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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 39th anniversary of the Nation's Saint Patrick's Day Parade. This year Frank Saul, a businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist, along with his wife Tricia Saul, a dedicated civic leader, will be honored as our Grand Marshals. Robert J. (Bob) Hickey, a founding member of the Washington, D.C. Police Emerald Society, and the local chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, is being honored as our Gael of the Year. Our Division Marshals, Former Fire Chief Bill FitzGerald and his wife Lila, Assistant Chief Patrick Burke, Metropolitan Police Department, and Frank Hughes, owner of the Ireland's Four Fields Restaurant and Pub, are being honored for their service to the citizens of the greater Washington D.C. area and to the Irish community.

Our 2010 parade theme is "The Irish who Built America." This year the parade committee proudly honors all individuals of Irish descent who have played a significant role in the growth of our nation.

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 U.S. National Park Service for their continuing support in making this day a special event year after year. In addition, we are grateful for all our advertisers, sponsors, patrons and to all the local Irish Pub and Restaurant owners who provide their selfless and dedicated support. Without them, 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.

For more information on this wonderful event, please join us at our website at dcstpatsparade.com, and become a regular visitor. Our website is an exciting adventure into the parade, the people, and all the Irish activities and functions that precede this special event.

On behalf of the 2010 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.

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I am delighted, as Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, to extend warmest good wishes to all who have contributed to the 39th annual Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day parade.

I commend all those who work tirelessly each year to ensure the residents of the District and greater Washington can join with Ireland and the Irish communities around the world in celebration of our proud heritage. I wish you every success with this year's parade. I wish Frank and Tricia Saul every success in their role as Grand Marshals.

St. Patrick's Day is an invaluable opportunity to celebrate our shared heritage between the United States and Ireland. The Washington, DC St. Patrick's Day parade is an important symbol of the enduring relationship and deep ties between both countries.

I offer my warmest congratulations to Robert J. Hickey for being honoured with the 2010 Gael of the Year award. It is a fitting tribute to Robert's commitment and dedication to the development of Irish music and dance for many years.

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A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

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Following the colonial migrations, the United States enjoyed the greatest influx of Irish during the 1840s as Ireland suffered the Great Famine. Hungry but hopeful, poor but perseverant, Irish-Americans seized the opportunity to work hard, enjoy success, and pursue the American Dream.

Many took on the difficult work of constructing America's infrastructure. Others assumed positions of leadership. Among those leaders were signers of the Declaration of Independence and Presidents of the United States. Still others enjoyed great success and influence in the arts and literature. From social activists to business leaders, athletes to clergy, and first responders to soldiers, distinguished Irish-Americans have made indelible contributions to our national identity.

Today, tens of millions of Irish-Americans can look back with pride on the legacy of their forebears. Irish-Americans are integral to the rich fabric of the United States, and we are grateful for their service and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim March 2009 as Irish-American Heritage Month. I encourage all Americans to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

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2010 Grand Marshals

Frank and Tricia Saul by Marie Matthews

Frank and Tricia Saul have been respected leaders in the community for decades. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is proud to honor them as our Grand Marshals for 2010.

B. Francis (Frank) Saul II and his older sister grew up in Washington. Elizabeth Patricia English (Tricia) and her brother's family had lived in Chevy Chase for three generations after her grandfather emigrated from Ireland. The Sauls met at a dance shortly after Tricia returned to the States from Brussels where she had been working as a guide for the American pavilion at the World's Fair. Her date was a handsome young Marine on the White House staff. But Frank cut in during a dance; they fell in love and were later married.

After graduating from Georgetown Preparatory School, Saul earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Villanova University and a law degree from the University of Virginia. During the summers, he worked in the family business. Upon graduation, he began his career in the Saul's residential mortgage business. He went on to gain additional understanding in various aspects of the business, and in 1969, he took over the company.

The family business began in the mid-1800's. Saul's great-grandfather, John Saul, had left County Cork in 1851 to apply his considerable horticulturist skills to transforming what was to become the National Mall from land used to grow vegetables, graze livestock and store trash to public gardens suitable for the nation's capital city. In 1854, he became the first Chairman of Washington's Parks commission.

For many years, John Saul maintained two botanical nurseries in the outskirts of Washington. By 1892, the city had grown so much that the land was more valuable for purposes other than cultivating plants. John's son, B. Francis Saul, only 19 years old, realized that selling the land themselves would be more profitable than turning over the effort to someone else. Thus young Saul founded a real estate business; to expedite the sales of lots, he took back notes from the buyers. These enterprises--real estate, finance and property management--became the foundation for what is now the B. F. Saul Company. During Saul's lifetime it became the dominant institution of its kind in the city.

Today, the B.F. Saul Company specializes in commercial real estate, insurance, and property development and management. It owns and manages 18 hotels in the Washington region, as well as Michigan and Florida, and its publicly traded Saul Centers manages nearly 50 shopping centers.

In 2007, the company was recognized by *Washingtonian Magazine* as a "Great Place to Work." The magazine noted that "almost one-third of the staff at the corporate office has been there more than ten years. People stay because they're allowed to take on as much responsibility as they'd like and are given room to grow. Employees value the respect they're given and the appreciation they're shown for good work."

Building on a legacy established by previous generations of his family, Mr. Saul founded Chevy Chase Bank in 1969 in a trailer in a parking lot on Connecticut Avenue. From the mid-1990's to 2009, Chevy Chase was the largest locally owned bank headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area. In 2009, it was sold to Capital One. The Bank has more than

2010 Grand Marshals

250 branches and assets in excess of $15 billion. Currently, Saul serves as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer and Trustee of Saul Centers; Chairman of B.F. Saul Company; and Chairman of the B.F. Saul Real Estate Investment Trust. His advice to young people starting in business is a principle that has served him well over his long career: take care of the small things, and the big things will take care of themselves.

