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Annual Walks of Life Awards Dinner

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Walks of Life Honorees

Daniel Chambers

Dan Chambers, son of the late Eileen (nee Gallagher) and Daniel B. Chambers Sr., is the third-generation leader of his family's funeral home business. Dan Sr. was only in high school when his father, Wm. F. Chambers, the founder of Chambers Funeral Homes, died suddenly in 1950. William's wife Agnes decided to keep the business running until her two sons were old enough to take over. Wm. F. Chambers, Jr., earned his funeral director's license in 1955 and his younger brother Daniel in 1959.



Dan's grandfather immigrated to Cleveland in the mid-1920s from Shramore, near Newport, in County Mayo. He opened his first funeral home on Madison Ave. at West 85th Street in 1933. Four years later he moved his young family to a new location on Rocky River Drive across from St. Patrick Catholic Church. The family now operates funeral homes in Berea and North Olmsted in addition to the one on Rocky River Drive. As he watched his father help to grow the business, Dan, the oldest of five children, was motivated to learn more about its operation. He paid careful attention to the ways in which his father and uncle helped and assisted families at their most difficult of times. Absorbing their lessons, he now serves as president, funeral director, and embalmer at the family-owned business.

Dan attended St. Edward and Fairview high schools before attending Xavier University. After two years at Xavier, he decided to commit to the family business. He enrolled in the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in mortuary science in 1991. He obtained his funeral director's and embalmer's license a year later. Dan, 52, is a longtime member of the West Side Irish American Club, serving 30 years on the club's board and currently as the club's vice president. He also is a member of the Mayo Society of Cleveland.

He currently is a board member and past president of the West Shore Rotary Club and a member of the North Olmsted and the Olmsted Falls Chambers of Commerce. He also served as a member of the City of Fairview Park Planning Commission. Dan and his wife Kathleen (nee Campbell) have been married for 26 years and are the proud parents of five children: Daniel III, Fiona, Emmett, Ronan, and Bridget. They live in Olmsted Township.

James F. Doyle

Few Clevelanders may be familiar with Hemingway Development as a local business name, but since Jim Doyle established the company with brothers Fred and Greg Geis 14 years ago, it has played a major role in the redevelopment of downtown Cleveland and the Midtown Corridor.

The trio decided to help rebuild Cleveland and started with the neighborhood along Euclid and Carnegie avenues. The state of Ohio had just pledged to spend millions of dollars to help Cleveland expand its technological and research capabilities. Since

A FREE TALK AND A PODCAST:

"Irish Neighborhoods in Cleveland"
With IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch
and researcher Bernie McCafferty
Sponsored by the Cleveland Metroparks

Thursday, March 31, 2022, 7 pm
At The Canalway Center
4524 E 49th St, Cleveland, OH 44125



Lynch and McCafferty discuss the early settlement patterns of the Irish in Cleveland. You may have heard of Whiskey Island, Irishtown Bend, and the Angle, but there's a few other settlements that you may be less familiar with. Find out what our panelists think may have been our city's earliest Irish "neighborhood."

THE IAAS PODCAST IS ALSO FREE!

You can listen to the IAAS Podcast, "Finding Home" whenever and wherever you want. The Podcast, which delves into a variety of topics relating to the history of the Irish in Cleveland, is approaching 75 episodes and 7,000 listeners. Access the episodes via a link on the homepage of the IAAS website at www.irisharchives.org. The current podcast series offers interviews with community members who have devoted their time and talent to clubs and other undertakings in the Irish community.

A recent interviewee was Tom McManamon. Three generations of Tom McManamons have been an integral part of Cleveland's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Tom's grandfather, a City Engineer and project manager of the Irish Cultural Garden, was a leader of the Irish Civic Association, which reorganized the Parade in the early 1930s. Tom's father, a City Sidewalk Inspector who also founded an insurance company, led another Parade reorganization in 1958 and served as the first Executive Director of the United Irish Societies. Our podcast interviewee carried on the family insurance business, served as UIS Executive Director from 2001-2004 and is the Grand Marshal of the 2022 Parade.

