

people news



Maria Hoey Roscommon Rose of Tralee 2009 and Main Sponsor Peter Kirwan of Halcyon Group, Roscommon, pictured at the launch of the Roscommon Rose of Tralee Selection Night 2010 held on Friday in Regan's Bar Roscommon. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com



Members of the organising committee of the Rose of Roscommon 2010. Back row (left to right): Maria McCahill, Treasurer, Caroline Leckey, Secretary, Steve Cronly, National Rose of Tralee Co-ordinator, Ursula Hanly, Committee Member, Niamh Feeley, PRO. Front row (left to right): Maria Hoey, Roscommon Rose of Tralee 2009, Tony Waldron, Chairperson and Main Sponsor Peter Kirwan, Halcyon Group Roscommon. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com



Pictured are some of this year's escorts (sponsored by John Ward Menswear), for the Roscommon Rose of Tralee 2010, Tony Diskin, John Comiskey, Padraig McKeon and James Burke along with Main Sponsor Peter Kirwan of Halcyon Group, Roscommon and Steve Cronly, National Rose of Tralee Co-ordinator. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com



Martin Rattigan (Texas) makes a presentation on behalf of sponsor Texas to Maria Hoey Roscommon Rose of Tralee 2009 at the Roscommon Rose of Tralee Selection Night 2010 held on Friday in Regan's Bar Roscommon. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com



Giovanni DeFilippo and Pina Oalls pictured at the launch of The Roscommon Rose of Tralee Selection Night 2010 held on Friday in Regan's Bar Roscommon. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com



Pictured are girls from around the county who will take part in the Roscommon Rose of Tralee 2010 to be held on April 23rd in Kilonan Castle. Back row (left to right): Fiona Regan, Regan's Bar Roscommon, Sinead Duffley, Hanly Motors Roscommon, Grace Morris, Gaelscoil de hÍde, Roscomáin, Claire Gallagher, Galaxy Hair & Beauty, Deirdre Devine, Roscommon Ploughing Association, Fiona Cuddy, McGuinness' Pharmacy Roscommon. Front row (left to right): Ezara Regan, Rockfords Nightclub, Deirdre Lenehan, Mater Hospital Pharmacy Department, Sara Tarabulsi, Curves Carrick-on-Shannon, Jacqueline Dowd, Strokestown Agricultural Show, Sandra Burke, Galway Hand Therapy Clinic, Róisín Ni Dhonncha, Roscommon Ladies County Board GAA. Inset: Clíodhna Thompson, St. Faithleach's GAA Club. Pic: www.hursonphotography.com

Halcyon on board as main sponsors

Halcyon Group, a group of companies which employs over 700 people and which is headquartered in Roscommon, is the main sponsor of this year's Rose of Roscommon event.

Managing Director of Halcyon Group, Peter Kirwan is delighted to offer support to the local community through main sponsorship of the Rose of Roscommon event.

"We are delighted to be involved in the Rose of Roscommon for the second year. We took part by sponsoring three Roses last year. This year we are the sole main sponsors and are delighted to be giving something back to the community. We see this as

sponsoring the future of Roscommon, these young women are the future and it's an opportunity to focus on something positive, to get away from the door and gloom."

The Halcyon Group of companies operates in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK. The company employs fifty full time staff and 650 part-time staff. The companies that make up the Halcyon Group are Halcyon Logistics, Halcyon Crime Scene, Halcyon Contract Cleaning and Halcyon Enviro Save. (Halcyon Crime Scene deals with sites, where there has been a traumatic event or a toxic spillage).

The Halcyon Group has

its headquarters at Racecourse Road, Roscommon and has lots of plans for the future. "We are expanding very, very aggressively. We are just about to launch a brand new division in the next six weeks and we are closing another major deal in the Irish and UK marketplaces. We are aggressively focusing on the business, looking for ways to expand.

"Halcyon is only five years old, and has launched a new five year plan. We see the company doubling or tripling in size. We want to have no reliance on banking institutions, to be totally self sufficient," concluded Mr. Kirwan.

Roses and escorts revealed

Olywn to sing at gala event!

Glamour was in the air on Friday night as the Roscommon Rose of Tralee Selection Night 2010 was formally launched in Regan's Bar, Market Square, Roscommon. Meanwhile it has been revealed that RTE's All-Ireland Talent Show finalist Olywn Murray will sing as a special guest at the event.

Thirteen Rose hopefuls will compete for the title of the Roscommon Rose 2010 on Friday, 23rd April in Kilonan Castle, Ballyfarnon, with the winner going forward to the regional finals in Portlaoise in June and hopefully qualifying for the televised Rose of Tralee finals in August.

Friday night's launch was attended by the Roses, their escorts, families, sponsors and supporters. During his address, Tony Waldron, chairperson of the Roscommon Rose of Tralee Committee, extended a special welcome to all the Roses and paid a special tribute to the current 2009 Roscommon Rose Maria Hoey. Mr Waldron thanked all the event sponsors particularly Peter Kirwan of the Halcyon Group, Racecourse Road, Roscommon, who is the main sponsor of the Roscommon Rose of Tralee this year. Mr Waldron stated, "In this current economic climate the Roscommon Rose of Tralee could not take place if not for the generosity and support of local businesses and in particular the generosity of Peter and the Halcyon Group."

Mr Waldron also paid thanks to the wonderful turnout and support for the Roses, his committee colleagues present and previous, the judging

panel, compere on the night Mr Seamus Duke and compere at the upcoming ball, the forever entertaining Galway Bay FM's Ollie Turner, who could easily fill the empty shoes of outgoing Rose of Tralee presenter Ray D'Arcy!

Friday night's launch certainly whetted the appetite for what promises to be a very special event. 2010 is the 51st year of The Rose of Tralee and to mark this occasion there is a new escort competition where one of this year's 13 escorts will represent Roscommon at the Rose of Tralee International Festival in August. John Ward Menswear, Roscommon is kindly sponsoring the black tie suits for all the escorts for the forthcoming ball, so the 13 escorts will certainly do their roses proud on the night!

This year's winning Rose, along with the title, will get a host of fantastic prizes, including: Newbridge Jewellery, a weekend stay at a Carl-

ton Hotel, a beauty hamper, goody bag, meal for four, hair and beauty treatments, to name but a few.

Tickets are now on sale and are in hot demand. Tickets are priced at €50 and include a four course meal, the selection night show with lots of entertainment on the night, late bar and disco, all in the luxury setting of Kilonan Castle. A special accommodation rate is available to all supporters who wish to stay on the night, contact Kilonan Castle on (071) 96 18000.

To support your Rose or Escort and be part of this great county event you can purchase tickets from Caroline Leckey, Roscommon Rose Secretary, Creative Freedom, Castle Street, Roscommon on (090) 66 28493 or email caroline@creativefreedom.ie, but hurry up as they won't be around for long! Update and news can be found on www.roscommonrose.com