

2015 Walks of Life Honoree

Terence P. Joyce

Terry Joyce, business manager of Building Laborers' Union Local 310 and president of the Cleveland Building Trades Council, had large footsteps to follow when he joined Local 310 in 1987. His father, Terry Joyce Sr., had served as a labor leader in Cleveland for more than 30 years and was a significant contributor to Irish causes after his immigration from County Mayo to Cleveland in 1956.

The younger Joyce said he "is very proud of my Irish

heritage" and each year tries to get back to Ireland, where he is known as Terry *Og*, Gaelic for *small* Terry.

The St. Ignatius High School graduate attended Loyola University in Chicago, where he received a degree in accounting. He was a member of the Leadership Cleveland class of 2007 and is on the board of the Cleveland Citizen, America's oldest labor newspaper

As an example of his love for his Irish ancestry, each year for the last five years, Joyce has gathered together a group of local musicians to record a live CD at the Harp. Proceeds from the CD, called "Sending It All Back Home," which he sells for \$10, are donated to the Pope John Paul Center, a home in Galway City for those who have been diagnosed with autism.

Last year Joyce spearheaded a project to build a Purple Heart Home in South Euclid for the family of a serviceman injured in an explosion while he served in Afghanistan. Local 310 members donated their time in building the house.

Joyce, a former member of the Archives Society's board, helped provide assistance in coordination with Vintage Development Group for the installation of the Johnny Kilbane statue in Battery Park. Besides Local 310 members, workers and equipment were donated by Marous Brothers Construction, Bricklayers Local 5 Ohio, MK Masonry and Norris Brothers Company.

Joyce and his wife, Nicole, have a five-year-old daughter, Aislinn. The family lives in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland.

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