The Sauls have been generous with their time and money for innumerable community organizations. Mrs. Saul is co-chair of the Friends of Blair House, the official state guest house for the President of the United States. The organization raises funds to preserve the House's décor and to acquire fine arts and furnishings to maintain the gracious charm and inviting hospitality of this historic residence on Pennsylvania Avenue across from the Old Executive Office Building.

Mrs. Saul is also active in the International Neighbor's Club, which provides a social and educational environment to welcome international women to the Washington, DC area. She has served on many Boards, including the Hospital for Sick Children, the Washington Home, the Decatur House Museum, the National Symphony Orchestra and several garden clubs.

Mr. Saul has been tireless in serving the community. He is a member of the National Geographic Society's Council of Advisors, comprised of industry leaders and influential community members. This group is charged with forging connections and building relationships that will result in increased broad-based philanthropic support for, and awareness of, the activities of the Society.

Among the many other boards and committees Saul has served on are the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Gallery of Art, the Corcoran Gallery, the Federal City Council and the American Red Cross.

Like his father and grandfather before him, Saul is active in several Catholic charities and organizations. He was a member of the Archdiocesan Finance Council for a number of years. He is a Knight of Malta, an order which runs hospitals, hospices, medical centers, drug rehabilitation centers, old people's homes, schools and universities, as well as offering humanitarian and disaster relief to victims of armed conflict or natural catastrophe all over the world.

Mr. Saul is a Friendly Son of St. Patrick, an organization founded in Philadelphia in 1771. Commodore John Barry was an early member; George Washington was an honorary member. The group aims to foster and promote knowledge of Irish culture and traditions and to keep alive the Celtic love of arts, letters and history. The Washington chapter provides scholarships to graduate students in Irish Studies at Catholic University.

In 2001, Mr. and Mrs. Saul received the "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award" from the National Catholic Educational Association in recognition of their leadership and generosity in the field of education, as well as the "Catholic Charities' Voice of Hope Award."

Saul has received numerous other awards over the course of his career, including the "Papal Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" and the "Urban Land Institute Lifetime Achievement Award." In 2006, he was inducted into the Washington Business Hall of Fame.

The Sauls have often traveled to Ireland. As a youngster, Saul visited cousins in Dublin and other parts of the country. On a recent trip, Mr. Saul was invested as trustee for National University of Ireland, Cork and received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

The Sauls have five children and twelve grandchildren. One son is continuing in the business.

The Washington area is fortunate to have such dedicated and compassionate leaders contributing to the community. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is honored to pay tribute to them today.

Gael of the Year

Robert J. Hickey Jr.

Robert J. Hickey Jr. or Bob as he is known to his many friends was born in Glen Cove, New York on February 17, 1933. He is the son of Robert J. Hickey, who emigrated from Loughrea, Co. Galway in 1910 and Rose Keenan who emigrated from Clones, Co. Monaghan in1918. A native of New York, Bob attended Corpus Christie Parochial School, Mineola, New York from 1939 to1947, and graduated from Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, Brooklyn, New York in 1951. Upon graduating from high school Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served until 1955. Following his service to his country Bob served the citizens of Suffolk County, New York, as an officer in the Suffolk County Police Department. Prior to his departure from the Suffolk County Police in 1970, he had attained the rank of Sergeant. Bob departed the Suffolk County Police Department, but he did not depart law enforcement. In 1970, Bob chose to continue to serve the citizens of the United States and was sworn in as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he served until his retirement in 1990. During his tenure with the FBI, Bob distinguished himself in his dedicated pursuit of public corruption. Following his retirement from the FBI, Bob became associated with the Bank of America in Fairfax, VA, where he applied his expertise in the area of corporate security. In 2000, Bob again chose to serve the FBI as an independent contractor conducting background investigations of potential FBI employees. He continues to provide this service.

Faithful to his Irish heritage, Bob has established an incredible record of accomplishments in promoting the Irish culture within the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. He is a founding member, and first Treasurer, of the Washington D.C. Police Emerald Society. In 1985 he was a founding member of the Greater Washington Ceili Club. He has served as the President of the Irish Dance Festival of Northern Virginia Ltd. (IDFONV); and in 1995 he incorporated the IDFONV into a new O'Neill-Malcom Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Irish Musicians Association). The O'Neill-Malcom Branch established an award in honor of Bob called "The Robert J. Hickey, Jr. Founders Award" for the Most Promising Traditional Musician that is presented at their annual feis competition. Bob is also member and former President of the Father William Corby Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and in 1995 he was honored as the Father William Corby Division "Hibernian of the Year."

Bob is a man of limitless energy. He has dedicated many, many, many hours between 1986 and 2001 in fund-raising and tent-raisings efforts for the annual Irish Folk festivals which were sponsored by the Greater Washington Ceili Club and held at Glen Echo Park, Wolf Trap and the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Bob also organized and directed the Irish Folk Festivals at Van Dyke Park in Fairfax City, Virginia from 2000 to 2008. And, in addition to the above, Bob periodically taught Irish Ceili and Set Dancing.

Bob is married to Catherine P. Kane whose grandparents emigrated from County Kildare. Their children are Kathleen, Robert III, Susan, Christopher, Margaret and Stephen. They reside in Northern Virginia.

In recognition of his lifelong accomplishments, his dedication to the Irish Community, and service to his country, the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to honor Robert J. Hickey Jr. as our 2010 Gael of the Year.

