

A man in a black beret with a silver emblem, glasses, a white shirt, a dark vest, and a striped tie is playing a bagpipe. He is wearing a blue wristband that says "ROUTE". In the background, another person in a similar uniform is visible, and a red drum is partially seen at the bottom right.

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**NEW JERSEY'S IRISH
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NEW JERSEY'S IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2023

INSIDERNJ's annual tribute to St. Patrick's Day is our way of acknowledging the accomplishments and contributions of New Jersey's Irish Americans.

This year's list, with its dozens of newcomers and veterans alike, offers profiles of those who take pride in their Irish American heritage.

Last year, in the midst of both Women's History Month and the Irish "Holy Days", we took the opportunity to shine an inward light on Essex County for a feature on five Irish American women.

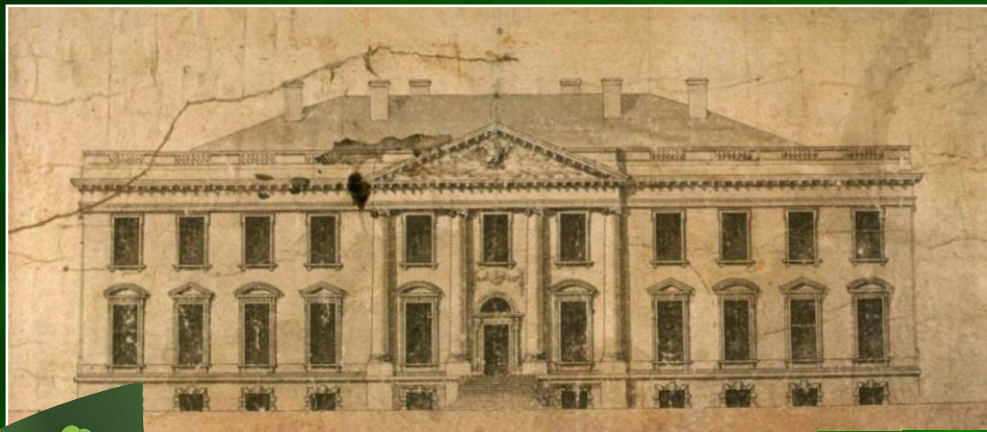
This year, in deference to what seems a national fixation on who may (or not) be the next occupant of America's White House, we look outward.

With skill, good fortune and luck of the Irish, paired with outstanding credentials and careers, two of New Jersey's Irish American leaders on the 2023 list, namely Governor Phil Murphy and Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, might well be (one day) that next White House inhabitant.

And, If and when someone on our list does set up White House residency, they'll have bragging rights; their new home was, in fact, designed and built by an Irish-born architect.



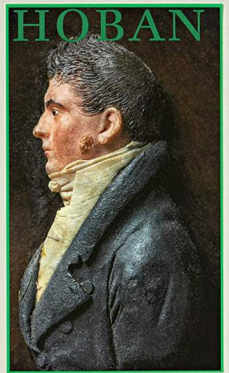
THE IRISH AMERICAN WHO BUILT THE WHITE HOUSE



JAMES HOBAN

*Designer
& Builder
of THE
WHITE
HOUSE*

STEWART D. MCLAURIN



THE WHITE HOUSE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



This year's **"Tip of the Top Hat"** goes to **James Hoban** (1755-1831), an 18th century Irish American, born in Kilkenny, Ireland, the son of tenant farmers.

After emigrating to our shores in 1785, he won a commission from George Washington in the 1790's to design and build the President's House.

It was Teddy Roosevelt who in 1901 officially named **The White House** but it was James Hoban who built it, and, underscoring the grit and determination of Irish Americans, he rebuilt it, as well, following its torching by the British in 1814.

So, in keeping with tradition and as a salute to St. Patrick's Day, we recommend a highly regarded work, displayed here, in the event someone on our list gets to call the White House home and the rest of us need a house warming gift.

After all, as is the custom, the "Irish" never go anywhere empty handed and history (and what we learn from it) often illuminates the very events that unfold before our eyes.



Tom Barrett, compiler of the list, would like our readers to know it is purely subjective.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!

NEW JERSEY'S IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS LIST 2023



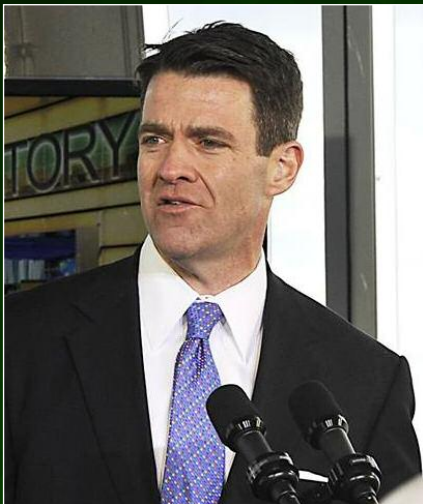
**CHRISTOPHER D. ADAMS,
ESQ.**

Partner Greenbaum Rowe, Red Bank. Past President/Criminal Defense Bar. Selected by Best Lawyers as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year"/ Criminal Defense/ General Practice (2023).



PAUL W. ARMSTRONG

Senior Policy Fellow / Judge in Residence / Rutgers. Superior Court Judge (retired). Internationally known for his work on groundbreaking Karen Ann Quinlan case. Presided over Charles Cullen trial, perhaps NJ's most notorious serial killer. Past President / Somerville nonprofit that provides food for the hungry. J.D. University of Notre Dame. NYU Law L.L.M., Oxford University, Exeter College.



WILLIAM (BILL) BARONI

Former NY/NJ Port Authority Executive, Seton Hall Law Professor and New Jersey State Senator. His mother immigrated to America from Ireland.



AIMEE BELGARD

New Jersey Superior Court Judge, Burlington County. Aimee served as an Edgewater Park Township Committee-woman and Burlington County Freeholder. She was a former candidate for Congress (CD-3).



BRIAN BORU, INC. HONOREES.

80h Anniversary Brian Boru, Inc. Honorees.: Margaret Daingerfeld, R.N.; Fr. Michael Drury, Chaplain, NJ State Police; Brendan Gill, Essex County Commissioner; Kevin Schneider, Deputy Chief, Newark Police; Matthew Whelan, President / Caldwell College.



MAUREEN DUNPHY BRADY

Instructor/ Rutgers (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) & Brookdale Community College. Member / Advisory Committee/ Irish American Cultural Institute, John Walsh Chapter. Summa Cum Laude grad / St. John's University with a NYU Master's Degree: Irish & Irish - American studies.



JOSEPH P. BRENNAN, ESQ.

Three-term Essex County Surrogate (retired). Twice elected West Orange Council President. Decorated Vietnam War veteran. Former Grand Marshal / West Orange Irish Parade.



KEVIN BRENNAN

Chairman, West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Well respected attorney responsible for the overall conduct of this year's 70th Anniversary Irish march expected to attract 10,000 on-lookers to the township's Main Street.



LAUREL BRENNAN

Highly regarded South Jersey Labor leader. Secretary-Treasurer NJ State AFL-CIO. Past recipient of the Evangelina Menendez Trailblazer Award. 2022 Brian Boru Honoree.



DECLAN BURKE

Senior Director/ Center for Science & Digital Assessment Design, ETS, Princeton. "Man of the West" / Dunmore, County Galway, Ireland. Graduate/ Ireland's National University, MA/Seton Hall, MBA/Rutgers.



MEGHAN BARRETT BURKE, ESQ.

Senior Counsel, Colas Inc. Global Infrastructure Construction Co., Morristown. Former Partner / Connell Foley. Honors grad. Providence College/University of Galway, Ireland. JD/SHU Law School.



JACKIE BURNS

Campaign Manager / Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-11). Six years / Office of the Historian of the U.S. House of Representatives. Former Deputy Campaign Manager / Gov. Phil Murphy. Jackie, a Cranford resident, is a George Washington Univ. graduate with a Master's Degree / London School of Economics.



EUGENE J. BYRNE, ESQ.

Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Former Grand Marshal of Newark Irish Parade. Gene has marched in the NYC Irish parade faithfully for 64 years.



TOM BYRNE, JR.

Founder/Byrne Asset Management LLC. Former Chairman / NJ State Democratic Committee. Past Chairman / New Jersey State Investment Council. Son of the late Gov. Brendan T. Byrne.



COL. PATRICK CALLAHAN

Superintendent/NJ State Police. Re-nominated by Gov. Phil Murphy as full-time head of force. Former Chief Honoree / Irish Echo / Law & Order Awards.



BRIAN CAMPBELL

Finance Executive, Writer / Essayist. Silver Pen Award winner/ Star Ledger. Grandson of George Bell/ 1961 Grand Marshal of Newark's St. Patrick's Day Parade.



DENNIS F. CAREY, III

Essex County Superior Court Judge (retired). Grandson of the legendary Dennis "I run Essex" Carey (1953-1969) who engineered a 50,000 countywide vote plurality for JFK in 1960.



JOHN CARR

Past President/ Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh/Belmar Chapter. Former Belmar/Lake Como Parade Grand Marshal. Past Chairman, NJ Irish Festival and driving force for its new location at Monmouth Park.



MICHAEL PATRICK CARROLL

Former GOP Assemblyman. Member/ Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Son of the late Maurice (Mickey) Carroll, former NY Herald Tribune reporter and director of the Quinnipiac Polling Institute.



ROBERT "BOBBY" CARROLL

Morris County Prosecutor. Son of the late and famed labor leader 'Big' Jim Carroll of Heavy Construction Laborer's Local 472 in Newark.



