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# The Power of a Woman

WELCOME to our second annual Most Influential Women issue, dedicated to saluting the ladies who make things happen in all walks of Irish American life.

Times are certainly tough in our recession-wracked economy, but our women leaders have proven to be most resilient. Our 2009 list of achievers, in fact, has grown from last year's initial 50 to 75-plus, proving yet again – as if any evidence was really needed – that the power of a strong and resourceful woman will shine through no matter how rough the going gets.

When compiling the profiles for this issue, it's striking to note how passionate the honorees are about their Irishness. Far from being Irish in name only, our notable women share a deep and sincere appreciation for their heritage and all the benefits it has brought to their lives.

Those who came to the U.S. from Ireland seeking their American Dreams played by the hard work rule successfully employed by the immigrants who came before them. And our honorees with an Irish parent or grandparent are equally determined to carry on the proud tradition of those who came before them.

This year we are delighted to pay tribute

to New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, selected earlier this year to fill the seat held by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a trailblazing woman if there was ever one. Gillibrand will address our honorees at our celebration later this week at the New York residence of Irish Consul General Niall Burgess – her first Irish event since taking office.

The senator's political instincts were first honed thanks to her Irish American grandmother Polly Noonan, founder of the Albany Democratic Women's Club and a major player in state politics at a time when women were more used to wearing aprons around their waists as opposed to making their political voices heard.

The past year has certainly been a challenging one for any number of reasons. But we will persevere. The women on our 2009 Most Influential list wouldn't have it any other way.

Congratulations and best of continued luck to all of our honorees!

Debbie McGoldrick  
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### SUSAN BEIRNE

ALTHOUGH born and raised in New York, Susan Beirne, the owner of Emmary Day Spa in Chappaqua, Westchester County, has always identified herself by her Irish heritage. Her parents, Eileen O'Donnell Dolan and Philip Oliver Dolan, emigrated to the U.S. in the sixties from counties Kerry and Cavan, respectively, and Beirne and her sister embraced their Irishness with gusto.

Beirne, a graduate of SUNY Purchase and the College of Massage Therapy, is also a licensed massage therapist. Emmary Day Spa is a tranquil oasis for massage therapy, body treatments, facials and spa treatments.

Married with a daughter, she says the life lessons she learned from her parents have been invaluable. "I think of the courage they had to leave family, friends and all they knew in Ireland to start a new life here in New York," Beirne says. "It's that courage displayed by my parents that has instilled in me a determination to succeed in business, as well as in life. I hope to pass this along to my daughter."



### MARY ANN CALLAHAN

MANAGING director of global relations and development at the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation in New York, and president of the Americas' Central Securities Depositories Association, Mary Ann Callahan has traveled the world as a respected industry leader in the international financial community.

Callahan achieved a bachelor's from Manhattanville College in New York, and a master's from NYU's Stern Graduate School of Business. She is third generation Irish American on both sides, and her ancestors came from Keelough, Co. Mayo and Dublin. "My maternal grandfather Harry Fullam served with the Fighting 69th during the First World War, so during my childhood, our family was proud

to see him marching every year at the front of the St. Patrick's Day parade," recalls Callahan.

Callahan has visited Ireland many times, and is involved with the Immigrant Assistant Program as well as Invest Northern Ireland with her boyfriend, Peter Kennedy, whose family, "following hand-written directions from my parents and aunt, surprised me a few years ago by driving me to the stone church in Mayo where my great-grandparents had been baptized," says Callahan.



### MARIANNE C. BROWN

BROOKLYN-born Marianne Brown is a second generation Irish American. The Concordia educated Brown is president and CEO of Omgeo LLC, the global standard for post-trade efficiency, dedicated to providing the financial community with efficient trade processing, risk mitigation, and operational stability.

Brown's father's family hail from Fermanagh, and her mother's family from Mayo. Brown began her career at Automatic Data Processing, Brokerage Services Group, now known as Broadridge Financial Services.

She is involved with Brooklyn Boy Scouts, the CIO Leadership Forum, and has served as a mentor to young women at Marymount College.

Brown has visited Ireland three times. She lives in Westchester with her husband and son.



### DOROTHY CANN HAMILTON

DOROTHY Cann Hamilton is the founder and CEO of the International Culinary Center (ICC) in New York. A fourth generation Irish American, Cann Hamilton has been to Ireland three times.

It is the people of Ireland that she loves most when traveling to the Emerald Isle. "I love the passion, the dignity, the sense of humor. I love the tie to the land without pretension," she says. "I love the oysters, the potatoes and the butter. I love the music, the dance, the Celtic mystery" A graduate of the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England and New York University, Cann Hamilton,

through the French Culinary Institute, which is part of the ICC, has worked with Fáilte Ireland to help improve the culinary education in Irish state schools.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure. It all makes me proud to be Irish," she says.



### DEBORAH CAVANAGH

DEBORAH Cavanagh is associate publisher of creative services at *Vogue* magazine, overseeing Vogue Studio, the magazine's in-house creative agency, as well as integrated marketing, promotion and events. Cavanagh also spearheaded the 2007 launch of Vogue.TV, the online entertainment network with original programming that viewers can shop as they watch, which won a MIN Best of Web award last year. Cavanagh graduated summa cum laude from Ohio University with a bachelor of fine arts in Graphic Design, and has worked for *Men's Health*, *Self*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, and *House and Garden* magazines.

A second generation Irish American on her mother's side, Cavanagh hopes to visit Ireland for the first time with her family. Her husband is also Irish American, and has relatives in Ireland. They are parents to three daughters.

"We hold Irish values dear — family, community, and the time people invest in relationships, music and culture," says Callahan of her family's Irish ties.

"I am extremely proud of my heritage and to have married someone who shares it. We feel it's not just a birthright, but a blessing."



### SUSAN CLARKE

ALTHOUGH not born in Ireland, Susan Clarke lived there for 10 years, completing high school there and earning a bachelor's in math and economics from University College Dublin.

Now the executive vice president and chief operating officer of AIU Holdings, Accident and Health Division in New York, the first generation Irish American has not forgotten about Ireland.

"Of my six siblings, five of them currently live in Ireland. So I feel as much at home in Ireland as I do in the States," says Clarke.

Married with four young boys, Aidan, Kieran, Sean and Owen, Clarke wants them to feel a strong connection to

Ireland the way she does. To ensure this, she takes them to Ireland as frequently as possible.

"I am very proud to be Irish for many reasons, but what makes me most proud is when I think of my parents who both came to the U.S. separately, at a very young age," Clarke says.

"They left behind their family and friends and the life they knew in Ireland to seek a better future for themselves."



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## CLODAGH

BORN in Cong, Co. Mayo designer Clodagh refers to herself as "a global nomad, now settled for 26 years in Manhattan."

The founder and designer of Clodagh Design, Clodagh Collection, and Clodagh Signature, Clodagh's family come from counties Louth and Cork. Her nationality means a great deal to her, and she has been returning to Ireland twice a year for the past 38 years.

"I am totally influenced by the Irish countryside, culture and poetry," says the designer.

Born in Oscar Wilde's old country home, Moytura House, Clodagh learned his epigrams before the age of 11. "The sound of

Irish laughter still lives with me," she says. Married with three sons, Clodagh lives in Manhattan.



## MARGOT C. CONNELL

CHAIRMAN of the board at Connell Limited Partnership in Boston, Margot Connell is the widow of the late William F. Connell, a first generation Irish American with ancestry in counties Kerry and Sligo.

Mother to six children and donor to many charities, including the American Ireland Fund, Harvard Business School, United Way, and Catholic Charities, Connell is also on the board of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Connell has visited Ireland many times with family and friends. She is a fan of Irish tenors Frank Patterson, Anthony Kearns and John McDermott; who have performed at her children's weddings

and her late husband's funeral.

"Irish heritage means the world to me," says Connell. "I have made many Irish friends and have made multiple visits to Ireland."



## DENISE COYLE KIRBY

DIRECTOR of sales at Liberty Helicopters for the past 13 years and fourth generation Irish American, Denise Coyle Kirby can trace her heritage back to Longford and Dublin. Coyle Kirby has been to Ireland five times, and has mixed business with pleasure on many of these vacations.

A graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology in upstate New York, Coyle Kirby believes her heritage has had a huge effect on her life.

"I take great pride in being Irish. It gave me a great work ethic, strong family

values and best of all a great sense of humor to carry through life's ups and downs. Even though I am third and fourth generation, my family always married within the Irish Catholic community in Philadelphia and we were always taught to be proud of our heritage," she says.



## SUSAN A. DAVIS

SUSAN A. Davis is chairman of Susan Davis International based in Washington, D.C. She is also chair of the board of Vital Voices Global Partnership, a worldwide organization founded by now Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Davis, a native of Wisconsin, is Irish through her great grandparents, who came to America during the Famine from counties Cork and Clare. Her business is heavily involved in Irish business and philanthropic interests. A lifelong advocate for democracy building, social entrepreneurship and leadership

development for women, Davis has been lauded for her leadership on Northern Irish issues, and for chairing the landmark U.S. Ireland Business Summit. Among her many board memberships are positions with University College Dublin, the Washington Ireland Program for Service and Leadership and the Irish Breakfast Club.

"Over the years, my interest and involvement with island of Ireland from a cultural, business and philanthropic perspective has grown steadily," says Davis, who travels to Ireland between six and eight times a year.

"It gives me great pleasure to introduce succeeding generations in our family to their own history and heritage. Now I am happily at home on either side of the Atlantic!"



## NANCY DUNPHY

AS deputy commissioner at the New York State Department of Labor, Nancy Dunphy oversees a \$7 billion unemployment insurance system as well as the New York State Department of Labor Research and Statistics function.

