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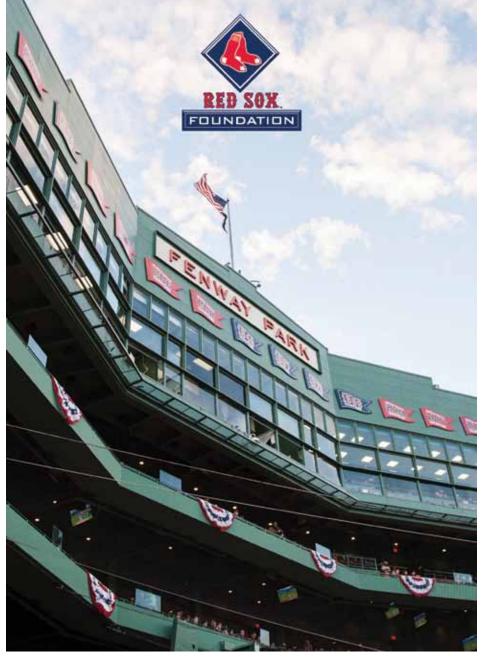


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Welcome to the seventh annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon.

This event was founded in 2010 as a way to celebrate the contributions of Irish-American families and individuals who have brought honor and distinction to our city and region over many decades.

The Boston Irish Reporter and its co-founder, Ed Forry, conceived of the Honors as an extension of what the newspaper has strived to do since 1990: Chronicle our history by telling the stories of our people, stories that are not those among us who have often told elsewhere.

The hallmark of so many of the honorees through the years has been humility - even a sort of reluctance, at first, to accept the accolade. In a way, this common reaction is what makes these individuals and families so deserving. They embody the quiet dedication and the steadfast work ethic that has driven the progress of the Irish in America, especially here in Greater Boston.

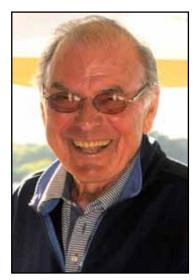
As the years advance, it has become increasingly important that we do acknowledge excelled. They remind us of the accomplishments and sacrifices of our ancestors, many of whom arrived on these shores at a time of great hostility towards immigrants. It is the foundation that they laid so sturdily that gives us cause to celebrate on this day.

This year's honorees former US Sen. Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Jim and Mary Judge, and the Leary family: Joe, Kevin, Mary and Elizabeth - move us to recall the struggle and the triumph of our predecessors. their personal In and

professional lives- as both individuals and familiesthey inspire us and our fellow citizens with their dedication to our country, to our Commonwealth, and to the neediest among us. We salute them and we welcome you to this annual observation of the best in our Boston Irish community.

On behalf of the Boston Irish Honors committee, thank you for sharing your day with us.

> Bill Reilly, Chairman Boston Irish Honors Luncheon



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About Our Cover

The painting on our cover was created by Kanturk, Cork native Vincent Crotty, who drew inspiration from a Bronze Age decorative disc discovered in County Derry in 1939. From a central spiral, three others uncoil to form slightly looser spirals that end internally with bird heads. The book "Ireland's Treasures: 5000 Years of Artistic Expression" describes the disc in more detail: "More astounding than the remarkable precision of the lines is the method of execution — the painstaking grinding down of the undecorated surfaces of the metal until the design stands out from it in a uniformly raised relief." Now living and working in Dorchester, Vincent Crotty is a longtime friend and distant cousin of BIR publisher Ed Forry. The artist created this work in 2010 for the inaugural Boston Irish Honors event. Today's honorees will each receive a framed giclee of the artwork. Boston Irish Reporter 26th Anniversary ©2016, Boston Neighborhood News, Inc.



The Boston Irish Honors 2016 Exemplary Boston Irish Family

Devotion to faith, family, good works fill center of the Judge family universe

By Bill Forry Editor **Boston Irish Reporter**

Jim Judge will never forget the day he encountered his future father-in-law, Jack Cahill, on the front stairs of a three-decker on Holiday Street in Dorchester. It was early in his courtship of Mary Cahill and it was a Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Jack carefully balanced his way down the stoop while carrying an aluminum platter bulging with a freshly cooked ham, a holiday meal prepared by his wife, Maura. As was the case every Easter, and on most holidays, it was a home cooked meal with all the fixings and it was en route to the Pine Street Inn.

A few months earlier, Jack had been abruptly "let go" from his job as a steel craftsman at the All Stainless company. He'd worked there for 19-and-a-half years and was just about to be eligible for a pension when he was cut loose. For the first time since he emigrated to America from Cork City in 1954, he was without a job.

"You can imagine, they had nine kids and he was out of work for six months," recalls Jim Judge, now 60. "And here he was, bringing this meal out of his home and heading for the shelter. It was a simple gesture, but it impacted me, greatly given the turmoil in his own life."

"It was an indication of the character that's in her DNA," says Judge, 60, referring to Mary, his wife of 35 years. It was also a character trait that Judge, himself born and raised in St. Peter's Parish on the side of Meetinghouse Hill, knew well from his own home.

"I'm so fortunate that my parents are still alive," Judge told the BIR in a recent interview. "My dad [Jim] was a Boston cop who retired at 65 after 30 years of working nights in Roxbury. My mom [Cathy] was a volunteer librarian at St. Peter's and a daily presence there. "At my core, I'm just a guy from St. Peter's and I wouldn't trade it for anything." Since their marriage in 1981, Jim and Mary Judge have raised a family of four - Courtney, James, Sean, and Jack. More recently, they have welcomed five grandchildren to the fold. They now live in Hanover, but are fixtures in Boston's neighborhoods to this day, giving back with the same quiet, purposeful resolve that Judge spotted in Jack Cahill's face on a Dorchester porch back in the early 1970s. The Judges have thrived in more public ways in recent years. Last April, in a promotion that made headlines across the country, Jim



Jim and Mary Judge on their wedding day in 1981. Below, time for a hug three All photos from family albums decades later.



was named the new president and CEO of Eversource Energy, the utility company that serves more than 3.6 million customers across New England. Judge, who had served as the company's chief financial officer since 1995, succeeded Tom May, 68, who had led the company for more than two decades.

"My parents were born here in Roxbury, but were of very strong Irish descent and very proud of it," explains Jim. "My father's parents were from Lahardene, at the foot of a mountain in County Mayo. My mother's roots were Bantry Bay, Cork. She is a McCarthy

here and they played the traditional roles of domestics, working for wealthy families. So many of our roots come from that generation that did what it took to succeed. I'm proud of those roots."

