Stop in at the IAAS table at the Irish Cultural Festival at the Berea Fairgrounds July 20-22 in the Temple Bar and Museum hall. See http://clevelandirish.org/ for further information about the Festival. We typically share information about recent projects; this year we’ll have a display about the Irish and the Near West Side developed in collaboration with the May Dugan Center. We’re always looking for information for ongoing projects. We’re especially looking for people with family information to share about individuals or family groups who may have immigrated to Cleveland in 1883 or 1884 via an “assisted emigration scheme” or individuals with Cleveland connections who may have been involved in the Irish struggle for independence.

Pat and Bill Homan stopped by our table in summer 2016 when we were featuring Clevelanders with connections to the Irish struggle for independence, including Pat’s father, John Corcoran of Lahardane, County Mayo.

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Talk at West Side IA Club August 5

Talks at libraries, recreation centers, and other community venues have long been a staple of the outreach efforts of the Irish American Archives Society. Executive Director Margaret Lynch gave numerous talks this spring that drew on the research that provided the foundation for our publication *The Day We Celebrate: 175 years of Cleveland’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade*. But a talk on August 5, 2 pm, will feature a unique, interactive twist!

While the parade history book was published in July 2017, both the Irish American Archives Society and the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland hope to develop ways of sharing new research and information in an ongoing way. For the book, we compiled a list of all of the Parade Grand Marshals that we could identify, going back to the Parade’s origins in 1842. UIS added the “Inside and Outside Co-Chair” honors when the umbrella organization took over the organization of the Parade in 1958 and also instituted an “Irish Mother of the Year” award in 1963. UIS had excellent records of the names of individuals honored during their watch. But the earlier honorees had to be reconstructed, primarily from newspaper sources.

While research for the book was taking place, David Patrick Ryan, a St. Ignatius High School student and Eagle Scout, proposed to compile biographical information about the Grand Marshals since 1935, when the Irish Civic Association revived a downtown parade, as part of his Eagle Scout project. Working under the guidance of IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch, and directing a team of volunteers, he compiled a pamphlet of biographical profiles. However, gathering similar information about earlier Grand Marshals, the Irish Mothers of the Year, the Parade Co-Chairs, and honorees of other Irish organizations was beyond the scope of both the Parade history and Eagle Scout initiatives.

Margaret Lynch and David Patrick Ryan will share their research on Parade Grand Marshals, but we would also love to fill in the information gaps on other honorees. Everyone is invited to share brief biographical information on or photographs of other honorees—either in person or via email at iaasadmin@gmail.com. We all have a share in preserving our community’s heritage.

Trustees:

Executive Director: Margaret Lynch, PhD.
PRAISE FOR THE DAY WE CELEBRATE:

"[This book] is destined to become a permanent part of what we know about ourselves and our community." -- Dennis Dooley, award-winning journalist and founding IAAS board member

Book News: Summer Sales

• Stop in at the IAAS table at the Irish Cultural Festival at the Berea Fairgrounds July 20-22 in the Temple Bar and Museum hall. See http://clevelandirish.org/ for further information about the Festival.

• The Day We Celebrate will be on sale after the IAAS talk at the West Side Irish American Club on Sunday, August 5, at 2 pm.

• Also on sale at Casey’s Irish Imports, Plant Magic Florists in Willoughby, Mac’s Backs on Coventry, Loganberry Books on Larchmere, and the gift shop at Western Reserve Historical Society!

• $50 sales price--credit card, cash, or check--for in-person sales at the Cultural Festival or WSIAC.

• $55 online via PayPal on IAAS website at www.irisharchives.org (includes sales tax and shipping).

• $55 sales price for ordering via mail (includes sales tax and shipping).

Mail order form with check payable to: Irish American Archives Society P.O. Box 91756 Cleveland, OH 44101-3756

Questions? Contact iaasadmin@gmail.com.

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# of books: ____ x $55/each = __________Amount

Can anyone identify any of the children from St. Patrick’s on Bridge in this 1954 Parade photo? Send identifications to iaasadmin@gmail.com.

Order your copy of The Day We Celebrate while limited quantities are still available!

Photos from our 2018 Walks of Life dinner honoring William M. Denihan, Myles Gallagher, Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, SND, and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O’Connor.


Hon. Brendan and Michelle Sheehan, W. Craig Bashein.

Christopher Denihan, Robert Denihan, William M. Denihan*, Patrick Denihan, Daniel Denihan.

Hon. Brendan and Michelle Sheehan, W. Craig Bashein.

Honory Elders Patrick McConville, Colleen Reali*, Patrick Murphy.

Richard Basheen, Patrick Cordon, Timothy Collins, Colleen Reali**, Patrick Murphy.


Ron Miller, Janice Murphy*, Deirdre Miller.

L-R: Current or past honoree. **IAAS Trustee. Photography by Marianne Mangan.