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March 13, 2011

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 40th anniversary of the Nation's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Our 2011 parade theme is "A Heritage of Education and Community Service." This year the parade committee proudly honors all individuals of Irish descent who have played a significant role in educating and serving others.

This year we are honoring Marilee Fitzgerald, Acting Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity as our Grand Marshal for her significant contributions to the education of the dependents of our Department of Defense personnel. Our Gael of the Year, Sister Seton Cunniff, Director of Service Programs for Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC, has dedicated her life's work to helping those in need through her community service.

Again this year our committee has worked tirelessly in order to ensure the success of our special day of celebration. We are indebted to the Government of the District of Columbia and the National Park Service for their continuing support in making this day a special event. In addition, we are indebted to our advertisers, sponsors, patrons and to all the local Irish Pub and Restaurant owners who provide their selfless and dedicated support. Without them and their support, this event would not be possible. They are all identified in this magazine and we ask that you extend your thanks to them by patronizing their establishments and businesses.

Please join us at our website www.dcstpatsparade.com where you'll find an exciting adventure into the parade, its people and all the Irish activities and functions that precede this special event.

On behalf of the 2011 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, I wish to extend to each and every one of you a special thank you for your support and the blessings of Saint Patrick on our special day of celebration.

Sincerely,

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As Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, I am honoured to extend my very best wishes to all who have contributed to the 40th annual Washington DC St. Patrick's Day parade.

Today, we celebrate the shared heritage of the United States and Ireland. The Washington DC St. Patrick's Day Parade is a symbol of both nations' deep and enduring relationship with one another.

I commend all those who work tirelessly each year to ensure that residents of the District and the greater Washington area can join with Ireland and Irish communities worldwide in celebration of our proud heritage. I wish you every success with today's parade. I also congratulate Marilee Fitzgerald and wish her every success in her role as Grand Marshal.

Additionally, I offer my congratulations to Sister Seton Cunniff for being honoured with the 2011 Gael of the Year award. This award is a fitting tribute to her unwavering commitment and dedication to her students, her Church, and all those in need.

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A PROCLAMATION

Our diverse Nation has been shaped by the sacrifices and successes of those who crossed both land and sea in pursuit of a common dream. For millions of Americans, this journey began in Ireland. In the wake of the Great Hunger, many sons and daughters of Erin came to our shores seeking a brighter day, with only courage and the enduring values of faith and family to sustain them. Alongside many others who sought a better life in a new Nation, these intrepid immigrants built strong communities and helped forge our country's future.

During Irish-American Heritage Month, we honor the contributions Irish Americans have made, and celebrate the nearly 40 million among us who proudly trace their roots back to Ireland.

From the earliest days of our Republic, the Irish have overcome discrimination and carved out a place for themselves in the American story. Through hard work, perseverance, and patriotism, women and men of Irish descent have given their brawn, brains, and blood to make and remake this Nation — pulling it westward, pushing it skyward, and moving it forward. Half a century ago, John F. Kennedy became our first Irish-American Catholic President and summoned an expectant citizenry to greatness. This year, as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's inauguration, we recognize our 35th President and the countless other Irish Americans whose leadership and service have steered the course of our Nation.

Seldom in this world has a country so small had so large an impact on another. Today, the rich culture of Ireland touches all aspects of American society, and the friendship that binds Ireland and the United States is marked by a shared past and a common future. As communities across our country celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month and St. Patrick's Day, our Nation pays tribute to the proud lineage passed down to so many Americans from the Emerald Isle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2011 as Irish-American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month by celebrating the contributions of Irish Americans to our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

BARACK OBAMA

Grand Marshal *Marilee Fitzgerald*

By Marie Matthews



Possessed with a passion for community, family and education, she has found the perfect profession. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is pleased to honor **Marilee Fitzgerald**, Acting Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, as our Grand Marshal for 2011.

An identical twin and the youngest of five, she grew up outside Philadelphia in the suburb of Wynnewood. Her father, Anthony, was in the building and construction business; her beautiful and engaging mother, Marie, worked in a number of creative fields, including serving as a representative for Shiseido cosmetics.

When she was thirteen, Sister Suzanne Marie asked Fitzgerald to serve as a substitute teacher in the younger grades. Inspired by the faith her teacher had in her abilities, she set out on the path to her current career. It was an early example for her of the tremendous influence teachers have over the life of their students.

Fitzgerald entered college with the intention of becoming a teacher. Before graduation, however, she

had the opportunity to spend several years in Germany. While finishing her degree, she accepted employment in the Department of Defense's (DoD) Personnel Office there, at first, hiring teachers, and later, serving the teacher population in a variety of human resources functions. Thus began a 23-year career supporting those who teach our children.