For families like the Judges and the Cahills, life in 1960s and 70s Dorchester extended just beyond the parlors and porches of tightlypacked three-decker battleships and into Ronan Hall, the school gym at the parish school, and the ball fields of the hilltop park that was also named for the founding pastor at St. Peter's.

"Ninety-five percent of our life was St. Peter's church," recalled Mary, who is the eldest girl in a family that included her older brothers Jim and Shaun, followed by Donal, Gerry, Peggy, Noreen, Kathleen, and Patrick.

"All of us when to parochial school. We left the house at 7:45 and were back home for lunch. My parents were very involved – dad was a collector and was very involved with St. Vincent de Paul Society. And, every St. Patrick's Day, we all walked out with an Irish bread to bring to each of the nuns."

Jim and Mary have known each other since their sandbox days. "He likes to tell people he met me in diapers," laughs Mary. It's almost certainly true. "He's been my brother's best friend since kindergarten."

Mary's oldest brother, Jim Cahill, met Jim Judge at age 6 and the two, along with a crew of six other neighborhood kids, became best buddies for life. When they weren't in class or working, they played CYO baseball and BNBL hoops in Ronan Park. The park was their refuge well into adulthood and even after many of them moved from the neighborhood.

"Jim hit the lottery because of his parents," recalls Jim Cahill. "His and she was always quick to tell father was a Boston Police officer and gave him a lot of guidance. None of our friends had dads in BPD or in the utilities and some of them came from dysfunctional homes. But Jim and I were lucky enough. We came from strict, immigrant households and our parents led by example." "Jim's dad wasn't a typical cop. He was calm, nice, a straight guy. He wasn't an A type personality to Jim and his sister Cathy. He worked hard. So Jim was very disciplined in academics and was always working, too - with paper routes, summer jobs with city, vou name it." Jim cut his own trail away from Meetinghouse Hill in high school - trekking out daily to the wilds of West Roxbury to attend Catholic Memorial.

Just months into his role as CEO, Judge's path from St. Peter's Grammar School to his current perch atop the Pru still seems like a stretch, even to the couple themselves.

"I've said to him so many times, Jimmy and I never had a dream when we started out," recalls Mary. "It was simply to have a good life, a good marriage, and a good family. We just dug in and worked hard every day. When he was named CFO at 37, I remember we were both really stunned. It was a leap of faith on Tom May's part. But it was really about work ethic. And no one has worked harder than Jimmy has."

There's no question where he learned it.

anyone that the McCarthys were the kings of Ireland.

His dad played the accordion and his mum had a "very good singing voice." They performed what Jim remembers as a "kitchen racket" – a kind of in-home seisiun that fueled the party at any occasion.

"There were lots of Irish songs every Christmas and really on any holiday, or any wedding or wake, they were the cornerstone. I loved it and so did my extended family," said Jim, who marvels not only at his dad's long career as a policeman, but at his mother's work as a librarian and the generation that preceded her as new arrivals to Boston.

"My mother has fond memories of her grand aunts. They came





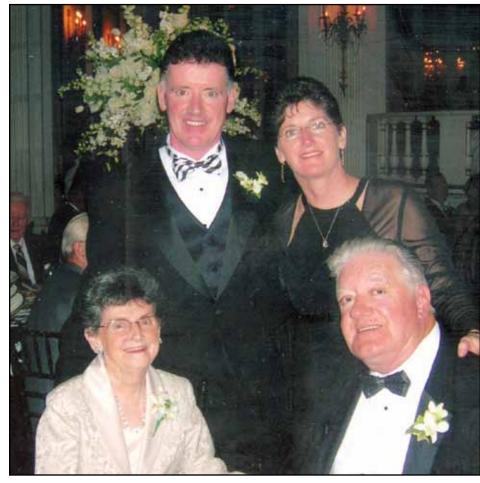
In 2014, two generations of Cahills and Judges smiled for the camera at St. Finbarr's Club in Cork City at the dedication of a pitch wall (rear) in memory of Mary's father Jack, a top-flight GAA athlete in his day.

"Jim didn't go there as part of a crowd, he was the only one from our group in St. Peter's," said Cahill. "But he had a strong commitment to what was bred in him in those eight years with the nuns in St Peter's. And the Christian Brothers continued that."

Cahill was delighted when his best friend and his older sister became an item. "I wasn't surprised," he said. "I think any time your best friend is marrying your sister, we were all very happy about that. And they were both St Peter's people."

The couple's most direct connection to Ireland is through Mary's family. Her mom Maura, the oldest of seven Scanlan children, met her father Jack on a train to Cork City from Dublin, where they'd both attended an All-Ireland hurling match. "He said to her: I'd like to see you tomorrow night, but first I'm doing a novena," says Mary.

They were married in Cork in 1954 and that fall they made



in 1954 and that fall they made Jim, his sister Cathy, and their parents, Cathy and Jim, in Summer 2009.

Jim observes: "We go every couple of years with her extended family — over 30 of us go over. And it's exposed me to the Irish culture I wouldn't have seen otherwise."

The Cahill clan moved their camp to Milton in 1973 "very reluctantly," and Jim and Mary were married in 1981 in her new parish, St. Gregory's in Lower Mills. They had started dating around age 19, after Mary graduated from Monsignor Ryan Memorial and took a job at Boston Edison. Jim would soon make his way to the Edison, too, after completing his studies at Babson College.

"Jimmy was the first in his family to go to college among his cousins," recalls Mary. "That work ethic was the same with his schoolwork. He studied the longest, he was the last one at the library."

"The other night we were at a wedding and a woman said to me, 'I met your husband 30 years ago and I told my husband, I think I just met the next CEO of Boston Edison. He was so smart and so great with people." Judge says his experience at the Eversource helm so far has been like an extended "honeymoon" period. "Tom May did a wonderful job in terms of passing the baton. The company just finished our best year ever in terms of reliability," he said. "I've got 8,000 dedicated employees that I continue to be blessed with and they really do try to do the very best they can every day." Judge's focus is on continuing to position Eversource, already ranked number one in its industry for clean energy efficiency, to rely less on fossile based fuels.

"the leap" across the pond. "It was a fluke, really," said Mary. "My mother's younger brother – my uncle Liam – was a delayed vocation and went into the priesthood and he offered the visa to my parents and they said 'yes.'"

They were sponsored locally by one of her mother's uncles, James Courtney, who had emigrated to Boston in the 1930s. Maura, who had two years of business school education, a rarity for a woman at the time, took a job at Jordan Marsh. Jack, who left a sure-fire job offer in Cork, struggled to find employment in Massachusetts, but eventually landed in the stainless steel factory.

