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Quinn jobs must be saved – Feighan

Frank Feighan has come out strongly in support of the Quinn Group workers following intervention of the Regulator who put an administrator in charge of Quinn Insurance.

Deputy Feighan raised this matter in the Dáil as soon as it was announced and was part of the Oireachtas Group that met with staff in Ballyconnell on Saturday.

He will again meet with Administrators in Cavan to iron out difficulties that may exist. Deputy Feighan said, "It is imperative that this matter is resolved urgently and I will not contemplate the alternative."



Rose of Roscommon Maria Hoey pictured at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon on Tuesday afternoon last with Lawrence Barrett, resident, Mary Butler, Assistant Director of Nursing and Bridie Stevens, CNM, Ward Manager. Picture: Andrew Fox.

Roscommon Rose launch on Friday

Friday night next, April 9th, is the date for the launch of the 2010 Roscommon

Rose, which takes place in Regan's, The Square, Roscommon at 8 pm.

Main sponsor of this year's event is Halcyon Hygiene and the Roscommon Rose committee this week issued warm thanks to Peter Kirwan for his generosity. Funds raised through this year's Roscommon Rose, will benefit the patient comfort fund at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Roscommon, a very worthy beneficiary. Tickets for the Roscommon Rose Ball in Kilonan Castle April 23rd will go on sale the night of the launch and they are in hot demand this year so don't miss out.

Through the 2010 Roscommon Rose, young women from all over the county have the chance to become the Roscommon Rose and maybe even the Rose of Tralee.

Along with the potential of becoming the 2010 Roscommon Rose and representing your county and

local community, entrants could win prizes including Newbridge Silverware jewellery, Carlton Hotel gift cards and should you go forward and become the 2010 Rose of Tralee, a €25,000 world prize, car for a year, a complete collection of Newbridge Silverware home ware and jewellery products, plus more.

Rose of Tralee Charmaine Kenny said: "I can't believe the amount of fun I am having being the Rose of Tralee. I would encourage every woman who is eligible to enter as it is a fantastic experience and I have made lifelong friends throughout my travels."

Caroline Leckey, Secretary, Roscommon Rose Centre said: "The Roscommon Rose selection is a fantastic opportunity to represent your local community and county and this year's Rose applicants are a reflection of this. We wish them all good luck!"

news at a glance

Funding for Vita House welcomed

Senator Terry Leyden has welcomed funding for Vita House Family Centre, Roscommon and the Family Life Centre, Boyle announced this week by Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Eamon Ó Cuív TD.

The grants will be used by Vita House and Boyle Family Life Centre to continue their marriage, child and bereavement counselling services. The organisations provide marriage counselling, marriage preparation courses and counselling services to children whose lives have been affected by parental separation and bereavement and counselling and support to families on the death of a family member.

Vita House Family Centre in Roscommon has been granted funding of €124,900 and Boyle Family Life Centre has been granted €168,800. Senator Leyden commended the good work of both organisations.

Church gate collections for Roscommon SPCA

Roscommon SPCA will be holding church gate collections on the weekend of April 17th and 18th.

Collections will be held at the following churches: Breedogue, Ballinameen, Tarmonbarry, Killina, Tulsk, Kilmurray, Whitehall, Arigna, Corrigeenroe, Kilmacranney, Ballintubber, Loughglynn and Ballinaheglish. All donations are greatly appreciated and all monies go directly to help animals in need in Co. Roscommon. Thank you.

Return your Trócaire boxes please!

Roscommon people have been asked to return their Trócaire boxes this weekend to mark the end of the agency's annual Lenten appeal. Trócaire is making a special national appeal this weekend, April 10th and 11th, for people to return their boxes to their local parish church.

Trócaire's Director, Justin Kilcullen, said: "Our Lenten appeal was about hunger this year and across Roscommon families took our Trócaire box into their homes and schoolchildren learned about life in countries like Rwanda. This goodwill means a lot to children like Domitille, the child on our Trócaire box this year. Because of support from people in Roscommon Trócaire is helping her family to farm and to create a better future for themselves."

Trócaire's 2010 Lenten campaign highlighted the fact that world hunger has reached an all-time high. One billion people, or one in six in the world, do not have enough food to survive, a fact the charity has branded as scandalous.

Trócaire's annual Lenten campaign ended on Easter Sunday. Trócaire boxes can be returned to local parishes across Roscommon.

Allocation for flooding in east Galway

€490,000 has been allocated for flooding relief at five locations in Tuam electoral area, a fact welcomed this week by Fianna Fáil councillor Michael Connolly, but he added that money is needed for drainage works on the river Suck.

€250,000 has been allocated for a piped drainage system at Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy. Others areas to benefit include Caherlistrane (€115,000), Ballyglunin (€60,000), Cahergal (€49,000 already spent) and Corrandulla (€16,200).

"This is very welcome news but similar money is required in more northern area of the County in the Tuam area to do work in the Suck Drainage district," said Cllr. Connolly.

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