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2012 HONOREE - ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION DINNER

Congratulations to Sean Kearns, 2012 Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Parade. Sean has contributed to the parade in many capacities for more than 20 years.

He had been named one of the top 40 Irishmen under age 40 by the "Irish Echo." Sean was the last initiated member in Houston of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He resides in Katy with his bride, Janelle.

The Celebration Dinner will take place, as usual, at the Houston Petroleum Club. This year's event is on Friday, March 16th. Our Website & future newsletters will provide more details.



Three Generations of Grand Marshals: Sean, Mary, and Jeannie.

FOR THE RECORD...

The Irish Aires Annual Picnic proved successful for the 2nd straight year. Plenty of good Irish music and a wonderful exhibition of Irish dancing by the O'Maoileidigh Dancers.

Here is IS Board Member Gregory Horan and Robe Belgau serving up lunch provided by the Irish Society.



IRISH SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERS

DR. PAULINE WARD & JOHN McMULLEN, ESQ.



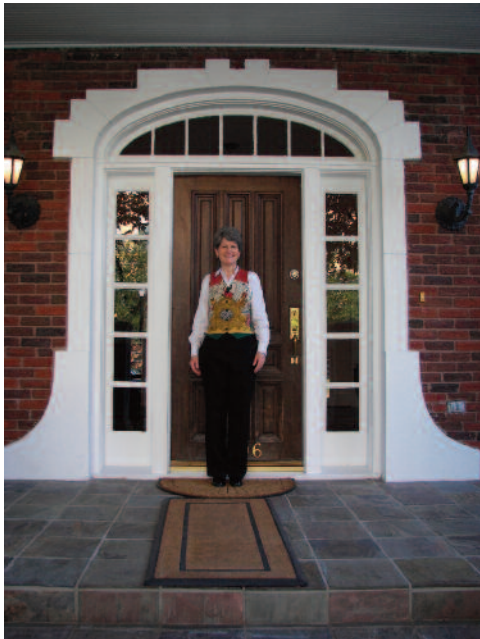
Here are two of our Board members shown at a recent Board meeting in the new Center for Irish Studies.

Dr. Pauline Ward, our Corp. Secretary was born in County Mayo. She graduated from the National University of Ireland - Galway with a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. She managed an Irish governmental graduate intern program here in Houston and was also a faculty member of Baylor College of Medicine. She now teaches at Houston Community College & U. of H. She & her husband, Native Texan Britt Crist,

have a wonderful son, Joseph, a first grader.

John McMullen is our Vice President. He is a Senior Vice President & General Counsel of Element Markets, LLC. John received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Texas. He and his wife Kimberly, along with their two delightful children, Brooke and Mathew, live in The Woodlands.

WILLIAM J. FLYNN CENTER FOR IRISH STUDIES



The Center For Irish Studies has a new home. It is located on the UST campus at 4206 Yoakum.

Irish Society Board Member & Irish Studies Center Director, Lori Gallagher is shown in front of the new facility, which has ample space for meetings & receptions.

The “official” opening of the Center will be in a forth-coming announcement.

Each year Lori hosts the Irish Gala at the Houstonian. This year the Gala is on Friday, November 4th. Please contact Lori at 713-525-3592 for further details.

BILLY CARR (1948 - 2011)

Billy Brooks Carr, age 63, passed away on August 18, 2011. A native Houstonian, he and his brothers owned and operated Mama Hattie's Hamburgers, which became everything Irish as a popular spot for Irish music and dance. In 2007, Billy and his brothers shared the title "Irishman of the Year" and in 2010, the Carr Brothers were honored by being named Grand Marshals of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The evening before that, they were the honorees at our fourth Celebration Dinner. Founders of the All-Bones Marching Band, Billy was never without his bones and he played them at every opportunity. Billy & his brothers were instrumental in the Mike "the Bold" Davitt Irish Open Golf Tournament and the Rory Miggins Irish Stew Cook-off. Billy was an avid golfer, attaining a hole in one at Clear Creek Golf Club. Billy's life was honored at various locations recently. David & Mike will gladly provide more information immediately on their icon brother Billy upon request.



"OLD FRIENDS"



Ed Mahar, President of The Irish Lawyers Association is shown here with his dear friend, Mike "Griff" Griffin, recently at a Houston political Irish get together.

We are rooting for "Griff" in his upcoming 10th attempt for City Council. Go to griffforhouston.com for more information.



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