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Thursday, February 27, 2020,
5:30 pm

Annual Walks of Life Awards Dinner

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Walks of Life 2020 Honorees

The Walks of Life Award dinner is the signature program of the Irish American Archives Society, which was founded as a non-profit organization in 1994 by the late Professor Thomas F. Campbell. The Society preserves, presents, and promotes the history of the Irish in northeast Ohio. Bestowed annually since 1997, the Walks of Life Awards recognize living Clevelanders and northeast Ohioans of Irish heritage whose attainments in their chosen and diverse Walks of Life have been truly remarkable and stand as an inspiration to others. The awards preserve for posterity a record of their achievement.

Timothy J. Cosgrove

During his 40-year career, Tim Cosgrove has worked tirelessly on behalf of the citizens of Cleveland and the state of Ohio. As a result of his efforts, he has been recognized as an Ohio Super Lawyer and is one of Ohio's most highly recognized lobbyists.

At age 18, Tim was working as a waiter at a downtown restaurant when one day George Voinovich, then the mayor of Cleveland, sat down at the table he was serving. The teenager apparently impressed the mayor because a few months later Tim was offered a job in the city's Community Development Department.

Originally from Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood, Tim earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Cleveland State University and a law degree from the university's law school, all while working for the city and as a waiter in downtown restaurants.

In 1987 when Tim was only 26, he was named as an assistant to the mayor of Cleveland, helping oversee the Mayor's State and Federal Government Policy Agendas. Five years later, when Voinovich became Ohio governor, Tim was appointed Director of Legislation and Policy and was responsible for driving the Governor's agenda through the Ohio General Assembly. While working for the Governor, he also helped to oversee the development of the Gateway project and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, among other civic undertakings. Tim decided to leave government work in 1993 and joined the Cleveland-based law firm of Squire Patton Boggs. He credits his work in City Hall for giving him the practical experience in government and politics that has led to his present success.

He has lobbied the Ohio General Assembly in major policy areas including tax reform, economic development, health care, science and technology, and finance. He helped secure state financing for a variety of Cleveland developments and works on behalf of many of Cleveland's most influential and important institutions.



Timothy J. Cosgrove (continued)

Now a partner at Squire Patton Boggs, Tim was appointed to the Cleveland State University board of trustees in 1997 thru 2007 and served as board chairman for four years. He later was appointed to the Cleveland State Foundation and became its chairman in 2016. Last May, he was reappointed to the university board and now serves as board vice chairman.

Tim and his wife, Kimberly, live in Kirkland. They are the parents of Michaela, Ian and Dawson.

Dr. Mary Quinn Griffin

Mary Quinn Griffin is recognized as an international leader in nursing science and education. Throughout her career, she has educated nursing students both in the United States and in Ireland. In 2013, she was recognized as one of the 20 top nursing professors in Ohio. She was named to the 2016 Irish Education 100, an honor bestowed by the Irish Voice that recognized Mary as one of the top 100 educators of Irish heritage committed to excellence in education in the United States.

Mary was born in Dublin to Celine (nee Mulloy) and James Quinn. After obtaining her early nursing education in Salford, England, she returned to Dublin as a midwifery teacher. During her time there she educated hundreds of midwives and received a Master's in Education from Trinity College as well as a diploma in advanced statistics. She came to Cleveland in 1992 to pursue advanced degrees in nursing from Case Western Reserve University.

After obtaining her PhD degree from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), she was offered a teaching position at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing where she is now Associate Dean for Global Affairs and serves as the university's Assistant Provost of Outcome Assessment and Accreditation.

In 2011, she co-authored the book "A Nuts-and-Bolts Approach to Teaching Nursing," which was designated by the American Journal of Nursing as a top-ranked "Book of the Year" for nursing education. The book, from Springer Publishing, is now in its fourth edition. She also has authored or co-authored more than 60 articles in peer-reviewed journals, plus more than 30 book chapters.

In November 2019, she received the Excellence in Education award from the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing in recognition for her achievements in the field of education.

Mary has an extensive link through her mother's family in Cleveland that goes back four generations of the Mulloy, White, Goggin, McNamara and Patton families. She has participated in many endeavors in Cleveland's Irish community, especially with the West Side Irish American Club where she volunteers at the annual Reverse Raffle held in honor of her uncle Steve Mulloy.

She has created and implemented successful study abroad programs for nursing students at CWRU and universities in Ireland. Through this program, students gain insight into the differences in roles and professional work in the two countries, ultimately empowering leadership and a robust exchange of ideas and best practices.

She is on the Advisory Board of RelateCare, an Irish healthcare communications consultancy and outsourcing organization with its U.S. headquarters based in Cleveland.



Helen C. Malloy

When Helen Malloy was elected president of the West Side Irish American Club in 1983, she was believed to be the first woman president of an Irish organization of that type in the United States. She served as president for 12 years and remains on the club's board.

In 2005, she became the second of only three female Grand Marshals of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in the parade's 177-year history in Cleveland. One of Helen's major projects after she became president of the West Side club was to oversee the club's move from a former movie theatre at West 96th and Madison Ave., with limited parking space, to its present location on 27 acres in Olmsted Township, which the club had purchased several years earlier. When the club opened its new facility in Olmsted Township in 1990, it had more than 3,000 members and was considered the largest Irish organization in Cuyahoga County.

