>

National Irish Historian Kathleen Diulus is now in the midst of the LAOH Irish History Contest: The Irish and the American Revolution How the Irish affected the outcome of the American Revolution. Hopefully, there will be entries that the LAOH can share with IrishAmerica 250.

As a Past National Irish Historian, I remember the words spoken to John Adams by his wife Abigail, as he left for Philadelphia in 1776. ***“Don’t forget the ladies.”*** As an Irish woman’s organization, it is our responsibility to remember and honor the Irish born and those of Irish descent that have contributed to our great nation over the past 250 years. Our goal is to educate our members on the role women played. Women played important roles during the American Revolution. One of the articles that I wrote about Revolutionary Women is posted on the IrishAmerica 250 website: <https://www.irishamerica250.org> Please visit this site to see events across the Country to celebrate the Contributions of the Irish over the past 250 years.

As Abigail Adams stated ***“Don’t forget the ladies”***, I am asking for your help to remember the Irish and Irish American Women who made contributions over the past 250 years. Please send me your suggestions for those women who the LAOH should honor and remember during the next year and beyond. Please email your suggestions to laohnationalorganizer@gmail.com

