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### President's Note: Media Attention for Kilbane Project

Bright blue skies and shirt-sleeve weather marked September 28, 2014, the day for the dedication of the Johnny Kilbane sculpture in Battery Park at W. 75th and Fr. Frascati Boulevard. The large crowd on hand included IAAS supporters, neighborhood residents and visitors from Ireland and all over the U.S. attending the international Mayo Society Convention that weekend. We received coverage in the Plain Dealer, the Sun Press, the Plain Press, ClevelandPeople.com, WCPN Sound of Applause, WVIZ Applause, the Irish American News, IrishTV, Belt Magazine (forthcoming), and the newsletters of St. Joseph Academy, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, Great Lakes Brewing Company, and the West Side Irish American Club. Visit the IAAS website (www.irisharchives.org) for links to some of the coverage and videos clips of the sculpture in process that will be incorporated into an upcoming documentary. --Thomas D. Corrigan, President, Board of the Irish American Archives Society



Sculptor Rowan Gillespie with St. Joseph Academy students at the sculpture site.

## Director's Corner: Online Resources for Family History

Did your Irish ancestors come to Cleveland from western Mayo in the early 1880s? They may have traveled on an "Assisted Emigration Scheme" that brought families to the U.S. and Canada directly from communities ringing Black Sod Bay-Achill Island, Ballycroy, and along the Belmullet Peninsula. We'll be focusing on this resource in upcoming programming, but for now check out www.blacksodbayemigration.ie to find indexes of the passenger manifests of the ships that sailed from Blacksod Bay in 1882 and 1883.

-- Margaret Lynch, IAAS Executive Director

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Photographs of Terry Joyce, Judge Pianka, Councilman Zone, and Rowan Gillespie courtesy of Marianne Mangan.



## Save the Date!

Thursday, February 26, 2015, 5:30 pm

Annual Walks of Life
Awards Dinner
Honoring
Terence P. Joyce
Linda M. Kane
Patrick M. McLaughlin

and Thomas F. Campbell
Honorees
Judge Raymond M. Pianka
Councilman Matt Zone

Windows on the River 2000 Sycamore Street Cleveland OH 44113

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# Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Stories

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## Walks of Life Honorees



Terence P. Joyce

Terry Joyce, business manager of Building Labors' Union Local 310 and president of the Cleveland Building Trades Council, had large footsteps to follow when he joined Local 310 in 1987. His father, Terry Joyce Sr., had served as a labor leader in Cleveland for more than 30 years and was a significant contributor to Irish causes after his immigration from County Mayo to Cleveland in 1956.

The younger Joyce said he "is very proud of my Irish heritage" and each year tries to get back to Ireland, where he is known as Terry Og, Gaelic for small Terry.

The St. Ignatius High School graduate attended Loyola University in Chicago, where he received a degree in

accounting. He was a member of the Leadership Cleveland class of 2007 and is on the board of the Cleveland Citizen, America's oldest labor newspaper

As an example of his love for his Irish ancestry, each year for the last five years, Joyce has gathered together a group of local musicians to record a live CD at the Harp. Proceeds from the CD, called "Sending It All Back Home," which he sells for \$10, are donated to the Pope John Paul Center, a home in Galway City for those who have been diagnosed with autism.

Last year Joyce spearheaded a project to build a Purple Heart Home in South Euclid for the family of a serviceman injured in an explosion while he served in Afghanistan. Local 310 members donated their time in building the house.

Joyce, a former member of the Archives Society's board, helped provide assistance in coordination with Vintage Development Group for the installation of the Johnny Kilbane sculpture in Battery Park. Besides Local 310 members, workers and equipment were donated by Marous Brothers Construction, Bricklayers Local 5 Ohio, MK Masonry and Norris Brothers Co.

Joyce and his wife, Nicole, have a five-year-old daughter, Aiflinn. The family lives in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland.

#### Linda M. Kane

As senior vice president and treasurer of Forest City Enterprises Inc., Linda M. Kane oversees the finances of the Cleveland-based company's \$9 billion in assets across the United States including 83 commercial properties and more than 45,000 apartments and military housing units.

After receiving her degree in Accounting from Cleveland State University in 1979, Kane became a Certified Public Accountant. Among her present activities, she serves as treasurer of the Cleveland State University Foundation and as an advisor to the university's Monte Ahuja College of Business.



#### Linda M. Kane (cont.)

She also is treasurer of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and is a board member of the Better Business Bureau and the Rainbow Babies and Children's Foundation. At Saint James Catholic Church in Lakewood, she is a member of the Finance Council.

A member of the Leadership Cleveland class of 2012, she has served as treasurer of the Great Lakes Theater Festival and on the board of Saint Joseph Academy. She recently co-chaired the school's Expanding Minds  $\sim$  Building Futures  $\sim$  Raising Leaders Capital Campaign that raised \$7.8 million for a new dining hall and utility improvements. She received the Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA of Greater Cleveland, a non-profit on which she had served as a trustee.

A long-standing member of the West Side Irish American Club, Kane has lineage ties to County Mayo on Clew Bay, where her grandfather Patrick Kane lived in Mulranny, and her

grandmother Mary Joyce Kane hailed from Newport.