A second generation Irish American with ancestry in Co. Mayo, Dunphy is proud of her heritage.

"My Irish heritage provides me with a sense of family,

ethics, and a perspective on what is important in life as well as an appreciation of Ireland's rich literature, folklore, humor, culture, beautiful landscapes, cultural diversity, music, food, architectural richness, and most importantly, a wish to continue its traditions, values, and customs in a constantly changing world," says Dunphy.

She has been married for 30 years to Terrence Peter Dunphy, and is based in Albany, New York.



## MARY FARRELL

AS director of sales at Top of the Rock Observation Deck at Rockefeller Plaza in New York, Mary Farrell gets to travel to Ireland representing Top of the Rock/Rockefeller Center to the all-important Irish market.

"Being of Irish heritage means that I am a people person," says the fourth generation Irish American, who was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

"It means I can walk into a room not knowing a soul and leave with several new friends. It means that I was born the daughter of a storyteller and that I proudly carry on that great Irish tradi-

tion. It means that I treasure close family and friends and there is no greater pleasure than to be with them," says Farrell, a graduate of the hotel/restaurant management program at Middlesex County College in New Jersey.

Farrell's paternal ancestors came from Co. Longford, and her maternal ancestors from Co. Kilkenny. She'll soon be adding to her Irishness via her Dublin-born fiancé, Adrian P. Carolan.



**MARY BETH FARRELL**

MARY Beth Farrell is the vice chair of AXA Advisors, and executive vice president of AXA Equitable in New York. Born in the heavily Irish Scranton, Pennsylvania, Farrell attended the University of Scranton. Farrell joined AXA Equitable in 1999 as a senior vice president and deputy controller. Prior to this, Farrell was senior vice president and controller at Green Point Financial/GreenPoint Bank. A third generation Irish American, Farrell has visited Ireland four times.

When asked what her Irish heritage means to her, Farrell quoted famous Irish actress Maureen O'Hara, who once said "My heritage has been my grounding, and it has brought peace."



**SENATOR KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND**

SENATOR Kirsten Gillibrand was sworn in as New York's junior senator on January 27, 2009, replacing Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. Prior to her appointment to the Senate, Gillibrand served in the House of Representatives representing New York's 20th Congressional District, which spans across 10 counties in upstate New York. Throughout her time in Congress, Gillibrand has made job creation a top priority. From traditional infrastructure investment to health information technologies and renewable energy production, Gillibrand has fought to create jobs now and ensure a growing economy for future generations.

Gillibrand has always fought hard to cut taxes for the middle class by doubling the child-care tax credit and increasing the college tuition deduction to \$10,000 per family. She has also fought hard for property tax relief by sponsoring legislation that would give all New York residents a federal tax deduction for their property taxes. Prior to serving in the Congress, Gillibrand served as special counsel to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo during the administration of President Clinton. Following federal service, Gillibrand re-entered the private sector, joining one of the country's premier law firm's branch in New York City and later in Albany. After attending Albany's Academy of Holy Names, she graduated in 1984 from Emma Willard School in Troy, New York, the first all women's high school in the United States. A magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College in 1988, Gillibrand went on to receive her law degree from the UCLA School of Law in 1991 and served as a law clerk on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. She lives in Greenport, New York with her husband, Jonathan Gillibrand, and their sons, Theodore, who is five years old and Henry who was born in May of 2008. Gillibrand is the sixth woman to have given birth to a child while serving as a Member of Congress. Her Irish American grandmother, Dorothea "Polly" Noonan, was a woman's rights activist who founded the Albany Democratic Women's Club. As a 10-year-old girl, Gillibrand later said, "I would listen to my grandmother discuss issues and she made a lasting impression on me."



**ANDREA HAUGHIAN**

BORN in Lurgan, Co. Armagh, and a graduate of Queens University in Belfast, Andrea Haughian is the vice president of business development in Invest Northern Ireland. Although living and working in New York, Haughian returns to Ireland frequently. A former competitive Irish dancer, Haughian's parents instilled a pride of Irish heritage in her. "Like most Irish I have an innate wanderlust," she says, referring to her time abroad, working in Europe, Scandinavia, South Africa, Asia and now the U.S.

Haughian's work with Invest Northern Ireland is her most meaningful.

"I am very proud of the work undertaken by Invest Northern Ireland's team in the U.S., led by Senior Vice President Gerry Hanley. We are extremely grateful to the Irish American community for the support they have given the team and in particular for their invaluable advocacy of last year's U.S.-Northern Ireland Investment Conference," says Haughian.

"Even in such challenging times, we have had one of our most successful years assisting multi-national companies gain further competitive advantage by locating in Northern Ireland and benefiting from our highly educated labor pool, competitive cost base and generous support programs."



**PHYLLIS FEE DOONAN**

CONSISTENT real estate top producer, Phyllis Fee Doonan believes it was her hard work to avoid homesickness when she arrived in the U.S that has led to her success. She started her own Stamford, Connecticut real estate company, Phyllis Doonan & Associates, and hasn't looked back. The Leitrim-born mother of three and grandmother of two recalls her first few years in the U.S. "Our parents did not have land phones, cell phones or computers so communication was strictly by writing letters," she says. With this there was not too much room for homesickness. When I came to the U.S. I chose to work six days a week, 10 hours a day and this was a great experience and essentially the roadmap for my success."

A graduate of the University of Connecticut and Fairfield University, Doonan believes her Irish heritage "means the power of the Irish mother, who instilled the faith and responsibility of growing up with dignity, respect and the Golden Rule."



**SARAH GILLIGAN HYNES**

REALTOR and co-owner of Gilligan Realty, Inc., a Long Island-based real estate brokerage firm with her sister Eileen, Sarah Gilligan Hynes remembers coming to the U.S. and thinking that it was somewhere she could do something special.

"I think it was the energy and excitement of New York. I had a great amount of ambition and knew I needed a plan," says Gilligan Hynes, who was born in Long Island, New York but raised in Ireland. Her father is from Roscommon and her mother from Mayo. "My Irish heritage has made me who I am. I am in constant contact with my parents who reside in Ireland, and I look forward to going back to see them regularly.

Gilligan Hynes, married to John Hynes and mother of Tara, says that every time she goes home she gets "a sense of belonging." Her formula for success? "Stay focused and eliminate negative energy or people! Have a plan and stick with it. Always remember, you can and you will."



**LISA L. JOHNSTON**

AN attorney based in Yonkers and New York, Lisa Johnston is a proud third generation Irish American. She goes to Ireland twice or three times per year, and has a holiday home in Kilkenny.

Johnston attended Brooklyn Law School and the American University, Washington, D.C. As a member of the Irish community in Yonkers, Johnston has learned much about Ireland and the Irish.

"Living in, working in, and becoming part a of the Irish community in America has taught me that heritage need not be a stale, 'acquired at birth' right to be taken out and brushed off on St. Patrick's Day. Appreciating and

joining in the ethnic richness offered by a vibrant, animated, and thriving community can turn the abstract notion of heritage into a real cultural identity," says Johnston. Johnston was an important member of the Irish Immigration Reform Movement (IIRM) in the 1980s, working for legal status on behalf of the undocumented. She is an executive board member of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center, and her practice includes many Irish clients.

"The constant exposure in my personal and professional life to all things Irish has helped me to see and know an Ireland that is not based on caricature, romanticism or idealism," she says.

Johnston and her partner have one daughter, Clodagh.

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Kehoe has designed strategic and creative marketing programs and ad campaigns for many leading companies, including ESPN, NBC, the Food Network, Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Born in New York City, Kehoe is a first generation Irish American whose father Francis was born in Belfast. Kehoe has been to Ireland three times. She attributes her entrepreneurialism to her parents and her agency's success to her talented staff, which includes her sisters Maura and Tara.

"Being Irish is being instantly connected to an inspirational and passionate community with shared values, culture, and traditions," says Kehoe.



## DENISE LEONARD

NATIVE Dubliner Denise Leonard left Ireland's capital 10 years ago. She has not looked back since.

The owner of three successful restaurant/bars in New York – Gatsby's, Merriem Square and Firefly – Leonard received a bachelor's degree from University College Dublin and a master's from Trinity College before leaving home.

"The entrepreneurship and hard work of many Irish emigrants has laid the foundations for the establishment of many Irish bars and restaurants," she says. Leonard is proud to be a woman in a male dominated profession. "I hope to inspire other young women to strive for success as business owners and to be proud of their heritage," she says.

Leonard says that being Irish has shaped who she is. "My Irish heritage is the cornerstone upon which I have built my life. It has clearly defined who I am today and how I

live my life," she says.

"The new vision of Irish emigrants is much healthier than that of previous generations. Being born and raised in Dublin, now living in New York City, I am blessed to have the best of both worlds."



## ATTRACTA LYNDON

ATTRACTA Lyndon is the vice president, North America of Dooley Car Rentals in Ireland. Following a career as a flight attendant with Aer Lingus, and a marketing/sales executive with both the Irish Tourist Board and the Bank of Ireland in Chicago, the native Dubliner launched the U.S. office of Dooley in 1986 in her family's garage in New Jersey with \$1,000, verve and imagination.

A former president of Irish Business Organization, Lyndon is actively involved in the Ireland-U.S. Council, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and the Islam Ceili and Set Dancing Group.

"My Irish heritage is the strongest influence in forming my identity, self-worth, family and career," says Lyndon.

Born in Malahide, Co. Dublin, Lyndon has lived in the U.S. for over 30 years, and has three daughters and one grandson.



## SHEILA LYNOTT

SHEILA Lynott, senior account manager at Century Business Solutions in New York, believes that her Irish heritage has taught her many life lessons.