Even as they began to raise their young family in Somerville, Cambridge, and, later, Dorchester,

Ireland still beckoned. They nearly moved back to Cork in the early 1960s, but they were reluctant since their young children were not Irish citizens.

"My mother was very homesick," said Mary, who noted that Maura and Jack were the only members of their immediate families to leave Ireland. "They both left big extended families. I have 104 first cousins in Ireland."

The Cahill connection has become the Judge family's most endearing link with the Ould Sod. Her mom's father, Sean Scanlan, was one of the Fenians who rose in rebellion against the crown in 1916 and read Padraig Pearse's Proclamation of the Irish Republic aloud in Cork City. "It was always so much a part of who we were, but especially in the last eight years, we've learned so much from my mom," said Mary, who spent the summer in Cork with her parents in 1969 and still visits regularly, often on large family trips. "We go back and forth a lot. But I think from the historical side I'm much more invested in it. I cannot believe the suffering and the lives these people had."

Recently, the Judge and Cahill family made a donation to build a practice facility for St. Finbarr's National Hurling and Football Club in Cork City. It's the team that Mary's father, himself a top level GAA player, played for before leaving home.

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The Boston Irish Honors 2016 for Distinguished Public Service

For Paul G. Kirk Jr., Democrat, it's 'all about the work, not the credit'

By MARTIN F. NOLAN

His middle name is Grattan, after Henry Grattan, the Dublin orator who fought for Irish parliamentary freedom. Charles James Fox, the British leader, called him "the Irish Demosthenes."

Paul G. Kirk Jr., a political leader and for 40 years confidant of the Kennedy clan, has seldom heard praise for his speechifying. As a captain in the US Army Reserve, he was known as a tough, fair officer. In his career as a political organizer and Senate aide, he was known for something unusual in Washington: silence.

"He's an amazing listener," according to Caroline Kennedy, US Ambassador to Japan. "It's all about the work for him, not the credit." That rare trait was cherished by her uncle, Edward M. Kennedy, who recruited the darkhaired young Bostonian after Kirk worked in Robert F. Kennedy's presidential campaign of 1968.

"I'll give it two years," Kirk told Kennedy several times. The temporary assignment multiplied into decades as the senator came to depend on Kirk. In "True Compass," Kennedy's memoir, Kirk and his wife Gail make frequent appearances: at Harvard football games (Paul played on the varsity in the 1950s); at Thanksgiving and other family dinners in Hyannis Port; and sailing on Nantucket Sound.

The senator may also have been a matchmaker. Paul and Gail met when they were working in Kennedy's Senate office. In the 1960s, senators often banned intraoffice dating, but as Kennedy told me, "That's a stuffy, old-fashioned custom. Gail and Paul are made for each other! You know that! What's the Latin phrase?" "Amor vincit omnia? "Yes," Kennedy roared. "Love conquers all!"

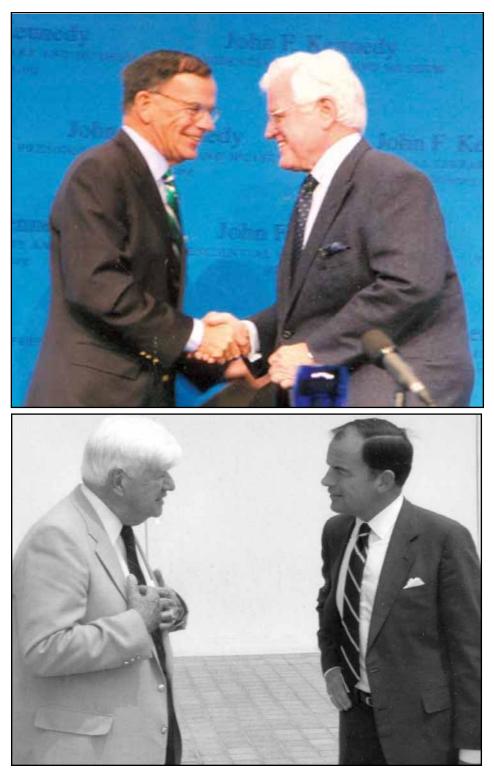
Now 78, the Newton-born Kirk and Gail live on Cape Cod in Marston Mills.

THE PARTY MAN



Paul Kirk, chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1985 to 1989, is shown banging the gavel at the party's convention in the summer of 1988. He has played many roles for the Democratic Party's cause during his life, working closely with legendary Democratic stalwarts like Ted Kennedy, shown below with him in 2005, and Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., in 1990.

All photos courtesy of the Kirk family



and loyal son of the Mattoon Street neighborhood of Springfield, where he learned politics at the ward-and-precinct level.

O'Brien, who later became commissioner of the National Basketball Association, knew what a "ground game" relies upon. "Political organization is not complicated," O'Brien would say, "but it is hard work, and not many people care to perform it 10 or 12 hours a day."

Kirk listened in 1985 when friends urged him to seek the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. The party was still recovering from nominee Walter Mondale's 49-state loss to President Reagan's re-election effort. Even Massachusetts went the Gipper's way; the Republican incumbent won 51 percent of the Bay State's vote.

Running for national chairman is seldom easy. Among the halfdozen contenders Kirk faced were formidable opponents from the South and West. Former North Carolina governor Terry Sanford was supported by other Southern governors. California State Chairman Nancy Pelosi had been endorsed by New York's governor, Mario Cuomo, and its senior senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

The Massachusetts candidate had the support of the most reliable voting bloc in the Kennedy era's success in American politics: labor union members. With their help, Kirk won the chairmanship.

In 1987, Nancy Pelosi was elected to Congress and went on to become the first female Speaker of the US House of Representatives. In her storied and formidable career, the only time she lost an election was to Paul Kirk.

As DNC chairman, he supervised get-out-the-vote efforts in the 1986 congressional elections when Democrats made a modest comeback, winning five House seats and eight in the Senate. Kirk then became involved in shaping the future of American presidential politics. He listened in 1987 when a newly formed nonprofit group, the Commission on Presidential Debates, asked him and the chairman of the Republican National Committee, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., to serve together. Since 1976, presidential debates had lacked the two parties' official endorsements and had been targets of candidate manipulation. Fahrenkopf, a Nevadan, was an ardent Reagan Republican but he and Kirk agreed to share the chairmanship. They became friends and remained so after Kirk left the commission in 2009. Kirk did not run for re-election at the DNC, returning home to Boston. He was a longtime member

The senator's dependence on Kirk grew. Kennedy asked him to be his personal lawyer, representing him in divorce proceedings. After Kennedy's death in 2009, Kirk was master of ceremonies at the televised funeral. Kirk also carried out the provisions of his friend's last will and testament.