Arriving back in the States, she obtained a job in the DC area hiring teachers for the entire DoD school system. She progressed through the system, holding positions such as Chief of Staff, Chief of Executive Services, and Chief of Recruitment. In time, Fitzgerald served as the Associate Director of Management for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) where she provided executive leadership in planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating major system-wide support in the areas of human resources, logistics, procurement, financial management, information technology, and the management control functions.

Next, Fitzgerald's career led to a variety of Human Resources positions. As Director of Workforce Issues and International Programs, Office of the Deputy

Under Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy, she oversaw and approved the DoD human resources policies and programs that affected over 700,000 employees worldwide in more than 750 career fields.

On the fourth of July last year, Fitzgerald was named Acting Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity. "It felt like coming home," she remembers. "The teaching business is in my blood."

The Activity's beginnings go back to 1821 when Congress first enacted a law that allowed the operation of schools on military posts in the United States. Shortly after the end of World War II, the United States military established schools for the children of its service men and women stationed in Europe and the Pacific. In 1954, the two systems – overseas and domestic – were brought together under an umbrella agency, the DoDEA. Today, Fitzgerald has oversight of all Defense Department schools, including 194 schools in 14 districts located in 12 foreign countries, seven states, Guam and Puerto Rico, educating more than 84,000 students.

DoDEA's mission is to plan, direct, coordinate, and manage the education programs for eligible dependents of U.S. military personnel and civilian personnel of the DoD. Dependents of military personnel face unique challenges to their educational attainment. They move more frequently than typical students and are subject to the stress that accompanies the potential deployment of parents to combat. DoDEA schools provide students with a uniform curriculum and standards that mitigate the stress of frequent moves. DoD also provides resources to non-DoDEA schools to help them deal with the challenges faced by military dependents.

Military families sacrifice greatly every day to keep us safe. Fitzgerald is determined that under her leadership, the education of their children will not be one of those sacrifices.

Fitzgerald applauds Michele Obama's efforts to shed light on the lives of military families. Further, the First Lady's Let's Move campaign, dedicated to solving the challenge of childhood obesity within a generation, is leading to activities which benefit the

children in the DoDEA's system. When the body is healthy and moving, the child is better able to learn. Believing it important to dedicate time to her community, Fitzgerald is an active congregant of St. Bartholomew's Church. She delivers meals to the homeless and has aided in relief for the victims of the Haiti disasters. On the job, she is a lead for the Combined Federal Campaign, Feds Feed Families, and Toys for Tots.

Several years ago, Fitzgerald along with her husband and son, bicycled around the Ring of Kerry, looking for the family's Irish roots. In their travels, they got in touch with their ancestry and culture. They found the Irish people to be "extraordinary," gracious, kind and hospitable. They concluded that the Irish have much to teach us about maintaining a balance in life. Especially important to Fitzgerald was the Irish teaching: "It's all about the family."

Fitzgerald is married to Dennis Fitzgerald, a physician. Their daughter Molly is a speech therapist in California and Shanna is a painter in Boulder. Son Ryan is an entrepreneur with a printing business in Pennsylvania.

Fitzgerald holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Maryland, with an additional concentration in secondary education, and has completed significant graduate work in Education and Human Development at the George Washington University. She is also a graduate of the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia.

She is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive for sustained superior accomplishments in the management of significant Department of Defense programs. She was also awarded the Department of Defense Exceptional Civilian Service Award for her distinguished accomplishments with the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Fitzgerald's career and life exemplifies this year's theme of A Heritage of Education and Community Service. We are pleased to honor her today.

NOTE: Some information for this article was found in the DoDEA website.

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Gael of the Year

Sister Seton Cunneen



For her life-long dedication to education and her amazing ability to inspire and lead others towards a life of service to their community the St. Patrick's Day Parade is proud to honor Sister Seton Cunneen as our 2011 Gael of the Year.

Born on July 1, 1943 in Orange, New Jersey to Raymond and Eileen Cunneen, Seton is the middle child with an older brother, Sean, and a younger brother, Thomas. Seton's maternal grandparents Daniel McLaughlin and Alice Cain emigrated from Ireland and England to Newark, New Jersey. Her paternal grandparents, Thomas and Ellen Malleague Cunneen emigrated from Ireland to Orange, New Jersey. Her family hails from Castlerea, Roscommon and Athlone, Westmeath. Seton's Cunneen grandparents in Orange, New Jersey often welcomed Irish émigrés to live in their home and helped them get settled in their new country. In the 1970's Seton and her parents had the opportunity to explore their Irish heritage in Roscommon. They thoroughly enjoyed visiting

one of her grandmother's relatives, Mae Glynn, who had lived with the Cunneens in New Jersey for a short while before returning to Ireland to marry her beloved boyfriend. Mae, at 70+ years old, was happily ensconced in Castlerea, still burning peat in the fireplace and donning boots to walk to the outhouse. Seton now holds dual citizenship in the USA and Ireland. She will proudly show you her Irish passport if you ask.

