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# NEW JERSEY'S IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024

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

Once again, the list includes dozens of newcomers and veterans alike with profiles of those who take pride in their Irish American heritage.

Last year, with a shout out to Governor Phil Murphy and Congresswoman Miki Sherrill, we featured a retrospective of James Hoban (1755-1831), an 18th century Irish American, born in Kilkenny, Ireland, the son of tenant farmers who, after emigrating to America in 1785, won a commission from George Washington in the 1790's to design and build the White House.

# TIP OF THE TOP HAT



This year's “**Tip of the Top Hat**” is a salute to three men of the Giblin clan, New Jersey's iconic Irish American family whose roots can be traced to Tibohine, Frenchpark, County Roscommon, and to the counties of Longford, Meath and Mayo, Ireland.

A long way away, to be sure, from the leafy suburban town of Verona, New Jersey where the grandson of the tribe, the 2024 Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, now resides.

# THIRD GENERATION IS THE CHARM

A unique and recent feature of the Giblin family's Irish heritage is that this year, for the first time in the storied history of the 89th Anniversary Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade, Grandfather John J. Giblin (1951), son Thomas P. Giblin (1975), and grandson Edward "Ted" Giblin (2024) will have worn the Grand Marshal's top hat and sash to lead New Jersey's oldest Irish parade.

The age-old motto of the Newark St. Patrick's Day parade, which dates to 1936, is "Keep the Tradition Alive."



**JOHN J. GIBLIN**  
1951



**THOMAS P. GIBLIN**  
1975



**EDWARD "TED" GIBLIN**  
2024

No other family of Irish American lineage has done more to honor that custom than the Giblin family of New Jersey.

So, in keeping with tradition and as a salute to St. Patrick's Day, we pay homage to them in what's often referred to as these Irish 'High Holy Days'.



*Tom Barrett, compiler of the list, would like our readers to know he is certain to have left someone out. And he will hopefully make amends next year.*

**WE HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!**

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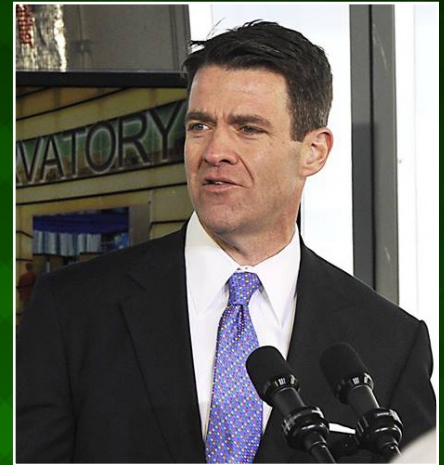
## **CHRISTOPHER D. ADAMS, ESQ.**

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).



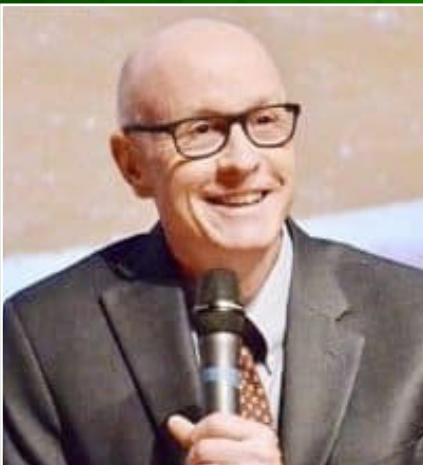
## **GEORGE ASTON**

Grand Marshal/50th Anniversary American Irish of Woodbridge Parade. Past Parade Chair/President. Retired from PSE&G. 2024 Parade honorees include Karen McCrory, Ed Wehrenberg, Ben Campbell, President/Board of Officers.



## **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.



## **DAN BARRY**

Maplewood-based. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist and author. Winner / Eugene O'Neill Lifetime Achievement Award.



## **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.**

81st Anniversary: Eugene Chip" Cavanaugh, Hon. Madeline Cox-Arleo, Esq., Morristown Mayor Timothy P. Dougherty, and Sister Jane Mckenna, SSJ.

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**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.



**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.



**JESSICA SHEA-  
BROWN**

Founder and President of the (new) chapter/Monmouth County Daughters of Ireland.