It seemed almost inevitable that when Gov. Deval Patrick was seeking to name someone to a short stay in Kennedy's Senate seat, he considered many worthy names, but Massachusetts ended up with US Sen. Paul G. Kirk

As a young Kennedy aide, Kirk "was lucky enough" to make the acquaintance of Larry O'Brien of Springfield, a close adviser to President Kennedy, Postmaster General under President Johnson,



of the law firm of Sullivan & Worcester and became involved in civic causes, including chairmanship of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. He also served as a director of several companies, including ITT, Bradley Real Estate, and the Hartford Financial Services Group.

Today, Kirk serves as chairman, CEO, president, and treasurer of Kirk & Associates Inc. He is of counsel to the law firm Sullivan & Worcester, where he was a partner from 1977 to 1989.

A loyal alumnus of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, he has often returned to the playing fields of Cambridge. He is past chairman of the Harvard Board of Overseers nominating committee and is the chairman of the Harvard Overseers Committee to Visit the Department of Athletics. He has been a trustee of St. Sebastian's School and at Stonehill College, which awarded him an honorary degree.

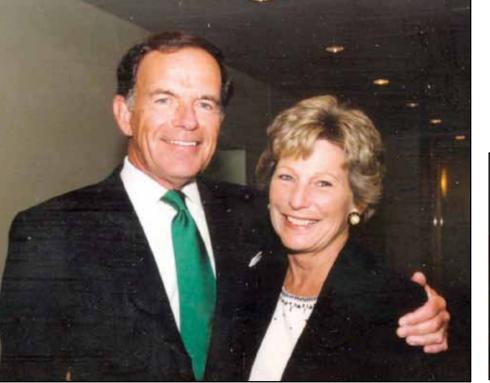
In 1999, his interest in football attracted Boston civic leaders who were alarmed at the prospect of the New England Patriots moving to a new home in Connecticut. Hartford was offering the NFL franchise a new stadium on the banks of the Connecticut River.

Even though some NFL owners disliked the idea of swapping the Boston television market, the nation's sixth largest, for the smaller Hartford market, the clock was ticking down in Foxborough.

Luck and an Irish connection

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THE FAMILY



Clockwise from top left: Paul and Gail Kirk in 2002; Paul and his mother in 1981; Paul and his siblings, Christmastime 1998; Col. Paul G. Kirk, Sr., home on leave from World War II service, his wife, Josephine (O'Connell), and children in 1943. Paul is next to his mother.









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The Boston Irish Honors 2016 Exemplary Boston Irish Family

Joe, Patsy, Betty, and Kevin Leary learned their lessons of faith and charity at home

By Jack Thomas

The story of the Leary family of Boston is rooted in an event so shameful in Boston history that it's not talked about much, but in the summer of 1834, Protestant thugs burned the Ursuline sisters' school and convent in Charlestown and drove the nuns out of Boston.

Nearly a century later, in 1928, a young Dorchester woman, Mary Nolan, graduated from an Ursuline school, the College of New Rochelle in New York. In 1946, she collaborated with Boston Archbishop Richard J. Cushing and others to induce the Ursulines back to Boston to establish Ursuline Academy on Arlington Street. She helped raise funds, and sent her two daughters to the nuns' school. Today, the academy prospers on a 28-acre campus in Dedham, offering independent Catholic education to 430 girls in Grades 7 through 12.

Joseph and Mary Leary's children continue their mother's mission on behalf of the Ursulines, an order of sisters founded in Brescia, Italy, in 1535, and noted for its commitment to the education of girls.

One afternoon in October 2015, 182 years after the devastation in Charlestown, Mary's daughter Patsy was at home in Milton with her husband, Stephen A. Dowling, and they were mulling a number of charitable gifts. His success as an investment banker has made them wealthy. While lugging laundry to the cellar, Patsy turned to Steve. "I want to give some money to Ursuline."

"Okay, how much?"

"I think a million dollars would be nice."

"If you want to do that, honey, you can. Go ahead."

Afterwards, Patsy wept in gratitude for his acquiescence and for the opportunity to honor the memory of her mother.

When it was announced in August that the Leary family



Newlyweds Joseph and Mary Frances (Nolan) Leary



• Joseph F. Leary Jr., 83, of Newton, father of two, was an executive at Gillette, then the longtime president of The Irish American Partnership, which encourages education, employment, and economic development in Ireland. He met his wife, Eileen, while she was a nurse at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and they married in 1959. She died in 1981.

• Mary Patricia Leary Dowling, 81, of Milton, managed the Admirals Club for American Airlines at Logan Airport. Ursuline Academy will honor her at its annual Brescia Ball at The Lantana in Randolph on Saturday, Nov. 5.

• Elizabeth Ann Leary Horrigan, 78, of Avon, CT, mother of three sons, is a nurse, and a hospice caretaker.

• Kevin W. Leary, 75, of the South End, father of four, is founder and owner of VPNE Parking Solutions, a \$30 million company that provides valet parking at hospitals and donates 10 percent of its net income to charity. In the past decade, he and his wife, Mary Kelleher, have given more than \$3 million to charity. Now coping with illness, Kevin retains a charm, insight, and remarkable humor. In telling a story, he loses his way, then apologizes with wit: "Last July, I had a bunch of seizures," he said, "and I've had difficulties with memory. I'm sorry, but I've forgotten the story I was just telling, but I can assure you that it was a fantastic story, very funny and very compelling.

All four Learys have degrees from Boston College, and the men served in the military, Joe in the Army, in the military police, and Kevin in the Navy, aboard a destroyer.

At Kevin's South End condo, over a lunch of tuna, turkey, and roast beef sandwiches, the anecdotes and funny stories

would be celebrated at the 2016 Boston Irish Honors luncheon, no one asked why. For half a century, the Learys have contributed to peace in Ireland and, philanthropically, many millions of dollars to such causes as Nativity Prep, Boston College, The Irish American Partnership, and Boston Health Care for the Homeless.

In their contributions to the culture of Boston and to its business, educational, and charitable communities, the Learys symbolize the influence of Irish Catholics on American life from the middle of the 20th century.

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So, let's meet the current generation:

The Leary children: Patsy, Joe, Betty, and Kevin.