"It has taught me to always be aware of people less fortunate than myself. It gave me a good sense of humor so I can roll with the punches. It also taught me the value of family and the importance of preserving my culture," says the Mayo-born newlywed.

A graduate of Leeds

University in England, Lynott says she will "always support all things Irish including art, music, theatre, history, as well as GAA."

"Being Irish," she adds, "means I'm part of a larger family, a safety net that gives you a sense of security, especially when you live abroad. It means that no matter where you travel in the world, you will always find a common denominator of being Irish or having Irish heritage."



## NANCY B. MAHON

NANCY Mahon believes it is from her grandfather, a milkman, that she got "the gift of the gab."

A second generation Irish American, Mahon is the senior vice president of MAC Cosmetics in New York, and the executive director of the MAC AIDS Fund.

Having worked for over 15 years in the field of health and public safety, the Yale and New York University School of Law graduate believes her Irish heritage has given her a great appreciation for hard work, the privileges and opportunities that education brings, and the importance of

times.

"I was the first member of my family to attend an Ivy League school. My maternal grandmother, Mary Caroon Mahon, who never completed grade school, emigrated to the U.S. and shortly thereafter her mother died. She was able to attend my graduation from Yale which meant so much to me and her," Mahon reflects.

Mahon, a mother of two with her partner, has visited Ireland twice.



## MEGHAN MAIR FITZGERALD

SENIOR vice president of the international division at Medco Health Solutions, Meghan Fitzgerald's father Michael was born in Ireland, as were her grandparents on both sides. Fitzgerald has been going to Ireland once a year for 38 years, even recalling a visit at five years old, with the stewardess as her guardian.

The senior healthcare executive with degrees from Fairfield University, Columbia University and New York Medical College is a fan of all things Irish.

"I love shepherd's pie, and my mom's soda bread, which is a tri-state favorite. A great secret and a special place to me is the surfing down south at Inchydoney

where I vacation to get good ideas," says Fitzgerald.

"Irish heritage means having an affiliation with people who are intelligent, kind, value high morals, set high educational goals, and embrace hard work."

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## TARA McCABE



TARA McCabe, vice president of alternative investments at Morgan Stanley, is a first generation Irish American. Her parents both hail from Co. Leitrim, and she spent her junior year of college at National University of Ireland (Galway) studying arts and traveling. She's a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. Having grown up in Irish neighborhoods such as Woodside, New York and Bergenfield, New Jersey, McCabe has become heavily involved in the Irish communities, most notably with the American Ireland Fund, for which she was voted Young Leader of the Year.

"I've been inspired by the Irish communities in New York City, their pas-

sion for our heritage, and their commitment to improvement and giving back both locally and abroad," McCabe says.

"My Irish heritage is a great way of connecting to and being inspired by something greater than myself. I've been inspired by the Irish communities in New York City, their passion for our heritage and their commitment to improvement and giving back both locally and abroad."

## MARY McEVOY



"LIVING in a global city like New York, being Irish helps preserve my sense of identity and provides a connection to a broad, diverse community," says Mary McEvoy, a native of Kilkenny City, Co. Kilkenny.

McEvoy is group manager for procurement at the global giant PepsiCo, makers of brands famous around the world, among them Pepsi, 7UP, Lipton and Aquafina. She received a bachelor of science in applied science from DIT Kevin Street in Dublin, and soon set her sights on New York.

Partnered with a child, and a frequent visitor to Kilkenny, McEvoy feels that her Irish heritage is a huge plus in her life. "Merely telling people you are Irish generates immediate goodwill,

and it's an endorsement of the degree to which Irish culture and values are recognized and respected globally," she says.

## LAURA McLAUGHLIN



THOUGH the real estate market has cooled off due to the recession, Laura McLaughlin's career is still going strong at Prudential Douglas Elliman, one of the largest brokerage companies in the U.S. She's an associate broker based in Long Island, and has 20 years experience as a consistent top producer on the island's North Shore.

McLaughlin's grandparents came to America from counties Donegal and Derry, and she's traveled to Ireland once. "My Irish heritage has always been a source of great pride to me," she says. "There is great strength and love of life in the Irish. In the arts, music, literature and politics, the Irish have given so much to the world."

A graduate of Nassau Community College and FIT in New York, McLaughlin is married and the mother of two, Hedi, 29, and Heather, 25.

"My ancestors had their battles to fight, and life was not always fair to them," McLaughlin says. "They came to this country, and through faith, hard work and their values, they were able to contribute much to society. They passed this on to their children"

## ALICE McCARNEY



ADVERSITY wasn't a word in the life dictionary of Omagh, Co. Tyrone native Alice McCarney, owner of the popular Alice Hair salon on the Upper East Side of New York. McCarney grew up during The Troubles in Northern Ireland, and struggled with dyslexia during her school years. But she always had a passion for styling hair – and a strong desire to come to New York thanks to her grandmother, who lived there during the 1964-'65 World's Fair "and told glorious stories of her time in the city," recalls McCarney.

At 16 she attended Enniskillen Technical College with dreams of becoming a hair stylist, and she's suc-

ceeded with gusto. She arrived in New York in 1992 and plied her trade at a salon in Queens for \$30 a day, but things have improved since then.

McCarney's Alice Hair employs 14 people, and continues to thrive during these challenging economic times.

"Most of my employees are Irish, so stories of Ireland and Irish music and culture always lilt through the air," McCarney says.

"The things about my background that many would perceive as limitations – a difficult childhood in Northern Ireland, a poor education, dyslexia and enduring the long process of obtaining U.S. citizenship – are all part of what have made me the successful businesswoman I am today. I live each day in New York City proud to be a daughter of Ireland."

## KYRA G. McGRATH



KYRA McGRATH, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Philadelphia's public television station, WHYY, is an enthusiastic supporter of Ireland and all things Irish, especially her family's heritage.

"My mother-in-law, Mary Snee McGrath, who at 93 years of age is still healthy and vital, has done extensive research on our extended family's Irish roots. Our family has benefited from an understanding of these traditions," says McGrath.

The family roots are indeed diverse. Donegal, Mayo, Tyrone and Westmeath play a prominent role in the family tree, and McGrath has traveled to Ireland twice. A graduate of Penn State University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, McGrath is married to Peter and mother to

three children, Katherine, Kyra and Brendan.

"My mother-in-law has written a letter to our children about what it means to be Irish, and we read it to them on St. Patrick's Day," McGrath says. "The importance of family, of staying positive through difficult times, and especially having an appreciation for treating people of all backgrounds with acceptance and respect are lasting values from our Irish heritage."

## MAEVE McPHAIL



FOR the past six years Maeve McPhail, a native of Drogheda, Co. Louth, has worked as the south east region district sales manager for JCB North America, the third largest construction equipment manufacturer in the world. Based in Savannah, Georgia, she is responsible for seven dealerships, from North Carolina to southern Georgia, assisting in driving JCB sales and market share.

"I am proud to say I am the first woman to have this position in JCB North America," McPhail, a graduate of Rutgers University in New Jersey, says. Prior to joining JCB, she was the New York sales manager for Guinness UDV.

She's also proud to boast of her Irishness. "Being Irish is an integral part of who I am," McPhail says. "I believe my sense of humor, drive to succeed and zest for living can be attributed to my Irish heritage. Although I call Savannah my home, I will always have a soft place in my heart for my first home, Ireland!"



## MARGARET MOLLOY

OFFALY-born Margaret Molloy is vice president of marketing at Gerson Lehrman Group in New York, a company that connects business decision makers with subject-matter experts worldwide. Molloy came to the U.S. with Enterprise Ireland in 1993 and went on to a successful career at Telecom Ireland (U.S.) and Siebel Systems. Molloy is involved in many Irish causes in New York, such as the American Ireland Fund Young Leaders. Molloy earned a bachelor of arts in European business from the University of Ulster and a master's from Harvard. She says, "Three characteristics of the Irish — a genuine interest in others, passion and grit — define my philoso-

phy of life and work. Being Irish also means dedication to family and the confidence to laugh at yourself," she says.

Molloy is married to *Irish America* magazine's Wall Street 50 honoree Jim O'Sullivan, an economist with UBS, and lives in Manhattan with their sons Finn and Emmet.



## MAUREEN O'CONNELL

AS executive vice president, chief administrative officer and chief financial officer of Scholastic, Inc., Maureen O'Connell directs all administrative functions for the publishing house, famous for bringing the world the *Harry Potter* series. O'Connell joined the \$2.2 billion global children's publishing, education and media company in 2007. The former CFO of Barnes & Noble holds a bachelor of science in accounting and economics from New York University. O'Connell is a first generation Irish American, and her ancestry goes back to counties Tyrone and Kerry.

O'Connell is very proud of her Irish heritage and believes that "the Irish are earnest, hard-working, and generous people." She is married with three children.



## CHRIS REILLY

CHRIS REILLY is president of CIT Small Business Lending Corporation, a division of CIT Group Inc. She oversees an organization that has been recognized as one of the nation's leading Small Business Administration lenders as well as the top lender to women, veteran and minority entrepreneurs. A native New Yorker, Reilly is also a founding member of CIT's Women's Leadership Council and currently serves as its co-chairman. Reilly's Irish roots come through her paternal grandparents. She can trace her lineage to counties Cork, Sligo and

Cavan, and she's visited Ireland several times. Reilly earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the College of Mount St. Vincent, and a master's in business administration from New York University's Stern School of Business. She is also a certified public accountant. A mother of three, Reilly's Irishness has instilled in her a love of all things family, she says. "The Reillys have always been a fiercely loyal and loving clan," she says. "I grew up in a household where my father regularly shared with us his love for Irish music, literature, philosophy and politics, but most of all storytelling!" "I have never forgotten the many stories told around party and dinner tables while I was growing up, and I've passed them on to my children as well, who I hope will continue the tradition for many years to come."