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Billy and Lila FitzGerald

Billy and Lila FitzGerald were born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. He is one of 6 FitzGeralds in 3 generations to serve the Washington, D.C. Fire Department (DCFD). Billy retired from the D.C.F.D. with 29 years of service as the Assistant Fire Chief. Currently he serves as the Fire Chief of the Chambersburg Fire Department in Chambersburg, PA. Billy has served as an active firefighter for just over 35 years in five career and volunteer fire departments and is also a charter member of the D.C. Fire Department Emerald Society. Lila, Billy's wife, was a D.C. Metropolitan Police Officer along with being a retired United States Air Force Small Arms Instructor. In her spare time, she raised their two sons and managed a small farm with over 100 animals. Their oldest son John attended Shippensburg University in PA and is currently a firefighter with D.C. Engine Company 16 who are the first responders to the White House. Their youngest son Jimmie attended West Chester University also in PA and is currently a firefighter with Engine Company 24 in the Petworth Section of D.C. and is a member of the D.C. Emerald Society Pipes & Drums.

The Parade Committee is glad to honor Billy and Lila as Division Marshals this year.

Division Marshal

Assistant Chief Patrick A. Burke

Assistant Chief Patrick A. Burke, one of eight children, born in Rochester, New York, has over 20 years of service with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and currently serves as the Assistant Chief of the MPD's Homeland Security Bureau. During his MPD career, Assistant Chief Burke has served in four of the seven police districts, the Special Operations Division, Operations Command, and the Field and Tactical Support Unit. He received his undergraduate degree in criminal justice from the State University of New York College at Buffalo, a certificate of public management from the George Washington University, a Master's degree in management from the Johns Hopkins University and a Masters degree in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Post Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, VA, the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) in Boston, MA, and has attended counter-terrorism training in Israel. He has received a variety of awards and commendations, including MPD's Achievement, Meritorious Service, Police Medal and Lifesaving Medals, the Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished District of Columbia Government Employees, the Center for Homeland Defense and Security – Straub Award for Academic Excellence and Leadership, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Award for Public Service. He has served as the Metropolitan Police Department's principal coordinator and incident commander for a myriad of major events to include the Papal visit in 2008, the G-20 Summit and the 56th Presidential Inaugural in 2009. Chief Burke sits on numerous boards to include the Office of Police Complaints, the DC Police Foundation, and the Washington Regional Alcohol Program. He also serves as the Chairman of MPD's Use of Force Review Board. Chief Burke

is an active coach for youth sports and is a member of numerous community and volunteer organizations within the District of Columbia, where he resides with his beautiful Irish wife, Nora Robinson, and their 4 wonderful children, Bridie Margaret, Molly Shannon, Breandan Filor and Claire Devine.

As a member of the Police Emerald Society, Patrick's favorite day of the year is the St. Patrick's Day Parade where he marches along with his children who enjoy riding in the police sidecars to start the parade. After he and his family finish in the parade, they along with the other police families congregate at 7th & Constitution, where they try to keep their children from running in front of cars to grab candy. Attending the events at the Embassy of Ireland is another highlight for Patrick, who maintains a close hold of his Irish roots and still sings Irish songs to his children at night – just as his dad did for him. The parade committee is honored to recognize Assistant Chief Burke as a Division Marshal this year.

Frank Hughes

Frank Hughes has been a fixture of Washington's Irish community since the mid-1970s; his distinctive character and voice are known to young and old the region over. Born in Ballymahon, County Longford, Ireland, one of eight children, Frank spent his teens training as a machinist in Galway. He came to the United States to visit his sister and brother, "liked the weather" (his own words!) and decided to stay. Frank worked as a machinist during the day, and got into the Irish pub scene at night to make a little extra money – though apparently never enough to repaint his flaming Ulster orange Dodge Dart, which he admits to parking at least a mile away from any pub he chose to visit!

Ireland's Four Fields (formerly Ireland's Four Provinces, known to all as simply "The 4Ps"), wouldn't be the same pub without Frank hiding somewhere in the wings. He was the manager when it opened in 1976; he was also the general jack-of-all-trades – take a look at the stage the next time you're there – Frank built it himself. He has fond memories of the early days and funny ones too. "I remember asking Kevin Finnie for a raise, because business was so good. He told me I'd done such a good job in the first year that now he could run the place himself!" That break led Frank to other Irish pubs in the area from 1978 to 1994, when he returned to the 4Ps.

– and the rest is history.

Frank credits the Irish community here in Washington, DC for his decision to remain in the United States, and for his own successes. "It's the ongoing and tireless achievements of the Irish American Club, the Washington Gaels, the Irish Dance Schools, the Irish Northern Aid Committee, the Ballyshaners, the Irish Embassy, the Hibernians and so many more Irish and Irish-American organizations that keep the city and the community vibrant; I'm so proud to be part of such an accomplished group."

Family is also very important to Frank – they will be by his side at the parade. His son Seamus, his daughter Siobhan and son-in-law Paul, and their two sons, Scout and Jaxton are all local, making it easy for Frank to run the pub and still have plenty of time for Grandpa-duty.

The Parade Committee is glad to honor Frank this year as a Division Marshal; St. Patrick's Day in Washington couldn't and wouldn't be the same without him!

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Best Adult Marching
Winner: *Fairfax County Firefighters Emerald Society, Virginia*
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Best Local Band
Winner: *Cardozo Senior High School Marching Band, Washington, D.C.*
Sponsor – Bob Malcrone

Best Marching Unit
Winner: *Young Marines, Oxon Hill, Maryland*
Sponsor – Matt Lee

Best ROTC
Winner: *Randolph-Macon Academy, Virginia 91st AFJROTC Band and Parade Unit*
Sponsor – Matt Lee

Best Performance – John & Anna Donnelly Memorial Award
Winner: *Fairfax County Police Motor Squad, Virginia*
Sponsor – American Foundation for Irish Heritage

Best in Parade
Winner: *The Dubliner Irish Pub, Washington, D.C.*
Sponsor – O'Neill-James School of Irish Dance