And some years later: Kevin, Patsy, Joe Sr., Betty, and Joe Jr.

roll forth about the quaint life at Ursuline Academy in the 1950s.

- Because the nuns were cloistered, a policeman had to be summoned to escort the girls across Arlington Street to the Public Garden. "The policemen were happy to do it," said Patsy.

- Both sisters shudder to recall the uniforms they wore: green bowler, white blouse, green bolero jacket, green jumper, thick, white cotton stockings, and what Betty calls Girl Scout shoes, ugly oxfords.

- "Every day after school," recalled Patsy, "we'd head across the street to the Ritz-Carlton, and use the ladies room to comb our hair and take off those horrible stockings. Then we'd go to Schrafft's for ice cream." Noted



Betty, "My mother would not have approved of Ritz visits."

- It was proximity to the Ritz that enabled Betty to shake hands with history. "One day, as I approached, I saw a crowd, and as I got close, I realized it was Winston Churchill arriving, so I slipped into the lobby at the Ritz and bought a cigar, a cheap one, because I did not have much money.

"As Churchill walked into the Ritz, I presented him with the cigar, and he thanked me, then looked at the label and probably realized it wasn't very good. The Secret Service, or whoever, stepped in and gave it back to me. I sill have the cigar upstairs, although it's probably corroded and fallen apart."

Of the two sisters, Patsy was the saint, and, metaphorically at least, Betty the sinner.

"When I was in ninth grade, I skipped school to go to a movie, and it was stupid, because there were so few girls in my class – 11 at graduation – that any absence was conspicuous. Well, I was suspended, and although my mother did not find it amusing, my father thought it was hilarious that he had to go with me while I apologized to the nuns. Yes, I was a rascal, but do you know what? I'm very glad."

The Learys were more Catholic than Irish, or as Joe put it, extremely Catholic. "The house at 480 Brook Rd. in Milton was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," he recalled. "There was a big picture of the Sacred Heart on the wall, over the RCA floor-model radio - there was no television - and we'd all go into the living room as a family and kneel and say the rosary – my mother, father, the children, and grandmother. And no there was no fooling around about it. Father saw to that."

At the death of their mother in 1955, another Catholic rite was singed into the memories of her children: "My mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in April," said Patsy, "and she died on Dec. 31, midday, at home, in her bed."

For Betty, it was a moment of unique intimacy are a reminder of how rapidly life (Continued on page 12) | latter, the graceful, three-story brick "I remember it vividly," she said.

She was then 17 and a student in nursing at Boston College. "The family had circled the bed, and I was holding my mother's hand while the priest was reading a Prayer for the Dying: "... Heavenly Father, take away fear in the heart of our loved one who's about to see You ..."

"I interrupted and said, 'I think she's gone.' "The priest checked and said, 'Yes, she's gone,' and we bowed our heads and continued with the prayer. Now, it may have been my nurse's training, but I had accepted it would happen, and so, I didn't think of it as traumatic, and I still don't. It was a beautiful Catholic experience."

The wake, however, brought a less than beautiful moment.

Consistent with Irish tradition, Mary was waked from the family home, and as Joe recalled, among those attending were former Boston Mayor James Michael Curley and a monsignor with whom Curley often feuded.

"Curley and his entourage were in the dining room, and when the monsignor entered, the two of them started arguing so loudly with my mother in the casket in the next room - that 25 people crowded into the dining room to hear Curley."

Fifty years after their childhood, one aspect of Catholic life in the Leary household remains a mystery.

"After Mass, my father would get a glass of water, then bless himself and take a sip," said Betty. "Three times, he did that, and then he'd fill glasses for the rest of us, but none of us can recall why we did that. I guess he was washing down Communion, but I never heard of anybody else doing it. And my father didn't even go to Catholic school - he went to Boston University, then Northeastern Law."

According to catholic.com, "in some cultures, the faithful follow the pious practice of drinking water before taking plain nourishment after Communion. Such acts, while praiseworthy expressions of reverence, are voluntary and are matters of custom, not legislation."

Litanies of life in the Leary home

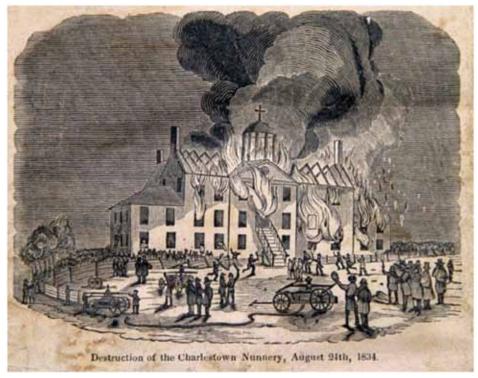


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FIRES OF HATE

By Peter F. Stevens BIR Staff

message radiated menace:

To the Selectmen of Charlestown! Gentlemen – It is currently reported that a mysterious affair has lately happened at the *Nunery* [sic] in Charlestown. Now it is your duty, gentlemen, to have this affair investigated immediately; if not the Truckmen of Boston will *demolish* the Nunery Thursday night – August 14.

The "mysterious affair" that the epithets filled the evening air. handbill referred to was that of The "Truckmen's" rage against Sister Mary John, a young nun at Irish Catholics seeking a new Charlestown's Ursuline convent. life in Boston and environs had On July 28, 1834, she had lurched in a daze from the convent, showed up at a nearby home, and had been the gate. returned to the convent, where she was calmed by her fellow nuns.

With Boston's anti-Catholic, anti-Irish fervor simmering from Hampshire-born bricklayer who rumors of "Popish plots" and from stood six feet, six inches. At 11:30 inflammatory books and articles warning that Irish immigrants, in hand, stormed into the convent. "Papists," would destroy Anglo-America, many locals imagined nuns had evacuated their sobbing something sinister behind Sister Mary John's "ordeal." Chief among rumors were wild tales of "deviant" behind the wall of the convent.

Catholics and Boston Protestants all - dispatched "water-wagons"

and perched on a Charlestown slope close to Bunker Hill, symbolized The Aug. 9, 1834, missive's the inroads of the growing Irish community so threatening to many Bostonians. Ironically, many of the girls studying and boarding at the convent's school hailed from prominent Protestant families who considered the all-female academy as the best in the region.

> By 8 p.m. on August 11, 1834, a mob of Yankee workmen had gathered in front of the convent's gateway. Anti-Irish, anti-Catholic irrevocably targeted the convent.

Torches cast an eerie glow outside

The crowd, up to several hundred strong, was led by twenty-nineyear-old John Buzzell, a New p.m. Buzzell and his boys, torches The mother superior and her students to a "summer house" at the rim of the convent grounds.