## PATRICIA ANN NORRIS McDONALD

MAYOR of Malverne, Long Island, Patricia Ann Norris McDonald's grandparents left Ireland from their native Cork and Sligo. Married for nearly 24 years to hero NYPD Detective Steven McDonald, the couple has one son, Conor, who just graduated from Boston College.

McDonald is a graduate of Nassau Community College and FIT in New York. Having been to Ireland six times, McDonald feels strongly for her Irish heritage.

"When my great grandparents and grandparents journeyed to America, they were greeted with 'No Irish Need Apply,'" she says. "They labored tirelessly to overcome

bigotry, not only to build a future for themselves but for those who would follow." McDonald feels obligated as their descendent, "to continue in their tradition in helping others to reach their dreams for a better life."

She and her husband have been active in many Irish American causes.



## ELIZABETH ANNE OSDER

MEDIA and technology consultant with the Osder Group in Los Angeles, Elizabeth Osder has been a leader and pioneer in the adoption of new communications technologies by media companies.

Over the past 18 years, Osder has helped countless brands, including *The New York Times* and Yahoo among others, to make the journey from print to online.

A frequent speaker on technology, social media and publishing, Osder attended Mount Holyoke College, University of Missouri, and has a knight fellowship from Stanford University.

A second generation Irish American, Osder's grandparents were born in Monaghan and Belfast.

"There are many words to describe what this heritage means to me, perhaps most important on that long lost are history, culture, family, roots, values, and connections. I am always blessed to have known I was of Irish descent, but now to be an Irish citizen is the greatest honor, and solidifies my connection to my real home," says Osder.



## CAROLINE SIMMONS-MAHON

A NATIVE of Thurles, Co. Tipperary, Caroline Simmons Mahon is the proprietor of the Carriage House on East 59th Street in New York, and the on premises sales representative for Castle Brands Inc., makers of Boru Vodka, Celtic Crossing Liqueur and many other Irish brands.

Growing up in Tipperary, Mahon's family allows her to bring her Irishness to a vast audience. "The excitement of an early morning walk with my grandfather to see the horses perform their workouts in the fresh Irish air of Ballydoyle, to the late evenings watching family come together to play cards and sing a big Irish traditional song," is what she credits for giving her a love of life, and particularly of her heritage.

Before coming to the U.S., Mahon studied French at the Faculty De Lettre in Nancy, France, and worked as a flight attendant for Aer Lingus. This, she says, "gave me the chance to experience many cultures that prepared me for the diversity of a new land — the land of opportunity."

Now she's happily ensconced in New York, and enjoys the fact that her work life allows her to bring her Irishness to a vast audience.

"In this land that I now call home," Mahon says, "I celebrate my heritage by being part of a corporation that produces and distributes an array of the finest Irish and American products which I proudly sell."

"And I'm a proud owner with my best friend and partner Richard of an establishment that brings our heritage and traditions to the local community which we proudly serve."



**CIARA SMYTH**

EXECUTIVE vice president and chief human resources officer at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company, Ciara Smyth was born in Dublin. Upon graduation from University College Dublin and the University of Essex in the U.K., in 1994 Smyth emigrated to the U.S.

"I had the privilege for the past 10 years of working for an indigenous Irish company which has successfully established itself in the U.S. and globally," says Smyth.

Smyth, who visits Ireland six times a year for work and pleasure, says that her Irish heritage is of para-

mount importance, and has added to her success.

"I also feel I am a product of Ireland and that my professional success has been made possible because of the education and upbringing I received in Ireland," she says.



**JOAN M. SQUIRES**

JOAN Squires is the executive vice president and chief information officer for Mutual of America Life Insurance Company based in New York.

A native New Yorker, Squires is third generation Irish. Her great grandparents hailed from counties Clare and Limerick, and Belfast. Squires grew up in a close-knit family.

"I had the good fortune of growing up close to all my grandparents," she recalls. "They were characteristically Irish – very private people who rarely spoke of themselves or the hardships they encountered as first generation Irish Catholics in New York City. Yet their pride in being Irish was always abundantly clear."

Squires is a graduate of the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, New York, and since 2006 has been chair of the board of the college. She is also a member of the board of trustees of the Catholic Health Care System of the Archdiocese of New York, a member of the International Society of Certified Employee Benefits Specialists, and a member of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way.

Squires' Catholic faith is extremely important in her life, and she once again salutes her Irish grandparents for making it so. "They possessed a deep and abiding Catholic faith, and instilled in their children the importance of service to others," she says.



**JANET WALSH**

TRIAL lawyer Janet Walsh was born in Limerick, and qualified as a solicitor in Dublin. She left Ireland for New York at the age of 24, after graduating University College Dublin, the Law Society of Ireland and Blackhall Place. She is a member of Locks Law Firm in New York, and specializes in mass torts and other complex personal injury litigation on behalf of injured people, as well as employment-related litigation. She is admitted to the New York State Bar, the U.S. Supreme Court and several other federal courts.

After growing up in an Ireland with a "never-ending recession," Walsh believes she has learned the valuable things in life.

"This aspect of my Irish heritage has taught me to value personal connections much more than material wealth," says Walsh. She is proud that Ireland is a role model in the world for equality of sexes, and believes this had added to her determination to succeed.

An instrumental player in the Irish American Bar Association of New York, where she serves as director, Walsh says "Being Irish means knowing the value of democracy, independence and equality, all ideals realized through hardship and struggle." Walsh is married to John Mills, and has two children, Eoin and Fiona. "I do earnestly hope that the values I have identified as being part of my Irish heritage will become their heritage, and that they will pass along with they think is important to the next generation," Walsh says.



**MARGARET M. SMYTH**

MARGARET Smyth is a second generation Irish American, but because her Irish-born grandparents lived with her when she was growing up, she considers herself first generation. Vice president and controller at United Technologies Corporation, Smyth is responsible for many of the global finance functions for the \$55 billion, Dow 30 diversified company. A graduate of Fordham University and New York University, Smyth is married to Berney, a first generation Irish American, and they have a house in Fairymount, Co. Roscommon.

An Irish citizen, Smyth believes her heritage has shaped her.

"My Irish heritage has given me a good sense of humor and an even better sense of humility, which helps me maintain perspective in both my personal and professional life," says Smyth, who also serves as a director for Irish humanitarian agency Concern Worldwide USA, and on the board of directors of Mutual of America Investment Corporation.

The Smyths have two sons and reside in Hartford, Connecticut.



**KATHLEEN SULLIVAN**

PARTNER and chair of the national appellate practice at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP in New York as well as part-time Stanford Law professor and former dean of Stanford Law School are some of the titles Kathleen Sullivan holds.

The former student of Cornell, Oxford, and Harvard Universities is a third generation Irish American. Her ancestors came from Cork, Kerry, Galway, and Limerick, and settled in New York City in the late 19th and turn of the 20th centuries.

Sullivan has been to Ireland four times, and believes being Irish may make her a better lawyer.

"The ability to speak well and argue with wit and humility is something I learned

from my family from an early age," she says.

"I draw from my Irish heritage a love of family, a love of literature, art and music, and of the beauty of the spoken word, a deep sense of gratitude for the bravery of my ancestors in making the passage. I also have a love of the sea that I am sure is ancestrally engrained," says Sullivan.



**AINE SHERIDAN**

AINE Sheridan, a native of Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, emigrated to New York in 1984 where she became executive vice president of Tintawn Carpets USA, the U.S. subsidiary of Irish Ropes in Newbridge, Co. Kildare, traveling and overseeing the U.S. and Canadian operations. She was then recruited by Enterprise Ireland to carry out market research.

In 1991, Sheridan joined Irish Radio Network USA as executive vice president where she expanded the *Adrian Flannelly Show* by initiating international broadcast links with numerous stations in Ireland and the U.S., while establishing [www.irishradio.com](http://www.irishradio.com) website as the premier Irish American news and entertainment audio channel for listeners worldwide.

As president of Madison Avenue-based PR company Flannelly Promotions Ltd., Sheridan has coordinated numerous political campaigns including "Irish for" New York Governor George Pataki, New York City Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg and, more recently, the 2008 Irish American Presidential Forum with candidate Hillary Clinton.

She serves on the board of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center and her cherished award is Woman of the Year from the Longford Social Club of New York. Sheridan attended Goff Street Business Academy in Roscommon and earned a diploma in business administration with honors. Her hobbies include golf, travel and reading. "Only in the U.S. can our Irish culture and traditions be fostered with an unmatched sense of pride," Sheridan feels.



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## KATHLEEN BIGGINS

KATHLEEN Biggins has been “welcoming” listeners to WFUV 90.7 FM since her undergraduate days at Fordham University in the 1980s, when she began hosting the Irish-themed programs *Ceol na nGael* and *A Thousand Welcomes* on weekends on the university’s popular radio station. Yet her passion for Celtic music dates back even further — all the way to her childhood in Elmsford, New York when her grandparents and parents fostered a love of their ancestral music in the young Kathleen. That little girl grew up to become WFUV’s assistant news director during college, and, later, a news writer at CBS News, Radio.

Biggins is a second generation Irish American with roots in Mayo, Longford and Galway.



## MARGARET CORRIGAN

PA to the consulate general of Ireland in New York Margaret Corrigan is at the forefront of Irish America, and has been for many years.

A native of Co. Tipperary, Corrigan has worked for eight consuls general since the beginning of her career at the consulate. Her work has kept her close to Ireland and the Irish community in New York.