Most Humorous
Winner: *Washington Nationals Mascot and Racing Presidents*
Sponsor – Shannon Savage

Best Band
Winner: *Randolph-Macon Academy, Virginia 91st AFJROTC Band and Parade Unit*
Sponsor – Irish American Club

Best Theme
Winner: *Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, WWII*
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Best Antique Car
Winner: *1903 Carved Dash Oldsmobile, Maryland*
Sponsor – St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

Best Dance
Winner: *Maple School of Irish Dance, Virginia*
Sponsor – Tom Mann

Best Pet
Winner: *Greenbelt Dog Training Parade Marching Drill Team, Maryland*
Sponsor – The Flying Cows of Ventry

Best Antique Fire Apparatus
Winner: *Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington, D.C.*
Sponsor – Jim Snyder

Best Pipe
Winner: *Washington, D.C. Fire Department Emerald Society Pipes & Drums*
Sponsor – Megan Donnelly

Best Musical – John O'Beirne Memorial Award
Winner: *Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band, Virginia*
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Best Novelty
Winner: *Kena 500 Mini Corvettes, Shriners, Virginia*
Sponsor – Emerald Society Firefighters of Washington

Best Visiting Band
Winner: *William C. McGinnis Middle School Marching Band, New Jersey*
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Winner: *The McCarthy Clan, Washington, D.C.*
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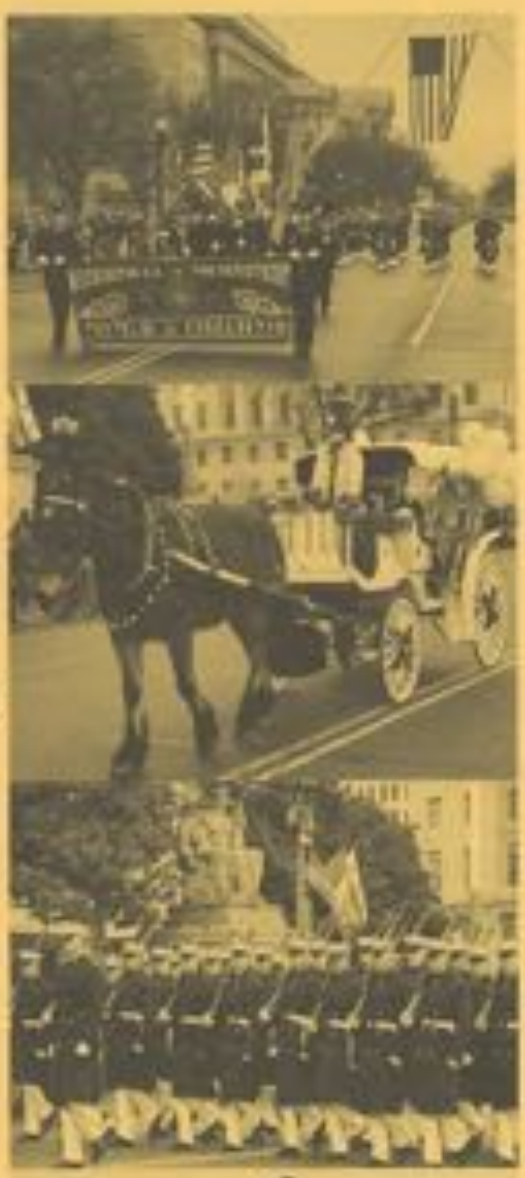

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4. **IRISH AMERICAN CLUB OF WASHINGTON.** President Diane Chaney. Decorated vehicle with marchers

5. **CEAD MILLE FAILTE. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB.** Family of John Moore

6. **GRAND MARSHALS. B FRANCIS SAUL and his wife TRICIA SAUL.** Community Leader and Founder of Chevy Chase Bank

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7. **U.S. ARMY, COMMANDER, 3rd INFANTRY, OLD GUARD, led by Regimental Commander Colonel David Anders**

   7a. **ACCOMPANIED BY REGIMENTAL STAFF**

   7b. **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BAND**

   7c. **ARMY MARCHING PLATOON**

   7d. **MARINE MARCHING PLATOON**

   7e. **ARMED FORCES JOINT COLOR GUARD**

   7f. **NAVY MARCHING PLATOON**

   7g. **AIR FORCE MARCHING PLATOON**

   7h. **COAST GUARD MARCHING PLATOON**

   7i. **3rd U.S. INFANTRY REGIMENT, "THE OLD GUARD" FIFE AND DRUM CORPS", Fort Myer, VA**

8. **GAEL OF THE YEAR. ROBERT J HICKEY.**
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11. **UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

12. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

13. **UNITED STATES PARK POLICE**

14. **ROSE OF TRALEE** – Tara McGuire

15. **Miss District of Columbia** – Jennifer Corey

16. **Hennessey Eagle High School Band, Hennessey, OK**
    Director Adam Steuart

17. **KENA 500 MINI CORVETTES, SHRINERS, Virginia.**
Mini-Corvettes, lead flag vehicle, lead motorcycle and one recovery vehicle

18. **RANDOLPH-MACON ACADEMY, VIRGINIA 91st AFJROTC BAND AND PARADE UNIT, Virginia.**
Bandmaster G. Edwin Richards

19. **VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE, WW II**
WWII vehicles. President Dee Paris

20. **"LEPRECHAUN", Virginia.** Donald Patrick Ryan

21. **1903 CURVED DASH OLDSMOBILE** – Bob and Kathi Geier

22. **THE BOYLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE, Virginia.**
Directors Alannah Boyle Sweeney TCRG and
Ellen Boyle Gibbons TCRG

23. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CHEVY CHASE, WASHINGTON, DC COUNCIL 224.** Ben Filipczyk

24. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ROSENSTEEL COUNCIL 2169, Silver Spring, MD**

25. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**–sponsored by **FADO IRISH PUB**