Sister Seton first came to Washington, DC from her home in South Orange, New Jersey to study Latin and Greek as an undergraduate at Trinity College. While at Trinity she became acquainted with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and she entered that Congregation after graduating in 1965. It is not surprising that the Catholic faith was a strong part of the Cunneen family. Seton's brother, Sean, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

The Sisters of Notre Dame, dedicated to the ministry of education, were founded in Amiens, France in 1804. The motherhouse moved to Namur, Belgium several years later. Over the years, thousands of their Sisters have taught children and adults on five continents. Although many Sisters continue to staff schools, others in recent years have chosen to work with immigrants, the homeless, persons with AIDS, the elderly poor and countless others in need of help.

After a brief stint teaching high school Latin in Georgia and Pennsylvania, Seton returned to the classroom to earn an MA in Classics from NYU and then spent a decade teaching Classics at Trinity College. During that period, she spent a summer at the American Academy in Rome as a Fulbright scholar, another summer at the University of Texas as a National Endowment of the Humanities scholar and a year directing a study program in Oxford; many of these students are here today to celebrate with Seton.

Seton earned another MA, this time in Religious Studies at Fordham University, became a Campus Minister and teacher of English as a Second Language at Queensborough Community College in New York and then returned to Trinity College as Director of Campus Ministry, a position she held for a decade before going to Gonzaga College High School in 1995 as Director of Service Programs.

We are not the first organization to recognize Seton's accomplishments. In 1995, Trinity College established a Fellowship in her honor. The Sister Seton Cunneen Summer Service Fellowship offers Trinity students the opportunity to work in community service outreach for ten weeks as a way of exploring social issues and introducing the students to the commitment and value of community service as a basic tenet of Catholic social teaching. In 2004, Seton received the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Medal for her unwavering service to the Church, her boundless love of the poor, and her grace filled teaching of the young men in her care. In 2005, she was selected out of a pool of eight hundred applicants to participate along with other highly influential high school teachers in the Toyota International Teacher Program in Japan. Last year

Martha's Table honored her for twenty-five years of dedicated service.

For the past 15 years, Sister Seton, as Director of Service Programs and Teacher of Christian Ethics at Gonzaga College High School, has continued in the ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur by accompanying Gonzaga students in their outreach to those in need. Through the calendar year, she has been instrumental in the creation and expansion of service programs designed to provide opportunities that increase in depth and intensity as the Gonzaga student matures (The Father McKenna Center, Food & Friends, McKenna's Wagon, Campus Kitchens, tutoring at local schools). Each spring and summer she travels with Gonzaga students to many domestic and international outreaches: Apopka, FL, Camden, NJ, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD, Emmitsburg MD, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic. On these extraordinary service trips, Gonzaga students are given the opportunity to make accompanying the needy a "habit of the heart".

In spring 2009, the Gonzaga Crew Team christened a Resolute Eight, the newest boat in the team's fleet, the "Sr. Seton Cunneen". In May, that very boat went on to make Gonzaga history by winning Scholastic Nationals.

The Washington DC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is honored to have Sister Seton Cunneen as its 2011 Gael of the Year. Please join us in honoring a true "Woman for Others", Sister Seton Cunneen.

Division Marshal
Laureen O'Neill-James

*For my ancestors I keep the dance alive
Their traditions I hold precious
Their memories I will cherish forever
Their blood pulsed through my veins
They live in me, and through me.... "They dance on"*



LAUREEN O'NEILL-JAMES, T.C.R.G., A.D.C.R.G.
"Rugtha don Rince" "Born to Dance"

"Happy Saint Patrick's Day"

On Sunday March 13, 2011 with God's help, Laureen will have performed every year for 40 years in the Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Laureen thanks the parade committee for their dedication. Having won "Best in Parade" on numerous occasions, Laureen & Fred also thank their dancers and parents for their loyalty and support.

Laureen is the proud daughter and former pupil of her late mother, Peggy (Hannon) O'Neill. Peggy was voted the Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade's 1978 "Gael of the Year". Both Laureen and her Mum won their first medals at the age of 4. Peggy won the Senior Scottish Championship while she was expecting Laureen; hence the saying, "Laureen was born to dance." In 1987, both Frank and Peggy O'Neill were posthumously inducted into the "Irish Cultural Hall of Fame", becoming the first couple ever to be inducted.