**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.**

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

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**STEPHEN BURKE**  
Ten term Fairview Borough Councilman. Inductee League of Municipalities Hall of Fame/More than 20 years' service. Currently Business Official / NJDOE. Member / Hudson County AOH Division 1.



**EUGENE J. BYRNE, ESQ.**  
Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Former Grand Marshal / Newark Irish Parade. Serves as Committee Counsel. Gene has marched in the NYC Irish parade faithfully for more than 65 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.



**MAUREEN CALLAGHAN**  
2024 Deputy Grand Marshal Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade. Retired / 30-year career / Nutley Board of Ed. Special Ed paraprofessional. Husband, Jim, was 2005 Nutley Irish Parade Grand Marshal. Traces roots to County Galway, Ireland.



**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.

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**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 CARPENTER**  
Long time member / 3-term Mayor / Bernards Township (retired). Vice Chair, Township GOP Committee.



**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.



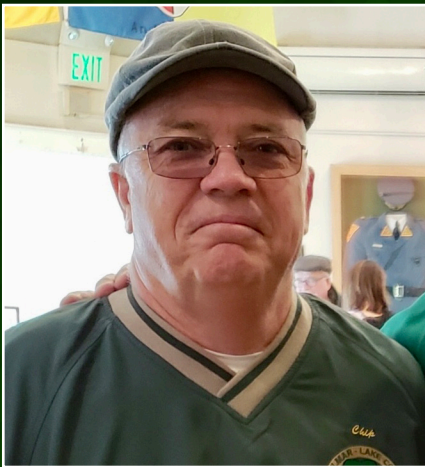
**ROBERT “BOBBY” CARROLL**  
Morris County Prosecutor. Son of the late and famed labor leader ‘Big’ Jim Carroll of Heavy Construction Laborer’s Local 472 in Newark.



**CASSERLY SISTERS**  
Megan Nevis, Michelle Casserly and Kacey Casserly. All three, Grand Marshals of the 2024 Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Eldest three of four children of Michael and Joan Ann Casserly, natives of Jersey City.



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**CHIP CAVANAUGH**  
Former Grand Marshal/Belmar / Lake Como Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Parade. Served as the Chief of Belmar Fire Department. Member of the Goodwill Hose Fire Company for 47 years. 2024 Essex-based Brian Boru, Inc. honoree.



**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.

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**PATRICIA CODEY,  
SC, ESQ.**

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



**GOV. RICHARD J.  
CODEY**

Served with distinction, bi-partisan praise as the state's 53rd Governor. Former President / NJ Senate. Retired after 50-year career. One of most influential legislative leaders in NJ history. Strong mental health advocate.



**DAWN MARIE COLE**

Stalwart organizer for the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade. Serves as Recording Secretary. Committee member / NJ Irish Festival. Staff member / Essex County Clerk's Office in Newark.



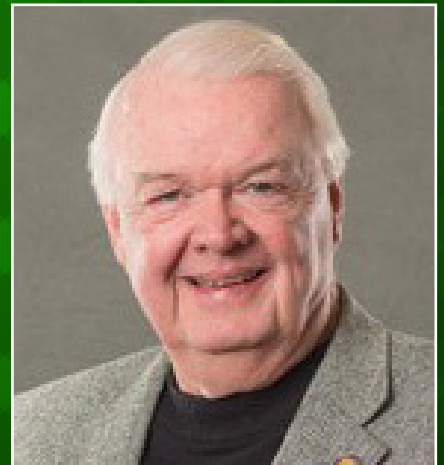
**JERE' COLE**

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.



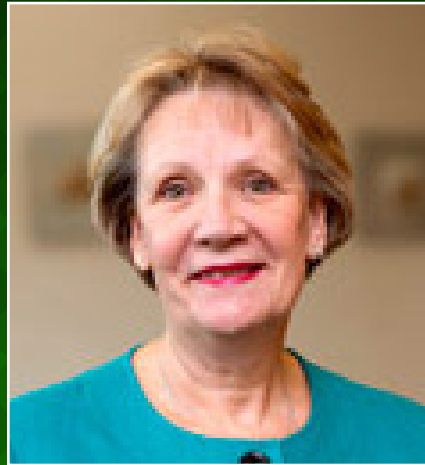
**JACK COLLINS**

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

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**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.



**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 / Gravitaur 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 Marshal / 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.