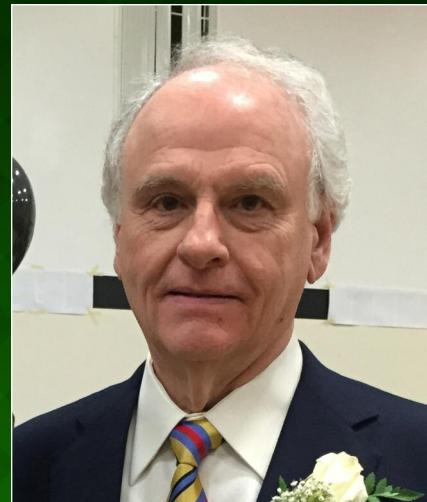
CHIP CAVANAUGH

2023 Grand Marshal / Belmar / Lake Como 50th Anniversary St. Patrick's Day. In 1992, served as the Chief of the Belmar Fire Department. Member of the Goodwill Hose Fire Company for 47 years., Vice Chairman/Lake Como Planning Board. In 2024, the parade returns to having 2 Grand Marshals - one male and one female.



DENNIS M. CAVANAUGH

U.S. District Court Judge / District/NJ (retired) whose mother was born in County Clare, Ireland. Related to the late Frank McGovern, famed proprietor of McGovern's Tavern in Newark.



JAMES A. CAVANAUGH

Former Essex County Freeholder, now successful restaurateur. Owner/Iron Bar and Revolution / Morristown. Former Grand Marshal of the Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade.



MARY PAT FOSTER CHRISTIE

Former NJ First Lady. University of Delaware grad. Seton Hall University MBA. Ninth / 10 children born to a Pennsylvania Irish Catholic family. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



MARY ELLEN CLYNE, PH.D.

President and CEO/ Clara Maass Medical Center. Only person who holds a BSN, MSN and a Ph.D in Nursing from Seton Hall University. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



EUGENE AND RAYMOND CODEY

Still the 'dynamic duo'. Twin brothers, Gene a retired Superior Court Judge in private practice with Connell/Foley, LLP and Raymond, Business Manager for Madison Township.



PATRICIA CODEY, SC, ESQ.

Accomplished attorney and Sister of Charity. President / Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey.



GOV. RICHARD J. CODEY

State Senator (D-27). One of the most influential legislative leaders in New Jersey history. Served with distinction and bi-partisan praise as the state's 53rd Governor and President of the NJ Senate. Strong advocate for mental health reforms.



JERE' COLE

Essex County Sheriff's officer (retired). Currently National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. 2022 Grand Marshal / Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



PAT COLLIGAN

President/New Jersey State PBA. Former Grand Marshal of the Nutley Irish Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.



JACK COLLINS

Princeton Public Affairs. Former Speaker of New Jersey General Assembly. College Professor. Basketball Coach. Lawyer. Farmer.



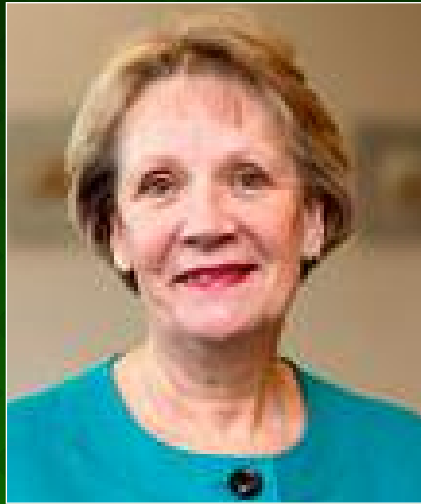
KEVIN P. CONLIN

Chairman, President / CEO / Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. More than 37 years of executive management experience in health care, with a concentration in hospital systems.



MICHAEL "MICK" CONBOY

2023 Grand Marshal/Hamilton St. Patrick's Day Parade along with Steinert High School senior Eva Kelly/Parade's Miss St. Patrick.



KATHLEEN M. CONLON

Director / Burn Community & Disaster Programs/ St. Barnabas Medical Center. Former Deputy Grand Marshal/ Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



HUGH W. CONNELLY

One of the founders / Burlington County St. Patrick's Day Parade. President/Business Banking / Univest Bank & Trust Company.



THOMAS B. CONSIDINE

Managing Partner / Gravlaur Solutions, LLC. Former NJ Commissioner / Banking & Insurance. Named Top 100 Lawyers of Irish Descent.



KEVIN CORBETT

President/CEO/New Jersey Transit. Responsible for the nation's largest statewide public transportation system with more than 11,000 employees. Former 'Fellow' / Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and Int'l Affairs. Georgetown University graduate.



CAROL SHARKEY CORCORAN

Former Grand Marsha / West Orange Parade. Her mother, Helena Sharkey, was the 1979 Grand Marshal (first NJ woman Grand Marshal) and her father Alfie Sharkey was 1999 Grand Marshal. The family hails from County Roscommon, Ireland.



MICHAEL C. CORCORAN

Morristown's first civilian Public Safety Director overseeing police, fire and office of Emergency Management. Former West Orange Deputy Police Director / U.S. Navy veteran.



PATRICIA K. COSTELLO

Essex County Assignment Judge (retired). Stellar judicial career that spanned 25 years including 10 years as top judge in NJ's busiest courthouse. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



FRANCIS J. COSTENBADER

Grand Marshal / 2023 Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade along with Deputy Grand Marshal Joseph McNish, Jr. and Member of the Year Jo Ann Dunleavy.



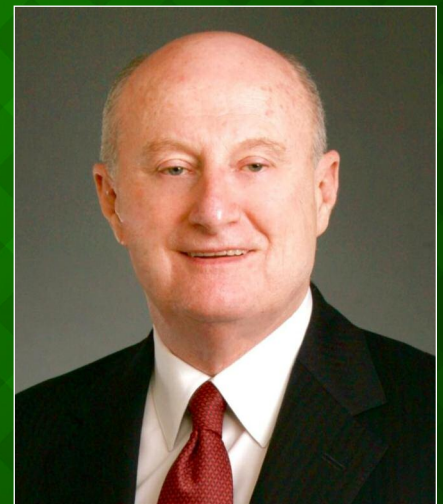
CRAIG J. COUGHLIN

Well regarded Speaker of the NJ General Assembly (D-19) of Fords, Woodbridge Township. Graduate St. John's Law School. Former Municipal Court Judge. Lawyer in private practice. 2023 Essex County Irishman of the Year.



JENNIFER CRITCHLEY, ESQ

Judge/ Essex County Superior Court. Former partner with Connell Foley law firm. Began her career as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Mark Falk, United States Magistrate Judge (District of NJ). Experienced litigator in both federal and NJ and NY state courts.



MICHAEL CRITCHLEY, ESQ.

Highly regarded Defense Attorney, involved with numerous Irish American and charitable organizations. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year.



JOSEPH (JOE) CRYAN

NJ State Senator (D-20). Executive Director / Middlesex County Utilities Authority. Former Union County Sheriff. Son of the late, legendary John F. Cryan. Former State Assemblyman/Chairman / NJ Democratic State Committee. 2023 Grand Marshal/Union County Parade.



KEVIN CUMMINGS

Pres./CEO/Investors Bank, 3rd largest bank hdqtr. in NJ. Former Grand Marshal/Newark's Irish Parade. 2017 honoree / St. Patrick's Guard of Honor. 2018 Jersey City Irish Parade Grand Marshal.



SEAN DARCY

Democratic Party strategist, principal with Round World Consulting. Former press secretary to Governor Richard Codey.



MARGARET DAINGERFELD, R.N.

2023 Deputy Grand Marshal / Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. President-elect/NJ State Nursing Association. 2023 honoree/Friends of Brian Boru, Inc.



ERICA DAUGHTREY

Popular and well-known Hudson County community activist. Currently serves as Communications Director for U.S. Congressman Albio Sires (D-8). 2016 DNC National Convention delegate.



ELLEN M. DAVENPORT

Former Maplewood Mayor / Essex County Freeholder who served as Secretary of the NJ State Senate. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



JIMMY DAVIS

Mayor of Bayonne. Retired police officer. Known for numerous community fund raising activities including raising money for slain police officers and autism.



RYAN DAWSON

2023 Grand Marshal/Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Former President/ Friendly Sons of St. Patrick (Morris County). Realtor / Weichert Realtors / Morristown. Resides in Mendham with his wife Melinda. This year's ribbon cutter and parade starter is Kevin Scollans.



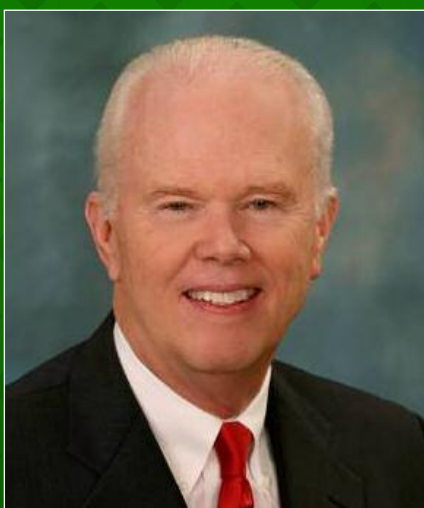
JOHN J. DEGNAN

Former Chairman/ Port Authority of NY/NJ and NJ Attorney General. Vice-Chair/Chief Operating Officer of the Chubb Corporation. Harvard Law School graduate.



TOM DEIGNAN

Author / "Irish Americans: Coming to America". Contributing writer / "Irish American Chronicle". Writes weekly Sidewalks column: Irish Voice newspaper. Regular contributor / Star Ledger.



