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Dear Sisters,

I am truly honored to once again serve as your Freedom for All Ireland Officer for the 2015-2017 term and am excited to be working with such a wonderful State Board under the very capable leadership of our newly elected president, Ellen McCrane.

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I have been a member of Trinity, Division 4 in Delaware County since 1998 and am currently serving my second term as president of the division. I am also involved in a few other Irish organizations and as I said two years ago, am quite passionate about Freedom for All Ireland.

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One of the primary duties of this office is to forward information from the National Board regarding the Annual FFAI Christmas Appeal. Each year brother and sister Hibernians contribute to this fund, which is then presented to organizations in the North of Ireland that are committed to a true and lasting peace. Last year Ladies from across the state contributed over \$800 toward the National LAOH total of \$10,551. I am hoping that we can be at least that generous again this year. All information will be forwarded to you as I receive it. If I have your e-mail address, it will be via e-mail unless you tell me differently.

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I would also like to strongly encourage each of you to get involved with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. There are committees in both the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas that are open to all. Information can be found on their respective websites- <http://www.pittsburghremembers1916.com/> and <http://www.irisheasterrising.com/>. If you know of any other committees, please let me know and I will forward their information.

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On the National level, the LAOH is selling commemorative pins honoring the Women of the Rising. I have a few and Colleen Bowers, National Fundraising Chair, has some as well. Please let us know if you would like one. They are selling quickly. There are also some great articles on the National website that should be shared with all members.

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I sincerely look forward to working with each one of you and am confident that our combined efforts will make a difference. Please do not hesitate to contact me. While I try to keep you updated on what is happening, there are often things I of which I am not aware. Any and all input will be most welcome and appreciated.

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