26. **WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM (WRAP), Metro Area.** Leader Kurt Erickson

27. **KAPITOL KLOWNS, Maryland.** Leader Grant Berry

28. **GREENBELT DOG TRAINING PARADE MARCHING DRIL TEAM, Maryland.** Leaders Allie W. and Adele Lee

29. **LOYAL & PATRIOTIC ORDER OF IRISH-AMERICAN REAGANITES, Virginia.** Director Brian Lopina

30. **CULKIN SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCE, Maryland.** Director William Sean Culkin, TCRG

31. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**–sponsored by **IRISH CHANNEL,** founded by Tom and Gary Stack

32. **D.C. DIVAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL, Metro Area.** Leader Rich Daniel

33. **TROUP COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND, LaGrange, GA**
Director Johnny Hurd

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34. **MEADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL JROTC, Odenton, MD** Director Anthony Willie

35. **FITZGERALD COMMERCIAL MOVERS, Virginia.** Leader Patrick D Fitzgerald

36. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **MAPLE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE,** decorated vehicle with dancers and music. Teachers Bill Maple & Marnie O'Callaghan-Maple.

DIVISION B

1. **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HONOR GUARD, Virginia.** Van and Honor Guard. Leader Lt. Ken Baine

2. **BILL AND LILA FITZGERALD,** former Assistant Fire Chief DCFD, Marshal

3. **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES & DRUMS**

4. **EMERALD SOCIETY – FIREFIGHTERS OF WASHINGTON.** "Our 31st Year Marching!" President Jim Reilley. Banners, colors, precision marching unit.

5. **ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS** – Dowd Family

6. **ANTIQUE FIRE ENGINE** – Joe FitzGerald (DC Fire Department Emerald Society)

7. **OLD DOMINION HISTORICAL FIRE SOCIETY, Northern Virginia.** A SPAAMFAA Chapter Antique fire apparatus. President Clyde Clark

8. **WASHINGTON NATIONALS' SCREECH.** Mascot

9. **WASHINGTON NATIONALS' RACING PRESIDENTS,** George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln, and Teddy Roosevelt. Mascots

10. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT** - sponsored by **AOIBHNEAS an RINCE IRISH DANCERS,** decorated vehicle with dancers and live music). Denise Fumagali, TCRG

11. **POTOMAC WHEELMEN, ANTIQUE BIKES, Maryland.** Leader Kurt Miller

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12. **ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**

13. **FFCC "RAICES DE BOLIVIA", Virginia**
Gabriela Vasquez

14. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **Potomac Celtic Festival**

15. **CHANTILLY ACADEMY AF Jr ROTC,** Chantilly, VA.
TSgt. John E. Wilks, Director

16. **BALTIMORE ENTERTAINERS MARCHING BAND, Maryland**
Director Tikia Neblett

17. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **THE BROOKLAND CLUB AND CAIRDE GAELS, Washington, DC,** decorated vehicle with marchers

18. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **THE FIGHTING CURRAN BROTHERS.** 1947 antique truck and 1926 fire truck. Presents **Bowie Bayou's Louie and his Irish Brigade**

19. **THE HURLEY SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE, Maryland.**
Annie Hurley Morrison, TCRG

20. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **The O'NEILL DEVELOPMENT CORP,** decorated replica Irish Cottage with white washed walls surrounded by a low wall

21. **WASHINGTON SHOWSTOPPERS COMMUNITY BAND.**
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23. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **THE CAPITAL ROWING CLUB,** decorated vehicle with marchers

24. **HUNT SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING, Maryland.**
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Director Diane Hartney

26. **WILLIAM C McGINNIS MIDDLE SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, New Jersey.** Director Carl Brodbeck

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DIVISION C

1. **MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK POLICE, Montgomery Co. Division.** Mounted Color Guard. Sgt. Rick Haas
2. **PATRICK BURKE,** Assistant Police Chief, MPD, Marshal
3. **1965 Ford Metro Police Cruiser #601** Robert J. Hathaway
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5. **POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY** – President Charles Moore Our Theme is the "The family behind the badge"
6. **COUNCIL ROCK HIGH SCHOOL BAND, Holland, PA** Christy Milliken
7. **NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION MUSTANG CLUB, Metro Area.** Rex Turner
8. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT–HEINEKEN USA** sponsored by **Republic National Distributing Co**
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10. **FALUN DAFA DIVINS LAND MARCHING BAND, Germantown, MD.** Director Tao Wang
11. **1968 RED CHEVROLET CAMARO SS CONVERTIBLE, Virginia.** Owner David Dunn
12. **VIRGINIA–MARYLAND-DC SOLSTICE/SKY CLUB.** Leader Susan Martin
13. **SHIELDS OF MONTGOMERY & D.C. POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BANDS.** Leader Frank Colbert
14. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **JAMES HOBAN'S IRISH RESTAURANT AND BAR, Washington DC.** Leader Brett Clark
15. **IRISH NORTHERN AID.** Jack O'Brien
16. **GREAT MILLS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, Great Great Mills, MD.** Director Justin Turpin

17. **NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB**
Leader John Palmgren

18. **DANCE 4 LIFE STUDIO FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, North Carolina.** Leader Darcy Deal

19. **SOUTH LAKES HIGH SCHOOL Jr. ROTC, Seahawk Battalion.** Major Joseph Schuler, Director

20. **MARTINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, Martinsville, VA.** Director Kevin Lewis

21. **DC ANIME CLUB, Washington DC.**
Leader Christopher Wanamaker

22. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**–sponsored by **WASHINGTON DC GAELS.** Banner and marchers

23. **SMITHFIELD "MARCHING PACKERS" HIGH SCHOOL BAND, Smithfield, VA.** Director Aaron Thomas Hill,Sr.

