

Junior Chamber Ireland holds National Annual General Meeting in Galway

The Junior Chamber Ireland national annual general meeting will be hosted this weekend in the Clybaun Hotel, Salthill, Galway by Junior Chamber Galway. This meeting will bring representatives of the branches nationwide together to agree on their plan of action for the coming year. National Executive Board members will be elected to their positions and a lunch on Saturday will mark the inauguration of the elected officers. Guests of honour attending will be **Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty and Frank Fahy T.D.**

Junior Chamber Expansion Plan 2004

A strategic plan to encourage people to establish new branches in towns nationwide is beginning this week with a major public relations campaign. 'It is very encouraging to see branches like that in Dublin which successfully revived itself in 2003, so we feel it is necessary for us to give every help and assistance to people who may be interested in becoming members and setting up new branches locally,' said Eugene Garvin, President, Junior Chamber Ireland, 'the community as well as the individuals involved have much to gain from this organisation and we don't want Irish society to miss out on the benefits of having a very active and widespread voluntary organisation such as Junior Chamber.'

Galway Man for Junior Chamber Ireland Presidency 2004

This event is especially important to the Galway members as this year Galway man Eugene Garvin will lead the organisation as President. On Saturday, the chains of office will be passed on to him by Jeremy Doyle of Junior Chamber Fingal, Dublin.

A local member and past president of Junior Chamber Galway, Eugene has served both locally and nationally with distinction. A native of Galway city and a graduate of Electronic Engineering from NUI Galway, he is a popular personality and works in Nortel, Galway. He is the fourth Galway president of Junior Chamber Ireland, following in the footsteps of Sean Ashe, MacDara Hosty and Mary Comer.

Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty

'On my own behalf and on behalf of the citizens of Galway I would like to congratulate Eugene Garvin on his election to position of the National President, Junior Chamber Ireland. I know how much great work is done in the Galway branch and the projects that make a great contribution to life in

Galway - I believe it is well worthwhile. I wish Eugene the very best of good luck in 2004,' said Mayor of Galway, Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty. *Contd./....*

Inaugural Lunch of National Council 2004 – Saturday 1.30pm

Six of the fourteen positions on the JCI National Executive Board are being filled by Galway members while two are members in Castleknock and other branches represented include Carrick-on-Shannon, Dun Laoghaire, Fingal and Waterford. At a presentation ceremony the new officers will be presented with their Junior Chamber Ireland pins marking the beginning of their year in office.

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Background Information

Junior Chamber Galway is a not-for-profit organisation led and co-ordinated by volunteers and is affiliated to Junior Chamber International which involves over half a million members worldwide. It aims to provide opportunities for the personal development of its members in the form of projects and training. Its objective is to create positive change and contribute to the economic, social and cultural life of the community - locally, nationally and internationally.

Website : www.juniorchamberireland.com

Junior Chamber Ireland - National Executive Board 2004 – New Officers

Eugene Garvin, (Galway) President, Jeremy Doyle,(Fingal) Past Presidents, Suzanne Corcoran,(Dun Laoghaire) Treasurer; Norma Duignan,(Carrick-on-Shannon) Administration; MacDara Hosty,(Galway) Business Affairs; Wendy Freeney,(Galway) International Affairs; Helen Flatley,(Galway) Individual Development; Rosemary Dolan,(Galway) Community Development; Fiona Lewis,(Waterford) Regional Development; Audrey Lewis,(Castleknock) Regional Development; Máirín O'Reilly,(Galway) PRO; Karen Sweeney,(Castleknock) Convention.