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**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.



**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 (LD 20), Chair / Union Township Dem Committee. Former Union County Sheriff and State Assemblyman. Served as NJ Democratic State Committee Chairman. 2023 Grand Marshal/Union County Parade.

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## MEGAN CRYAN

Senior VP / AVOQ with clients spanning health care, labor, higher ed. non-profit and emerging Fortune 500 companies. President / John F. Cryan Association. Active member/Union County Daughters of Ireland.



## 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.



## ABBOT AUGUSTINE CURLEY

2024 Newark Irish Parade Deputy Grand Marshal and 2024 Brian Boru honoree. Writes and speaks about the Irish of New Jersey, particularly Essex County. Serves with monastic community, and of the wider communities of Newark Abbey, St. Benedict's Prep, and St. Mary's Parish.



## SEAN DARCY

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



## ERICA DAUGHTREY

Popular, well-known Hudson County community activist. Served as Communications Director for former U.S. Congressman Albio Sires. 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.

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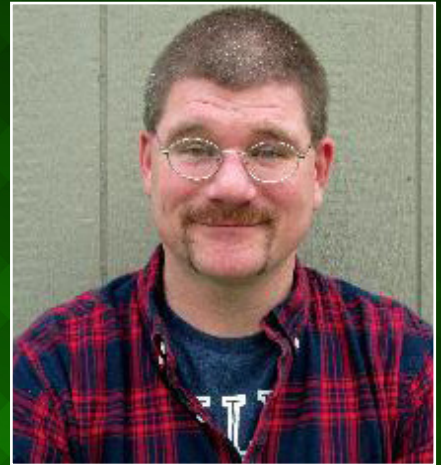
## **JIMMY DAVIS**

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



## **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**

New Jersey State Senator (LD 18). Former State Assembly member. Seton Law School grad. Credited with spearheading comprehensive laws on concussions.



## **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.

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**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.



**CHRIS DONNELLY**  
General Manager/AVOQ's NJ Office. Former press secretary to Senate President Steve Sweeney and author of four books on baseball. Traces roots to Ennis and Tulla, Ireland.



**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.

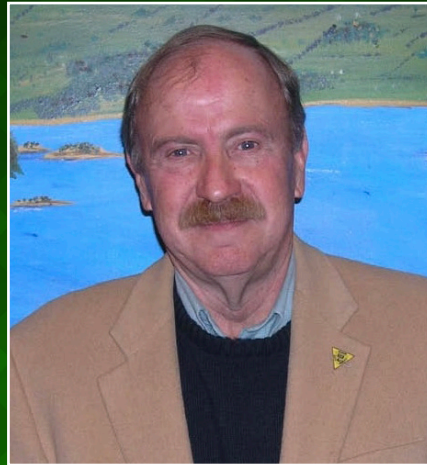


**MICHAEL J. "MIKE" DONOHUE**  
New Jersey Superior Court Judge. Former firefighter, teacher, practicing attorney, church volunteer and Chairman of the Cape May County Republican Committee.

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**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.



**TIMOTHY (TIM) DOUGHERTY**  
Popular Mayor of Morristown. Former Councilman and Chairman / Morristown Zoning Board. Retired Chief Engineer at Prudential Center / Newark. 2024 Brian Boru honoree.



**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.



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**MEGHAN DOYLE**  
Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office. Daughter of the late Norman A. Doyle, Jr. (decorated Vietnam war veteran) and Kearny Mayor 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.



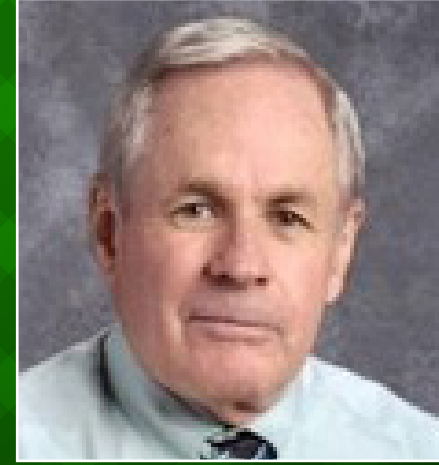
**PATRICK C. DUNICAN, JR., ESQ.**  
Chairman and Managing Director / Gibbons Law Firm in Newark. Major supporter and former Grand Marshal of the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade.