PAT DIEGNAN

Assemblyman (D-18). South Plainfield. Graduate / Seton Law School, credited with spearheading legislation known as the most comprehensive laws on concussions in the country.



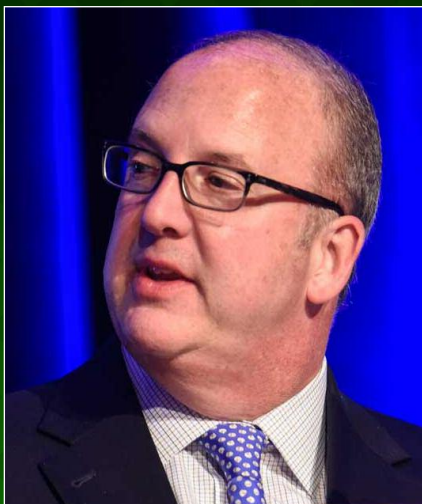
MATT DOHERTY

Former Mayor / Belmar. Member of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh; Former Irishman of the Year / Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh.



MICHAEL J. DOHERTY

Warren County Surrogate.
Former Member/ NJ State
Senate. Graduate /West Point,
Seton Hall. Captain/Army
Reserves 1985-93.



ROBERT H. DOHERTY

State President / NJ / Bank of
America. Chairman / NJ Chamber
of Commerce Board of Directors.
Board member: Community Food
Bank of NJ, Newark Museum, NJ
Performing Arts Center.



MARK DOLAGHAN

2023 Grand Marshal. Rutherford
St. Patrick's Day Parade. Raised in
Harrison, NJ, youngest of seven
children. Mark and his family
moved to Rutherford thirty years
ago. Along with wife Colleen,
parents of 4 sons. Graduate of
Fairleigh Dickinson University.



ED DONNELLY

President / NJ State FMBA
representing 5000 firefighters
statewide. Chairman / Bd. of
Trustees / Police & Firemen's
Retirement System (PFRS).
Twenty year veteran / Union Fire
Department.



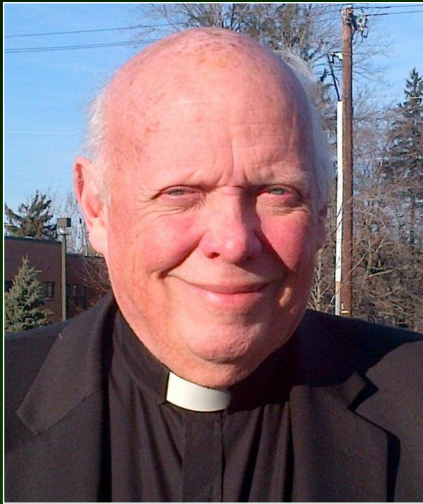
JOE DONOHUE

Former (and legendary)
Star-Ledger reporter. Now
Deputy Director of the NJ
Election Law Enforcement
Commission.



JOSEPH P. DONOHUE

Former Ass't Essex County
Prosecutor. Currently Superior
Court Judge, Criminal Division,
Union County. SHU Law Grad.



FR. PAT DONOHUE

Newark "Chaplain to the Irish." Former Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Vailsburg section of Newark. Former Deputy Grand Marshal for the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



REV. PAUL DONOHUE, MCCJ.

2023 Deputy Grand Marshal / Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Pastor, St. Lucy's/Newark, a North Ward landmark church since 1891 and host to the annual Feast of St. Gerard. Irish American Fr. Donohue traces his roots to Tralee, County Kerry and celebrates a weekly mass in Italian.



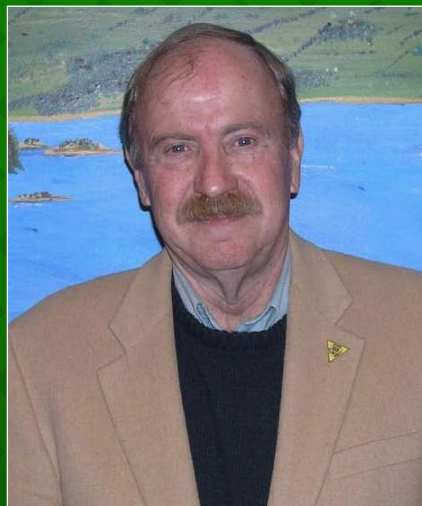
MICHAEL J. "MIKE" DONOHUE

New Jersey Superior Court Judge. Former firefighter, teacher, practicing attorney, church volunteer and Chairman of the Cape May County Republican Committee.



TIMOTHY M. DONOHUE, ESQ.

Partner / Arleo & Donohue. Specializes in white-collar criminal defense. Also serves as local counsel to various governmental bodies and businesses. Honors grad SHU Law School.



EDWARD DONOVAN

29-year veteran / NJ State Police (retired Captain). Elected three terms/ Manasquan Borough Council, currently Mayor. 2017 Grand Marshal/Belmar Lake Como Irish Parade. Grand Marshal / Manasquan Memorial Day Parade.



KATHE' DONOVAN

Former Bergen County Executive, Clerk and former Chairlady of the New Jersey Republican State Committee. Served on the Port Authority of NY / NJ.



TOM DONOVAN

President/Asbury Park Press (APP) since 2007. Former Grand Marshal / Asbury Park St. Patrick's Day Parade.



ROBIN L. DOUGHERTY

Executive Director / Greater Newark Conservancy. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



TIMOTHY (TIM) DOUGHERTY

Popular four-term Mayor of Morristown. Former Morristown Councilman and Chairman of the Morristown Zoning Board. Serves as Chief Engineer at the Prudential Center in Newark.



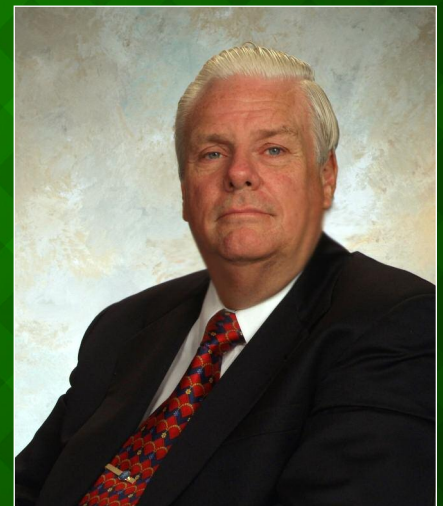
JOANN DOWNEY

Former Member/NJ State Assembly. Served on Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee. Trial Attorney. MA / Social Work/Boston University. JD / New York Law School.



MEGHAN DOYLE

Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor. Daughter of the late Norman A. Doyle, Jr. (decorated Vietnam war veteran) and Kearny 3rd Ward Councilwoman Carol Jean Doyle.



MICHAEL R. DRESSLER

Bergen County Surrogate. Served as President/ Constitutional Officers of NJ (COANJ) and presently member of NJ Highlands Protection and Water Planning Council. Former Trustee Board member/ /Rutgers. Board Member/Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck.



FR. MICHAEL DRURY

Ordained Parish Priest for 44 years / Served as State Police Chaplain since 2007. Police chaplain for Mendham Borough and Mendham Township Police Departments, New Jersey Transit Police and for United States Secret Service. 2023 honoree / Friends of Brian Boru.



PATRICK C. DUNICAN, JR., ESQ.

Chairman and Managing Director/ Gibbons Law Firm in Newark. Major supporter and former Grand Marshal of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



CHRIS DURKIN

Essex County Clerk. Member, NJ Democratic State Committee. Former Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. 2020 Honoree/ Friends of Brian Boru Anniversary Dinner. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year.



JOAN DURKIN

Revered leader of the Durkin clan. Essex County Tax Administrator. 2018 Essex County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame honoree.



SISTER MARY WALTER DWYER

Sister of Charity and sister of the late Senator Tom Cowan of Hudson County. Principal of Columba School in Newark for 28 years. Now on staff at St. Vincent's Academy in Newark.



JOSEPH V. EGAN

Assemblyman (D-17). New Brunswick City Council President for more than ten years and serves as Business Manager for IBEW Local 456.



KEN EGAN

2023 Grand Marshal/ American Irish Association Parade of Woodbridge along with Mary (White) Natale, Irish Woman of the Year and Irish Man of the Year Jim McFadden.



TIM EUSTACE

Deputy Director/ North Jersey District Water Supply Commission. Former Bergen County Assemblyman (D-38), 2012-2018. Strong advocate for environmental causes.



JAMES P. FALLON, MS.

2023 Grand Marshal of the 88th Anniversary Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Director/Department of Research at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. Jim, a Bloomfield resident, traces his roots to Ireland's County Roscommon.



JOHN J. FARMER JR

Former NJ Attorney General, Columnist. Dean of Rutgers Law School. Son of former Star-Ledger Editorial Page editor and columnist John Farmer, Traces Irish roots to Counties Armagh, Kerry and Mayo. Former Newark Parade Grand Marshal.



SUSAN A. FEENEY

Partner/ McCarter & English Law Firm/ Former NJ State Bar Assoc. Pres. / Former Newark Irish Parade Deputy Grand Marshal.



GABRIELLE FIGUEROA

Lifelong Hudson County resident. 2023 Grand Marshal/ Bayonne St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 19, thirty years after her grandmother, Kathleen O'Keeffe of County Donegal, led the Irish march.



**MARTHA MCDONOUGH
FINAN**

Executive Board Secretary / Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Publicity and Media for Women of Irish Heritage. Former Parade Deputy Grand Marshal.



STACEY LEA FLANAGAN

Jersey City Dept. of Health and Human Services Director. Provides health and social services to all residents. Has won statewide acclaim for battling the pandemic and aiding vaccinations, the homeless, and feeding the hungry.