Flames erupted from every behavior and secret, bloody rituals corner of the convent at 12:30 a.m. Fire bells pealed across the city, and Antipathy between local Irish the engine companies - Yankees had never run higher, and for the and crews to the blazing convent. Once there, they did nothing but watch the blaze. The convent was a charred ruin by sunrise. Buzzell and eleven other rioters stood trial for the crime. Only one, a youth, was convicted, and he was quickly pardoned. Boston's outraged Irish heeded Benedict Bishop Fenwick's appeals not to retaliate. The Boston Galaxy acknowledged: "The Irish population have been remarkably orderly and quiet." The flames of August 1834 burned not only Charlestown's Ursuline convent, but also the very soul of Boston's Irish community. For years, the burning of the convent remained tangible proof of the obstacles the Boston Irish would overcome. The Ursulines were not to return to Boston for more than a century.

convent, less than seven years old



Fathers & Sons: Joseph F. Leary, Jr., his son, Joseph F. Leary III, Kevin Leary and his son Kevin.

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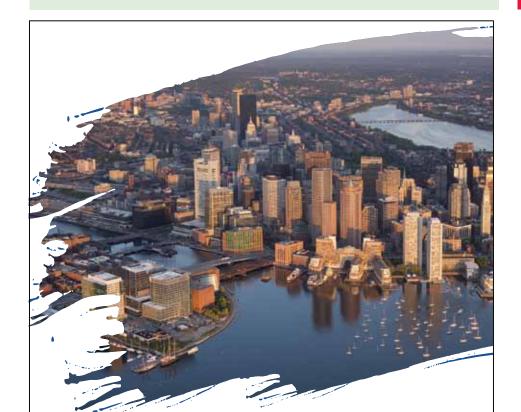
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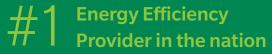
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The Boston Irish Honors 2016 Exemplary Irish Family

Home-grown spirit of faith, generosity highlights the Leary family's way of life

(Continued from page 9) in America has changed.

Joe was eight years old that day of infamy, Dec. 7, 1941, when his mother returned home to report that she'd heard on the radio that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. "I wondered, where the heck is Pearl Harbor," Joe recalls, "and so we looked it up."

He awoke the next day to a shock, an endless line of antiaircraft guns along Route 28 heading from Otis airbase on Cape Cod to Boston Common.

A terrible presence overcame us. We didn't know what war was, but we learned quickly, because suddenly there were German ships off Boston, and German spies on Cape Cod. My father was issued a helmet and assigned to a tower at Milton Academy to watch for German planes."

In the age before television and before sophisticated radio news, many people looked to newspapers as the primary source of world events. In the late spring of 1944, as Americans awaited news that the Allies had invaded Europe, 11-year-old Joe was something of a celebrity as he delivered morning and evening Boston newspapers in Milton. "My mother said to me that I'd be the first to get the news, and if the newspapers had a story about the invasion, I was to call her right away."

Politically, the Learys look back yearningly on their generation as comfortably swaddled in the Democrat Party. "I don't recall anybody in my family being Republican," said Joe. "Perish the thought," chimed in Kevin's wife Mary.

Although they agreed on 99 percent of political issues, being Irish, the family would ferret out the one percent and argue it to death.

To the discomfort of the Learys, the political alliance has shifted.



Thanksgiving Day 1946 at the Leary household in Milton. Mary (Nolan) Leary is in the center of the second row.

Patsy rises from her seat, picks up a spoon from the table, and approaches her questioner menacingly, and when near, she snaps the spoon like a captious nun. "CRACK!" she says. "You'd

get a rap on the knuckle." "The one thing we did know about everybody who lived on our street," says Joe, "was who was Catholic and who was Protestant. If there was a dividing line, that was it: religion. Remember, at that time, we were not permitted to go into any Protestant church, even for a wedding. I did go to a Jewish wedding, but only after I got permission from the church." The oldest sibling, Joe made his mark, first, as an executive at Gillette for 30 years, and then for 28 years as president of the Irish American Partnership, a nonprofit that supports education, job training, and economic development in Ireland, North and South. Headquartered in Boston, the Partnership, with more than 5,000 members, is one of the largest Irish American organizations in the United States.

Feeney, the philanthropist, and although it took the new president three visits, the person he recruited to be chairman was former Marine Corps Commandant Paul X. Kelley, whose military manner made an to write a monthly column impression in Ireland.

One of Joe's first stop was the *Reporter*. office of House Speaker Thomas

Joe was recruited by Charles meeting a payroll, raising funds, maintaining a public image, and balancing the seesaw of Irish politics. He's embarked on a new passion, Boston history, particularly before the Revolution. He'll also continue about Ireland for the Boston Irish

What would their parents say

"In the next generation, among our nine children and the cousins, there are a lot of Republicans and bitterly conservative people," says Joe, ruefully.

"We had a dining room table," he continued, "and we'd sit down on Sundays for dinner with aunts and uncles, and there was no inhibition on conversation except that my father would never permit disparaging remarks about Jewish people or black people. In the Irish community, there was a lot of bigotry at the time, and there may still be, although probably less, but not at our table, never, never, never."

"If my father heard it, you were in trouble," said Kevin.

How would he express disapproval?

P. (Tip) O'Neill, although the first today about the four Learys and moments were bumpy.

"You IRA, Leary?"

"No, sir."

"How do I know that?"

"Call the British and the American Embassies. They'll tell you."

O'Neill's endorsement helped raise money in mail campaigns and at golf tournaments. Leary shuttled to Ireland more than 70 times and listened to lectures by Cardinal Cahal Daly, who wagged his finger, barking in a brogue: 'We've got to bring the IRA into the government.

Over 15 years, the Partnership issued grants of \$20 million to almost 300 projects in Ireland.

Having retired Aug. 31, Joe no longer worries about

about the award from Boston's Irish community?

Joe does not hesitate. "They would wish better health for my brother, Kevin, but they'd be happy that we're all together, and about my sisters and brother, Patsy, Betty, and Kevin, my parents would be proud of their success, their generosity, and their goodness."

The poignant silence that follows is broken, at last, by Kevin.

"They'd be proud of you, too, Joe."

"I hope so."

Jack Thomas was a reporter, editor, columnist, and ombudsman during a 40-year career at the Boston Globe.



The debates: 'They reveal much about both candidates'

By Peter F. Stevens **BIR Staff**

As the former head of the DNC and co-founder with Republican Frank Fahrenkopf of the Commission on Presidential Debates in 1987, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., is uniquely qualified to assess the role they has played in every presidential campaign since then.

