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Dear Sisters,

I would like introduce myself. My name is Mary Ann Amesbury and at the 96th Biennial State Convention in King of Prussia, you elected me to the Office of Irish Historian.

As we approach the beginning of the school year, our annual Irish History Writing Contest gets underway. The 2011-2012 National Writing Contest Themes are:

Level 1 Grades 6-7-8-“The Story of Annie Moore-Irish Immigration to America”

Level 2 Grades 9-10-11-12-“The Irish and the Building of the American Infrastructure”

The 2011-2012 National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest Awards:

National Award	Level 1	Level 2
First Place	\$500.00	\$1000.00
Second Place	\$250.00	\$500.00
Third Place	\$125.00	\$250.00
Honorable Mention	\$50.00	\$100.00
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Attached you will find the instructions and grading information for the writing contest from our National Historian Patricia O’Connell.

I am asking each County & Division Historian to send the information to all the schools in your area encouraging students to participate in the Irish History Writing Contest. Deadline for the essays to be submitted are: Division January 20th, County, February 17th and State, March 23rd.

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I would like to thank you for electing me to the Office of Irish Historian. If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at maamesbury@verizon.net or call 570-825-0102. To keep cost down, the PA State Board will be communicating via e-mail as much as possible.

Yours in Friendship, Unity,
& Christian Charity,

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