Laureen has emulated her late mother in many ways. She has won the Scottish Championship at every level Minor, Junior and Senior several times, won a total of 25 championships, among them the Cross Channel Championship at the Father Mathew Feis in Dublin and has won 263 medals. Her 4-hand team including her brother Frank won the "All-Ireland" in the Mansion House in Dublin in 1963, the first non Irish born team ever to win a figure dance competition in the All-Ireland. Laureen left Scotland in October 1964 as the reigning "Senior Champion of Scotland."

As well as being an adjudicator, Laureen is still very involved in teaching and has a thriving school of Irish Dancing in the Washington, DC metro area. Her two sons, Freddie and Robbie followed in her footsteps by winning their first medal at the age of four, winning their own championships and competing in the world championships in the Mansion House in Dublin 1983. Freddie and his mother introduced Irish dancing to the TV Show "Dance Fever", won their show and continued onto the finals. Robbie followed in their footsteps when he too danced on "Dance Fever."

Laureen's students have competed in the World Championships and several were regional champions. Her dancers have danced for Presidents, Prime

Ministers, Cardinals and the homeless. Laureen and her students formed an honor guard for President and Mrs. Clinton and their guests, including Michael Flatley, as they arrived for a gala event at the White House on Saint Patrick's Day just after the peace treaty was signed in 1998. Hilary Clinton featured two of the dancers from the O'Neill-James School in her book "An Invitation to the White House." Laureen is proud to acknowledge her three former "Miss Rose of Tralee's" and the now reigning 2010 Miss Virginia.

Laureen and her mother are featured in the first edition of the Irish American Who's Who and are shown in a photograph displaying Irish dancing costumes in Dr. Sean Cullinane's first book. Laureen and husband Fred former "Canadian Jitter-Bug Champions" hold several titles and are recognized in the ballroom dancing field as accomplished professionals with a great reputation. They are listed in the Executive Professional Section of the Global Register's Who's Who. Fred was chosen as choreographer for the movie "Dance with Me". The Irish American Club asked Laureen to teach William Hurt an Irish jig when he was in Washington for the movie "Broadcast News". With the O'Neill-James school, they have promoted the "All-American Championships" and the Nation's Capital Feis every year since 1987. Laureen and Fred, an unbeatable team!

Laureen was appointed the first Southern Regional Director of the Irish Dancing Teachers Association and was accepted unanimously into the "North American Feis Commission Hall of Fame" in 2003, was voted the 2009 Best-Mannered Teacher by the National League of Junior Cotillions and was nominated to receive the 2009 Woman of the Year distinction by the American Biographical Institution.

Laureen's goal is to continue promoting her Irish heritage and instill the great tradition of our culture into her students.

*A woman of few words -
Laureen let's her feet do the talking.*

Division Marshals

Seán and Denise Culkin

The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance

Denise and Seán Culkin are honored to be Division Marshals on this 40th Anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, DC, especially since this year's parade is honoring Education and Community Service. Little did Denise and Seán know, when they jotted ideas down on a napkin at the Inn at Glen Echo in the Spring of 1997, that they would be where they are today with the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance!

Seán was born in DC and grew up in the downtown Silver Spring, Maryland area, near Sligo Avenue. What a coincidence for Seán's parents, Philomena and Willie, when they arrived at the Silver Spring train station to see the street sign for "Sligo Avenue." Having come from County Sligo, Ireland, they considered it a sign from God! Seán attended St. Michael's Elementary School, St. John's College High School and Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, graduating with degrees in Political Science, French and Economics. Seán's roots in this area are strong; one of his favorite St. Patrick's Day memories is walking down Massachusetts Avenue with his father, Willie and Matt Hannon in the early years of the DC Parade!

At the insistence of his parents, and following in the footsteps of his older brother Eamonn, Seán began his Irish dancing lessons at the age of 6 with Peggy O'Neill, ADCRG. He was a student from 1966 to 1978. In 1995, he started teaching adults with Caterina

Earle, also a student of Peggy's and in 1997, he earned his TCRG, the Irish Dance Teachers Certificate from the Irish Dance Commission. In April of 1997, he began teaching children's classes at Glen Echo Park with 20 kids. Seán is grateful to both Jesse Winch, Jim Keenan and Margaret Prendergast Moebus for their encouragement and support when he was choosing this career path.



Today, the Culkin School has over 400 students and holds classes all over Montgomery County. The school colors of black and white are inspired by the colors of County Sligo, Ireland, home of the Culkin family. The mission of

the Culkin School is to pass on the tradition of Irish Dance, teach the basics of dance and the music it is danced to, and to have fun while learning. While competition is not the sole focus of their school, they prepare the students who wish to compete so that they can do so to the best of their ability. If a dancer chooses not to compete, many (optional) opportunities are available for them to utilize the skills they have learned by participating in ceilis and/or performances scheduled throughout the year.