“It is a privilege to work with so many wonderful Irish people in the New York consular area over this time,” says Corrigan. “I go home to Tipperary around twice a year to spend time with my mother and drive her around to her old haunts. I still love to ramble around Clonmel, Cahir and Dungarven — they are my favorite places. It

is easy being Irish as I have never worked anywhere else but the consulate — and I started work here three weeks after I arrived in New York.” Corrigan lives in New York with her husband. They are parents to three sons.



## DEIRDRE DANAHER

THREE-time All-Ireland harp winner at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil (international Irish music competition) — the first American to ever achieve such a feat — Deirdre Danaher has dedicated her career to the education of children with special needs.

Directing professional development for teachers in a wide range of educational administration, both at schools as well as district levels, Danaher began the ascent in education as a teacher of hearing and language impaired children, then became a staff developer, a special education supervisor, assistant principal, and principal. She is now the educational administrator for the Leadership Learning Support Organization, part of the New York City Department of Education. She has been

employed at the department for over 30 years.

Danaher is a graduate of Fordham University, New York University and Pace University. She attended University College Cork for one year on a Rotary Scholarship. Danaher is a first generation Irish American, with both parents’ families hailing from Co. Cork.

“Irish music speaks to the soul of our roots. As a classroom teacher, I incorporated a great deal of Irish music with my students,” says Danaher. “I love all aspects of traditional Irish music, both as a listener and a musician.”

Danaher, a member of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann and the Cork Association of New York, is married to Paul Keating and has three children, Siobhan, Shane and Ronan.



## PATRICIA CULLEN

PATRICIA Cullen was born in Donabate, Co. Dublin. A graduate of University College Dublin, Nice University in France and George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Cullen is currently based at the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN as a diplomat.

Cullen has served her country at Irish embassies in Washington, D.C., Copenhagen and Paris. She has also worked extensively in the Anglo-Irish and political divisions in Dublin, and in the development cooperation division (also known as Irish Aid). Cullen currently has special responsibility for development and economic affairs for Ireland at the UN.

“My Irish nationality is part and parcel of what inspires and moti-

vates me in my work and in my life in general. It is essential to all that I do,” she says.



## AGNES DELANEY

BORN and raised in Tuam, Co. Galway, Agnes Delaney came to New York as a young nanny in 1964. She then worked for Western Union for five years.

After raising her three children, J.P., Ann Marie and Dermot, Delaney went back to school, earning herself a bachelor’s in psychology, and a master’s in social work and health care administration at Columbia University.

After a successful 20-year career in the field of healthcare, Delaney is the board chair for the past five years at the Aisling Irish Community Center in Yonkers.

“I volunteer to give back to the Irish community, but in return I receive much more,” she says.



## DR. EIBHLIN DONLON-FARRY

PRIVATE practitioner in psychotherapy and professor at Empire State College in Nanuet, New York, Dr. Eibhlin Donlon-Farry is also on the board of directors at the Aisling Irish Community Center in Yonkers.

After achieving a bachelor of social science from University College Dublin, the Longford-born Donlon-Farry continued her education in New York, earning a master of social work from Hunter College School of Social Work and a doctor of social welfare from Adelphi University School of Social Work.

Now married to CBS News editor Paul Farry, Donlon-Farry has two children, Connor and Aideen. Donlon-Farry goes

home to Ireland every year to visit family in Longford town. Her ethnic identity has colored her world in many ways, but it’s the small things that she appreciates about being Irish.

“Still calling Ireland home, drinking Barry’s tea with like-minded tea drinkers, feeling the warmth and pride on St. Patrick’s Day, understanding the Irish ‘lingo,’ having tapes of Donal Lunny, Clannad and others in my car, and bringing a sense of Irish perspective in my clinical work with Irish clients are in short what my Irish heritage means to me,” says Donlon-Farry.



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**SHEILA GLEESON**

EXECUTIVE director of the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers, the national coordinating group for organizations providing services to Irish and other immigrant groups throughout the U.S., Sheila Gleeson can call two places home — Athy, Co. Kildare and Boston. Gleeson left Ireland in 1984 with her baby daughter and husband, and since then has devoted her career to help other Irish immigrants. The University College Dublin and Boston College graduate is grateful for the opportunities afforded to her in the U.S., and wishes they could be afforded to the immigrants of today. "In my work with immigrants over the past 20 years, I have met so many peo-

ple who cannot achieve their full potential or contribute their skills and talents to their communities because they lack the proper legal status," says Gleeson, who hopes for immigration reform. Gleeson still feels connected to Ireland thanks to her family ties to Ireland and the Irish community in Boston, which has helped make her feel at home in the U.S. She is married to Tony Keegan, and they have two children, Sinead and Kieran.



**PATRICIA ANNE JONES**

VICE President of the Irish American Association of Northwest Jersey for the third year, Patricia Anne Jones is honored to represent the club and the members who have taught her so much about Ireland. A former AT&T employee and current yoga and tai chi instructor, Jones is a second generation Irish American with roots in Co. Tipperary. She has been to Ireland three times. "I am extremely grateful to belong to an Irish American club that takes keeping the culture alive very seriously. Our club sponsors music sessions, concerts and ceili dances every month. I rarely miss

one," she says. A fan of Irish history, Jones says she is "grateful for the love of people, the music, the poetry, the humor, and last but not least the Irish Mass." Married with three children and five grandchildren, Jones asks, "Being Irish – is there anything better?" "If I had to sum up in one word how my Irish heritage makes me feel, it's grateful."



**DR. ERIN KELLEHER**

A PEDIATRICIAN at Children's Medical Practice of Bronxville in Tuckahoe, New York, Erin Kelleher met her Irish husband while she was studying medicine in Trinity College in Dublin. The New York-born second generation Irish American with roots in Co. Cork, then returned to America and completed her studies at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Kelleher treats many Irish children at her pediatric practice, and her Irish heritage helps this. "My experience with heritage, time spent in Dublin, and with my husband helps me to better relate to the people I serve," says Kelleher. "I am very proud of my Irish heritage."

Dr. Kelleher is married to Dubliner Dr. Eamonn O'Donnell, and they have two children, Michael and Katherine.



**LIZ KENNY**

EXECUTIVE director of the New York Irish Center in Long Island City, Liz Kenny started out as a hairdresser. A recipient of a Morrison visa in the 1990s, Kenny has been living in New York for 21 years. Born in Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford, where her parents still live, Kenny had a variety of jobs in the U.S., from hotel administrator to recruitment agent, before landing an important role at the Irish Center, which serves both new and older Irish arrivals. "Finally in 2006 I joined the center full time and I have never looked back. It is an extremely challenging role

and there is so much going on, but the center is always evolving and the needs of the people that come here are being met, and that is very important," said Kenny. Kenny tries to go home once or twice a year, and says that her heritage is hugely important to her. "It's who I am, and it's what I do," she says.



**LESLIE KING GRENIER**

LESLIE King Grenier has spent 30 years fundraising for Ireland throughout the U.S. A board member of the American Ireland Fund, King Grenier tells how her grandparents met. "My grandmother Eliza Willis, born 1881, came through Ellis Island to Brooklyn to work as a nanny and housekeeper for a wealthy widower, Theodore Burnett. They fell in love and married and had my mother and her sister," she says. King Grenier has been to Ireland once a year for the past 30 years, and says flying into Ireland, seeing the green carpeted and square landscape dotted with sheep always makes her smile. "Irish heritage means a wonderful connection to a most beautiful coun-

try and to generations of charming, witty, wonderful people," says King Grenier. "Growing up as a child, my family was very proud of their Irish heritage, and we celebrated our Irishness through all weddings, births and deaths." King Grenier is married with six children.



**GERALDINE LAVERY**

ARMAGH-born Geraldine Lavery is the dean of students at St. Jean Baptiste High School in New York City. She received bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Mary's College of Education in Belfast, and St. Joseph's Seminary's Institute of Religious Studies in Dunwoodie, New York. Married to Paul Lavery, also from Northern Ireland, Lavery has two daughters, Maeve and Grainne. "I am privileged to have received an Irish Catholic upbringing in a country so rich in sporting culture and tradition. That privilege has served me well in New York," she says.



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## CATHERINE MARSHALL

PRESIDENT of the American Irish Association of Westchester County, volunteer producer for Yonkers public access cablevision show entitled *The Emerald Focus* and a recognized stalwart of the ladies Hibernian/Irish American community of Westchester for decades are among Catherine Marshall's achievements.

A second generation Irish American, Marshall's job as executive assistant at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, New York, had led to her recognition for her contributions in staff development.

Marshall's grandparents hailed from counties Galway and Kilkenny, and according to Marshall, it is this Irish heritage that has given her the faith she finds

so "precious and valuable" to her.

"Heritage is one of the main reasons that I have attempted to volunteer and serve my country, church and local Irish American community in a small way to truly live what my great past heritage has taught me," she says.



## ELAINE NI BHRAONAIN

IRISH language professor and writer Elaine Ni Bhraonain was born in Dublin. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. and was raised in a household with her father speaking Irish to her. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from University College Dublin and Queens University Belfast, Ni Bhraonain, moved to New York in 2003 and taught Irish at the Irish Arts Center.

She then began work at CUNY's Institute for Irish American Studies, and that was the beginning of her success story. Her topic of study for her doctorate is "The Irish Community in New York City."

"I really became aware of my Irishness when I left Ireland and became homesick," she

said. "I now understand how lucky I was to grow up in Ireland, but love living as part of the Irish in New York and look forward to spending many more years traveling between the U.S. and Ireland."



## STELLA O'LEARY

IRISH American Democrats (IAD) is a political action committee whose mission is "to provide support to Democratic candidates for national and state office who promote peace, justice and prosperity in Ireland." Dublin native Stella O'Leary founded IAD in 1996 in response to former President Bill Clinton's peace initiatives in Ireland, and established the organization's mission.

