

# "HAVE I GOT 'SOCIETY' NEWS FOR YOU"

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*Season's Greetings* and a warm welcome to this edition of the Society's newsletter which aims to keep you informed on what is happening in the Society. *And a special welcome to our new additions to the mailing list.*

As ever, we ask our faithful readers to pass this short newsletter on to others .. be they members of the Society or not .. just so as people can be aware of the services that the Society can provide. If they wish to be added to the mailing list, all the better!!

*Given our own limited staff numbers in HQ, we depend greatly on others to help spread the word*

## 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society

It has been a landmark year for the Society, having celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Founded as the Civil Service Benevolent Fund, the Society continues to provide the support to colleagues in need as envisaged by our founding fathers back in 1927.

We are indebted to President Michael D. Higgins for his wonderful letter of encouragement and support to honour the occasion. *A copy of the letter is attached for those who may not have read it earlier in the year*

## Office Talks

The Society staff spoke at a number of staff gatherings, conferences, pre-retirement seminars and wherever else we were invited.

We find that the face-to-face interaction is the best way of getting the word out to civil servants who may not be aware of the services on offer, be they members of the Society or not!

If your office would like us to speak (the presentation is not more than 15-20 minutes), we will facilitate you in any way we can.

We may be few in number but we make it seem like there are more of us!!

## LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

The best way for us to know if we are making a difference for the better is through the many cards and letters that we get.

It gives us the reassurance we need to know that we are doing something right. We have taken just small extracts from the many cards and letters received in 2017.

*“I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the cheque received today. It was like a gift from heaven at this time of year. A weight has been lifted from my shoulders”*

*“Thank you so much for your generous contribution to my finances. I have been on sick leave again for the past while. I will use it wisely and I appreciate your kindness.”*

*“Words are not enough you thank the committee for the grant. To say I was shocked (in a good way!) is an understatement. We are both so grateful. We are awaiting the outcome of our mortgage rearrangement and hoping it does not go to court. Thank you again”*

*“I honestly don’t think you realise how much your letter has meant to me, knowing what I am currently going through. I seem to be on a never ending run of bad luck but I pray that things will get better. Your letter is, hopefully a sign that my prayers will be answered”*

## AND FINALLY

If you want to know more about the Society, you can look up our website, [www.psf.s.ie](http://www.psf.s.ie), emails us at [info@psf.s.ie](mailto:info@psf.s.ie) or make an old fashioned phone call at 1800 77 87 87. We would be only too glad to hear from you.

*Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and  
Healthy New Year to all our members*

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