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Longtime Yonkers Resident and Employee of Empire City Casino, Ursula McIntyre, to be Honored at Aisling Irish Community Center's Annual Dinner Dance Friday, October 3rd

October 2, 2014 – Yonkers-based Aisling Irish Community Center will hold its 11th Annual Dinner Dance on Friday, October 3, 2014 and among the three very worthy honorees for the evening is long-time Yonkers resident and employee of Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, **Ursula McIntyre**. McIntyre will be recognized for her significant contributions to the local community, as well as the broader Irish-American community.

McIntyre hails from Belmullet, Co. Mayo in Ireland, the eldest of nine children. Thirty-two years ago while working in the hotel industry, fate stepped in and introduced McIntyre to June and Timothy Rooney during their visit to Ireland. Rooney offered McIntyre employment in New York and McIntyre then became a resident of the City of Yonkers.

More than three decades later, McIntyre has held a variety of positions working for the Rooney family and has worked her way up the corporate ladder to become executive assistant to both Tim Rooney, president and CEO of Empire City, and general counsel, Tim Rooney, Jr. McIntyre also serves as Director of Parimutuel, overseeing the betting operations at Empire City's Yonkers Raceway.

McIntyre is well-known for her philanthropic involvement throughout numerous organizations in Yonkers. She is a member of the Yonkers Police Athletic League, serves on the committee for the McLean Avenue St. Patrick's Day Parade, and in 2013, was named "Woman of the Year" by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Westchester/Hudson Valley Chapter for her phenomenally successful fundraising efforts, among many other charitable achievements.

*"It is an honor and a privilege to have Ursula as a long-time member of the Empire City Casino family," said **Tim Rooney**. "We commend the Aisling Irish Community Center for recognizing her dedication and outstanding community service. Her charitable works have made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many Yonkers residents."*

McIntyre will be in good company Friday evening as she will be joined by two additional honorees at the gala: Barry B. McGoey, president of the Yonkers Firefighter's Union (I.A.F.F. Local 628), and John Egan, resident manager and president of the Hibernia Provident Society.

Aisling Irish Community Center's Annual event will take place at Maestro's Caterers in the Bronx. All proceeds will go directly to the community center to facilitate much needed programs and services for the Irish-American community in New York. For more information about the event or the services of the Aisling Irish Community Center, contact (914) 237-5121.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting; live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, karaoke & more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; trackside dining with live betting at Empire Terrace Restaurant; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Grab 'n Go. A new \$50 million expansion added Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Pinch American Grill, in collaboration with Ducasse Studio, not only whets the appetite but also features dozens of New York craft beers on tap; and Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Connect with us on [facebook.com/empirecity](https://www.facebook.com/empirecity), follow us on [twitter.com/EmpireCity_C](https://www.twitter.com/EmpireCity_C), visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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