O'Leary oversees IAD's aims of raising the American public interest in Irish political and economic issues through the use of newsletters, campaign materials, advertisements, educational materials, voter guides, endorsements, websites and events.

IAD lobbies the White House, current members

of the House of Representatives and the Senate in support of continued U.S. involvement in the Irish peace process. IAD also supports challengers who display an active interest in Irish issues.

Under O'Leary's leadership, IAD, which now has a 50 state membership, has raised millions of dollars over the past 12 years for candidates for Congress and the presidency. O'Leary attended University College Dublin where she earned her bachelor of arts degree in library science. Prior to entering politics, she worked in library sciences at Catholic University and co-authored a reference volume with Thomas Halton, *Classical Scholarship: An Annotated Bibliography*.

She tells the *Irish Voice*, "Studying Irish history gave me a deep appreciation of the importance of participatory politics. That so many of the best American politicians have Irish ancestry, suggests that the Irish have a special talent in politics, and that inspired me to found Irish American Democrats."

O'Leary organizes several events a year in support of Democrats running for office around the country, and worked hard to ensure Irish support for the candidacy of Barack Obama.

"In the end, it is about having a Democrat in the White House," she said.



## MAUREEN TARA NELSON

PROFESSIONAL matchmaker, advice columnist, winner of Best Matchmaker of the Year for 2009 by *The Long Island Press*, and founder of Maureen Tara Nelson Private Matchmaking, Inc., Nelson has over 1,000 success stories in the past nine years.

A second generation Irish American, Nelson's maternal grandmother hailed from Knock, Co. Mayo.

"I am very proud to say I am Irish. I am equally as proud to be called by many 'The Irish Matchmaker.' My mother, Margaret O'Donnell was very Irish. We grew up in a very Irish, loving home," says Nelson. The SUNY Farmingdale and University of South Florida graduate is mother to Brendan and Ryan.

Although Nelson has never been to Ireland, she says it is her "biggest dream" to go. Nelson's mother and aunt, Patricia, were famous Irish stepdancers who performed as the O'Donnell Sisters. They danced on the radio and were in a movie called *The Hills of Ireland*.



## MAY O'BOYLE DEEGAN

AS president of the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens on Long Island, May O'Boyle Deegan is currently working on an outreach program that will include among many things a social club and support groups.

A first generation Irish American, O'Boyle Deegan's parents hail from Donegal, and she continues a life-long tradition of spending her summers there. A pre-*Riverdance* involvement with her daughter Melanie's Irish dancing led O'Boyle Deegan to the Irish American Society.

O'Boyle Deegan's Irish heritage is her identity, she proudly says.

"My heritage has had a profound effect in shaping the person I have become spiritually and culturally. Its

daily influence in my life continues in the way I raise my daughter. It makes me strive to keep our past alive so as to ensure the future of the Irish traditions," she says.

"While I regard myself as a patriotic American, I am also an Irish American with a strong emphasis on Irish. Having a deep connection with my roots – the music, the dance, the literature – all keep an ancient connection to those who came before me to create a legacy that fills my heart."



## ROSIE O'REILLY

SPORTS-mad Rosie O'Reilly got involved with the sports community as soon as she emigrated to the U.S. from Co. Cavan in 1986. She was one of the founding members of the New York Ladies GAA and plays Gaelic football for the team champions Cavan.

A personal trainer at Medina Fitness Studio in Riverdale and a bartender at Riverdale Steakhouse, the O'Reilly has achieved many sporting accolades, 2008 Cavan Player of the Year included.

O'Reilly, who is currently training for the 2009 New York City Marathon, says that her Irish heritage means a lot to her, especially in the field of sports.

"I always try to promote and showcase our national sports, Gaelic football, hurling and camogie. I get tremendous satisfaction from watching the young American children adapting to Gaelic games because they are the future of the GAA in New York," she says.

O'Reilly has one daughter, Natasha.

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**DR. EILEEN REILLY**

ALTHOUGH born in Philadelphia, Dr. Eileen Reilly and her family moved back to Ireland at the age of five, and Reilly was brought up on a dairy farm in Co. Longford. She completed the first three levels of her education in Ireland. As a result, Reilly says she defines herself as Irish. "I think of myself as Irish and Irish American as I have dual citizenship," says Reilly, the associate director of Glucksman Ireland House at New York University. Reilly's qualifications are in English and history, and she chose to study Irish history to doctoral level. Reilly was selected as the first female Irish Rhodes Scholar in 1993, and now specializes in Irish

studies.

Married to an Irishman, Reilly feels it important for her 3-year-old daughter Ava Ruadh Prunty, to know her heritage. "I am teaching her elementary Irish language and will teach her the history and literature of Ireland when she gets older. She has been to Ireland seven times in her three and a half years," says Reilly who lives in Hoboken, New Jersey.



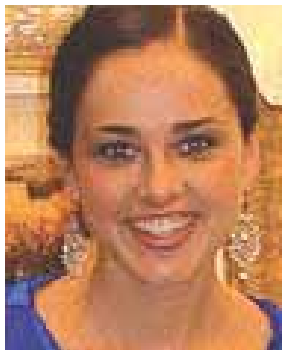
**PAULA REYNOLDS**

PAULA Reynolds, born in Co. Louth and raised in Tara, Co. Meath, is the New York-based, U.S. brand ambassador for Jameson Irish Whiskey, one of the world's most popular alcoholic beverages.

A graduate of National University of Ireland (Galway), where she earned a bachelor of arts in history and law, and also a post-grad diploma in public relations and event management from the Fitzwilliam Institute in Dublin, Reynolds is greatly enjoying her life in New York.

"My Irish heritage means wherever I go I never feel too far from home," she says. "With Ireland's rich history and many emigrants, and the fact that

today the Irish still love to travel, it means wherever you are in the world, and especially in the U.S., you can always find a friendly Irish face. I feel blessed to come from a country where the people are both welcomed and welcoming wherever you are!"



**RITA TALTY**

MANAGER of her family's business Lazy Lanigans Pub and Restaurant in Hackensack, New Jersey, Rita Talty represented New Jersey in last year's Rose of Tralee.

Talty's parents came to the U.S. from Co. Clare. "I am greatly appreciative of all they have done for us, and the opportunities they have made possible for us," says Talty of her parents Ann and Mike.

Being selected as the New Jersey Rose of Tralee, East Stroudsburg University graduate Talty traveled throughout Ireland making memories and friends that will "last a lifetime." "Being Irish

gives me a sense of pride and being able to identify myself with a community," she says. "I am lucky to have been brought up in America, but am fortunate to have to have the best of both worlds."

Talty is a regular visitor to Ireland, and is greatly appreciative of her parents' support. "They have worked very hard for my three brothers and I, and I appreciate all the opportunities they have made possible for us," she says.



**LORRAINE TURNER**

A NATIVE of Merseyside, England, Lorraine Turner heads up the Northern Ireland Bureau's New York office. She's worked in New York for several years in Northern Irish politics, and is a familiar and welcome face in the local Irish American scene.

A graduate of John Moores University in Liverpool, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in media and culture studies, Turner's mother Patricia Joan Shiels is a native of Dublin, as are all her maternal ancestors.

"I am originally from Merseyside, an area around the city of Liverpool which at one time had the largest Irish population in Great Britain," says Turner. The Irish, she adds, "helped

weave the fabric that makes the modern city of Liverpool famous the world over. In fact, three of Liverpool's Fab Four proudly claimed Irish heritage, so I am in good company!"

Turner has spent an exciting 10 years in New York, she says. Her Irish/English upbringing helped her embrace her heritage even more once she arrived in the U.S.

"Thanks to my Irish mother, I was exposed, during my youth, to many aspects of Irish culture," she says. "My Irish roots came in more useful than I ever could have imagined in the 10 years I have spent working in government on the American dimension of the Northern Irish peace process, and now representing Northern Ireland's devolved administration at a time of great hope and the promise of increasing prosperity."



**SIOBHAN WALSH**

LIMERICK-born Siobhan Walsh is the executive director of Concern Worldwide USA, the American branch of the Irish global humanitarian aid agency.

A graduate of University College Cork and NUI Maynooth, Walsh is proud to be Irish, but especially proud of the Irish NGO community that has evolved over the past few decades. She believes Ireland's "darkest hour," during the Famine, when the world reached out to Ireland, has instilled a generosity in the Irish people.

"It is no accident that today, in the most remote corners of the globe, you will find and Irish person working alongside people in the absolute poorest communities," she says.

"The people of Ireland have never forgotten their responsibility to be there to help others in need."

Two Irish Americans she is particularly proud of are missionary Father Aengus Finucane and Tom Moran, president and CEO of Mutual of America who serves as chairperson of Concern Worldwide USA.

Having lived away from Ireland for 15 years, Walsh believes she now has a greater appreciation for her Irish heritage.

"One of the great strengths of the U.S. is that it is a nation of immigrants from all over the world," she says. "It has a unique richness and diversity of cultures. Until I lived overseas, I didn't realize what a narrow perspective I had on what it means to be Irish."



**CAROL WHEELER**

COMMUNITY activist Carol Wheeler has devoted her talents and energy to management and coordination in the non-profit sector. As well as many community activities in Washington, D.C, she has worked extensively with programs aimed at peace, reconciliation, and youth development in Northern Ireland and Ireland.

Wheeler and her family – she's married with two children – were early supporters of President Barack Obama in the 2008 primaries. She served as coordinator for Irish American outreach for the Obama campaign during the general election.

A graduate of Iowa State University, for 20 years Wheeler was founder and coordinator of the Washington Chapter of Project Children, which has brought more than

14,000 Protestant and Catholic youth from Northern Ireland to the U.S to live with American host families. She also founded Project Children Together, and a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the AFL-CIO.

