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## Save the Date!

### Johnny Kilbane Documentary Cleveland International Film Festival

Monday, April 8, 2013, 7:20 pm  
Get your tickets through IAAS  
and benefit the Kilbane  
Memorial Fund.

Details on page 4; RSVP card  
enclosed

### Johnny Kilbane Panel Discussion "The Irish in Cleveland Politics, 1950s and '60s"

Friday, April 5, 2013, Noon  
Free event at The Justice Center  
1200 Ontario St  
Cleveland, OH 44113

### Johnny Kilbane Walking Tour June 8, 2013

Free walking tours of Kilbane  
Town and Kilbane Memorial Site  
Part of the Gordon Square Arts  
District "pARTy in the Square"  
Details available in May at  
[www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org).

## Johnny Kilbane at the Cleveland International Film Festival!!!

Monday, April 8, 2013

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The documentary film, *A Fighting Heart*, filmed "on location" in both Cleveland and Ireland, will be shown at the Cleveland International Film Festival. Galway-based filmmaker Des Kilbane directed the piece, which focuses on the life and career of Cleveland boxer Johnny Kilbane and traces his family roots to Achill Island in County Mayo.

We invite you to attend a screening of the film and—at the same time—support the IAAS in its efforts to create a Kilbane memorial in Battery Park area of the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood, near Kilbane's home at the time of his first title fight in 1912. The design process for the memorial is in the beginning stages. More news and a fundraising campaign will be announced in early summer.

Event "package" options—to benefit the Kilbane memorial fund—include:

- ♣ Dinner at Stone Mad Pub (1306 W. 65th St. Cleveland 44102) or The Harp (4408 Detroit Ave. Cleveland 44113). 5:00-6:30 pm. Order from a limited, fixed price menu; gratuities and refreshments included, cash bar.
- ♣ Documentary screening, 7:20 pm at the Capitol Theatre (1390 W 65th St, Cleveland 44102). Note that the screening is a double feature with a documentary about Cleveland mob boss Angelo Lonardo.
- ♣ "Meet the Director" after the film. 9:30-11:00 pm, at Stone Mad Pub (1306 W. 65th St. Cleveland 44102). Appetizers, live music, cash bar.

RETURN RSVP INSERT FORM NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 5. LIMITED SEATING.

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**Executive Director and Newsletter Editor:** Margaret Lynch.

# Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Stories

The Newsletter of the  
Irish American Archives Society of Cleveland & Northeast Ohio

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## The "Year Of Johnny Kilbane" Continues...



A poster from the O'Toole family collection promotes Kilbane's post-championship appearance on the vaudeville stage in 1912.

In 2012, IAAS joined with Johnny Kilbane's family to launch a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the boxer's first featherweight championship. We helped to organize a traveling exhibit with the Cleveland Public Library, landmark Kilbane's 1912 home with the Detroit Shoreway Development Corporation, and tap a limited edition commemorative beer at Great Lakes Brewing Company.

2013 promises more Kilbane events:  
♣ The Kilbane exhibit is on display in the lobby of the Justice Center (1200 Ontario St, Cleveland 44113) through April.

♣ IAAS is sponsoring a panel discussion in conjunction with the Kilbane exhibit, with Thomas Corrigan (president of the CPL Board), Patrick Sweeney (former Ohio legislator), and the Hon. Harry Hanna (visiting judge, the Cuyahoga Court of the Common Pleas). The panel—a free event which will focus on "The Irish in Cleveland Politics, 1950s and '60s"—takes place on Friday, April 5,

Noon at the Justice Center (1200 Ontario St, Cleveland 44113) in the Sheriff's Training Room off the 1st Floor Lobby. Light refreshments will be served.

♣ The documentary, *A Fighting Heart*, will be screened at the Cleveland International Film Festival. Details on page 4. IAAS helped with research for the documentary.

♣ Free walking tours of "Kilbane Town" and the site for the proposed Kilbane memorial will be offered during the Gordon Square Arts District "pARTy in the Square" on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Check for details on the IAAS website at [www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org) in May.