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then, the partners have completed more than \$300 million in ground-up construction, along with renovations, in the City of Cleveland with much of its focus in the Midtown Corridor. They have redeveloped a half million square feet of space, now largely occupied by technological and medical research firms. Many of the firms are innovative offshoots of research begun by either the Cleveland Clinic or University Hospitals.

A native Clevelander, Doyle got his start in real estate in 1974 after graduating with a degree in finance from Xavier University. His first job was with a mortgage company founded by his father and later sold to Mellon Bank. In 1985, Doyle decided to start his own commercial mortgage banking company and cofounded Capstone Realty Advisors. Under his leadership, the company grew to nine offices in six states with more than \$3 billion a year in loan production, servicing a portfolio of more than \$10 billion. He sold the company to PNC Bank in 1999.

Doyle's peers recently recognized his significant accomplishments in the business world when he received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Association for Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), the trade association for commercial real estate developers.

Doyle, 70, has generously shared both his time and assets with the community. As an example, shortly before Christmas in 2016, he parked at a meter near a Midtown restaurant, where he was meeting some clients, when he realized he had nothing smaller than a \$100 bill. A woman begging nearby saw his dilemma and offered him some change for the meter. He was so thankful he gave her the \$100 bill. The exchange made him think of the many poor residents living in the impoverished area who would not have enough money to buy Christmas presents for their families. Wanting to do something to help, he contacted the police department to offer an idea for a "Secret Santa" event: officers would identify residents in need and then give them a \$100 gift card that Doyle would provide. He felt the gesture would help foster a stronger relationship between police and citizens. The following year, the Cleveland Police Foundation presented Doyle with the foundation's Edward A. Lozick Memorial Man of the Year Award, which recognizes an individual for their business acumen, philanthropy, and commitment to the community.

Jim and his wife, Patti, residents of both Shaker Heights and Naples, Florida, are parents of sons Jim Jr. and Patrick, and daughters Amy Boyle and Kerry Christy.

M. Colette Gibbons

With more than 40 years of legal experience focusing on commercial and bankruptcy law, Colette Gibbons is considered an expert in her field, using her legal knowledge to help clients navigate the financial complexities of their lives.

Colette grew up in Canton and attended John Carroll University, where she graduated cum laude in 1973. Three years later, she received her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. In 2021, Colette was inducted into the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Hall of Fame.

In 1976, she joined the Cleveland law firm of Hertz, Kates, Friedman & Kammer. At the time, interest rates were approaching 20%, causing many individuals and companies to file for bankruptcy when they were unable to pay bills. The law firm asked Colette to handle many of these cases. That's when she began to learn the intricacies of insolvency and bankruptcy law.

Colette joined the Kahn Kleinman law firm in Cleveland in 1983 and was named a partner in 1987. In 2002, she became a partner and Cleveland Office Managing Partner for the Columbus law firm of Schottenstein, Zox and Dunn, which combined with Ice Miller LLP in 2012. Colette continued as the Cleveland Office Managing Partner of Ice Miller through 2017. In 2018, Colette joined McDonald Hopkins, where she now serves as a lawyer and fiduciary in bankruptcy and receivership cases.

Throughout her highly accomplished career, Colette has received numerous recognitions for her expertise including being admitted as a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy where she recently completed a five-year term as a member of the Foundation of the American College of Bankruptcy. She has also been named five times as one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers in Ohio and has been included in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business-Bankruptcy/Restructuring.

Colette has also devoted herself to community service. A long time Board member and Past President of the Board of the West Side Catholic Center, Colette has also served on the Board of Seeds of Literacy. For her alma mater, John Carroll University, she has participated on the National Steering Committee and Alumni Board of Trustees and currently works with the Cleveland-Marshall Leadership and Law Program and its law students.

Colette and her husband of 32 years, Harlan Hertz, a retired lawyer, make their home in Westlake. Together, Colette and Harlan have 4 sons -- David, Lee, Andrew and Brian -- and 9 delightful grandchildren -- Sam, Madeline, Alyssa, Joshua, Alex, Erin, Anne Colette, Greta, and Molly.