Kane and her husband, Gary Stewart, live in Bay Village. A son, Joseph Williams, a St. Ignatius High School graduate now living in Brooklyn, N.Y., is founder of a custom lacrosse equipment enterprise and a daughter, Carolyn Reilley, is an advertising art director in Chicago. Together, the family has twice tackled Croagh Patrick, the 2,500-foot mountain overlooking Clew Bay, on top of which St. Patrick fasted for 40 days in 441 A.D.



### Patrick M. McLaughlin

A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Patrick M. McLaughlin has successfully litigated high profile civil and criminal cases for more than 35 years.

In 1984, he was appointed as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Under McLaughlin's guidance, the office is credited with leading the Department of Justice in the number of child pornography convictions and the first case to uphold the constitutionality of the Child Protection Act.

McLaughlin established the Caribbean Task Force, the first multi-agency operational task force of its kind under the direct supervision of an assistant U.S. attorney. The task force was successful in combating the influx of violent drug gangs from the Caribbean into Ohio. To address the demand-side of drugs, he formed the Northern Ohio Drug Abuse Awareness and Prevention Task Force, which President Reagan recognized as a national model.

As a private defense lawyer, McLaughlin represents clients in commercial and business cases, product liability, civil litigation defense, and white collar criminal defense. He is the Best Lawyers' 2015 Cleveland Criminal Defense: White Collar "Lawyer of the Year," and has been named to the 2013 and 2014 Irish Legal 100.

A Vietnam veteran, McLaughlin is president of the Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial Inc. In that capacity, he recently oversaw the re-dedication of the Cleveland War Memorial: Fountain of Eternal Life on Veterans Memorial Plaza (formerly "Mall A"). The added names of 42 Cuyahoga County military service members who were killed in action, primarily in Iraq and Afghanistan, brought the total number honored on the 50-year-old memorial to 5,552 patriots dating back to the Spanish-American War. See www.clevelandvetsmemorial.org.

McLaughlin graduated from Ohio University, and served as editor-in-chief of the Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law while attending law school. He and his wife, Christine, the daughter of the late U.S. District Judge John M. Manos, have been blessed with three sons, Brian, Christopher, and Conor; and three grandchildren, Patrick, Clara, and Elle.

## Thomas F. Campbell Award

The Thomas F. Campbell Award, new this year, will be given at the Walks of Life dinner, when occasion merits, to individuals who are not of Irish descent but have advanced the mission of the Irish American Archives Society. Named in honor of IAAS founder, Thomas F. Campbell, the award goes this year to Cleveland City Councilman Matt Zone and Cleveland Housing Court Judge Raymond Pianka for their support of the Johnny Kilbane Sculpture Project in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood.



#### Judge Raymond M. Pianka

Ray Pianka says he always has had an interest in history, and in the early 1970s while an undergraduate student at Cleveland State University he took several history courses from Irish American Archives Society founder Thomas Campbell. Shortly afterwards, he became one of the founders of the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization located in the neighborhood where he has lived his entire life. He served as the organization's first executive director while attending Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

As executive director, he worked to increase citizen participation, initiated neighborhood and economic development projects and was actively involved in saving the Gordon Square Arcade from demolition. Today the Gordon Square Arcade serves as the beacon for the thriving Gordon Square Arts District.

In 1985 he was elected to Cleveland City Council representing then-Ward 17 and served as chairman of Council's Community and Economic Development Committee. Ten years later, he was elected as Judge of Cleveland Municipal Housing Court overseeing 44 employees. With almost 10,000

abandoned houses in the city and 18,000 cases, he has implemented numerous innovative programs to obtain compliance with the city's building, housing, and health codes.

When he learned that the Irish American Archives Society was planning to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Johnny Kilbane's featherweight boxing championship, he promoted community support and sought funding for the restoration of archival film footage of Johnny Kilbane's boxing career and video documentation of the project.

He and his wife, Karen, have a daughter, Kirsten, a marketing and outreach specialist for the City Club of Cleveland.



#### Councilman Matt Zone

As Matt Zone grew up in the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood, he had a close up view of the issues and political developments on Cleveland's West Side. His parents, Michael and Mary Zone, each represented the area in City Council for a combined 20 years.

Matt Zone was first elected to City Council in 2001. Since then he has become a tireless advocate for alternative energy and green building, His ward is home to the only EcoVillage in Ohio and one of the first in the country.

As a devoted supporter of the arts, Zone has been the driving force behind the development of the Gordon Square Arts District, which is comprised of new housing and businesses, retail development and the construction and renovation of three theaters. He serves as City Council's representative on the city's Public Art committee.

Zone, whose grandparents immigrated to America from Italy, said that after he heard that the Irish American Archives Society was planning to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Johnny Kilbane's

featherweight boxing championship, he became a passionate supporter of the project. With his strong interest in art, he said he felt something permanent was needed in addition to having a landmark on the house where Kilbane grew up. He suggested the location for the placement of Rowan Gillespie's sculpture of Johnny Kilbane in Battery Park near where the boxer grew up. He promoted the project with Vintage Development Group and the Battery Park Homeowners Association and worked with Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization to organize and facilitate a task force to evaluate artists and designs.

Zone said the sculpture not only will pay tribute to Kilbane, but "will celebrate his legacy for many generations to come."

Zone is a graduate of Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs, where IAAS founder Thomas Campbell was one of his mentors. He and his wife, Michelle, have a son, Matt Jr., who recently graduated from Kent State University and is beginning a career as a federal security officer.