24. **SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Maryland.**
Leader Pete Theodoropoulos

25. **Fraternidad Cultural Pachamama**
Reina Barragan and Ariel Sandoval. Dancers

DIVISION D

1. **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HONOR GUARD**

2. **PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY SHERIFF, MD - Michael A. Jackson**

3. **FRANK HUGHES,** owner of Ireland's Four Fields, Marshal

4. **CARDOZO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, Washington, DC.** Leader Wesley Hoover

5. **BASSETT HIGH SCHOOL Jr. ROTC,** Bassett, VA
Lead by Senior Army Instructor

6. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**–sponsored by **THE McCARTHY CLAN,** decorated vehicle with marchers

7. **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOREST SERVICE. SMOKEY BEAR**

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8. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT — THE DUBLINER RESTAURANT**-sponsored by **Washington Wholesalers**

9. **2009/2010 National American Miss Cover Girl Princess, Chantelle Butler**

10. **Miss Maryland Junior Teen Lauren Jones and Gail Jones**

11. **ST. PATRICK'S DAY FLOAT**-sponsored by **THE O'NEILL-JAMES SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING,** decorated vehicle with dancers and music.
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12. **DeLOREAN GULL WINGED VEHICLE, Virginia.** Owner John Macy.
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14. **CELTIC RHYTHM SCHOOL OF DANCE,** Stephanie Senggiehl

15. **FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE MOTOR SQUAD, Virginia.** MPO Scott Bates

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Dennis Walsh "The King of Bethesda"

The Washington Irish community has lost one of its greatest supporters and friend. Dennis Edward Walsh, born in Washington, DC in 1954, died at Holy Cross Hospital on October 31, 2009. He attended Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, Maryland, the University of Maryland, and later R.E.I.

Dennis, the owner of the very popular watering hole, Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle in Bethesda, Maryland and Mrs. O'Leary's Restaurant and Irish Pub in Gaithersburg, Maryland, was nicknamed by family and friends "The King of Bethesda."

Dennis, always visible at all of his establishments, was instrumental in bringing big name Irish musicians to his establishments such as Tommy Makem, Liam Clancy, The Wolf Tones, the Fureys, and others. This feat was considered to be impossible before he was able to make it happen!

He was well loved and respected in Washington's Irish community because of his efforts and success at raising money for the St. Patrick's Day parade in DC and the Gaithersburg, Maryland parade. Additionally, he coordinated both the fundraiser schedule and the entertainment with other participating pub owners. The idea for the Gaithersburg Parade, now held annually, was formulated at Mrs. O'Leary's. He was extremely proud of his Irish heritage and always generous with his employees and friends, often providing sponsorship for citizenship and arranging help for employees to go back to Ireland for family emergencies. He was also a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

While Dennis was an avid Redskins fan, his greatest love was baseball. He worked with the "Bring Baseball Back to Washington" group for years. Dennis was a great supporter of youth baseball and worked for over 30 years as an umpire. He worked with a number of organizations and a variety of levels of play including youth, high school, and college club games.

Finally, Dennis was a man who is universally remembered for his smile. No matter where or when you met Dennis he had a smile on his face and a kind word for everyone he met.

Dennis is greatly missed by his family and all who knew him. He leaves behind his brothers Patrick K. Walsh and his wife Denise Levitine of Jessup, MD, and Michael F. Walsh and his wife Mary Anne Stafford of Germantown, MD, and his sister, Margaret R. May (Peggy) and her husband Raymond of Damascus, MD. He is predeceased by one sister, Mary Jean Walsh. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam

Admiral G. J. "Rod" Flannery 1931-2009

No better friend could one ask for,
No more honorable man could one know,
No more dedicated soldier has served his Country,
No more devoted father to his children has there been,
No finer Irishman will you find,
And no prouder Hibernian will there ever be.
Godspeed Admiral, Your anchor is aweigh
and the seas of Heaven await.

The Washington, DC Ancient Order of Hibernians recently lost one of our most revered members, Rear Admiral Gerard Joseph "Rod" Flannery, Jr. USN (Ret.). The Admiral passed on December 30, 2009, after a 4-year battle with cancer. He spent his final days at home in the loving care of his sons, for whom he lived his life; CAPT (SEL) Todd Joseph Flannery, USN, Mark Douglas Flannery, Eric James Flannery, and LCDR (SEL) Doyle Patrick Flannery, USN. "Rod" was born on 21 April 1931, in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY and was the son of the late Gerard Joseph and Beatrice Smith Flannery. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, NY in 1949 and enlisted in the Navy in October of 1950. During his tour as a Radioman on the destroyer Samuel B. Roberts he was accepted to the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, Maryland. Upon completion of the course of study at NAPS, he received a congressional nomination to the United States Naval Academy and graduated, with the class of 1956. After graduation Rod reported to flight training in Pensacola, Florida and received his "wings of gold" in 1958. He subsequently transitioned to the Surface Warfare community where he served aboard multiple Navy surface combatants. From December of 1967 to November of 1968 he served as the Senior Advisor to the Naval Forces for the Republic of Korea Forces.

In Memoriam

FLEET on its final voyage from Gaeta, Italy to Albany, NY where it was decommissioned. His follow-on tours culminated in his selection to Flag Rank, a symbol of the trust and confidence the United States of America placed in him for its future. His final assignment was with the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Deputy Director for Operations of the National Military Command Center. His personal commendations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Viet Nam Honor Medal, and various Service and Campaign Unit Awards.

He retired in 1988 after 38 years of faithful service to his country. All the while, Rod had what he once described as the "dubious, yet delightful" duty of raising his four boys all on his own. Throughout the years, he coached and mentored his sons, through sport and life; never missing an event in which they were participating. In retirement, he spent his time doing the things he loved most: service to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, leading the dedication of the Memorial to the Irish Brigade at Antietam, Maryland and serving as an AOH adjudicator for the National History Day competition finals each year at the University of Maryland.