**CHRIS DURKIN**  
Essex County Clerk. Member, NJ Democratic State Committee. Former Grand Marshal/Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade and 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.



**PATRICK DYER**  
Vice President Emeritus / Director of Alumni Relations, Immaculate Conception HS, Montclair. Pat ('68) has been with his alma mater since 1975.

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**JOSEPH V. EGAN**  
Assemblyman (LD 17) (retired). New Brunswick City Council President for more than ten years and serves as Business Manager for IBEW Local 456.



**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.**  
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.



**MARTHA MCDONOUGH FINAN**  
Executive Board Secretary / Belmar Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Vice President / Women of Irish Heritage. Former Parade Deputy Grand Marshal.

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**STACEY LEA FLANAGAN**

Jersey City Dept. of Health and Human Services Director. Won statewide acclaim for battling the pandemic, aiding the homeless, and feeding the hungry. U.S. Peace Corp volunteer.



**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.

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**EDWARD M. (TED) GIBLIN**  
2024 Grand Marshal / Newark Irish Parade along with Deputy Marshals: Abbot Augustine Curley, Gwen Glazier, and Kevin Reilly. Honors graduate/ Providence College. MBA / Seton Hall University.



**NOREEN M. GIBLIN**  
PSE&G Executive Former Cabinet Secretary / NJ Gov. Phil Murphy. Served as Chief Counsel, NJ Board of Public Utilities and with McGreevey Administration. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



**THOMAS P. GIBLIN**  
Former Assemblyman (LD 34). Business Mgr. Union Local 68, IUOE. Former Essex County Freeholder Board President/Essex County Surrogate, Essex County and NJ Democratic State Chairman.



**VINCENT M. GIBLIN**  
Equity Partner / DeCotiis Law Firm. Trial counsel/state and federal courts. Handles union, trust fund matters, and white-collar criminal defense. Former Assistant U.S. Attorney / N.J. Rutgers Undergrad / Seton Hall Law.



**BRENDAN GILL**  
Member / Essex County Board of Commissioners. Head of BGill Public Affairs. 2018 Essex County Irishman of the Year. Former Grand Marshal / Nutley Irish Parade.



**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.

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## **DON GILMARTIN**

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



## **GWEN GLAZIER**

Deputy Grand Marshal / 2024 Newark Irish Parade. President / Women of Irish Heritage (third term). Employed with Prudential Financial / Aetna for 40 years, Traces roots to County Roscommon, Frenchpark & Elphin, Ireland.



## **TERRY GOLWAY**

Historian, author, and a journalist, having served as a columnist and editorial board member for The New York Times and a long-time editor and writer at The New York Observer.



## **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.

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



**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.



**MICHAEL "MICKEY" GROSS**  
2024 Grand Marshal of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade. City Council 12 years/Council President, Member / city's zoning board.



**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.

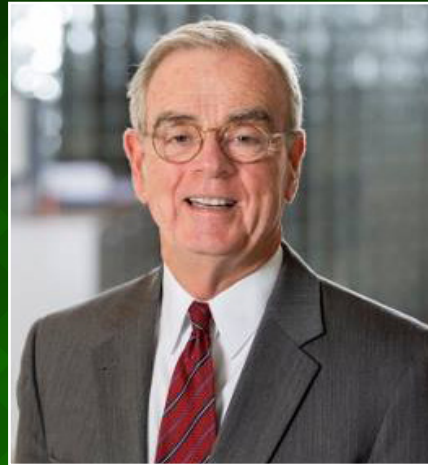


**JACK HAREN**  
2024 Grand Marshal / Morris County Irish Parade/ Morristown. Morris Plains resident. Fordham Univ. grad. Parents hailed from Counties Kerry and Clare. Member / Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. Active in Veteran's Affairs.