The Culkin School is blessed to have a dedicated group of instructors and assistants to bring this mission to life. Nicki Sack Bayhurst, ADCRG, was a championship dancer with the Tessie Burke School in Pittsburgh, and has worked with the Culkin School since its earliest days. Megan Howard, TCRG, was



one of Seán's original adult students, and now teaches the adult step program. Megan Moloney, TMRF, was also one of the Culkin School's longstanding students and webmaster, and she fields the adult competitive teams. These core instructors, along with Seán, are assisted by a host of fabulous adult and student assistants who share their talents and love of Irish Dance with their students.

Service to others has always been a big part of the Culkin School. One of Seán's favorite performances each year is the one for the Little Sisters of the Poor on St. Patrick's Day. What a blessing to be able to bring joy to the residents, the Sisters and the staff at their retirement home! This year, one of the true legends of Irish traditional music, De Danann Band celebrates St. Patrick's Day by making its first ever National Geographic Live appearance in Washington, DC. They will feature founding members on vocals and dancers from the Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance.

Through education and service, the Culkin School has been successful in living up to its mission. By doing so, it has gained notoriety as the Irish dance program at many important regional arts venues such as the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap Children's Programs, Glen Echo Park for the Arts, and Black Rock Arts Center. When the Irish Embassy needs dancers, they call the Culkin School, and it has always been an honor to grace these events with their dancers.

Seán and Denise were married in 1992. They live in Silver Spring, Maryland along with their sons,

Michael (age 12) and twins, Sean and Rory (age 10), who are following in their father's footsteps and are students at the Culkin School. Seán and the boys are often seen dancing in the pubs for fundraising events and other Irish functions. Denise, a New Jersey native who met Seán through mutual friends, often jokes that the first time she ever really saw Irish Dance was at her wedding 18 years ago, when Seán and Eamonn danced a hornpipe! Denise began her career as an educator, having worked as a teacher, counselor and assistant principal at Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, Maryland. Next she moved to Georgetown University Medical Center as an Organizational Development Specialist and Trainer. Today, in addition to her own consulting business, Denise helps to manage the administrative tasks of the Culkin School. Even though she does not teach the students herself, she enjoys being a part of the wonderful learning community of the Culkin School.

We wish Seán and Denise all the best in the years to come. Their contributions to the Irish Community are most appreciated.



Division Marshals

Bill Maple & Marnie O'Callaghan-Maple

Bill Maple was born in Worcester, Massachusetts and grew up in Boston. Bill's father was the son of Canadian immigrants and his mother hails from Kilcummin, Kilarney in County Kerry. Bill's mother enrolled him and two sisters in Irish dance classes with the Rita O'Shea School of Irish Dance at a young age. Bill

was an accomplished championship-level dancer, winning many regional titles as well as being the 1982 North American Senior Men's Champion and World Championship step dancer. His love for Irish music and dance eventually led to Bill becoming a certified teacher (TCRG) and he began The Maple School Of Irish Dancing in the early 1980's. Bill's first classes were in Dorchester and Charlestown; two areas in Boston with a large Irish-American population. Bill's job with the Department of Defense took him and his wife, Marnie to Germany where their two children, Andreas and Alexa were born. When they returned to the United States, they settled in Virginia and opened up the Maple Academy of Irish Dance.

Marnie O'Callaghan was born in Brookline, Massachusetts to Irish immigrants; her mother from Ballydesmond, County Cork and her father from

Brosna located in the Sliabh Luachra area of County Kerry. Marnie first started her Irish dance career with the Eddie Irwin School of Irish dance and later with the Maureen Hansen Keohane School, both in the Boston area. Marnie competed at the local and regional level as well as at the World championships.

Marnie was also an accomplished fiddle-player under the direction of the renowned Seamus Connolly and played on an album produced by the Hanafin-Cooley Branch of CCE. She was part of the pilot exchange program between Boston College and University College Cork, where she did her junior year abroad. Marnie started teaching Irish dance lesson with Bill and later earned her TCRG in 1990.

Both Bill and Marnie enjoy teach-

ing Irish dance and get deep personal satisfaction in watching young children in their classes grow from beginners to champions. Thousands of dancers have passed through the doors of the Maple Academy in their more than 25 years of teaching and their success can be seen in the many Regional, National and World Championship-level solo and team dancers they have produced. Bill and Marnie are both active in the Irish dance community. Bill is a former member of the Executive Board of the Southern Region



Irish Dance Teachers Association and currently serves as a regional representative to An Coimisiun, the parent body in Dublin, Ireland. Bill is also an accomplished adjudicator (ADCRG), judging Irish dance competitions all over the world.