He is also survived by one brother, Francis Xavier Flannery, and four sisters; Geraldine Howley, Eleanor Aycock, Joan Martin, and Patricia Foster; his daughter-in-law Cynthia Burns Flannery; many nieces and nephews, and his grandson, Conor Joseph Burns Flannery. A Hibernian Wake Service was performed by members of the AOH from Virginia, Washington, DC and Maryland. His funeral Mass was held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, VA. A ceremony, with Full Military Honors was held in February at Arlington National Cemetery.

In Memoriam

Patrick J. Walsh *September 27, 1944 - August 15, 2009*

Patrick (P. J.) was the oldest son of a large Irish D.C. family. His father's and mother's parents emigrated from Ireland and met and married in this city. P. J. was, as the rest of his 11 brothers and sisters are, very active in the DC community. He took great pride in his Irish heritage and passed that love down to his children and his grandchildren. Even his sons in law were not immune to his passion for all things Irish.

P. J. spent several summers in his youth with his cousins in County Kerry, Ireland. Throughout his life he remained in close contact with his cousins and visited as often as he was able. They too visited for both his daughters' weddings. He even attempted to get his Irish citizenship but was unable to complete the process prior to his death. P. J. walked proudly in the St. Patrick's Day parade and always enjoyed his annual lunch at the Touchdown club for corn beef and cabbage with his father Tom and Uncle Eddie.

P. J. was an active member of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and always grinned when he would talk about his friends there and the honor of getting to meet the Irish Ambassador. Every year he would take his girls and his grandkids to the Celtic Festival in Leesburg, Virginia and The Irish Festival in Wildwood, New Jersey. He loved to shower his grandchildren in gifts of green. Even after quitting drinking in 2005 you could find him at the corner of one of his two favorite Irish Bars, Ireland's Four Fields (former 4 P's) or Nanny O'Brien's, drinking his Diet Coke and telling his favorite Joke of the Day. His generosity could not be matched and he would do just about anything to help a friend. P. J. never missed a family event or the wake of someone who knew the family. He cherished the relationships built by his father and grandfather. Even today there is a small plaque at the corner of the bar in the 4 P's in his memory.

P. J. enjoyed being president of Thos. D. Walsh, Inc., Realtors, a company which had in its history survived being Irish owned and operated when there were signs that read "No Irish need apply" in D.C. He made great strides with this full service real estate and management firm. P. J. made the company the first property management firm to be computerized in the district. He was a catalyst for much of the change happening there today.

P. J. was active with several charities and wore his Hero's Inc. baseball hat until it was stained. Being a Washington native he loved his Redskins and had all kinds of paraphernalia. He is loved and missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his Daughters, Kirsten Elizabeth Walsh, PMP graduate of Paul VI, George Mason University, George Mason Graduate School and her husband Abu Khan, PMP are both in Technology in the D.C. area. Kerry W. Benton, graduate of Paul VI and the 4th generation at Thos. D. Walsh, Inc., Realtors and her husband Ryan Benton, PMP. Software engineer in the DC area.

In Memoriam

His Grandchildren; Tucker 7, Kieran 5, Zoe 5 and Sophia 1; his Brothers and Sisters, Mary Frances Walsh is a graduate of Stone Ridge and Marymount College. Thomas D. Walsh is a graduate of Gonzaga and Georgetown University, Harvard Business School and active with The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, formerly on the Board of Children's Hospital and many charities John Montgomery is also a graduate of Gonzaga and Georgetown University and NYU Business School and a member of The Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, former President of the Washington Society of Investment Analysts as well as being active with various Catholic charities.

Kate Walsh Carr is a graduate of Immaculata, the President of Cardinal Bank in D.C. and a former chairman of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce and formerly on the Federal Reserve Board of Washington D.C. Kate is also very active with-So Others Might Eat and has, with her son Keith, gotten another generation involved.

Joan Cassedy is a graduate of Immaculata and graduate of Hollins College in Virginia as well as holds honorary degree from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Joan is very active with the D.C. and catholic community. Michael Montgomery is a graduate of Georgetown Prep, University of Virginia, and Georgetown Law and is currently in California.

Mark Montgomery is a graduate of Georgetown Prep and Georgetown University and is currently living in New York.

Daniel E. Walsh, Broker, GRI is a graduate of Gonzaga, current President of Thos. D. Walsh, Inc., Realtors, active member of GCAAR, a member of the Knights of Columbus and is active with the D.C. Chamber of Commerce.

Anne Walton is a graduate of Immaculata and St. Mary's of the Woods in Indiana and currently living in Ohio.

Peggy Cornog is a graduate of Holton Arms and Georgetown University and currently lives in Illinois.

His brother Stephen Montgomery passed away in 2007.

Patrick rests at his family plot at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