JIM GANNON

Well regarded Morris County Sheriff, descendant of NYPD detective. Drum Major / Police Pipe & Drums. FBI Academy graduate.



**RICHARD S. GANNON,
ESQ.**

One of the founders of / GTB Partners (Gannon, Torpey, Bellin), Trenton. Currently, Board Chairman, Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy and Int'l Relations.



KEN GARDNER

Senior Advisor / Lead Fundraiser / The Woodbridge American Irish Assn Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. 2019 Irishman of The Year, Former Council President and Fire Chief.



ROBERT GARRISON

Eastern Region Construction Market Rep for Laborers' National LECET Fund. Member / Westfield Board of Education.



**SUSAN HAPWORTH
GARTLAND**

Chairwoman/ Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Former Caldwell Mayor / Councilwoman and Deputy Grand Marshal / Newark Parade. Board of Trustees of Mount St. Dominic Academy. Former honoree / Brian Boru, Inc.



EDWARD M. (TED) GIBLIN

Honors graduate Providence College. MBA Seton Hall University. Member / Board of Governors / Giblin Association, civic and charitable organization.



NOREEN M. GIBLIN

Cabinet Secretary / NJ Gov. Phil Murphy. Former Chief Counsel, NJ Board of Public Utilities. Served in the McGreevey Administration. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



THOMAS P. GIBLIN

Assemblyman (D-34). Business Mgr. Union Local 68, IUOE. Former Essex County Freeholder Board President/Essex County Surrogate, Essex County and NJ State Democratic Chairman.



BRENDAN GILL

Member / Essex County Board of Commissioners. Head of the BGill Public Affairs. 2018 Essex County Irishman of the Year. Former Grand Marshal / Nutley Irish Parade. 2023 honoree / Friends of Brian Boru, Inc.



EILEEN P. GILLEECE

NJ State Police Detective. Fellow with both JFK School of Government and United Nations Leadership School. Past President of Women of Irish Heritage (North). Former Newark Deputy Grand Marshal.



DON GILMARTIN

Traces roots to County Roscommon. Former Newark Parade Grand Marshal. Founding member / Past President of Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society.



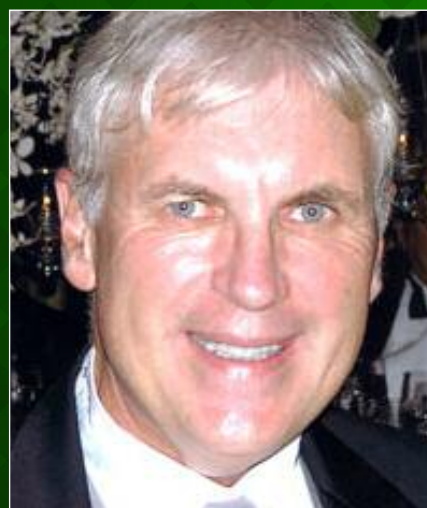
TERRY GOLWAY

Professor / Kean University. Historian, journalist, author of several works on American and Irish history. Curator / John T. Kean Center for American History. Former Editorial Bd. Member NYT's.



WILLIAM L. GORMLEY

Former State Senator and Judiciary Committee Chairman. Assemblyman (1977-1982). His father was former Atlantic County Sheriff. Notre Dame grad, Marine Corps captain.



JOHN F. X. GRAHAM

Founder of Verona based Fairview Insurance. Member / Democratic National Committee (DNC) / Friend of U.S. Presidents and Secretaries of State. Publisher / Insider NJ.com.



MICHAEL GRAHAM

Chief Executive Officer. Insider NJ, award winning website dedicated to political news in New Jersey. Graduate / Yale University. JD Fordham Law School.



RYAN GRAHAM

Business Development Director / Fairview Insurance. Former NJ Jaycees State Director. Associate Publisher/InsiderNJ.



RYAN GREFF

Gov. Murphy appointed Member / NJ Commission / National & Community Service. Vice Chair / Young Professionals / Bergen New Bridge Medical Center Foundation. Advisory Board / Business School / Ramapo College. Irish Echo recognition "Under 40" Award.



FRAN GRIFFIN

Health Care Consultant. Currently Vendor Chair: NJ Irish Festival. Chaired the 48th Annual NJ Irish Festival at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, NJ. MC, Belmar / Lake Como Irish Parade since 2015.



KIMBERLY ANN (MCFADDEN) GUADAGNO

NJ's first Lieutenant Governor. Served as Secretary of State. Former Ass't United States Attorney. 2017 GOP candidate for Governor.



KEVIN P. HAGAN

Principal / Princeton Public Affairs Group. Seasoned Democratic Party Strategist. Former Chief of Staff / State Senate President. Staffed Governors, US Senators, NJ Democratic State Committee. Drew University graduate. College basketball standout.



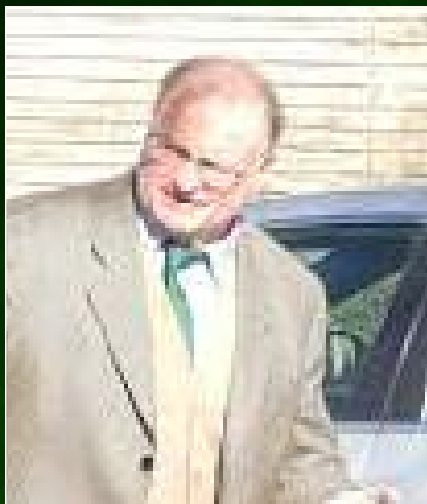
SISTER PERCYLEE HART

Order of the Sisters of Mercy. 2019 Grand Marshal / Union County Irish Parade. Principal Union Catholic High School.



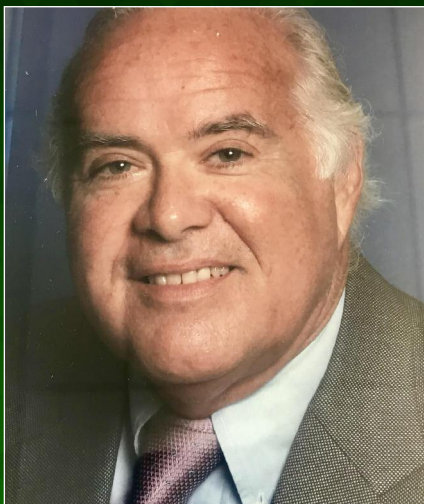
JOSEPH A. HAYDEN, JR., ESQ.

Sought after, highly regarded Criminal Defense Attorney. Served on the Rules Committee for the Democratic National Convention. 2016 Democratic National Convention delegate. Legal Counsel / Insider NJ and Co-Chairman of its Advisory Board.



JERRAMIAH HEALY

48th Jersey City Mayor and former Chairman of Hudson County Democratic Committee. Renowned singer of Irish Ballads.



ELMER J. HERRMANN, JR.

Supporter / Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. His mother, Theresa Elizabeth, was the niece of Charles P. Gillen, Newark's only Irish born Mayor and the Newark Parade's first Grand Marshal (1936).



PAT HOBBS

Well-respected and popular former Dean of Seton Hall Law School. Currently serving as Rutgers University's Athletic Director



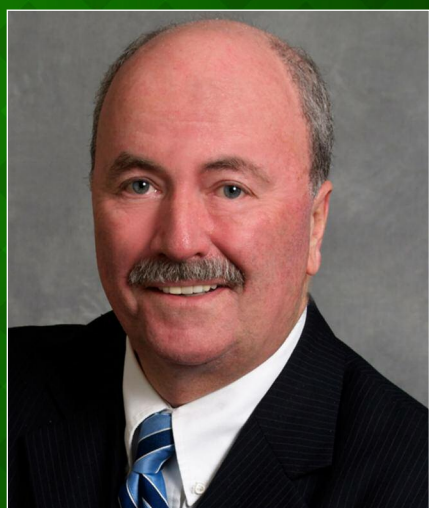
MONSIGNOR WILLIAM HODGE

2023 Parade Grand Marshal / 8th annual Gloucester City. Parade. Irish Person of the Year. Founder of NJ Irish Society along with former Mayor and Mummer Daniel Spencer.



BRIAN HUGHES

Mercer County Executive. Son of late Governor / Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. Elected to (2)-year term in 2016 / Pres. / County Executives of America, a national, non-partisan organization.



JOHN HUGHES

Also, son of the late Governor Richard J. Hughes. Retired Federal Magistrate / US District Court / NJ. Villanova Law graduate. Currently engaged in mediation work.



MAUREEN KILLEEN HULINGS

Chair / Board of Commissioners / Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority. Employed / Connell Foley law firm. Executive Director 200 Club. Former Honoree Essex-based Friends of Brian Boru.



LEO J. HURLEY

Partner / Connell Foley's Commercial Litigation & White Collar Defense Group. Selected by NJ Law Journal: "New Leaders of the Bar". Former Assistant Prosecutor / Hudson County. Trustee 200 Club.



MATTHEW HURLEY

Bloomfield resident. Now with the U.S. State Department. Former Counsel General / Guadalajara, Mexico.



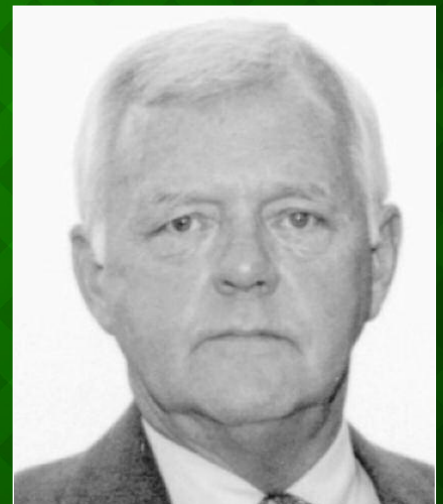
SEAN JACKSON

Chief Executive Officer of Isles, a nonprofit community development/environmental organization headquartered in Trenton. Former State Director, top aide to former U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli.