Their children, Andreas and Alexa are both Open Championship-level dancers, and Andreas can be seen performing again this spring in the Irish dance show, Celtic Fyre, at Busch Gardens, Williamsburg.

Dancers from the Maple School have performed at the White House for Presidents Bush and Obama, the Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian, Wolf Trap and various cultural festivals throughout the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. They have also danced for the Irish Prime Minister and for charitable organizations such as The N.I.H. Children's Inn and local area nursing homes.

Eighteen dancers from the Maple Academy recently qualified to compete in solos at the World Championships and will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland in April to take part in the competitions; along with their regional champion Under 13 celi team.



The website for the Maple Academy of Irish Dance is
www.mapleirishdance.com

The Parade Committee is pleased to honor Bill and Marnie as Division Marshals this year.

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In Memoriam

Richard Branson



On December 17, 2010, the Washington area lost an exceptional gentleman of diverse and profound dimensions. Born on February 29, 1940, in Washington, DC, the last of 13 children, Richard Patrick Branson was an enthusiastic, energetic supporter of his Faith, family, community and Country, and all things Irish.

Richard was blessed with a powerful tenor voice, an extraordinary sense of humor, an open and outgoing nature and genuine kindness to all. It truly was a joy to be in his presence. A skilled negotiator, his personality was ideally suited to his functions as Regional General Chairman and union representative of the Sheet Metal Workers International of America. Before those positions, he had spent 13 years as a Brother in the Catholic Order of Crosiers and then as a pipefitter.

A member of St. Dominic's Parish in Washington, Richard was extraordinarily generous with his time

and talent. Among other activities, he was a Eucharistic Minister, trained the acolytes, operated the Book Store, decorated the Church and served for the Easter and Christmas liturgies, worked in the Church garden, and with his beloved wife, Elysia, participated in the Pre-Cana Program. He was deeply spiritual and a daily Communicant. A very active Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, he sang in its choir and twice a week volunteered with them at the Veterans Hospital. He participated every year in The March For Life, to defend the rights of the unborn. In January his wife accepted his posthumous Archdiocesan Award, Manifesting the Kingdom, one of the first awarded in this inaugural year.

Richard loved Ireland and traveled there as often as he could, either with a group or driving about in a rented car. Following his retirement, together with a like-minded friend, they co-founded Branahan Tours, a company drawing on their own experiences, that designs and leads specialized tours of Ireland. He felt honored to be a member of the Police Emerald



Society and process in uniform at the annual Memorial March. He was proud to be a volunteer Marshal in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, using his good humor to cheer and encourage those out in the occasionally inclement weather. He touched so many lives by his presence of joy and grace. A lasting legacy will be the example he set and the inspiration he ignited. He truly cared about others and despite all his commitments, he always made time to listen or lend a hand. He showed us how to live and die.

When they weren't busy serving others, Richard and Elysia often traveled to Williamsburg, following a tradition that began with their honeymoon. Another favorite pastime for Richard was savoring a well-drawn pint of Guinness in a pub and joining in singing with the Irish musicians. And cheering on the Notre Dame football team!

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Elysia Ryan Branson, who served with the Metropolitan Police Department for 37 years, 30 of them in the Canine Unit, sons Justin M. Branson and Joshua R. Branson, both Metropolitan Police Officers, daughter Elysia Marie Branson, a veterinary student in Glasgow, Scotland. Also surviving are daughter-in-law Rashida Branson, granddaughters Hannah and Samantha Branson, and brothers Herman Branson and Ernie Branson.

Until we meet again, may God hold him in the hollow of His hand.

In Memoriam

Father Allen P. Novotny, S.J. 1952-2010



(The following tribute to Fr. Allen Novotny, S.J., appeared in The Aquilian, Gonzaga's school newspaper, in November. It was authored by members of the Aquilian staff, including Michael Leddecky '12, Will Speros '11, Sean Hayden '11, Andrew Hayden '11, and John Begala '11.)

The Gonzaga community is still reeling from the sudden passing of Fr. Novotny. The consensus among students and faculty is clear: Gonzaga lost a leader, visionary, mentor, and friend.

Fr. Allen Novotny grew up in Southeast Baltimore with three older sisters: Clare, Jean, and Betty. He attended Loyola Blakefield High School and in ninth grade became friends with Tom Clifford, who would become Fr. Tom Clifford, S.J., longtime Gonzaga history teacher and current pastor of St. Aloysius Church.

At Loyola Blakefield, Fr. Novotny's ninth grade teacher, a Jesuit, gave an apple to the best student in each subject, and Fr. Novotny consistently carried home the apple for his work in Latin and English.

