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Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Giménez and Cork County Mayor Seamus McGrath signed historic Sister County Agreement in Cork County on June 12<sup>th</sup>. L-R: Miami-Dade's Economic Development and Trade Chief, Manny Gonzalez, Mayor Giménez, Mayor McGrath and Cork County Council CEO Tim Lucey

### Message from the Consul General

A chairde,

The signing of a twinning Agreement between Cork County and Miami-Dade County highlighted the month of June.

Four years on from the Port of Cork and Port of Miami twinning as sister seaports, the connections between Cork and Miami-Dade Counties deepened with the signing of a Sister County Agreement. This development, which the Consulate helped facilitate, combined with the new Aer Lingus Dublin-Miami route, will significantly advance Ireland's trade, investment and tourism interests in and with South Florida.

We are also planning for more big things in the fall around the route launch. We'll be highlighting the historic roots and contemporary commercial potential of the connections between Ireland, South Florida and Latin America.

Our next Newsletter will be the September edition. Safe travels and best wishes for a great summer!

*Shane Stephens*

# Irish Business and Culture Around the Southeast

Ever-growing ties between Ireland and South Florida



Gift exchange celebrating new sister county agreement signed by Miami-Dade County Mayor Giménez and Cork County Mayor McGrath



Discussing opportunities and collaboration around the new Aer Lingus service to Miami with MIA Director Emilio González & Marketing Director Chris Mangos



Catching up with Florida Senator Marco Rubio at a U2 concert!



With Alexandra Kuechenberg of Miami's Frost Museum of Science at US debut of Science Gallery Dublin's [Seeing: What are you looking at?](#) This fascinating, multidisciplinary exhibit explores how people *and* computers see and perceive. In Miami through October 20th







CG Stephens speaks on Ireland to Savannah Rotary Club



Left: Great to catch up with former Roman Catholic Archbishop of Savannah, J Kevin Boland



Right: Promoting Ireland at Arnall Golden Gregory's Springboard to Europe seminar for Atlanta area businesses interested in developing/expanding European markets

Delighted to mark Rev John C Kieran's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood with him



A warm welcome to Kerry O'Sullivan, temporary head of the Consulate during CG Stephens' summer visit to Ireland, and to our new Senior Attaché, Emma Burke Leardo



## Congratulations!



...to Aris Theatre for a fabulous Bloomsday production of *Ulysses* at historic Shakespeare Tavern in Atlanta

...to the Atlanta Junior Ceili band which took home Atlanta Irish Music School's [first-ever championship](#) at the US national competition in St. Louis. Headed soon for the August world competition in Ennis, County Claire!



...to the Atlanta GAA camogie players on their win at the Indy Invitational 2017, the second largest GAA tournament in the US

## Irish News

Taoiseach Enda Kenny formally resigned on June 13<sup>th</sup> in accordance with Article 28.9.1° of the Constitution. Former US Ambassador to Ireland, Kevin F O'Malley, paid tribute to his tenure with an [op-ed in the Independent.ie](#) titled *It's no coincidence that US investment and trade rose with Kenny at the helm*.

After winning the election, Taoiseach Leo Varadkar [outlined his priorities](#) and has [announced appointments to Minister of State](#). Simon Coveney succeeds Charles Flanagan as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Ciarán Cannon will serve as Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development.

In a phone call this week, [President Trump invited the Taoiseach](#) to attend the annual St Patrick's Day events in Washington next March. They agreed to continue strong co-operation between Ireland and the US on economic issues, shared culture, and family ties.

Minister Simon Coveney welcomed the [launch of Article 50 negotiations](#) in Brussels on June 19<sup>th</sup>, calling on all sides to act responsibly, expressing confidence in Michel Barnier to effectively represent Ireland's interests, and committing to work with colleagues across Government on all aspects of Brexit.

In a [Statement](#) on the confidence and supply agreement reached between the UK's Conservative Party and DUP, Minister Coveney welcomed both parties recommitment to the Good Friday Agreement.

The deadline to reach a deal to restore a power-sharing [government in Northern Ireland](#) has been extended to Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Minister Coveney issued a [Statement](#) expressing encouragement that continued engagement will bridge the remaining gaps to agreement.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed T.D. led a [major agri-food trade mission](#) to the US and Mexico to develop new trade opportunities. It was learned during the visit that Irish beef, the first EU beef allowed into the US, was awarded the [US Dept. of Agriculture quality shield](#), enabling our beef to be marketed in the US as Irish, grass-fed and sustainably produced. The Minister's official launch of the [Irish-Mexican Chamber of Commerce](#) capped the significant mission.

Irish companies supported by Enterprise Ireland [employ over 80,000 in the US](#), with 55 new US presences by Irish companies in 2016.

Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten T.D. announced the [abolishment of mobile phone roaming charges](#) in the European Union, effective June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cricket Ireland became [Full Member with Test status](#) of the International Cricket Council, the 11<sup>th</sup> member with Test status and first such country to receive full membership since 2000.

The seventh season of *Game of Thrones* will debut in the U.S. on July 16<sup>th</sup>. In June, Tourism Ireland's [Game of Thrones Campaign](#) won gold, silver and bronze awards at the prestigious [Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity](#), on top of taking 8 gold and 2 silver at the [Creative Circle Awards](#) in London in May.

MIA ↔ DUB: book by July 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm for special fare! Launching [direct Miami-Dublin service](#) on September 1, Aer Lingus is offering a round trip economy fare of \$599 inclusive of taxes and fees for travel September 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 29<sup>th</sup>. Flights leave in both directions 3 times per week, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.



Our deep appreciation and every good wish to Ireland's retiring Ambassador to the US, **Anne Anderson**, who has served with great purpose, distinction and achievement. Following a farewell tribute from Niall Burgess, Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ambassador Anderson said, "I don't think anything can quite match being Irish Ambassador to the U.S. You represent a small country but stand on the shoulders of 35 million."



Irish Citizens who are over 18 and have held an Irish Passport can now [renew your passports online!](https://www.dfa.ie/passportonline)

#### **Notice for Irish Citizens resident in the US:**

Irish citizens travelling or living overseas are encouraged to register their contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/citizens-registration/>. The information will allow us to contact you, and provide assistance, if necessary and possible, if there is an unforeseen crisis such as a natural disaster or civil unrest, or if you have a family emergency while you are overseas. Registration is voluntary and means that the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate to where you reside is aware of your whereabouts and can include you in their contingency planning in the event of a crisis or an emergency situation.

#### **Our Honorary Consuls in the US Southeast:**

Ireland is excellently represented in the State of North Carolina by Honorary Consul John Young and in Central Florida by Honorary Consul Terry Delahunty. Check out their profiles and contact information newly added to our website: <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-consulate/atlanta/about-us/honorary-consuls/>

## Upcoming Events in the Southeast

The Miami-Dade Chapter of the dynamic South Florida Irish American Chamber of Commerce invites South Floridians with Irish business interests to attend their [Summer Social](#) July 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm.

We're happy to publicise your Irish festivals, competitions, lectures, concerts and other public events. Send me your late summer and fall dates!

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