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Annual General Meeting — 7 May

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Quick Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- **Bloomsday**
16 June:
Lunch and Joycean readings at ICRC. Starts at 12.00 p.m. sharp.

Paddy's Pub (Ferney).
Joycean readings. Starts 7.30 p.m.
- **Bar-B-Q**
11 July:
Parc du Jonc in Grand-Saconnex. Starts at 12.30 p.m.
- **Golf Outing**
19 September:
St. Jean de Gonville Golf Club. Watch out for the next newsletter with tee-off times, cost and reservation details.

A new Committee year is under way and things got off to a flying start on Friday, 7 May at (where else better) but the AGM!

There was a great turn-out of our Association to constitute a quorum and so after Happy Half-Hour, it was straight to business.

The Minutes of the previous AGM were approved and a concise report on the activities of the GIA during the course of the closing year was presented. Following confirmation by the Auditors that the books were in order, the elections took place for the 2004-2005 Committee. In this connection, a big congratulations is extended to Finola Keating who was re-elected as President, and Brian Wall (new Member) who was elected Vice-President. Also elected for another term were Brian Elliott, Lorraine Maire, Donal o'Neill and Brian Cahalane. A new Committee Member this year also is Dee Windsor (Secretary).

Special thanks was extended to the following ex-Committee members who, for professional reasons, decided not to stand for election this year. They are Joe Lowry (good luck in Ukraine!), Brian Tisdall and Michelle Downey.

On a more sombre note, time was taken to remember those who had passed away during the course of last year — John Doohan and Fiona O'Callaghan.

Finally, there were two new junior GIA Members born during the year — a big congratulations to Barry and Helen Ardiffe and Pascal and Sarah Pazzia. Both couples had baby girls, and believe it or not, but both babies were named Olivia!

Summer Bar-B-Q — 11 July

It's time to dig out that cooler box from the garage and shake off your car rug! YES! It's the GIA annual Summer Bar-B-Q!

The date in question is **11 July** at the same place as these last few years - the Parc du Jonc in Grand-Saconnex.

As usual, please come as early as you can to make use of the grills.

The Committee will be happy to offer you the fuel, an apero and sausages. All you have to bring is your own food, drinks and a good mood. Kick off should be at 12.30 p.m.!





Bloomsday — 16 June

Bloomsday blossomed in Geneva last year when the GIA held a celebration luncheon – a feast of food and festivities, of light levitation and marvellous words of wisdom on Joyce and Switzerland spoken by the Irish Ambassador to the UN, Mary Whelan, amongst others

Will the GIA celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bloomsday this

year? To paraphrase Molly Bloom "Yes, yes, we will yes"!!!!

Following on from last year's tremendous success, culture and stew will be on the menu again on the day itself, 16 June, at 12.00 p.m. sharp at the International Committee of the Red Cross, Avenue de la Paix.

Joycean costume is optional, and

there will be several readings from Ulysses, the book that made the day what it is. Price is CHF 15 (wine extra). **Places are limited**, so for more details call Finola on 022-7369955.

If you can't make the Lunch, you can drop into Paddy's Irish Pub in Ferney Voltaire for some more Joycean readings. Kick-off is 7.30 p.m.

COMPETITION

Would you like to win a Bloomsday prize? Then answer the simple question below. Answers should be emailed to geneva.irish@ireland.com or for those without email, call 022-7398454. Draw will take place at the Bloomsday Lunch at the ICRC.

Q. From which Joycean work does the following extract come from?

"I will not serve that in which I no longer believe, whether it call itself my home, my fatherland, or my church and I will try to express myself in some mode of life or art as freely as I can and as wholly as I can using for my defence the only arms I allow myself to use - silence, exile and cunning."

Geneva Regional Multiple Sclerosis Annual Fundraiser — 3 July

The Geneva Regional Multiple Sclerosis Association is again holding their annual fundraising theme evening — and the theme this year is none better than "Ireland".

There will be live Irish pop/rock music, recorded traditional folk music, food, Guinness and lots more to entertain you. So, if you're looking for a good night out and want to help fundraise for a worthy cause, make your way to the Jardins Familiaux de Bernex, rte d'Arie-la-Ville, Bernex on Saturday 3 July from 6.00 p.m. onwards. For more information contact Kurt Maeder on 022-7362302 or David Unitt on 079-2250094.

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