In the overheated battle between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, numerous pundits and media have pontificated on whether the Commission is genuinely nonpartisan, as intended. Kirk relates:

"After the 1984 election, think tanks, policy groups, and many sources examined the funding of presidential campaigns, the conventions, and all other aspects of the race. Both Democrats and

were essential to voter education, that it was crucial to give voters face-to-face, unscripted looks at the candidates. The major party chairs came to a consensus on this, and Frank, I, and our teams created the groundwork for three presidential debates and one for the vice-presidential candidates."

Addressing the issue of nonpartisanship, Kirk says, "To start with, the Commission has to be nonpartisan to retain its nonprofit status. I would argue that the conduct of the Commission has remained nonpartisan."

He adds that the rise of social media has in some ways changed the nature of the debates: ""Mike McCurry [Democrat] and Frank Fahrenkopf have had to adjust to

Republicans agreed that debates an audience that gets much of their information from social media. Live-streaming, Google, Apple, Twitter, Facebook, and so on are now a big part of the political process and progress. They give the debates an even broader impact."

Discussing the viability of the debates, Kirk notes, "The Commission, I believe, did and continues to do its job. The purpose of the debates - 90 minutes each - allows for more in-depth questioning of the candidates. Whether people like it or not, the public needs to know as much as possible about the presidential candidates, good or bad. The fact is that the debates do reveal much about the major candidates. They let the voters view the contenders and allows the voters to make their own judgments."

Kirk offered his view on the often-controversial issue of thirdparty candidates. "Since its inception, the Commission has relied on candidates' eligibility on enough state ballots that they could get to 270 electoral votes. Also, the threshold of polls that expect a viable candidate to reach 15 percent of those polled allowed Ross Perot to participate in the 1992 debates. The framework for third-party candidates is there, and the courts have always upheld the approach. In any presidential election, some 200 or so people file as candidates."

In regard to the 2016 race, Kirk said, "I believe that the debates have worked to reveal much about both candidates."

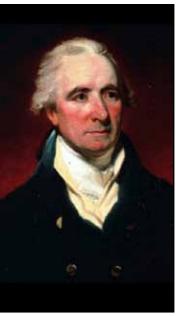
WHAT'S IN A NAME?

BY PETER F. STEVENS **BIR STAFF**

For Paul G. Kirk, the "G" stands for "Grattan" – one of the greatest Anglo-Irish statesmen of the 18th and early 19th centuries. Born in Dublin on July 3, 1746, the son of a Dublin lawyer and member of Parliament, Henry Grattan was part of a prominent family in Ireland's ruling Protestant class. Grattan followed his father's path into law and politics and joined Henry Flood's Irish nationalist movement in the 1770s.

Grattan first served in the Irish Parliament in 1775 and quickly became the oratorical titan of the nationalists. In 1778, he stood in the vanguard of the Irish Volunteers, a militia created to preserve

order in Ireland as British regiments were shipped off to fight in the American Revolution. Many dubbed the militiamen "Grattan's Volunteers." Strongly sympathetic to the American colonists' cause, Grattan and other nationalists used the Volunteers as political leverage against the British Prime Minister, Lord North, to win concessions for Ireland. Grattan compelled North to free up constrictions on Irish trade in 1779. The following year, Grattan demanded that North's government repeal Poynings' Law, which required British Parliamentary approval of any bill enacted by the Irish Parliament. Grattan's brilliant speeches and the presence of the Volunteers



HENRY GRATTAN

prodded Britain to repeal both Poynings' Law and the Irish Declaratory Act of 1719, which had given London the right to legislate directly over Ireland. So potent a force was Grattan that the Irish parliament from 1782 to 1800 was hailed as "Grattan's Parliament."

From 1782 to 1797, the Protestant nationalist another missionhad to allow Catholics into Dublin Parliament the and win voting rights for Catholics. He embraced some of the ideals of the French Revolution but decried the violent turn it took. As more radical voices for Irish Catholic emancipation emerged and sparked more repression from the Crown, Grattan criticized the measures but was unnerved by the rising militancy of the United Irishmen. Once opposed to allowing Catholics to actually own land, he struggled for changes to

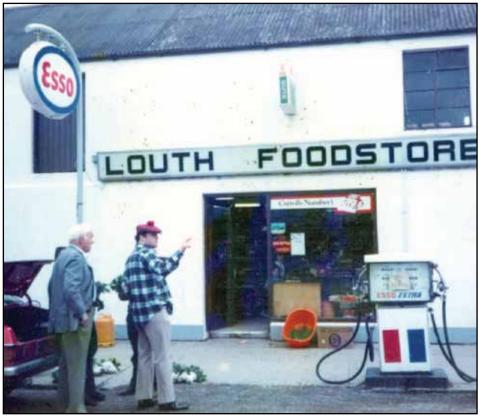
the Draconian Penal Laws against Catholics and advocated fuller rights for Ireland's Catholics.

Ailing and worn down both physically and emotionally from his political battles, Grattan from stepped down Parliament in May 1797. He was in England when the ill-fated Rising of 1798 erupted in Ireland, and after Prime Minister William Pitt announced his plan for the union of the British and Irish Parliaments, Grattan vigorously but futilely opposed the measure. From 1804 to his death, in London on June 6, 1820, he continued his fight in the House of Commons for emancipation for Ireland's downtrodden Catholics

For this party stalwart, it's 'all about the work'

(Continued from page 7) intervened, as the New York Times explained on April 21, 1999:

Blame it on Dan Rooney, the Pittsburgh Steelers' owner. Last December, Rooney and Paul G. Kirk Jr., the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, were at a reception honoring the Irish winners of the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize. They spoke about "what a tragedy it would be if the Patriots left the area," Rooney said. "I said it didn't look like anybody was doing anything," he added, "and Paul said it looked like a foregone conclusion that they're gone. I said, 'They still have to take it to the league.' Paul took it from there." Kirk's Irish roots are in County Cavan and County Louth. On the Kirk side, his grandfather left Ireland at age 14 to seek his fortune in America. One of his sons, Paul G. Kirk Sr., became an associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court.



