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Thursday, February 28, 2019,  
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Annual  
Walks of Life Awards Dinner

See p. 4 for a preview  
of our 2019 Honorees!

Windows on the River  
2000 Sycamore Street  
Cleveland, OH 44113

Donation \$75 (\$35 tax  
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We look forward to your company!



# Preserving Our Heritage, Sharing Our Stories

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

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## IAAS Receives Recognition

In November in Boston, Margaret Lynch, Executive Director of the Irish American Archives Society, received an award for “Outstanding Services to the Irish Diaspora” at the annual “Golden Bridges” conference sponsored by the *Irish Echo*.”

The *Irish Echo*, established in 1928, is the longest-running Irish American newspaper currently published in the United States. With an editorial staff based in New York city, the paper boasts a 50-state subscription base. In addition to publishing the “newspaper of record” for Irish America, the *Irish Echo* also sponsors conferences and other recognition events that strive to connect the Irish in diaspora.

One of the *Irish Echo*’s focal events is the annual “Golden Bridges” conference, held since 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts. Drawing on a distinguished roster of speakers and panelists, the conference highlights the transatlantic bridges that have been built through business and education initiatives between Massachusetts and the northwest counties of Donegal and Derry in Ireland. The conference has also become an occasion for bestowing recognition on a variety of individuals across the county who have worked to promote an appreciation for Irish heritage. IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch was a recipient of one of those awards, in acknowledgement of the book, *The Day We Celebrate: 175 Years of Cleveland’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade*, which was published in July 2017 by the Irish American Archives Society in collaboration with the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland.



In fall 2017 at the Harp Tavern in Cleveland: Colleen Corrigan Day, Secretary of the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland, County Mayo entrepreneur Malcolm Cooney, with Sinéad Ní Fhatharta, Enterprise & Employment Manager for Údarás na Gaeltachta.



Mark de Faoite, Director of Enterprise, Employment, Property & Engineering for Údarás na Gaeltachta, with IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch at the Golden Bridges Conference in Boston.

## 2019 Walks of Life Honorees Named

On February 28, 2019, at Windows on the River, IAAS will honor five 2019 Walks of Life recipients. All of these persons have not only excelled in their professions, but they have also given generously of their time and talent to make this community a better place for all. Look for more details about our 2019 honorees in our January newsletter:

Veronica “Vera” Casey, Small Business Owner, Casey’s Irish Imports  
Charlene Crowley, Landscape Designer, Irish Cultural Garden  
Sean W. Hardy, Senior Vice President, Hardy Wealth Partners  
James J. McMonagle, Attorney at Law, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease  
Christopher Ronayne, President, University Circle Inc.



Past and 2018 WOL honorees in attendance at our 2018 dinner: Standing, Dan Coughlin (2013), Hon. Richard McMonagle (2013), Janice Murphy (2012), Fr. Don Cozzens (2009), Dennis McNulty (2001), Sr. Margaret Gorman (2016), Br. Robert Lavelle (2008), Gerry Quinn (2007); Seated, 2018 Honorees, Hon. Maureen O’Connor, Myles Gallagher, Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, William M. Denihan



# 2018 Year in Review

From 2012 through 2018, IAAS talks, displays, and other community programs have directly reached 11,382 people, and that's not counting the number of people who may have been served indirectly—for instance, people who have enjoyed the Johnny Kilbane Fighting Heart sculpture group at W. 74th Street and Fr. Frascati Boulevard or people who may have seen film documentaries that IAAS helped to research about boxer Johnny Kilbane and aviator Nancy Corrigan.

In 2018, IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch gave 19 talks across the city. Libraries were frequent hosts, including the Main Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, the Rocky River Library and five branch libraries in the Cuyahoga County system. But recreation centers, pubs and hotels provided other settings. From the Music Box Supper Club in the Flats to the Solon Senior Center to the Brecksville Chamber of Commerce to the Lake County Bar Association in Mentor, the talks were sponsored by a range of organizations in a variety of locations.

The topics ranged too. Our recent publication, *The Day We Celebrate: 175 Years of Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade*, provided the focus for a number of talks, particularly, and not surprisingly, in March. However, the talks also covered topics as diverse as Irish Entrepreneurs of Cleveland, Irish Gangs, Gangsters, and Gamblers of Cleveland, and aspects of researching Irish family history.

In addition to talks, IAAS developed a table-top display about *The Irish and the Near West Side* to coincide with the upcoming 50th anniversary of the May Dugan Center, which has served Cleveland's Near West-Side community since 1969. Like all of the displays that we have developed since 2008, the text of the Near West Side display can be found on the "Local History Resources" page of our website at [www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org).



JCU student Mary Flynn, who completed an IAAS research internship in spring semester 2018, is studying abroad this year at National University of Ireland in Galway, an exchange program fostered by the Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland.

For three years, IAAS has also conducted an annual internship program with history students at John Carroll University. Under the guidance of IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch, the JCU history students search public documents, such as census and vital records, to track down Irish families from northwest County Mayo who received assistance to immigrate to North America in 1883 and 1884. The financial assistance came from a fund spearheaded by a wealthy English Quaker named James Hack Tuke. Ionad Deirbhile, a Heritage Center on the Belmullet peninsula in County Mayo, first recognized the significance of the "Tuke Emigration Scheme" for communities ringing Blacksod Bay (from Belmullet to Ballycroy to Achill), then transcribed the passenger manifests for the 15 sailings financed by the Tuke Fund and created a searchable database for the passengers online at [www.blacksodbayemigration.ie](http://www.blacksodbayemigration.ie). Now college students in Cleveland are, one boat at a time, helping to fill in the picture of the families who immigrated.

The output for another student research project is highlighted on our website at [www.irisharchives.org](http://www.irisharchives.org). St. Ignatius High School senior and Eagle Scout David Patrick Ryan led a team of volunteers in researching and writing brief profiles of all of Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshals from 1935 through 2017. The profiles can be accessed on the "Local History Resources" page of our website.



St. Ignatius High School student and Eagle Scout David Patrick Ryan joined with IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch in giving a talk this past August, which was sponsored by the McNeeley Library Club at the West Side Irish American Club. He's shown here at the Irish Cultural Festival in July 2017.

The generous support of many annual donors makes it possible for us to research, develop, and present talks, displays, internships, and other community programs throughout northeast Ohio each year.

**Please consider an "annual donation" to support our mission in 2018!**

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# IAAS Facilitates Visit of Irish Artist Brian Maguire

In late September and early October, IAAS joined forces with a number of educational institutions to facilitate talks by Irish visiting artist Brian Maguire. Brian Maguire is a Dublin-based painter who is internationally known for his portraits of marginalized people, from Irish political prisoners during "the Troubles," to murdered women factory workers in Juarez, Mexico, to refugees in Sudan today. Several of Maguire's paintings were included this past fall in a group show, titled *Demise*, at the Cleveland State University Art Galleries. Maguire's visit to Cleveland was funded by the Irish American Charitable Foundation, with additional assistance from Collins & Scanlon LLP, Louis Finucane, and the Thomas and Margaret Charitable Trust. Irish American Archives Society was able to draw on ever-strengthening ties with local schools to maximize the educational impact of Brian Maguire's visit to Cleveland by helping to organize four talks—at St. Joseph Academy, Holy Name High School, and John Carroll University, in cooperation with the JCU Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Program, along with a talk in the CSU Art Galleries, in cooperation with the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland.



Artist Maguire speaking at the Galleries at Cleveland State University

## The Day We Celebrate: 175 Years of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cleveland

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