Wheeler is also founder and first board chair of the Washington-Ireland Program for Service and Leadership. Her involvement with Ireland, and especially Northern Ireland has brought "unanticipated pleasure and meaning to our family." We can't imagine life without the relationships we've come to treasure in Ireland and in Irish America," said Wheeler.

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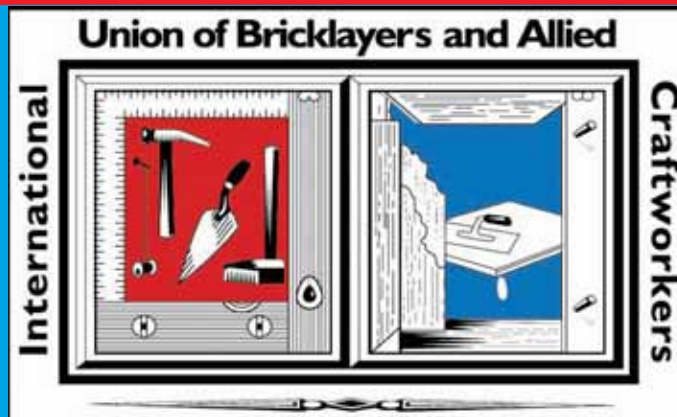


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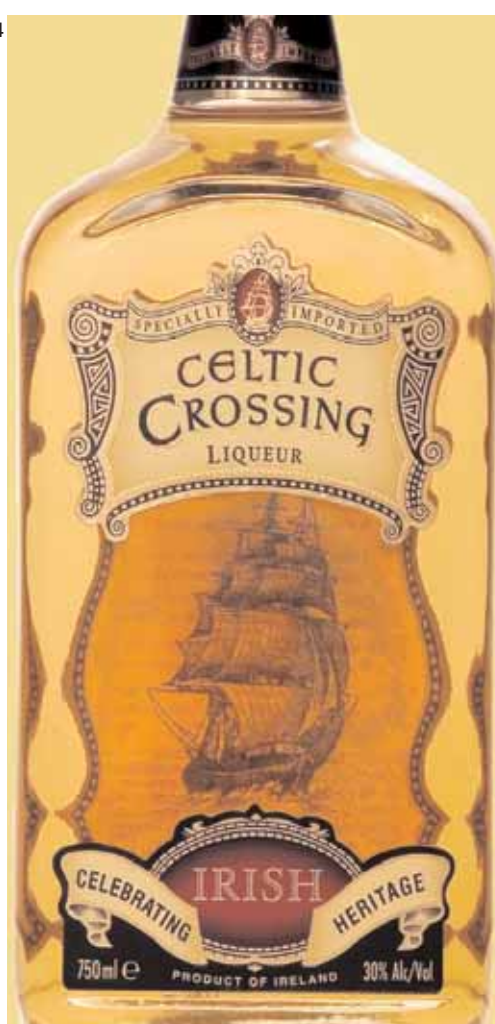
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### DEIRDRE BRENNAN

EMMY nominated set decorator for television, film and theater, Deirdre Brennan is also a film producer for Castletown Productions in New York. Her mother Bridget Agnes Carmody was born in Co. Kerry, and Brennan's love of Ireland is evident.

"My husband, David and I have a home in Pallaskenry, Co. Limerick and go there six-seven times a year. David is an avid golfer and I have three horses," says Brennan, who spent summers on her grandparents' farm in Beale, Co. Kerry since she was very young. The Sarah Lawrence College graduate is qualified with a bachelor of arts degree, and also attended Franklin College in Switzerland. Brennan, who is involved with the Irish Repertory Theatre in New York, is currently producing a film in Ireland about the alarming decline of the Atlantic salmon.

"I find that Ireland has a spell that lures you back again and again," says Brennan, who is sure to continue being lured back again and again. "Ireland has had a major influence on my life."

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### KAREN E. CUNNINGHAM

PROFESSIONAL photographer Karen Cunningham, owner of her eponymous studio based in Long Island City, is a fourth generation Irish American whose heritage has inspired her talent and profession.

The New York University graduate's clients have included, among many, *The New York Times*, *People* and *Forbes* magazines.

Cunningham set up her boutique wedding and portrait studio, and has been an editorial and newspaper photographer for 17 years.

Her ancestors hail from Co. Mayo, and she has been to Ireland to photograph a wedding and tour the country photographing for her portfolio. "As a visual artist I have often turned to the work of Paul Muldoon, James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, and

Samuel Beckett to inspire my photography, which focuses on the everyday lives of people and their families," says Cunningham.

"My Irish heritage means a great deal," she adds. "Growing up in an Irish American community and attending Irish Catholic primary schools, I developed a great pride in my Irish roots, especially literature."



### ROMA DOWNEY

ACTRESS and writer Roma Downey is perhaps most easily recognized from her role as the Angel Monica on the CBS hit *Touched by an Angel*.

Born in Derry City, Downey has a bachelor of fine arts from Brighton University in the U.K., and is currently studying for a master's in spiritual psychology at the University of Santa Monica.

Married to Mark Burnett, the creator of famed reality TV shows such as *Survivor* and *The Apprentice*, Downey has one daughter Reilly and two stepsons, James and Cameron.

"I have traveled the world, lived and worked in many places, and met people of different nationalities and cultures. I think of myself as a citizen of the world, but Ireland

remains the home of my soul, and the Irish are my people, my tribe," says Downey, who earlier this month starred in a Hallmark Channel original movie, *Come Dance at My Wedding*.

She is involved in several philanthropic causes, including Operation Smile. She also blogs for IrishCentral.com, sister website of the *Irish Voice*.



### ALISON BROWN

HARVARD educated musician and co-founder of Compass Records Group, Alison Brown is a proud third generation Irish American and a renowned banjo player.

Her great grandfather was born in Bangor, Co. Down in 1868, and Brown says she felt a connection with him and her Irish roots when her son was born with bright red hair.

Compass Records Group, based in Nashville, Tennessee, boasts the largest catalog of Irish music in the world across the Compass, Green Linnet and Mulligan imprints. Her passion for Irish music is unending.

"The hairs on my arms still stand up when I hear a band like Lunasa or Solas launch into a set of reels. And I'm tremendously proud to be able to claim a small part of that tradition as my own," says the Vanderbilt University adjunct professor who has won, among many awards, a Grammy Award for Best Country Instrumental Performance in 2001.

Brown is married with two children, Hannah and Brendan.

"Ever since I was small I've harbored romantic notions about the auld sod and have been inspired by the fortitude of the Irish who suffered through the Famine and had the determination to leave behind everything they knew in search of a better life in America," says Brown.



### ANITA DALY

WORKING in the field of marketing and public relations geared to the Irish American community, Anita Daly specializes in entertainment at her New York firm Daly Communications, LLC.

The fifth generation Irish American has roots in counties Clare and Cork, and travels to Ireland regularly.

"Because I work in Irish entertainment, I would not be in business if it were not for my Irish heritage," says Daly. "My family came over before the Famine and worked hard to raise their families, and we were taught not ever to forget them. So we took stepdancing classes, went to Catholic schools, we marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade, and listened to Carmel Quinn records.

"I believe this gave us a great foundation and taught us a love and respect for our family and ancestors. And who could not love the music of the Irish?"

Daly, a founding member of the Women in Music organization, has represented acts as diverse as Celtic Woman, the Chieftains, the Pogues, the Saw Doctors, Finbar Furey and many others.



### KATHLEEN FEE

LEAD singer, co-founder and songwriter with the popular Celtic-pop musical group Celtic Cross, and vice chair on the board of directors for the Irish American Cultural Institute in New Jersey, Kathleen Fee is involved with various Irish organizations that support Irish culture and heritage.

A first generation Irish American, Fee's mother hails from Longford, and her father from Mayo. Fee spent most of her summers in Ireland as a child, and goes back to Ireland a few times every year.

Married with four sons, Kevin, Ciaran, Ryan, and Dylan, Fee ensures the torch of Irish heritage is passed on to her sons,

who are part of the Woodlawn School of Irish Music.

"It's like a duty, to make sure we instill in them all the appreciation and knowledge of the great Irish heritage and music, and make sure they know how important it is to pass it to their children like my parents did for us," says Fee. Fee and her husband Kevin are patrons of the American Ireland Fund, and she is a member of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.



## ORLA HEALY

DUBLIN-born journalist Orla Healy began working as an editorial assistant for the *New York Daily News* in 1991, and hasn't looked back since. A former staff writer for the *Sunday Independent* in Ireland, Healy has also worked for *InStyle* magazine and the *New York Post*, where she was fashion editor until returning to the *Daily News* as managing editor, features. The UCD graduate goes back and forth to Ireland a couple of times a year to visit family and friends.

"I have lived in New York for 20 years but I still consider myself to be an Irish woman who happens to live away from home. Regardless of where I go or choose to live, I feel the experience of being raised and educated in Ireland will stay with me — influencing my beliefs, my values and the way I look at the world. "Luckily, living in a city like New York that champions diversity, this has been, and continues to be, a trait that is embraced," says Healy.



## GERALDINE HUGHES

ACTOR, writer, and producer Geraldine Hughes is thrilled to be an Irish-born American citizen. Born in Belfast, and a graduate of UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television, Hughes is proud of her roots. "Born into a working class home during the Troubles in West Belfast, I am proud of where I am from. America was always a dream, from when I was very young, and at the age of 18 I got a private scholarship to attend UCLA. No matter where I go, I can hold my head up high and be profoundly proud of being Irish," says Hughes.

Hughes starred alongside Sylvester Stallone in the 2006 film *Rocky Balboa*. She wrote and starred in the acclaimed New York show *Belfast Blues*, and has had parts on *ER* and *Profiler* on TV.