On his mother's side, today's honoree was an O'Connell, a family that settled in Lowell in the 1850s. One of its sons was Cardinal William Henry O'Connell, who presided over the archdiocese of Boston from 1907 to 1944. After the death of Henry Grattan in 1820, the British writer Sydney Smith said, "No government ever dismayed him. The world could not bribe him. He thought only of Ireland." The Grattans, the Kirks, and the O'Connells could salute today's Boston Irish Honoree in a bipartisan fashion with a favorite saying from Ronald Reagan of the **Tipperary Reagans:** There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he does not mind who gets the credit." Martin F. Nolan was a reporter, editor, columnist, and editorial page editor at the Boston Globe during a 40-year career at the newspaper.

1979: Paul Kirk Sr., and brother Eddie in Co. Louth looking for directions to the boyhood home of John Lennon Kirk in Emlagh Townland.



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The Boston Irish Honors 2016 Exemplary Boston Irish Family

Judge family practices devotion to values

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"It can't happen overnight. We still need bridge fuels. But our company is at the leading edge of that shift in the paradigm."

Boston Globe CEO Mike Sheehan, a friend and admirer who was an honoree at the Boston Irish Honors last year, says Judge "rose to the top the old-fashioned way – he earned it."

"There is no bluster to Jim. And why should there be? He knows what he's doing, and he leads by example. Clearly, actions speak louder than words with Jim," said Sheehan. "Nobody makes it to the top without a lot of hard work and a little luck. Jim knows how lucky he's been, coming from a strong family and having deep roots in his neighborhood and community. He doesn't take any of it for granted."

Staying Grounded

Jim and Mary keep their family rooted in giving back as well. On Easter Sunday and Thanksgiving, with help from donors like SullyMac and Lambert's Rainbow Fruit, the Judges and the Cahills descend on a home near their old St. Peter's stomping grounds. The Quincy Street house is headquarters for the Little Sisters of the Poor – Saint Teresa's order of nuns - where they work a daylong effort to feed local families in need. Over the last 20 years, they have provided relief to hundreds of Dorchester and Roxbury families at no cost – other than a compulsory prayer.

"The nuns hold them up and make them say the rosary," Judge says matter-of-factly. "We'll be there again next month. Our entire family participates and it's a wonderful experience."

Judge has been a key ally for another important cause rooted



The Judge family plus one in Cork in 2014: From left, Courtney (Ceurvels), Sean, Jim, Mary, Mary Shields, the-then Lord Mayor of Cork, Lauren and James Judge, and Jack Judge.

in the old neighborhood. He he has been responsible for serves as a board member of College Bound Dorchester, which focuses on steering kids away from gangs and into two or four year colleges as a means of interrupting generational poverty and violence. The program is particularly active along the Bowdoin Street corridor where Jim and Mary were raised.

"Jim is a quiet and humble champion for Dorchester who put our youth and their future first in all that he did," said Mark Culliton, who runs the College Bound organization. "He is a Dorchester kid who did well and understands it's his responsibility to give back. In his years of service bringing more than half a million in funding to the students of College Bound. Jim and his wife Mary never forgot where they are from and the debt they owe their community. They quietly give and give to create a better future for the next generation of Dorchester kids."

The Judges carry Dorchester, and the people they met there, wherever they go.

"Our closest friends to this day are Jim's friends from first grade. We've had lots of friends along the way but we were never a couple that cared about your checkbook. When we bought our first twofamily house on Ashmont Street,

we used to say to each other, 'Who's luckier than us?'" says Mary. "I think we just never lost who we were. We've been around people who lost their moral compass. But we were brought up by parents who put faith and family first. And we have."

"The family is the center of our lives," agrees Jim. "To have my parents at their age – and Mary's mom is 91- we're just so fortunate. The rapport that they have with that next generation is so special to see. The values that they were able to try and instill in their children – you can see it in the personalities of the future generations. We're so lucky to have these role models in our lives."



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- Maureen Forry-Sorrell, President

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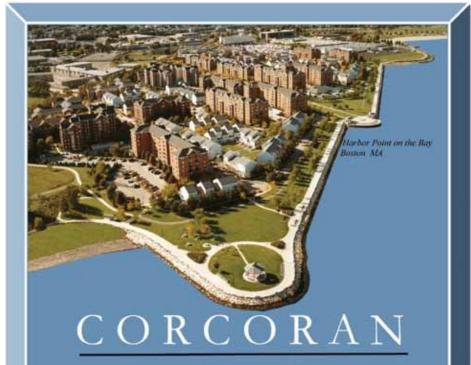


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The Evans family (from left): Paul, William, James, Thomas and John with Mayor Walsh and Ed Forry.

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Boston Globe CEO Michael Sheehan, Boston Irish Reporter publisher Ed Forry Ed Forry of the Reporter with honoree Margaret Stapleton. and Bill Kennedy, who introduced Sheehan.



<u>2014</u>



Honoring the Burke family; Katherine Craven and her family; and

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, his mother, Mary, and his partner, Lorrie Higgins.

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Honoring the legacy and the family of the late John Driscoll.



Irish Honors Awards to the-then president of the Massachusetts Senate, Therese Murray, and the Mulligan family.

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Celebrating the Muse family, the Feeney Bros. family, and Massachusetts Congressman Richard Neal and his daughter, Maura Neal Fitzpatrick.

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The Boston Irish Reporter celebrated 21 years of publishing with a gala "Boston Irish Honors" luncheon on October 20 at the grand ballroom of the Seaport Hotel. Some 400 guests joined in honoring three families and two individuals for their exemplary life work in Boston. Pictured at right are photos of family members and friends with the honorees, including the Corcoran, Mulvoy and Hunt families, and honorees former Boston Police Superintendent Kathleen O'Toole and Brockton State Senator Tom Kennedy.

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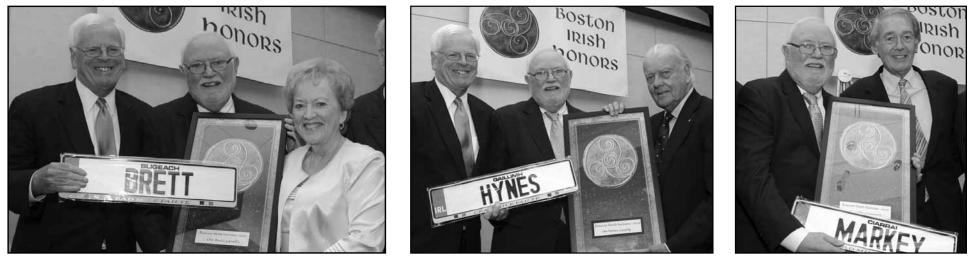
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Bob Sheridan, Ed Forry, and Peggy (Brett) McCobb.

Bob Sheridan, Ed Forry



Bob Sheridan, Ed Forry, and Jack Hynes.

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