PETER KANE

Summit resident. Publisher / Fitzgerald's NJ Legislative Manual / owned by Kimmage Publishing LLC, named for Kimmage, Ireland (outside Dublin). Traces roots to County Roscommon.



STEPHEN KEALY

Legendary labor leader and former Business Agent (retired) for flagship Laborers' Local 472 (LIUNA) of Newark.



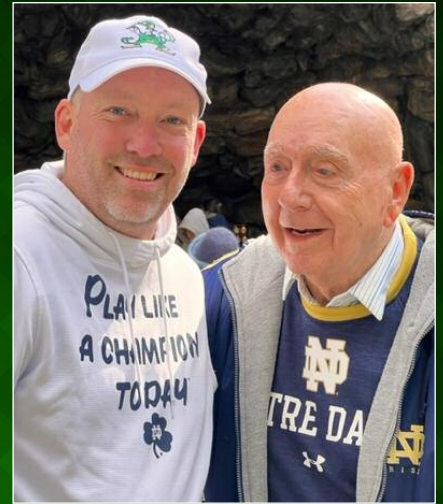
EILEEN KEAN

Partner / Komjathy & Kean Government Affairs. Commissioner / Monmouth County Board of Elections. Drumthwacket Trustee and member / Women of Irish Heritage. Traces roots to Counties Cork and Armagh, Ireland.



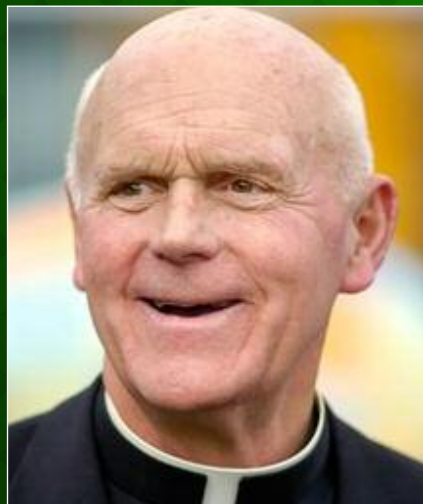
SEAN T. KEAN

NJ General Assembly / (R-30) Monmouth County. Traces roots to County Cork, Ireland. Former Irishman of the Year / Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh / Jersey Shore. Sponsor of legislation celebrating Irish-American contributions to American society.



SEAN KENNEDY

VP / Government Affairs / Rowan University. Friends and supporters encouraging Sean to seek the post of Lord Mayor of Dublin. Pictured (left) with legendary basketball broadcaster and analyst Dick Vitale.



MSGR. MIKE E. KELLY

President, Seton Hall Prep, oldest Catholic prep school in NJ. His Holiness Pope John Paul II named Msgr. Kelly as a Prelate of Honor. Appointed liaison/ Irish Community / Archdiocese of Newark 1990.



JAMES J. KENNEDY

Assemblyman (D-22). Elected in 2015. Former Rahway Mayor, lobbyist. Principal, Skye Consulting, LLC.



JOHN C. KENNEDY

Judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Division. (Retired). Former Corporation Counsel / Jersey City. Fellow: Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center in Washington, D.C.



PATRICK JOSEPH KENNEDY

Former Rhode Island Congressman, son of Senator Ted Kennedy, JFK nephew. Mental Health Advocate / Brigantine.



ADELE KENNY

Author of more than two dozen books / poetry and nonfiction / published worldwide. Recipient / 1st place/2021 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award. Director/Fanwood Arts Council/Shade Tree Commissioner / Featured at poetry readings in the US, England, Ireland, and France. Member/Secular Franciscan Order.



BERNARD F. KENNY

Former Member of both NJ State Senate and Assembly. Former Grand Marshal/Man of The Year for Hoboken's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Held the rank of Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Member / Advisory Board / Insider NJ.com.



SHEILA KENNY

Vice-President / Policy Development / External Affairs. Prudential Financial, Newark. Georgetown / Rutgers Law Graduate.



SISTER MARGARET KILLOUGH. SC.

Vincent's Academy / Newark. Celebrating more than 50 years with the Sisters of Charity.



BRIANNA KOSTECKA

Chairwoman 50th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival. Irish Dance Instructor / Heritage Irish Dance Company. Medalist / World Championships. Attorney / Seton Hall Law graduate.



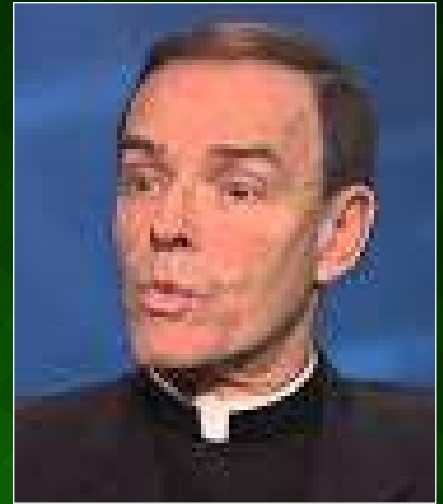
JAY LASSITER

Award winning columnist for Insider NJ.com and one of only 3 NJ activists who traveled to Ireland in support of the 2015 marriage equality referendum which overwhelmingly won approval. Descendant of the Sullivan clan of County Sligo.



JAMES LAWLESS

2023 Grand Marshal. West Hudson Irish Parade. Area resident for more than 60 years / last 20 in Kearny. Soccer stand-out, Harrison HS Hall of Famer. Harrison Fire Fighter (retired). VP Harrison Police and Firemen's Federal Credit Union.



REV. EDWIN D. LEAHY, O.S.B.

Headmaster of St. Benedict's Prep, Newark since re-opening in 1973. A 1963 Prep school graduate. Grand Marshal of the 82nd Anniversary Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



GERALD P. LENIHAN

Director / Security at Seton Hall Law School. Essex County Prosecutor's Office (retired). Former Grand Marshal and General Chairman of the Newark Parade and the NJ Irish Festival.



STEVE LENOX

Lenox Consulting. Dual American / Irish citizenship. Former State Director / Senator Frank Lautenberg. President / Irish Network USA.



BRIAN M. LOWE

Public relations consultant. Co-Chaired the 48th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival.



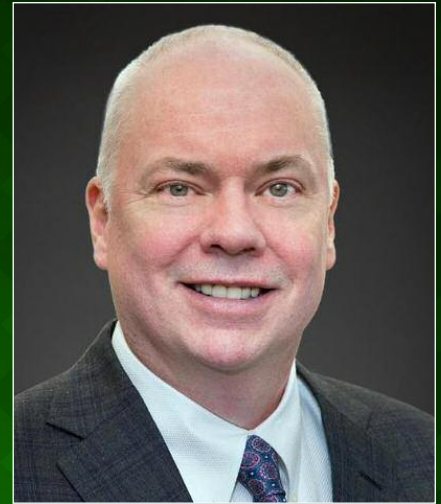
JIM LOWNEY

Veteran journalist. Raised in Hillside now of Toms River. Photog for The Newark Evening News. Wrote for NYT's / Asbury Park Press. 30-year columnist for the Irish Echo.



LEN (CORCORAN) LUCIANO

Essex County Commissioner representing the county's western suburbs. Grandson of Mary Corcoran of Orange, NJ and County Roscommon, Ireland.



KIERAN LYNCH

President / Bergen Irish Assn. / Grand Marshal 40th Annual Bergen County St. Patrick's Day Parade. Served as Bergen Irish Assn's Recording Secretary / Member / Board of Trustees. Traces roots to Counties Kerry, Waterford and Clare.



KELLY STEWART MAER

More than 20 years of legislative and lobbying experience. Heads up state and federal Gov't affairs for Capital Health Systems. Serves as Treasurer of the NJ Democratic State Committee.



COLLEEN M. MAHR

Past President / NJ League of Municipalities. Mayor of Fanwood Boro. Former President / New Jersey Conference of Mayors. Director of Business Dev. for DMR Architects.



PATTI CASSIDY MARTIRANO

Long time Judicial Ass't / Judge Katherine Sweeney Hayden / State & Federal Court. Traces roots to family hometown Ballymaguigan, County Derry, Ireland.



KEVIN MCCABE

Middlesex County Democratic Party Chairman. Partner/River Crossing Strategy Group, one of Trenton's leading full-service government affairs firms. Member / NY/NJ Port Authority Board of Commissioners.



JOHN J. "JACK" MCCARTHY

Former Secretary / NJ State Senate. Member of the Electoral College. Served as Bergen County Democratic State Committeeman / Secretary / Bergen County Division #1 AOH.



MARIANNE MC-CONNELL

Vice-Chair / Morris County Democratic Committee. JD / Seton Hall Law School. Currently on the Madison Borough Board of Health and Legal Services of Northwest Jersey.



JOHN E. MCCORMAC

Mayor of Woodbridge. Elected In 2006 in the oldest original township in the state of New Jersey. Former NJ State Treasurer.



MARY MCCORMICK

BSN, MSN, NP-C, Seton Hall University. Summit Medical Group, Frequent Irish traveler and champion golfer.



MICHAEL MCCORMICK

2023 Grand Marshal/ 70th West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade along with Deputies; Megan McNerney Brill, Michele McCue Shaffer and Richard Hughes. Mike is VP of the Michael T. McCormick, Jr. Memorial Foundation. Traces his West Orange roots back 135 years and his Irish roots to County Roscommon, Ireland.