Even as a young man, his pursuit of perfection was evident. He helped found a freshman newspaper called "Frosh," and by his senior year he was writing for the Loyola Blakefield school paper. As a student, he was not afraid to share his keen sense of humor with others, and this was evident in his authorship of a student newspaper article entitled, "It's About Time Someone Criticized Unfair Criticisms."

Fr. Novotny entered the Jesuits immediately after graduating from Loyola Blakefield High School and went to Fordham to pursue his BA in history, which he would receive *summa cum laude*. In the Jesuit novitiate, Fr. Novotny discovered his love of racquetball and he played his way into great shape while becoming a top-tier competitor.

After graduating from Fordham, Fr. Novotny spent a year as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. After his year in Europe, he studied to earn a Masters of Divinity at the Weston School of Theology. He later earned a Masters in Pastoral Counseling and an MBA at Loyola University in Baltimore.

Fr. Novotny was an educator at heart. From 1976-1979 he worked at Loyola High School in Towson, Maryland, as a teacher and then assistant headmaster. He also served as Director of Campus Ministry at Loyola College in Baltimore before his promotion to Rector of the Jesuit Community at Loyola High School in Maryland from 1990-1994.

When Fr. Novotny arrived at Gonzaga in 1994, he faced the monumental challenges of guiding the school into the future and filling the shoes of the adored Fr. Bernard Dooley, S.J.

Fr. Novotny succeeded in both of these endeavors. His fundraising efforts transformed the face of the campus and he quickly became a beloved fixture on Eye Street. He fostered Jesuit virtues among students as he led Gonzaga through tragedies and triumphs.

As Fr. Novotny guided Gonzaga into the twenty-first century, he adroitly balanced tradition with modernization. Despite renovations, Cantwell and Ruesch Halls retained the character of an old school. He helped the new quadrangle integrate into the school and become a focal point of Gonzaga. Fr. Novotny helped transform Gonzaga into "an oasis in the middle of a concrete jungle."

The beautification of Gonzaga reflected Fr. Novotny's pride in the school. His passion for gardening led to the planting of many trees and flowers across the campus. Fr. Novotny also decorated the walls of the newly renovated buildings with pictures glorifying Gonzaga and its Jesuit heritage.

Fr. Novotny's dedication to Ignatian spirituality was also evident in his support for retreats and service programs. "He immediately answered 'of course' to any proposals that increased funding for retreats," noted Mr. Mark Howell. The Freshman Retreat began during Fr. Novotny's presidency in 2004 and the event has developed into a fundamental Gonzaga tradition.

He also encouraged a wide range of service programs. Sister Seton Cunneen praised Father as "a steadfast promoter of social justice." Under Fr. Novotny, Gonzaga not only increased the variety of its summer service trips, but also increased the number of its domestic initiatives.

Fr. Novotny displayed his exemplary leadership abilities through guiding Gonzaga through 9/11 and the sniper scare of 2002. In the wake these tragedies, his calm demeanor and appeals to faith comforted everyone at Gonzaga.



The Gonzaga community will remember Father as a skillful communicator with a unique sense of humor. He drew on a vast repertoire of jokes to open his speeches, and these speeches resonated with Gonzaga parents. "He could make mothers cry when he talked about their sons," said Mrs. Joncas.

The humble president was always willing to poke fun at himself; a roast of Fr. Novotny benefitting the Loyola Retreat House was scheduled for the day after his death.

Fr. Novotny personally connected with students. An avid soccer fan, Fr. Novotny would ride his bike to RFK Stadium to support Gonzaga's team. Mrs. Helen Free extolled Fr. Novotny for his ability to maintain relationships with alumni. Describing Fr. Novotny's correspondence with her eldest son, Mrs. Free remarked, "It didn't matter how busy Father was. He was always able to keep in touch with my son. He never forgot to respond to my son's emails." The vast number of condolences and elegies posted by students and alumni on Facebook following Fr. Novotny's death reveal the great love and respect that students have for him.

Fr. Novotny's legacy will have an indelible effect on Gonzaga. Students, alumni, parents, and faculty will never forget his leadership and commitment to Jesuit education. May he rest in peace. AMDG.

In Memoriam

Betty Moore



In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Teresa Moore



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May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine warm on your face

May the rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

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In Memoriam

Senior Police Officer Frank Strothers

Senior Police Officer Frank Strother was a Metropolitan Police Department member for 38 years. Frank, who was a Vietnam veteran, joined the department on February 29, 1972.