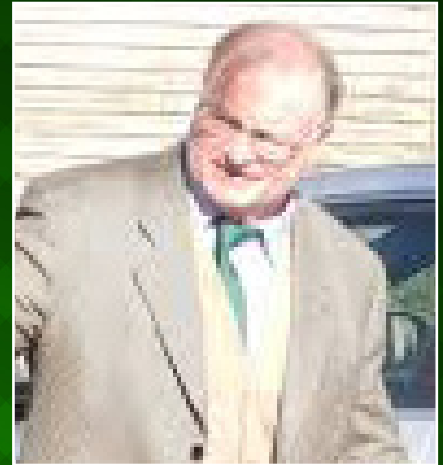
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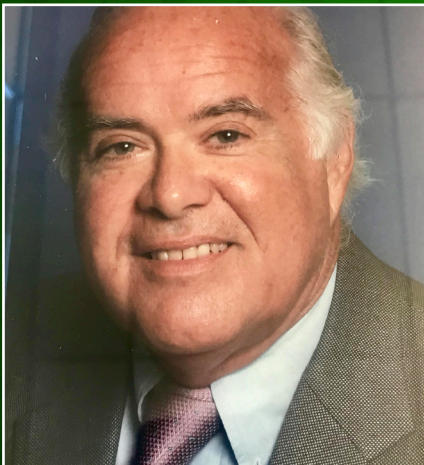
**NOREEN HAVERON**  
President / CEO / Job Haines Home, Bloomfield, non-profit provider of compassionate senior care. Mother, Noreen K., former president / Nutley Democratic Club and late father, Owen. BA Seton Hall. Master's degree / Public Adm. / Kean University.



**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.



**JOHN HOGAN**  
Bergen County Clerk. Election authority for more than 70 Bergen County municipalities. Studied at St. Thomas Aquinas College, NY.

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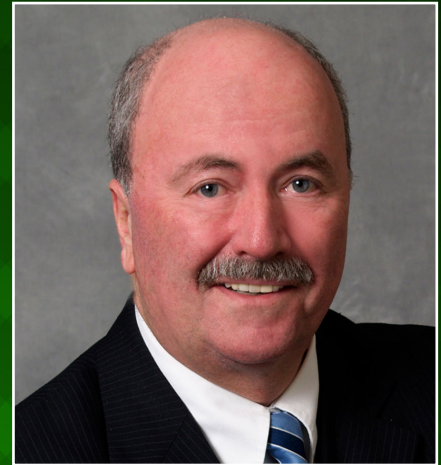
## **SHEILA O'BOYLE HUDACKO**

Grand Marshal of the 2024 Bayonne St. Patrick's Day Parade along with aides Pat Conway, Casey Hudacko, Ian Hudacko and Eileen McGarvey Gill.



## **BRIAN HUGHES**

Former Mercer County Executive. Son of late Governor & Supreme Court Chief Justice Richard J. Hughes. Former 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.



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## ROBERT IRWIN

2024 Grand Marshal Nutley Irish Parade. Detective Captain, Nutley Police Department (retired). Instrumental in starting The Nutley PD's Emergency Services Unit. Robert, wife Cheryl own and operate Sign Explosion LLC of Nutley.



## 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

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

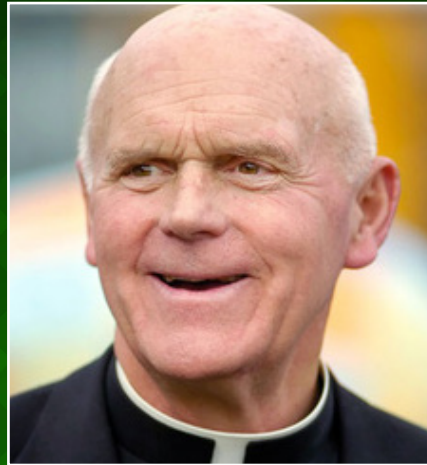
NJ General Assembly / (R-30) Monmouth County. Traces roots to County Cork, Ireland. Former Irishman of the Year / Order of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh / Jersey Shore. Sponsor of legislation celebrating Irish-American contributions to American society.

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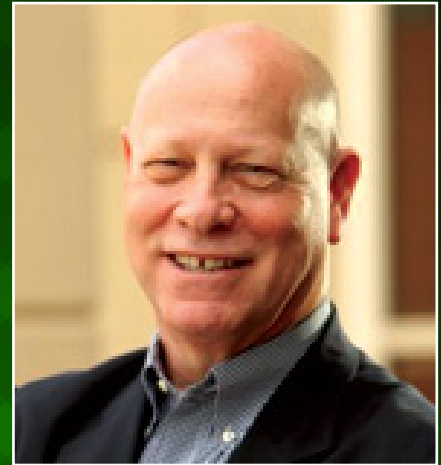
## **SEAN KENNEDY**

VP / Government Affairs / Rowan University. Recently won appointment as a member of the Governor's New Jersey-Ireland Trade Commission.



