



**IAAS Walks of Life 2005
Patricia Dowd**

Patricia Dowd is well known throughout the Irish American community for promoting the culture and her ongoing support for and participation in numerous functions and activities.

Pat is one of six children; her parents were native Clevelanders but her grandparents were Irish. She grew up in Cleveland, in St. Agnes and St. Aloysius parishes. She attended Ursuline Academy, graduating in 1958, then studied elementary education at St. John College and eventually taught at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School in Wickliffe. She next moved on to a career in business at Snider Blake and later expanded her skills and career as a personnel and purchasing manager for 27 years.

Pat's love of her Irish heritage took her into a new career as she became the founder and owner of Irish Moments, an Irish ceramic and porcelain gift-ware business. Many have received her gifts or seen her creations at craft fairs, Irish festivals, specialty shops and the East Side and West Side Irish American Clubs. Currently Pat is back in the business world as office manager for a local industrial firm.

She is a charter member of the Irish American Club East Side, has been an officer for many years and served on numerous committees. She is also a member of the West Side Irish American Club. Currently she is president of the Padraic Pearse Center and was a member of the Famine Memorial Committee. Her work promoting Irish culture has been outstanding and recognized by many. She was honored as the 2002 St. Patrick's Day Parade co-chair and the East Side Club's "Member of the Year".

A tribute to her has been summarized: "Whatever needs to be done, Pat is there to lend a hand and loves to be involved. She is proud of her Irish heritage and does whatever she can to promote it and keep it alive."

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