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Save the Date!

Thursday, February 27, 2020
5:30 pm

Annual Walks of Life Awards Dinner

See back cover for an announcement of our 2020 Honorees!

Windows on the River
2000 Sycamore Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

Donation \$75 (\$35 tax deductible) or \$150 VIP ticket (\$90 tax deductible)

Contact Margaret Lynch at iaasadmin@gmail.com by February 4 if you are interested in ad or table sponsorship opportunities. Invitations will be mailed in January.

The Day We Celebrate, our lavishly illustrated book about the history of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cleveland, is still available for purchase online at www.irisharchives.org for \$50, including sales tax and shipping.

Taimid ag suil le do comhlúadar
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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2019 Year in Review

Irish American Archives Society doesn't have a venue for hosting talks, so we work with host partners who are interested in cosponsoring talks and other kinds of presentations. Although we do not start the year with a slate of planned talks, our calendar fills up every year nonetheless. 2019 was no exception.

We worked with a particularly wide range of partnering organizations in 2019: The McNeeley Library and Forever Young groups of the West Side Irish American Club; the Padraic Pearse Library of the Irish American Club East Side; Roots of American Music, Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University; Cleveland's Irish Cultural Festival; the Baseball History Museum at League Park, the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland; the Achill Heritage Centre, and an informal genealogy group that meets at P.J. McIntyre's. Executive Director Margaret Lynch, IAAS Board President Tom Corrigan, and IAAS Board Member Kevin O'Toole gave talks, and we promoted talks by Mick Mulchrone of the Tiernaur Oral History Group (brought to Cleveland by Jack Kilroy); Tom Kelly of Baseball Ireland and Cleveland sports writer Dan Coughlin; and Vincent English of the Achill Heritage Centre. The subjects ranged from Irish immigration and landlords to Irish lawyers to Irish "Gangs, Gangsters, and Gamblers," among others.

Please consider an "annual donation" to support our mission of public history during the coming year!



Bob Zimmer, founder of the Baseball History Museum at League Park, and sports writer and 2013 Walks of Life Honoree Dan Coughlin at "Irish Night" at League Park in August.



Thomas J. Scanlon, a 2004 Walks of Life Honoree and longtime IAAS Board Member, has been chosen as Grand Marshal of the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade! Tom, pictured here during a radio interview with 2007 WOL Honoree Gerry Quinn, was a driving force behind the ambitious Johnny Kilbane sculpture and Parade history projects undertaken in recent years by the Irish American Archives Society. He helped to found the Irish American Charitable Foundation and the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland and has been bringing distinguished Irish judicial and government officials to Cleveland every year for more than two decades. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Tom and look forward to cheering him on as he marches down the avenue on March 17, 2020!

2020 Walks of Life Honorees Named

On February 27, 2020, at Windows on the River, IAAS will honor five 2020 Walks of Life recipients. All of these persons have given generously of their time and talent to make this community a better place for all. Look for more details about our 2020 honorees in our January newsletter:

Timothy J. Cosgrove, Squire Patton Boggs, Outgoing Board Chair, Cleveland State University; Mary Quinn Griffin, Assistant Provost, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University; Helen C. Malloy, longtime officer, West Side Irish American Club; Patrick T. Murphy, Dworken & Bernstein, Executive Director Emeritus, United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland; and Hon. Leo Spellacy, Sr., Retired Judge, Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals and Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.



One of our 2020 honorees, Judge Leo Spellacy, Sr., with his wife Zita, at last year's Walks of Life dinner.

Trustees: Ken Callahan Jr., Dan Conway, Thomas D. Corrigan, John Coyne, Ray Daull, Margaret (Meg) McGarry, John Myers, Erin O'Toole, Kevin O'Toole, Jim Proctor, Colleen Reali, Thomas J. Scanlon. **Trustees Emeritus:** Rosemarie Feighan DeJohn, Helen C. Malloy, Mary Karen O'Neil, Gerald Quinn, J. Gerard Sheehan **Executive Director and Newsletter Editor:** Margaret Lynch, PhD. **Photos** of Tom Scanlon and Judge Spellacy by Marianne Mangan.