## **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.

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**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.



**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.



**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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## 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

Director / Bergen Irish Assn. / Served as co-chair of the March St. Patrick's Day Gala. / Member/ Executive Board. Traces roots to Counties Kerry, Waterford, and Clare.



## KELLY STEWART MAER

More than 20 years of legislative and lobbying experience. Kelly serves as a Board Member for Horizon Blue Cross / Blue Shield of New Jersey.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**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.



**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**  
2024 Gala Chair / Waves of Health. Provides basic medical care to underserved communities in Dominican Republic and Uganda. BSN, MSN, NP-C, Seton Hall University. Summit Medical Group, Frequent Irish traveler.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## 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.



## 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.



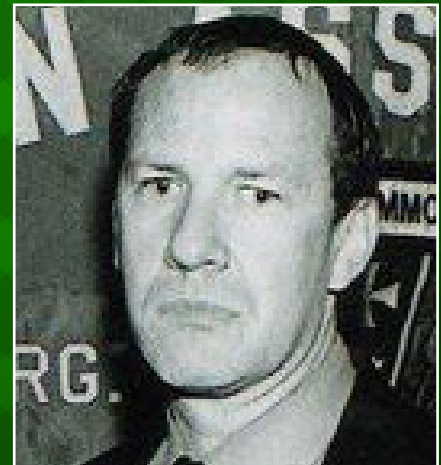
## CHRISTINE MCGRATH

Verona Township Councilwoman currently serving as Deputy Mayor. Leader and strategist for community-based organizations.



## 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.



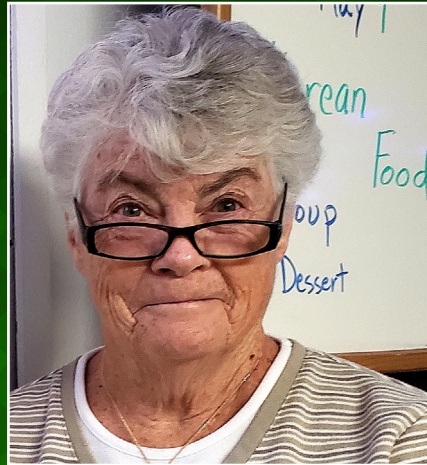
## JOHN E. MCGUIRE, JR.

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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**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**  
NJ State Senator (LD 27). Formerly  
served in State Assembly where he  
chaired the Financial Institutions &  
Insurance Committee. Former Mayor  
of West Orange. Attorney and  
longtime 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.



**JAMES J. MCNANY**  
2024 Young Irishman of Year / Friendly  
Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges.  
History Teacher, Seton Hall Prep.



**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.

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**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 Med- ical College.



**ROSEMARIE L. MELLODY**  
First woman Grand Marshal in the  
89 year history of the Newark St.  
Patrick's Day Parade. Native of County  
Longford, Ireland.



# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**MAGGEE MIGGINS**  
Former Millburn Township Mayor. Award winning Short Hills Real Estate Broker. Owner: Maggee Miggins Group / Compass RE. Fairleigh Dickinson University grad. Deputy Grand Marshal / 2009 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."



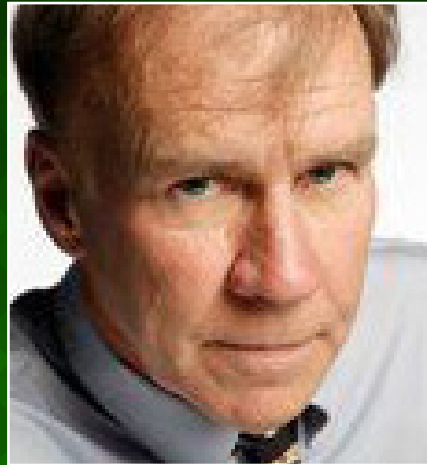
**WILLIAM 'BILL' MULLEN**  
President / NJ State Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Former President of Ironworkers Local 11. Influential voice among legislative leaders in Trenton.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## 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.