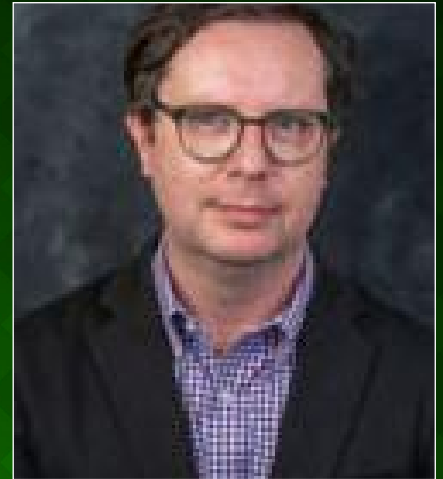
GREG AND MATT MCDERMOTT

Brothers: Greg, former Mayor of Westfield and Matt, experienced government lobbyist with the Kaufman Zita Group. Sons of the legendary late Francis X. McDermott, former / NJ Senate President / Union County GOP Chairman and candidate for NJ Governor.



BRIAN MCDONALD

2023 Young Irishman, 119th Friendly Sons of St. Patrick / Oranges. VP / Global Financial Planning & Analysis / Covetrus, leading global distributor in animal health industry. Responsible for financial planning, forecasting, and performance analytics. Graduate / Delbarton, University of Notre Dame.



TERRENCE T. MCDONALD

New Jersey newspaperman for more than 15 years covering Trenton politics to municipalities "exposing public corruption". Winner of 23 New Jersey Press Association awards.



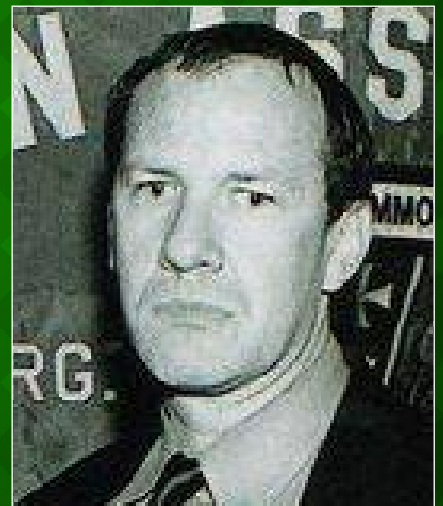
SEAN MCGOVERN

Former Roseland Councilman. Newark based attorney and well-known proprietor of McGovern's Tavern in Newark.



JAMES E. MCGREEVEY

Elected New Jersey Governor 2001. Former State Assemblyman and State Senator. Former Grand Marshal /Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Lauded for pioneering prison reform efforts.



JOHN E. MCGUIRE, JR.

Former member of NYPD and decorated veteran Detective / Essex County Sheriff's Department (retired). Former Essex County Irishman of the Year and past West Orange Democratic Chairman.



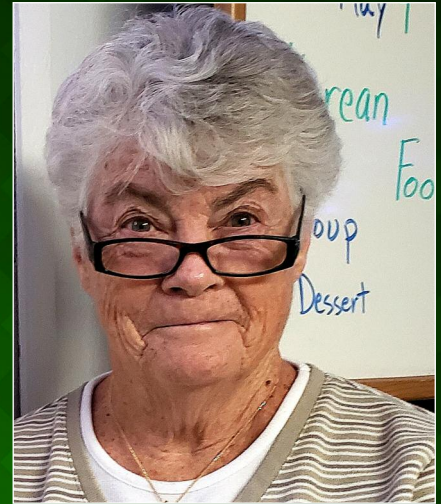
PATTI MCGUIRE

Princeton Public Affairs Group. Former Deputy Chief of Staff / Governor Jon Corzine, former aide to U.S. Senator Robert Menendez. Successful lobbyist and officer of *New Leaders Council of NJ*.



VINCENT MCKELVEY

Hamilton Township St. Patrick's Parade Committee Chair and President / Ancient Order of Hibernians, Msgr. Crean Division 1.



SR. JANE MCKENNA, SSJ

Oversees the Women & Children's Center at St. John's Soup Kitchen on Mulberry Street/Newark. Pioneered by the (late) director, Barbara Maran, with help from Sister Jane, the Center offers an indoor facility for women, children and the handicapped to eat breakfast and lunch in safety, free from frigid cold or scorching heat.



JOHN MCKEON

Well regarded State Assemblyman (D-27). Financial Institutions & Insurance Chairman. Former Mayor of West Orange, attorney and long time organizer of the West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.



HENRY (HANK) MCNALLY

Retired educator / Secondary School Principal. Sought after lecturer of Irish history in shore area. With Irish Studies Program at Brookdale Community College / Rutgers. BA / MA Fordham. Studied at University College, Dublin, Ireland. Resides in Manasquan.



JOHN MCPARTLAN

Owner of Molly Maguire's Irish Pub and Restaurant in Clark. "Champion for the Center for Hope Hospice / NJ Coalition of Autism Awareness." 2018 Grand Marshal 22nd Union County Irish Parade.



BERNADETTE P. MCPHERSON ESQ.

Adjunct Prof / Law John Jay College. Honors grad/LaSalle / JD Temple. Former Councilwoman / Mayor / Rutherford. Bergen County Freeholder. Honored by Irish Echo. Roots in County Mayo.



JIM MCQUEENEY

Former White House Bureau Chief / Star-Ledger. Successful public relations executive, political analyst and the host of New Jersey Now on My9 (WWOR-TV). Served as Chief of Staff for U. S. Senator Frank Lautenberg. Roots in County Leitrim.



MARY ELLEN MCVEIGH

Curator of Education, Liberty Hall Museum / Kean University. MA / Seton Hall. Family hails from the Irish Aran Islands.



JOHN MEADE

Former Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade (1997) and owner of the St. James's Gate Publick House in Maplewood.



MARY MEEHAN

Seton Hall University's 1st woman President (retired). BA, MA and Ph.D (Seton Hall). MS / Health Policy & Management / NY Medical College.



ROSEMARIE L. MELLODY

First woman Grand Marshal in the 87-year history of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Native of County Longford, Ireland.



MAGGEE MIGGINS

Mayor / Millburn Township. Award winning Short Hills Real Estate Broker. Owner: Maggee Miggins Group / Compass RE. Fairleigh Dickinson University grad. / Former Deputy Grand Marshal / Newark Irish Parade.



WILLIAM F. MOEN, JR.

New Jersey Assemblyman (D-5th). Fifth generation Irish-American. SNJ Business People Magazine's "40 Under 40" in 2018. MPA degree / University of Pennsylvania.



KAITLIN MOONEY

President/Co-Founder/ Union County Daughters of Ireland. Community Service group cultivating friendships while honoring Irish Heritage.



MAGGIE MORAN

Award winning national Public Affairs consultant. Former Deputy Chief of Staff / Governor Jon Corzine. Former State Director / NJ Senators Corzine and Lautenberg.



TOM MORAN

Accomplished veteran Star-Ledger Editorial Page Editor / Columnist. Once told NYT's, he has "a front-row seat on the spectacle of NJ politics."



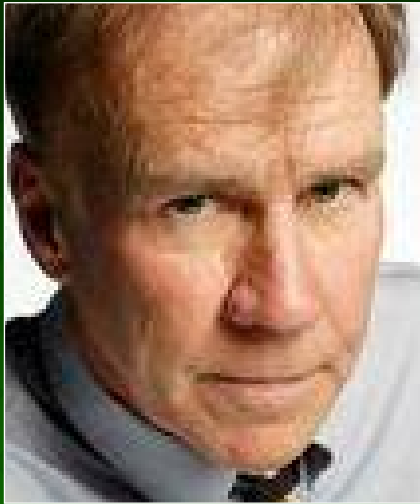
WILLIAM 'BILL' MULLEN

President / NJ State Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Former President of Ironworkers Local 11. Influential voice among legislative leaders in Trenton.



GENE MULROY

Co-Founder/Capital Impact Group, prominent contract lobbying firm; West State Street veteran and voice in state and national politics, served in varying capacities for presidential, gubernatorial and legislative campaigns. Gene's family hails from Ireland's County Mayo and further north in County Donegal sits Mulroy Bay.



PAUL MULSHINE

Star-Ledger journalist since 1995. Grew up in Toms River. Worked for the Philadelphia Daily News. Regards himself as the sole remaining old-time conservative columnist at a major American newspaper.



CAROL A. MURPHY

NJ State Assemblywoman (LD-7). Burlington County. Vice-Chair / Judiciary Committee. Member / State Budget and Financial Institutions Committees. First woman in 20 years to represent the Seventh Legislative District in the State Assembly.



ED MURPHY

2023 Grand Marshal, Somerville St. Patrick's Day Parade. Korean War veteran, Hospice volunteer and world traveler, Ed, retired from the construction industry, was born in County Westmeath, Ireland.



JOHN MURPHY

Financial Advisor / Private Advisor Group / Morristown. Former Freeholder, Morris Township Committeeman / Mayor. Active member: Morris Township Volunteer Fire Dept., Former Grand Marshal / Morris County Irish Parade.