Frank had retired from MPD in 2003, but he returned to the force as a Senior Police Officer in May 2005. He said there was only so much fishing he could do. Frank was assigned to the Special Operations Division. He was recognized throughout his career as an expert on traffic regulations and accident reconstruction, as well as being an accomplished motorcycle rider. He kept up his motorman status at an age far beyond the norm. He had a good sense of humor and had a knack for calming crime and crash victims. He handled numerous protests and demonstrations, sometimes single-handedly. One of the assignments he was most proud of in the latter part of his career was escorting First Lady Laura Bush from the US Capitol to safety following the September 11, 2001 attacks. He felt close to his friends and co-workers and was devoted to his family.



On March 14, 2010, while enroute to participate in the DC St. Patrick's Day Parade, Frank was stricken by a medical incident and later passed away on May 22, 2010. He is greatly missed by family and co-workers. He was survived by his wife and three daughters.

In Memoriam

Fire Emerald Society



In 1972, members of the DCFD marched in the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, DC and have continued to march in the parade for the last 40 years.

In 1979, the Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington was formed and have marched in the parade ever since.

In 2002, the Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington Pipe and Drums was formed and has marched since 2003.

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In Memoriam
Police Emerald Society



Since the first Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1972, area law enforcement has played an integral part in the success of the parade, from public safety during the parade to marching down the avenue.

On this, the 25th anniversary of the Washington, DC Area Police Emerald Society, we would like to honor and remember those members who have gone before us.

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2005 Paul Xavier Kelly
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2004 John Walsh
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2002 Those Who Serve
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2001 Tom Dolan
Olympic Gold Medalist

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1995 John Hume
Leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party

1994 Mark Russell
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2006 Walter Durkin

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1997 Paul L. Berry

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1988 Mickey Brennan

1987 Brendan Sheridan

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Even the heavy rain couldn't keep the golfers away from the fourth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Country Club in Beltsville, Maryland on September 27, 2010. The area had already received over an inch of rain which was going to make for an interesting day of play but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits. The golfers gathered for a Captain's Choice tee-off a little after 9:00 a.m. and with a few pit stops in the club house to dry off, all but one team continued to play out all the holes.

Our congratulations go out to the **WINNING TEAM** from DISA – Kevin Burnett, Marti Dowd and Justin Faneili

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We look forward to seeing everyone on the links in a few months for the 2011 golf tournament.

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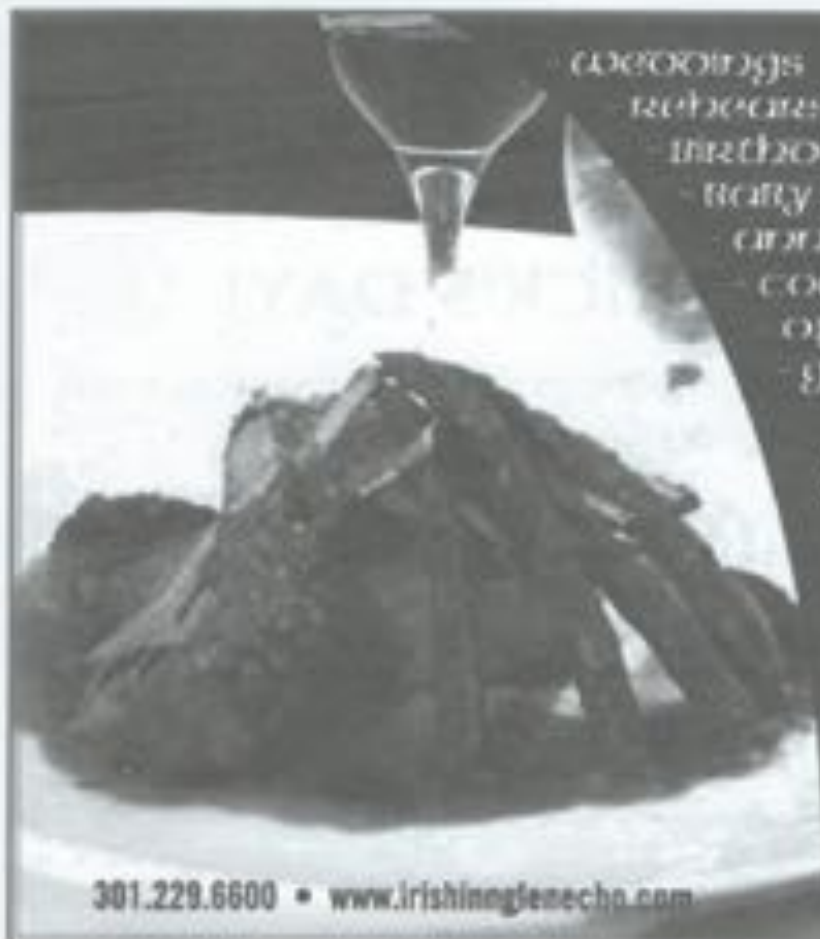
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