## 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

Director Planning and Regional Development PANY & NJ. 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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## **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.



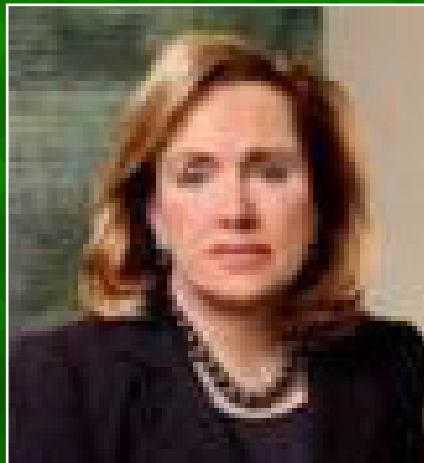
## **CAROLYN A. MURRAY**

Former Family Court judge. Former state / federal prosecutor appointed by Attorney General / Acting Sussex County Prosecutor. Georgetown University (cum laude) and NYU Law School. Former Essex County Irishwoman of the Year.



## **ED NEAFSEY**

Grand Marshal / 2024 Belmar-Lake Como Irish Parade. Active in Irish American civic activities, Retired Superior Court Judge, teaches course on Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movement at Rutgers Law School /Newark. Volunteer trial observer / Irish Diplock Courts. Dual American-Irish citizenship. Contributor/Irish Central News.



## **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**

Leader of the Bloomfield Irish Club, former Caldwell GOP councilman / Owner of the Bloomfield Travel Network.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**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.



**KAREN O'CONNOR**

Trustee/ Nutley Irish American Association. More than ten year's professional Human Resources experience, primarily in Benefits Administration. Volunteers with Make-A-Wish Foundation.



**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.

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## **ERIN K. O'GARA-MEIER**

Longtime West Orange Irish leader and former Director of Constituent Services for now retired State Senator Richard J. Codey.



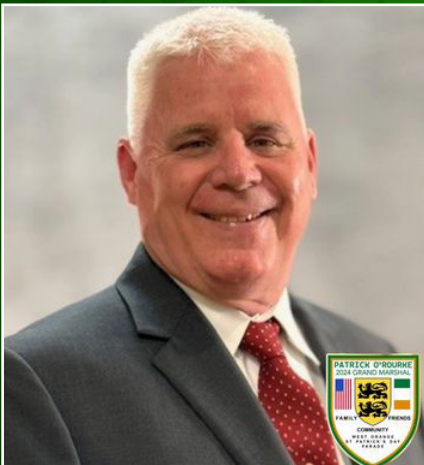
## **MAUREEN E. O'HARA**

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 E O'ROURKE**

Grand Marshal / 71st Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade. Deputies Larry Lonergan, Matt Mulligan, Dennis Cleary. Parade chairman Michael Cunningham. Three-year term/ President / Essex County Shillelagh Club.



## **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.



## **JOHN O'SHEA**

President, Bergen Irish Association, founded 1964 to preserve and celebrate Irish culture/tradition in Bergen County. Hails from Kenmare, Co. Kerry, Ireland, Thirtytwo-year member.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## **BETHANY O'TOOLE**

Chief Financial Officer / Essex County Utilities Authority. Chairwoman & Commissioner / Essex County Board of Elections. Traces family roots to County Tipperary. Former Essex County 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.



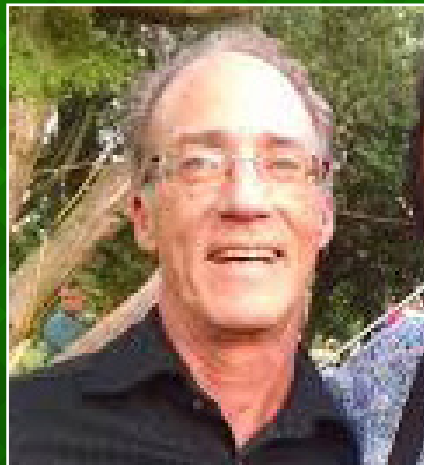
## **TERRY O'TOOLE**

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



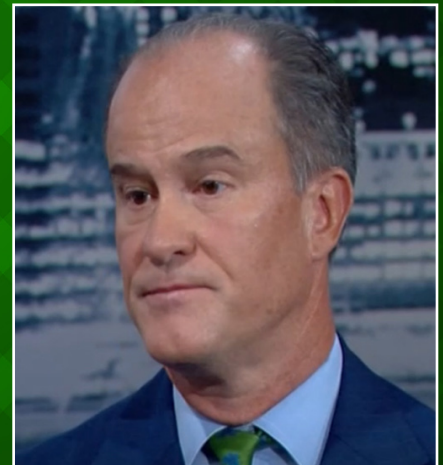
## **SEAN PENDER**

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.