Ryan Marrie

In 2006, Ryan Marrie signed on as the first employee of Ohio Real Title, a company launched by two Cleveland lawyers in 2005. The firm was founded by Marrie's father-in-law, Donald McFadden, and Manbir Sandhu, the title company's CEO.

As the title company's current president, Marrie now runs an agency that has 135 employees and 9 offices in Ohio and has expanded into Florida. Ohio Real Title was recently selected one of America's fastest growing businesses by Inc. magazine. Ohio Real Title last year had revenue of \$26 million, which Marrie said makes the company the largest real estate title agency in Ohio.

Marrie, 44, grew up in South Euclid and attended Brush High School. He majored in Broadcast Journalism and Political Science at Ohio State University and interned at WTAM Radio. After graduation, he spent a year-and-a-half as a sports reporter and anchor at WMFD, a television station in Mansfield, before switching to his present career "as an assistant to an assistant" at First American Title in 2001.

Despite the challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, Marrie described his company's last two years as the "most successful years in our 16 years of existence." The company's office in Naples, Florida, opened in September 2021. He attributes the company's success to finding committed employees; the workforce includes a balance of experienced title professionals and those who have joined from outside the industry, including college interns.

Ohio Real Title has supported The Cleveland Pops Orchestra, University Hospitals Rainbow and Babies, Seidman Cancer Center and Child Free Care Fund. Marrie joined the board of the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and currently serves as development co-chair. As President of The Mayfield Sand Ridge Club, he successfully negotiated and navigated the sale of the Club to local business leader Monte Ahuja.

Marrie's grandfather, Thomas Marrie, immigrated from Tourmakeady in County Mayo to Cleveland, finding work here as a trolley car conductor. He and his wife, Winifred Heraghty, a native of County Galway, were married in Cleveland in 1932. Marrie met his wife Terri while lifeguarding at Bexley Pool in South Euclid. Terri is a teacher at Hawken Middle School. The couple has a daughter, Claire, 18, a freshman at Northwestern University, and a son, Connor, 16, a sophomore at Hawkins Upper School. The family lives in Highland Heights.

Cheryl Hagan O'Malley

When entering Ursuline College after graduating from St. Joseph Academy, Cheryl Hagan O'Malley thought her career would be in education. But after her sister Kellie joined Ursuline's nursing program a year later, Cheryl decided that a nursing career might be more interesting. She is very happy about that decision now.

As vice president and chief transformation officer at Southwest General Health Center in Middleburg Heights, Cheryl supervises nearly a hundred nurses along with nurse practitioners who work in home health, case management, the Seidman Cancer Centre, remote patient monitoring, and diabetes, palliative and hospice care. She and her team of nurses make sure that the hospital's patients can safely transition from one level of care to another, from the hospital to another facility or to home or home care.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from Ursuline in 1983, Cheryl went on to obtain a master's degree in nursing and holds a doctorate in nursing degree from Chamberlain College of Nursing. She began her career as an intensive care nurse at the former St. John's Hospital in Cleveland, years later Cheryl would serve as the Chief Nursing Officer of St. John Medical Center in Westlake. Prior to joining Southwest General, she served in management nursing positions at Lake Health Medical Center, Fairview Hospital, and University Hospitals, in addition to St. John Medical Center in Westlake.

Even with her administrative responsibilities, Cheryl said when she sees other nurses overwhelmed by patient needs, she always takes the time to help out. "Being a nurse is an honor and a privilege," she said, "because when patients are at their worst, it is very, very humbling to be able to care for them. I am very privileged to have an RN after my name." Cheryl, 63, grew up in Rocky River, one of nine children of William and Mary Catherine Hagan. Three of her sisters are also nurses. For the last two years she has served on the board of directors at St. Joseph Academy, where she enjoys introducing students to the nursing profession.

Cheryl and her husband, Terence, are the parents of sons Matthew and Martin, and daughters Bridgid and Sarah. They have one daughter in law Tiffany, and a granddaughter Allannah Rose. A new little one is expected in June. The family home is in Fairview Park.