MARY K. MURPHY

Executive Director, North Jersey Transportation Authority. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



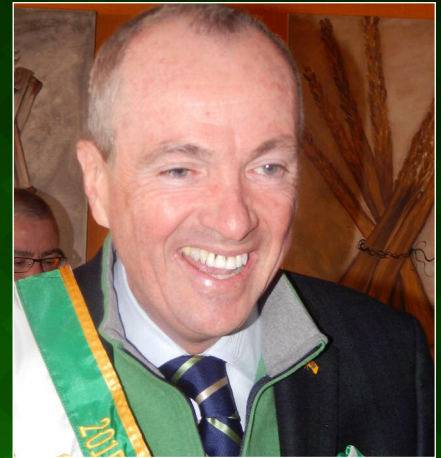
MICHAEL MURPHY

Former Morris County Prosecutor. Gubernatorial candidate / 1997 Democratic primary. Stepson of the late Governor Richard Hughes. Heads up Impact NJ. Successful lobbyist.



PETER MURPHY

Chairman / Passaic County Republican Committee. Once described as "the hardest working person in politics." Owner: Murph's Tavern.



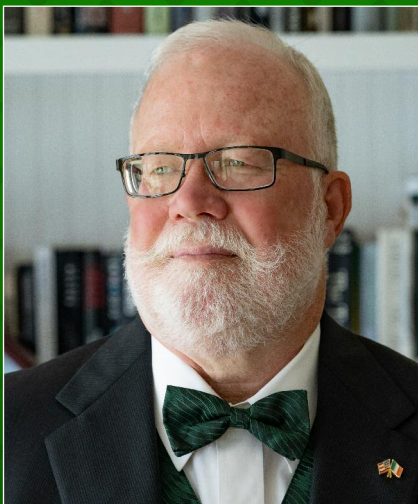
GOV. PHILIP D. MURPHY

Governor of New Jersey. Former Ambassador to Germany (2009-2013). Former Goldman Sachs Executive / National Finance Chairman for Democratic National Committee. Wife, Tammy, parents of four. Graduate of Harvard and Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. 2019 Irishman of the Year/ Essex County.



CAROLYN A. MURRAY

NJ Superior Court Judge. Former Essex County Prosecutor and counsel to NJ Attorney General. Georgetown University (cum laude) and NYU Law School. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year and former honoree of the Friends of Brian Boru.



ED NEAFSEY

Human rights activist/ volunteer trial observer / Irish Diplock Courts. Dual American / Irish citizenship. Lecturer / Troubles and Northern Ireland peace process. Contributor/Irish Central News. Author / Monthly Irish History Chapter / Friendly Sons of Shillelagh / Jersey Shore newsletter. Panelist / NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education.



LYNN FONTAINE NEWSOME, ESQ.

Past President/NJ and Morris County State Bar Associations. Well respected attorney in the area of Family Law, member / Editorial Board/ New Jersey Law Journal.



JOE NORTON

Stalwart leader of the Bloomfield Irish Club, former Caldwell GOP councilman/Owner of the Bloomfield Travel Network. The Club this year honored Fred Menzel, Scott Garrett and Tom Malkinski.



AIDAN P. O'CONNOR, ESQ.

Former Trial Attorney / Supervisor U.S. Attorney's Office. Co-chair / Pashman Stein Walder Hayden Criminal Defense Practice Group. Traces his roots to Counties Kerry and Waterford, Ireland.



DANIEL J. O'CONNELL

Burlington County Commissioner., resident of Delran. Graduate / Holy Cross High School, attended Marquette University. As a Board Member, serves as liaison to Health Department, Schools and Elections.



BILL O'DEA

Author; *The Legacy of Haguesville*. Was the youngest member ever elected to the Jersey City Council at age 26 in 1985. Long time member of the Hudson County Freeholder Board.



KEVIN O'DOWD

Co-President and CEO of Cooper University Health Care. Former Chief of Staff / Governor Chris Christie.



BRENDAN (DAN) O'FLAHERTY

Economics Prof/Columbia Univ. Marathon runner, political strategist, author, Trustee / Newark Historical Society.



ERIN K. O'GARA-MEIER

Stalwart West Orange Irish leader and Director of Constituent Services for State Senator Richard J. Codey.



MAUREEN E. O'HARA

Renowned West Orange Irish community leader and former Grand Marshal of the WO St. Patrick's Day Parade.



EDWARD J. O'MALLEY

Served as Vice Chair and current Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council / Volunteerism, Community Service. LaSalle University grad, Ed served on the Board of Cerebral Palsy of NJ for 16 years including two terms as President and as Vice Chair of NJ Jefferson Awards Foundation.



PATRICK O'NEILL

Rutherford Irish American Association Founder. Parade Chairman. Member/ Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society Pipes and Drums.



DECLAN O'SCANLON

NJ State Senator. Former Republican Assemblyman / Monmouth County (R-13) known for advocating improvement for drivers who travel on the state's roads.



BETHANY O'TOOLE

Chief Financial Officer / Essex County Utilities Authority. Commissioner, Chairwoman / Essex County Board of Elections. Bethany traces her family roots to County Tipperary in the province of Munster, south-central Ireland between the Rivers Shannon and Suir. Essex County's 2023 Irishwoman of the Year.



KEVIN O'TOOLE

Chairman / Port Authority of NY / NJ. Former NJ State Senator (R-40) and Essex County GOP Chairman. Former Essex County Irishman of the Year.



TERRY O'TOOLE

Newly named Chairman NJ Economic Development Authority Board. Founder / Managing Member / Macanta Investments. Co-chair and Trustee of the O'Toole Family Foundation. Longtime executive / Goldman Sachs. Villanova grad. Stanford MBA.



SEAN PENDER

National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), State AOH President and former Grand Marshal of the Hamilton St. Patrick's Day Parade.



PATRICK O'SHEA POLITANO

Well known Union County political strategist, former journalist. Named for Ireland's patron saint by his mother Flora O'Shea. Union County Parade supporter.



BRIAN QUIGLEY

Vice-President / Governmental Affairs at Prudential Financial, Inc. Former General Counsel / NJ General Assembly Democratic Majority.



JOAN QUIGLEY

Former State Assemblywoman / Jersey City. Appointed to the Joint Legislative Commission on Ethical Standards. Jersey Journal columnist. Winner 2019 NJ Press Association Award.



DERMOT QUINN

Professor of History / Seton Hall University and author of *The Irish in New Jersey: Four Centuries of American Life*.



KEVIN QUINN

(Soon-to-be former) Chairman, NJ Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) which enhances economic vitality and long-term economic competitiveness. Set to take on 'senior role' in the Biden Administration / U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Short Hills resident.



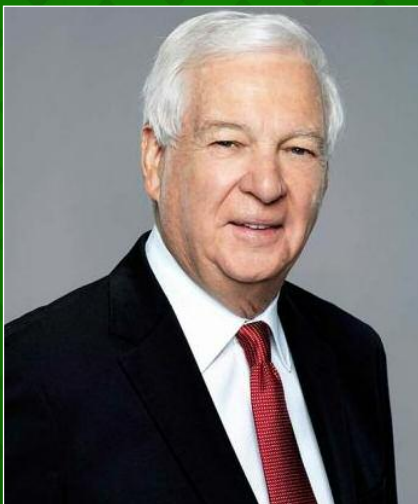
MICKEY QUINN

President MQ Strategies. Political Strategist. Former Deputy Executive Director / New Jersey General Assembly / Trustee / Rowan College at Burlington County.



MIKE QUINN

Founding member of the Morris County Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick. Served as Parade Grand Marshal 2017. Instrumental in bringing the parade to Morristown from Wharton more than 26 years ago.



BILL RAFTERY "THE COACH"

Analyst and play-by-play announcer / CBS Sports (college basketball). Named Mr. Basketball (1959), 3-sport all-state HS player, coached at Fairleigh Dickinson and Seton Hall (1970-81).



DAN REILLY

Former Chairman / NJ Irish Festival. Supporter of Special Olympics and benefit projects for disabled veterans. 2018 Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal.



CELESTE M. RILEY

Cumberland County Clerk, former NJ Assemblywoman (D-3). Former Bridgeton City Council President. Family hails from counties Cork and Mayo.



JOSEPH "JOE" ROBERTS, JR.

Former Camden County Freeholder Director who went on to serve with distinction as Majority Leader and Speaker of the NJ General Assembly.



NORMAN "NORM" ROBERTSON, ESQ.

Member/NJ State Parole Board / Former GOP NJ State Senator (34thLD). Rutgers University / Fordham Law School grad. Served on Passaic County Freeholder Board. Former Chairman/Passaic County Utilities Authority. Member/ Advisory Board/Insider NJ.



ROBERT ROWBOTHAM, ESQ.

Newark Counsel & Trustee / St. Patrick's Day Parade. Trustee / St. Patrick's Guard of Honor. Trial Attorney / Bramnick, Rodriguez, LLC. Former NJ Deputy AG.



JOHN 'JACK' SAYERS

Lawyer, veteran of the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. and Business Manager for the Township of West Orange. Former Grand Marshal/ West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.



MARGUERITE "PEG" SCHAFFER

Vice Chairwoman / NJ Democratic State Committee. Chairwoman / Somerset County Democratic Committee, President/Managing Principal at the law firm Shain Schaffer PC. Known for her sharp wit, brilliance in and out of court and tenacious political activism.



KEVIN SCHNEIDER

Deputy Chief/Newark Police Department. 2023 honoree Friends of Brian Boru. Kevin traces his roots on his mother's side (O'Neils and O'Learys) to Ennistimon, County Clare, Ireland.



WILLIAM "BILL" SCULLY

Legend in Irish circles for his quick wit, fine voice, classic moustache, short game in golf (which includes putting from sand traps) and as the long time proprietor and host of McGovern's Tavern.



DONALD SHAUGER

Executive Vice President / The Shauger Group, family owned and operated contracting company founded 1981. Former Grand Marshal / West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.