♣ The design process for a Kilbane memorial in Battery Park is also underway, with the help of LAND Studio, the Detroit Shoreway Development Corporation, Vintage Development Group, and Councilman Matt Zone.

Kilbane programming is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture.



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We look forward to your company!





## President's Note

The 2013 Walks of Life dinner held on February 28th was our 17th award event and our largest yet. Tables were set for 500. Among the RSVPs were 20 of our 81 past Walks of Life honorees, 43 of our 129 Life Members, and 9 former trustees. We are very pleased that so many supporters join us again, year after year, in celebrating the achievements of each new "class" of honorees. This year, for the first time, we asked all of our former honorees to join our current ones for a group photograph (below), and most of them took us up on the invitation. It's the start of a new tradition. This and other Walks of Life photos can be viewed online at [www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org) and on our Facebook page.

Jim Brennan, President, IAAS Board of Trustees



*Back Row: John Coyne (1998), Gerald Quinn (2007), Thomas Scanlon (2004), James Boland (2002), Thomas Lynch (1999), William Monroe (2002), Christopher Connor (2013), Rev. Donald Cozzens (2009). Middle Row: Sr. Maureen Doyle, OSU (1997), Aggie Hoskin (2001), Dan Coughlin (2013). Front Row: Sheila Murphy Crawford (2008), Janice Murphy (2012), Mary Coyne (1998), Richard Coyne (2011), Marilyn McGuigan Cunin (2006), Margaret Lynch (1999), Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA (2008), Hon. Richard McMonagle (2013), Sr. Susan Durkin, OSU (2013). Photo by Marianne Mangan.*

## Director's Corner

IAAS has been meeting with the Catholic Cemeteries Association to explore how to illuminate forgotten corners of our community's past. As a first step, I compiled profiles of "pioneer" Irish priests of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese, many of whom are buried in St. John Cemetery, and other early diocesan priests of other nationalities who are also buried in St. John. Profiles of prominent lay people buried in St. John are also being compiled, drawing on cemetery buff Bernie McCafferty's database of visible inscriptions. The profiles--a work in progress--can be found online on the IAAS ([www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org), click on "Local History Links") and Cemeteries Association websites. Profiled are such individuals as Fr. Joseph Gallagher, pictured here, pastor of Holy Name Parish in Newburgh from 1870 until his death in 1886.

Margaret Lynch, IAAS Executive Director



## WALKS OF LIFE 2013

February 28, 2013  
Holiday Inn Rockside

**Honorees:**  
**Chris Connor,**  
**Dan Coughlin,**  
**Sr. Susan Durkin OSU,**  
**Hon. Richard J. McMonagle**



**First Row:** Chris Connor (2013 Honoree and Life Member) and Sr. Maureen Doyle (Invocation and 1997 Honoree); Dan Coughlin (2013 Honoree) and Ed Crawford (2012 Honoree). **Second Row:** Pat Sweeney (Life Member) and Sr. Susan Durkin (2013 Honoree); Hon. Richard J. McMonagle (2013 Honoree), Meg McGarry (IAAS Trustee and Life Member), and Jim McMonagle (Life Member); Representatives of Presenting Sponsors Cleveland Steel Container and Pipeline Packaging. **Third Row:** Gerry Quinn (Emcee, 2007 Honoree, Life Member, and IAAS Trustee Emeritus) and Jim Boland (2002 Honoree and Life Member); Ed Fitzgerald (Cuyahoga County Executive) and Henry Hilow; Tom Scanlon (2004 Honoree, Life Member, and IAAS Trustee), Hon. Laura Gallagher, and Michael O'Donnell. **Fourth Row:** Mary Coyne (1998 Honoree, Life Member, and Former IAAS Trustee), Jack Coyne (1998 Honoree and Life Member), and Ralph DeFranco; Kathleen Sheehan, Catherine Sheehan Daly, and Jim Brennan (IAAS Board President and Life Member); Leo Spellacy and John Myers (IAAS Trustee). Photographs by Marianne Mangan ([www.mariannemangan.com](http://www.mariannemangan.com)).