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So, where are you living now and what are you up to?

I've been living in Chicago the past 15yrs now (scary) time flies.

When did you play for the club and which teams were you on?

I started playing around 1999-00. It took a year or two of the girls teams being formed and convincing from my good friend Maria O'Neill to join! I wished I joined sooner.

Did you have much or any success?

While we made it to several cup and shield finals, I never had to success with the team but the friendships & memories I had are there for a lifetime. As I used to say win or lose "it's a great day for the parish."

Is there a particular matches that stands out in your memory?

I always loved playing against Kilcoole. I felt we played our best football. Also the match that stands out was playing Manor Kilbride as there sheep on the pitch so the opposite of Greystones.

What mentors stand out who had a big impact on you?

Oliver Leonard was a great help in the early days always patient with a chatterbox like me as was Seamus Ahern, Billy Long, Cecilia O'Neill and I'll have to admit my mum Rose Mary. They committed so much time to us girls and we progressed over the months and years.

Have you played or been involved in Gaelic games at all since leaving the club?

I joined the St. Brigid's LGFC and made lifelong friends not just here but players around the world! I got to captain them to a North American title in 2007. Since then we won N/A title in 2010 2015 2017 2018 & 2019. We were going for 3 senior titles in a row until the Covid pandemic put a halt to the 2020 season sadly!

I also picked up Camogie for the St. Marys in 2005 also and loved it. We fought hard to win 5 North American senior titles over the years and I'm extremely proud of that the majority of the team were footballers or American born players. I was the secretary & club register for both clubs over the years. I was chairperson for the St. Brigid's from 2015 till 2019.

Favourite teammate?

Mide Ni Shulleabhain, Emma Leonard Orlaith Harney & Maria always made playing so much fun and an odd sneaky beer in Dan's pub after training