JAMES SHEA

Jersey City Public Safety Director. Retired Deputy Chief from the New York City Police Department.



JOHN SHEA III

Director/Committee on Political Education (COPE) for New Jersey State AF-CIO.



MIRIAM (MIMS) SHERIDAN

Born in Dublin, renowned for her volunteerism and a strong supporter of the Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade. Former Deputy Grand Marshal.



MIKIE SHERRILL

U.S. Congresswoman / 11th CD. Member / Armed Services Committee. Chair: House Science, Space & Technology subcommittee / Investigations & Oversight. Ten year Navy veteran. Helicopter Pilot. Mother of four. Graduate / US Naval Academy, London School of Economics (MA), JD / Georgetown Law. Former Federal Prosecutor. Former Irishwoman of the Year / Essex County.



KEVIN J. SLAVIN

St. Joseph's Health (SJH)/President, Chief Executive Officer/ Multi-hospital major academic, healthcare system based in Paterson, NJ / formerly at East Orange General Hospital and St. Clare's Health System in Morris County. Rutgers grad., MHA, University of Colorado.



CHRIS SMITH

21-term U.S. Congressman (R-4 NJ). Senior member / Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organization Subcommittee. Recipient / American Ireland Fund's Distinguished Leadership Award.



BRIAN P. STACK

State Senator (D- 33rd District). Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee. Union City Mayor since 2000. Former member of the State Assembly.



BARBARA MCCANN STAMATO

Jersey City Democratic Committee Chairwoman. Was named Irish-woman of the Year for Jersey City Irish Parade Committee's in 2018.



CHRISTINE A. STEARNS

Lawyer / Director, Gov't & Regulatory Affairs, Gibbons, PC, Trenton. Listed on NJ *Spotlight's* "Top 10 Healthcare Lobbyists." Traces her roots to the McMahons of County Monaghan.



GUY STERLING

Journalist, author / historian. Columbia J-School grad. 35-year newspaper career / reporter with Star-Ledger. Only New Jersey-based reporter to interview Richard Nixon after he moved to the New York area.



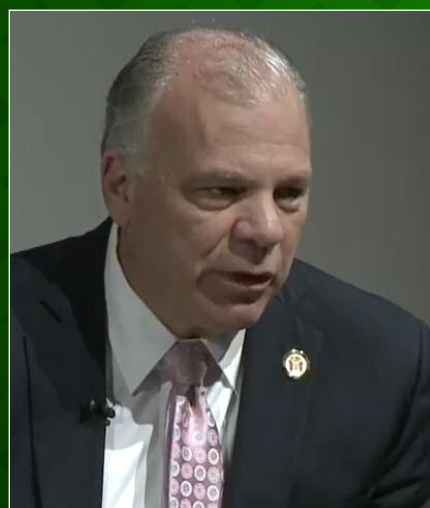
SISTER FRANCES SULLIVAN, OP

Well respected Head of School for Mount St. Dominic's Academy, Caldwell, NJ.



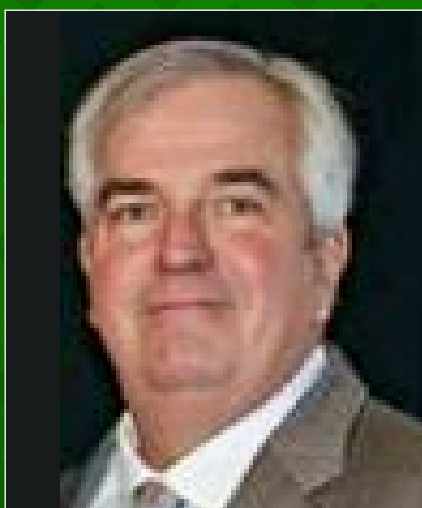
TIM SULLIVAN

Chief Executive Officer / NJ Economic Development Authority. Born and Raised in Bergen County.



STEVE SWEENEY

Served with distinction as President of the New Jersey State Senate. Former Business Agent for Ironworkers Local 399 and now General Organizer for the Intl Association of Ironworkers.



ROBERT SWENSON

Deputy Grand Marshal of the 2022 West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade. Professional Photog / Champion Golfer.



JIM TANSEY

Union County Prosecutor's Office (retired). Former Grand Marshal / Union County Irish Parade, Piper with Essex County Emerald Society. Traces his roots to Counties Roscommon and Mayo, Ireland.



JOSEPH M. TAYLOR

First American executive officer / Panasonic Corporation (retired). Moved the company's headquarters to Newark 2013. Former Grand Marshal Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



BRITNEE TIMBERLAKE

Member of the NJ State Assembly (D-34) whose mother Cathy Walsh and grandfather Frank Walsh trace their roots from Trenton and Hamilton, New Jersey to Kilkenny, Ireland.



CARDINAL JOSEPH WILLIAM TOBIN

Archbishop of Newark, Large Irish Catholic family, oldest of thirteen children. Elevation to Cardinal (one of 18 nationwide) November 2016. Installed January 2017. First time Newark Archdiocese is headed by a Cardinal. 2020 Grand Marshal / Bergen County.



MICHAEL P. TORPEY, ESQ.

Founding Partner/ GTB Partners. Thirty years experience in government, politics, business and law. Former Chief Counsel and Chief of Staff to Governor Christine Todd Whitman.



CHRIS AND MAIREAD TULLY

Chris a NJ State Assemblyman (D-38), former Council President / Bergenfield and top aide to U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer and Mairead, a writer with the Irish Echo.



ANN TWOMEY

Distinguished President (retired) / Hospital and Professional and Allied Employees (HPAE-AFT), state nurse's union. Delegate to the Democratic National Convention(s). VP/NJ State AFL-CIO. Member / Advisory Board / InsiderNJ.com.



VIRGINIA "GINNY" TREACY

Executive Director/Jersey Nurses Economic Security Organization (JNESO). Respected leader with 35 years of service to labor causes (retired)). Former Deputy Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



THOMAS J. WALSH

Superior Court Judge. Former President / Union County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Family hails from County Sligo, Ireland. Married to the well regarded, former Star Ledger reporter Diane (Curcio) Walsh.



SHEILA LENIHAN WALSH

University Hospital, Newark APN. Former Newark Parade Deputy Grand Marshal. Her (late) husband, John, was a former Newark Parade Grand Marshal.



MATTHEW WHELAN, ED.D.

Named ninth president of Caldwell University 2020. First male lay president in Caldwell's history. 2023 honoree / Friends of Brian Boru.



ROBERT C. (BOBBY) WILLIAMS

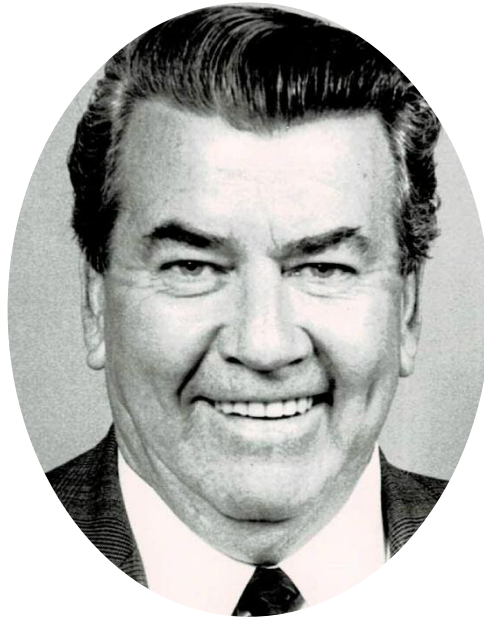
Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Attorney in private practice. Life long West Orange resident.



DANIEL ZEISER

Director of Union Township Police. Past Grand Marshal Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Former Newark police officer.

In Memoriam



THOMAS H. KENNEY

This year's Newark Irish parade is dedicated to Tom and his exemplary life as an Irish American leader and father. Long time participant and supporter of Irish organizations, Tom was a well-known labor leader having served as a Business Agent and Vice President of Operating Engineers Local 68 as well as Treasurer of the Essex West Hudson Labor Council. Tom and his wife of 62 years raised 5 children and 12 grandchildren and introduced them to Irish traditions.

In Memoriam



KENNETH FRANCIS XAVIER KUNZMAN (1937-2023)

Bayonne born and a resident of West Orange and Spring Lake, Ken was a 55-year partner of the Connell Foley LLP law firm. Former President, St. Patrick's Guard of Honor. Life-long dedication to providing scholarships for needy students. Ken, a graduate of St. Peter's Prep moved on to graduate and play varsity basketball for the College of Holy Cross. Later a J.D. degree from Fordham Law School. He served as a US Air Force Captain (1962-1965). A former Grand Marshal of the West Orange Irish Parade, Ken is survived by his wife, Anne Degnan Kunzman, six children, seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In the words of his grandchildren, "Grandpa taught us the importance of faith, family, that you can never have too many friends, and...always make your foul shots."

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MARY MOONEY

Great-grandmother, resident of Newark and Ocean Gate, Mary (nee Daly) passed away peacefully on November 25, 2022. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband Jim, her daughter Sharon, her sons Jimmy and John Michael (Jack), her parents John Daly and Sarah Caffrey Daly, and her brother John Daly. Born and raised in Newark, Mary worked at Prudential before having her children then at Our Lady of Good Counsel where her children attended school. She proudly served as a Democratic Newark District leader. An active and passionate member of the Irish community, Mary was a member of the Giblin, Cryan and Nugent Associations and the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, among others. She was honored by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and served as Deputy Grand Marshal of the Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade. Her proudest accomplishment was as President of the Women of Irish Heritage.