## **KEVIN QUINN**

Chairman, NJ Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) which enhances economic vitality and long-term economic competitiveness. Resident of Short Hills.

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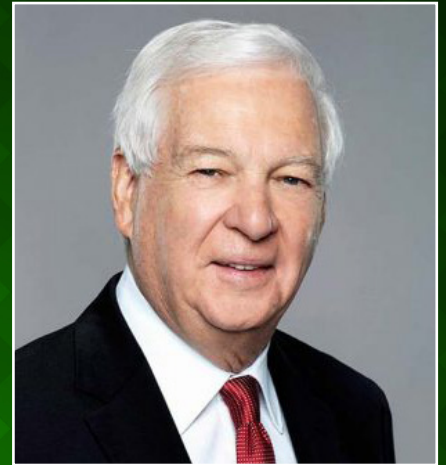
## MICKEY QUINN

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.



## KEVIN REILLY

Deputy Grand Marshal / 2024 Newark Irish Parade. Deputy Chief/Newark Fire Department (retired). Graduate / Kean College / BS degree in Management. Traces roots to Counties Cork and Kerry, Ireland.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**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**

Retired Business Manager / West Orange Township. Veteran of the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. 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**

Retired Deputy Chief / Newark Police Department. Traces roots on his mother's side (O'Neils and O'Learys) to Ennistimon, County Clare, Ireland.



# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## **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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## 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

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.

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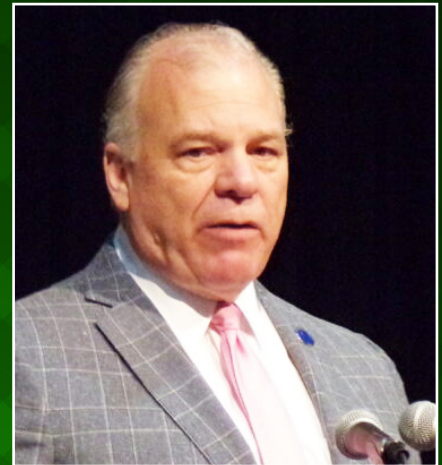
**SISTER FRANCES SULLIVAN, OP**

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



**TIM SULLIVAN**

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



**STEVE SWEENEY**

Served with distinction as NJ Senate President. Former Business Agent for Ironworkers Local 399 and now General Organizer for the Int'l 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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## BRITNEE TIMBERLAKE

New Jersey State Senator (LD 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. Membe / 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.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



**ROBERT WADE**  
2024 Grand Marshal Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade. United States / Ireland dual citizenship. Bayonne native. BA degree / Kean University. Management Certificate University of California / Berkeley.



**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.



**MEGAN WIGGINS**  
Judicial Law Clerk (Permanent) / Federal Judge Katherine Hayden. Strong supporter of Irish causes. Married to Irish leader Jamie Cryan.



**ROBERT C. (BOBBY) WILLIAMS**  
Trustee of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the Oranges. Attorney in private practice. Life long West Orange resident.

# IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS 2024



## **DANIEL ZEISER**

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

# *In Memoriam*



## *Fr. Pat Donohue* *“Chaplain to the Irish.”*

Former Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in the Vailsburg section of Newark. Former Deputy Grand Marshal for the Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade and a 32-year Chaplain to the Newark Irish Parade.

After a long illness, Father Pat passed away in July 2023. Ordained by the Archdioceses of Newark in 1975, Fr. Pat was in residence at St. Mary's Church in Dumont.

In June 2000, on the 25th Anniversary of his ordination Fr. Pat wrote: “No matter what title I may have or where I've been, I basically have done the same things: I pray, read, reflect, write, preach, visit homes and hospitals, teach listen, love and care and I have received that hundredth fold that the Lord promises. Thanks for being part of that gift.” RIP