

**The Trinity College, Dublin, Association of Northern Ireland**  
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The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual dinner 2011 was held on Friday in Malone Golf Club, our venue for the past number of years. There was an attendance in the high eighties and indeed would have been higher save for the fact that other events intervened. Our new president Derek Gordon welcomed everyone and after grace led by Bishop Edward Darling we sat down to dine.

Our guests included the presidents of the Queen's University Alumni Association, the Fermanagh TCD Association, The Antrim & Derry Association, Melissa Webb from the College Alumni Association, and our special guest speaker Senator Sean Barrett.

The college Toast was proposed by our president after which, he introduced Senator Barrett. In his address Senator Barrett recalled many of the Characters associated with college, in particular RB (Brendan) McDowell, scholar of history and a man who loved talking, antidotes and detective novels probably in that order.

The reply was proposed by Ian Bayley from the Fermanagh Association and the reply given by Jonathan Hill of the QUB Alumni Association. The ending of the formal proceedings allowed for a continuation of the social aspects of the evening with people catching up with events and happenings since they last met. Much of the company lingered on well after midnight, a clear indication of the culmination of a successful evening.



*The President, Derek Gordon, pictured with Senator Sean Barrett, (left), Melissa Webb and Jonathan Hill*