## EILEEN IVERS

EILEEN Ivers is one of the most renowned fiddlers in the U.S. She and her husband, Brian, formed their company, Musical Bridge Inc., eight years ago to deal with the touring and musical aspects of their occupation. She is a nine-time All-Ireland fiddle champion who, in addition to her solo work, has performed with the London Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops, *Riverdance*, the Chieftains, Hall and Oates and many others. She has also performed for presidents and royalty worldwide. In 1999, she established a touring production to present the music that now encompasses her group, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul. The group has performed with numerous symphonies and at major festivals worldwide, as well

as appearing on national and international television. A founding member of the popular Cherish the Ladies Irish traditional group, Ivers is a first generation Irish American. Both of her parents are natives of Co. Mayo, and Ivers travels back to visit often. She spent her summers in Ireland during her childhood. Born in New York the Iona College grad thinks of a few words to describe her Irish heritage. "Family, pride, respect, laughter, music, dance, stories, joy, resiliency, faith, tradition, and passion," she says.



## JULIA JUDGE

JULIA Judge has been to Ireland so many times that she can't remember the number. The artistic administrator at Lincoln Center Theater in New York was brought up on the "Irish Riviera" — Rockaway Beach, Queens. Judge's maternal grandparents were born in counties Kerry and Wexford, and Judge says her Irish Catholic heritage defines her. "It's impossible to hide my red hair and freckles," she jokes. Judge's Irish heritage also is tied in with her profession. "As I grew up, Irish theater and films consumed me. When I began to work in the arts, both in film and in theater, I recognized a kind of storytelling I had heard about most of my life

but never really understood. Irish culture started to make sense of my childhood world. My love of the arts and my love of Ireland intertwined," says Judge. An Irish passport holder, Judge is a member of the Advisory Council of the Irish Repertory Theatre, a voting member of BAFTA (the British Academy of Film and Television Arts), and an associate producer of *Pete's Meteor*, a 35 mm feature film shot entirely in Ireland.



## MARY PAT KELLY

MARY Pat Kelly, a noted writer and filmmaker, is a third generation Irish American whose roots come from Bearna, Co. Galway. But her gusto for Ireland is unsurpassed. A graduate of St. Mary of the Woods Colleges and the City University of New York graduate school, Kelly, a native of Chicago, has been to Ireland "more than 75 times," she says. "When I stood on that piece of earth on the shores of Galway Bay where my great great grandmother Honora Keeley Kelly was born, I felt a part of me I'd never known was missing was completed" Kelly recalls. "All the research and study I'd done in Irish history and literature became intensely personal. I never thought I'd find the spot where the Kellys left in

the 1850s. It took me 35 years to find them." Honora's story became the basis of Kelly's novel *Galway Bay*. Her grandson, Ed Kelly, became mayor of Chicago in 1932. "I was honored to tell the story of how the family survived the Great Hunger, escaped to America, came to Chicago and helped build the city of the century," Kelly says.



## MAXINE LINEHAN

ACTOR and theater director at the Alloy Theater Company in New York, Maxine Linehan lived in Ireland until the age of 21. The Co. Down-born daughter of Maureen and Patrick attended the University of London and obtained a bachelor of laws. Linehan believes being Irish in America is a special thing. "Being Irish has a uniqueness unlike any other nationality. Here in America, there is a certain reverence attached to our culture, and that speaks to who we are as warm, generous and creative people," says the talented star. Linehan believes that the Irish are leaders in the field of arts. "There are so many men and women in the arts who inspire and motivate me, and I hope and dream that I can be an inspiration to others through the

work that I produce and perform," she says. Linehan believes she only has to look at her own family to see the "extraordinary blend of kindness, confidence, ambition and humility that make the Irish an exceptional race." Linehan recently wrapped her one-woman show, *Who Am I? A Tribute to Petula Clark*, at the Laurie Beechman Theater on 42nd Street.



### MEGHAN LYNCH O'SULLIVAN

MEGHAN Lynch O'Sullivan, professor of the practice of international affairs at the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard, has a career resume that's extremely vast. O'Sullivan is a former special assistant to President George W. Bush and deputy national security advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan (2004-'07) who helped negotiate the bilateral security agreement between Iraq and the U.S. in the fall of 2008.

She is also a former member of the Policy Planning Department at the State Department, where she was the senior advisor to Richard Haass, former U.S. special envoy to the Irish peace process.

O'Sullivan, a native of Lexington, Massachusetts, has Cork roots through her grandparents, who

emigrated to the U.S. in the 1920s. "Growing up in the O'Sullivan household, I was often reminded that many of the institutions upon which our country is based were built and then led by Irish immigrants and their descendants," says O'Sullivan.

She is especially proud the example that peace in the North can provide to the world's many trouble spots. "I look at the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and the rest of Great Britain with admiration, as examples of the ability of determined people to overcome a past of conflict and violence and build foundations for the future," she says. When working with the governments of Iran and Afghanistan, O'Sullivan adds, "I often brought attention to Ireland as an example of how governments and people can turn from bitter animosities to more hopeful futures."



### CATHERINE MCKENNA

"WHO can say why one child in a family develops a fascination with her Irish heritage, any more than we fully understand why another is captivated by mathematics, and another needs to understand the structure of molecules?" asks Catherine McKenna, who as the Margaret Brooks Robinson Professor of Celtic Languages and Literatures at Harvard University is in a unique position to find out.

McKenna's paternal grandparents hailed from counties Monaghan and Cavan; her mother's parents were natives of Laois and

Kerry. Her interest in all things Irish has been intense for as long as she can remember. "I have sometimes thought that it was in part because I didn't know my father, who died when I was an infant, or my mother's parents, who died before I was born, that I came to look beyond family history into the history of the country from which my people had come for my sense of who I am."

Her love of stories, particularly Irish ones, has been lifelong. A native New Yorker, McKenna earned a bachelor of arts from Marymount College in Tarrytown, followed by a master's and PhD from Harvard.

"I've been extraordinarily fortunate in being able to devote so much of my professional life to teaching the Irish and Celtic heritage that has been my lens on the world and its history," says McKenna, who will undoubtedly pass on her affinity for Ireland to her 1-year-old son John Andrew McGill, and husband John Allen McGill.



### KATIE McMAHON

"MY intention," says Katie McMahon, "is to give Irish Americans a more elevated experience of Irish music."

The Dublin-born McMahon is certainly off to a good start. Now a musician/teacher at Credo Records in Minneapolis, McMahon was a lead singer in the internationally renowned Irish show *Riverdance*, and was especially captivated by her audience when she sang lead in the show one St. Patrick's Day.

"My Irish heritage has come to mean even more to me since I first emigrated to America," says McMahon. "I was blown away by the size of the celebrations (on St. Patrick's Day) and the pride that Irish

Americans felt in their heritage. It made me feel wonderful to be part of a show that celebrated Irish culture."

Since her days with *Riverdance*, McMahon has released four solo CDs, always including Irish language numbers on them. She wants Irish Americans to "experience the depth and sophistication of Irish culture." McMahon, who is married to Ben Craig and mother to 3-year-old Michael, has her own website, [www.katiemcmahon.com](http://www.katiemcmahon.com), where people can experience her lush sounds, and love of her heritage, for themselves.



### MARY O'NEIL MUNDINGER

MARY O'NEIL MUNDINGER is the dean of the Columbia University School of Nursing, and centennial professor in health policy. She's a graduate of the University of Michigan, Teachers College at Columbia University and the Columbia University School of Public Health.

She is a third generation Irish American who traces her roots to Co. Mayo. Munding, a married mother of four, has visited Ireland three times.

"My Irish background is a source of great pride; reflecting on the abilities of my ancestors, and celebrating transmission to me, in particular my love of literature and

writing, family devotion and community values," Munding says.



### EMILY KERNAN RAFFERTY

EMILY Kernan Rafferty, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, says she is "humbled" and "deeply touched" to have been nominated alongside her fellow Irish Americans for an *Irish Voice* award.

"I am humbled by such an award and in this instance I take great pride in having Irish roots. It's an extraordinary tradition of people and just to step in their shadows is a wonderful honor," says the 58-year-old.

Rafferty, who traces her Irish roots back to Co. Cavan — "I'm not yesterday's Irish person but I do have the roots," she says — was elected president of the Met by the museum's board of trustees in 2005 after a 29-year long career at the famed institution, where she

rose through the ranks in the areas of development and external affairs. Rafferty, who earned a bachelor's degree cum laude from Boston University, is responsible for supervising more than 2,500 museum employees and works with a \$190 million annual operating budget and an \$80 million merchandising business.

Rafferty said that being Irish to her means "to be proud of an ancestry of a people of courage, faith, resourcefulness and perspicacity, and of course the love of life, laughter, family and the enduring beacon of hope."



### TINA SANTI FLAHERTY

NOTED author, businesswoman, and philanthropist Tina Santi Flaherty, a former talk show host on a local NBC affiliate as well as a broadcaster, was elected by the board of directors as the first woman corporate vice president in the 200-year history of Colgate-Palmolive.

Born in Memphis, Tennessee, Flaherty is a fourth generation Irish American, with ancestry tracing back to Co. Mayo. She visits Ireland twice a year. "My Irish heritage has not only enabled me to connect with like-minded individuals, but to live and breathe the poetry of W.B. Yeats," says Santi Flaherty.

Her love of Irish literature and poetry led to the establishment of the Flaherty Cultural Center at the historic Oscar Wilde House on Merrion Square in Dublin.

Santi Flaherty has written three best-selling books, including one on Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. She is also a contributor to *Town & Country*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Glamour*, *Marie Claire* and *Fortune* magazines. Santi Flaherty is a stepmother to three and lives in Manhattan.

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