Helen has been a life-long member of the West Side Irish American Club. In her younger years, her parents, Patrick and Catherine Malloy from County Mayo, would take her and her brother, Bill, to various cultural activities sponsored by the club. She was elected the club's queen in 1971, as well as co-chair of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1993, and was named the club's Woman of the Year in 1999. She also was co-chair of the Ohio Irish Festival in the 1980s and was honored by the Irish Music Academy of Cleveland in 1996. Her many commitments to Irish American organizations include service on the Board of Trustees of the Irish American Archives Society; she has been a longtime IAAS delegate to the United Irish



Societies of Greater Cleveland and is an IAAS Trustee Emeritus.

After graduating from St. Joseph Academy, she started working at the East Ohio Gas Co., where her father had worked for 42 years. She retired from the company's advertising department in 1995 after 38 years. She also served on the board of the company's credit union.

She is a lifelong member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish on Cleveland's West Side and serves on the church's Finance Committee. She is a strong supporter of Fr. Jim O'Donnell and the Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist. Her most treasured family memory was a trip to Ireland with her brother, where they shared the experience of meeting cousins and seeing where their parents were born.

Patrick T. Murphy

It's easy to assume that someone with a name like Patrick Murphy would be Irish, but this Murphy affirms his ethnicity with his dedication to his Irish heritage. Pat, Executive Director Emeritus of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, provided the impetus for a coffee-table sized book on the 175-Year History of the Cleveland parade, *The Day We Celebrate*, and recruited the Irish American Archives Society to work in partnership with the Parade Committee to produce it. He also served as an officer and trustee of the West Side Irish American Club during the planning and construction of its Olmsted Township facility.

Pat was born in Polranny, County Mayo, and came to Cleveland with his family when he was a year old. After graduating from Lakewood High School, he received a degree in political science from Kent State University. He attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law where he was awarded his law degree in 1986.

As a partner in the Cleveland law firm of Dworken & Bernstein, he specializes in medical malpractice and nursing home abuse cases. He is a member of the Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum for his efforts in achieving compensation for his clients. Pat has the distinction of being named one of the top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association and has been designated as an Ohio Super Lawyer by Thomson Reuters. In 2007 the Public Justice Foundation named Pat a finalist for Trial Lawyer of the Year for his part in winning a \$52 million class action judgement on behalf of injured workers. In 2015 Pat was selected as part of the Irish Legal 100 and was honored at the Irish Embassy in Washington D.C.

Pat is a founding member and officer of the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland. In August, Pat will travel to Ireland to chair the Society's Irish American Law Symposium, which will take place in both Dublin and Galway. The symposium focuses on legal issues facing both the United States and Ireland. He co-chaired a similar meeting in 2016. He has also served as a trustee of the American Heart Association in Cleveland.

He and his wife, Carlene, are the parents of Kelly & Kurt Tarkany, Timothy & Samantha McKenzie, and Daniel Murphy. They are also grandparents of Breck, Keegan and Madeline.

Hon. Leo M. Spellacy

In his 44 years as a judge, Leo Spellacy has presided over hundreds of cases in Northeast Ohio and has received national recognition for his judicial service. He served as president of the 290-member Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association and has conducted seminars on judicial administration throughout Ohio.

After graduating from St. Ignatius High School and Georgetown University, Leo enrolled in Case Western Reserve University's School of Law in the mid-1950s. While he was a law student, his older sister, Margaret Spellacy, was elected a judge in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, which, he said, influenced his decision to become a judge.

He served eight years as an assistant to the legendary Cuyahoga County prosecutor John T. Corrigan prior to his election to Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court in 1968. He was elected to the Common Pleas Court to four consecutive terms, serving from 1968-1990, and was Presiding Judge from 1975-1990.

In one of his most noteworthy cases, he presided over the second trial of Sam Sheppard, who had been found guilty 10 years earlier of killing his wife, Marilyn, in their Bay Village home. In the second trial, the jury found Sheppard not guilty.

In 1990, the judge was elected to the Eighth District Ohio Court of Appeals and was re-elected in 1996. After his retirement in 2001, through 2013, the Ohio Supreme Court assigned him to help oversee the Asbestos Docket, which directed and combined cases from throughout the country to the Eighth District court in Cleveland.





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Hon. Leo M. Spellacy (continued)

He served on the boards of the St. John and West Shore Hospital and the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association. He also served as president of the St. Ignatius High School Board of Regents and was recognized by his alma mater with the Cardinal Robert Bellarmine Award for a lawyer alumnus and (twice) with the Father Gerald Garvey Award for outstanding alumnus. He was chairman of the Judicial Conference of the Eighth Judicial District and served as a trustee of St. Mary’s Seminary.

He and his wife, Zita, are residents of Rocky River. Their sons, Kevin, John, and Leo Michael, are all lawyers, while their daughters, Mary Stilphen, Megan McCuen, and Kathleen Mangan, are all physical therapists.

Mystery Photo Prize

In honor of one of our distinguished 2020 Walks of Life Honorees, Helen Malloy, we’ll give a free copy of *The Day We Celebrate* to the person who can supply the most names for this “Mystery Photo” of the 1961 West Side Irish American Club Ladies Drill Team (included in *The Day We Celebrate* on p. 125). Deadline is February 26; submit answers by email at iaasadmin@gmail.com or by mail at Irish American Archives Society, P.O. Box 91756, Cleveland OH 44106-3756.

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



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