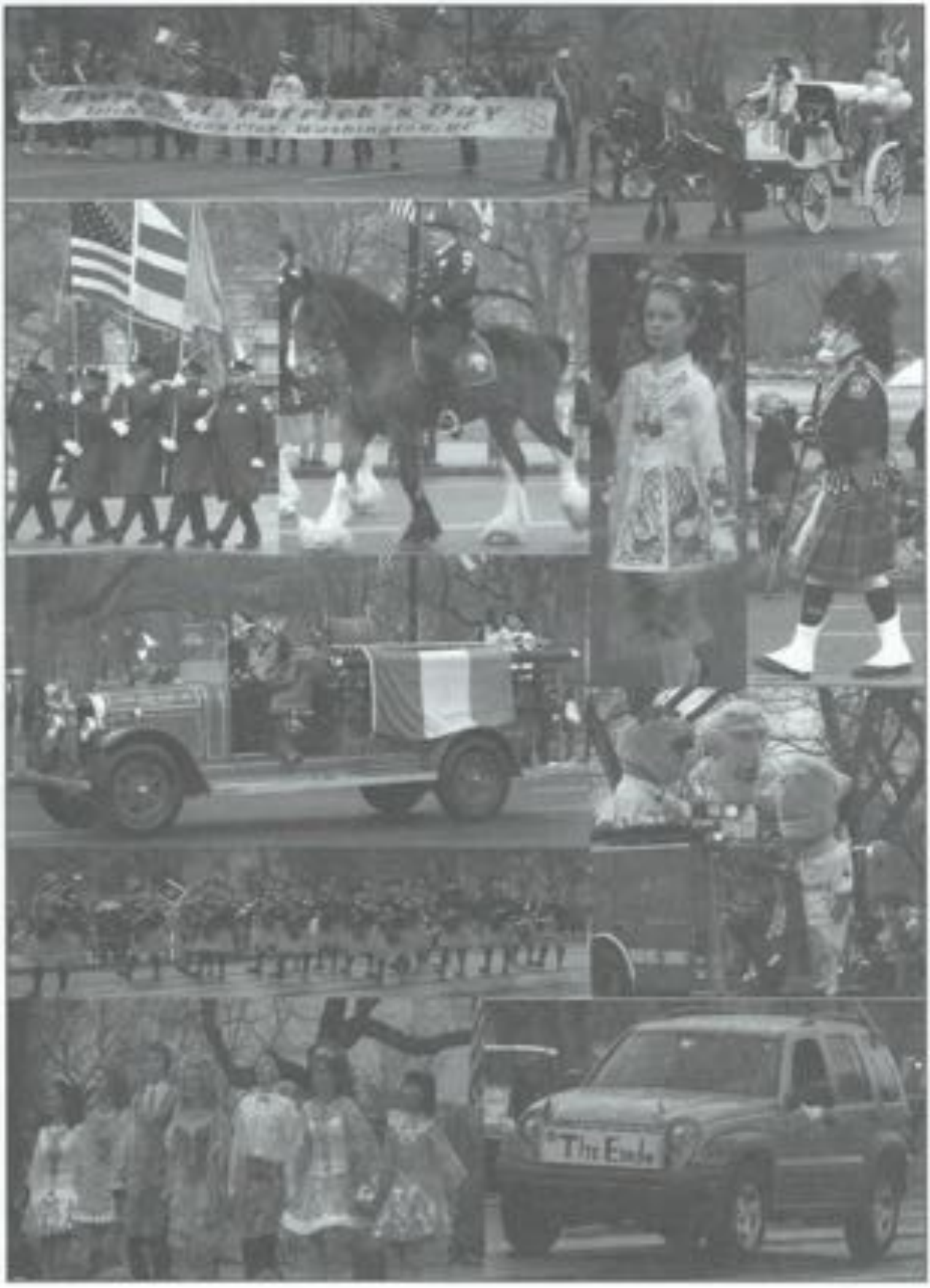
In Memoriam

John Patrick Dee

A big fan of the St Patrick's Day Parade, John Patrick Dee passed away on July 15, 2009 of pulmonary complications. Born and raised in Washington, he grew up in the Catholic University area. His parents, Thomas and Margaret O'Brien Dee, were natives of County Kerry, Ireland. Although John received care in a mental hospital for 19 years, he was blessed to have had a very happy final 25 years of life. Being a part of the Irish scene, contributed to John's happiness during those last few years. He dearly loved the Irish American Club, Irish soda bread and both the Washington, DC and Alexandria, VA St. Patrick's Day Parades. He traveled twice to Ireland with his sister, Peggy, and met his aunts and cousins. He was thrilled to have seen the hometowns of his late parents and the graves of his deceased grandparents. He never forgot the visit to the school that his late mother attended. John will be sorely missed this year, but we know that he will have a ring side seat from up above on Sunday, March 14, to cheer us on as we glide down the avenue.

— *May he rest in peace.*

Memories from 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade



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2000 Roma Downey
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1999 Denis Mulcahy
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1998 Hal Roach
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1997 Thomas R. Donohue
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1996 Capt. Scott O'Grady, USAF
U.S. Air Force (pilot shot down, June 1995)

1995 John Hume
Leader, Social Democratic and Labour Party

1994 Mark Russell
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1993 Mary Higgins Clark
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One member from each service

1990 John "The Diesel" Riggins
Running Back, NFL Washington Redskins

Norah O'Donnell

1989 John J. Sweeney
President, Service Employees International

1988 Carmencita Hederman
Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland

1987 Helen Hayes
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1986 Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives

1985 Eunice Kennedy Shriver
Founder, Special Olympics Program

1984 Cyril Count McCormack
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1983 Frances T. Shea
Rear Admiral USN

1982 Rev. Gilbert V. Hartke OP
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1981 Samuel W. Bogley
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1980 James P. Gleason
County Executive, Montgomery County, MD

1979 Walter F. McArdle
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1978 Maurice Cullinane
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1977 George Meany
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1976 Patrick J. Hayes
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1975 William T. Hannan
Irish community activities

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2005 Cardinal Theodore McCarrick
2004 Barbara Harrison
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2002 No Gael Selected
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1996 Father Eugene E. Riordan
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1994 Matt Hannon
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1977 Sean Coakley
1976 No Gael Selected

Third Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

GOLF Tournament

All the Clans converged for the third annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Country Club in Beltsville, Maryland on September 28, 2009. Eighteen foursomes gathered for a Captain's Choice tee-off at 9:00 a.m. The course presented many challenges, along with the ever present wind. Our congratulations go out to the WINNING TEAM

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Vickery Brewer setting up the shot

Murphy's Grand Irish Pub's team

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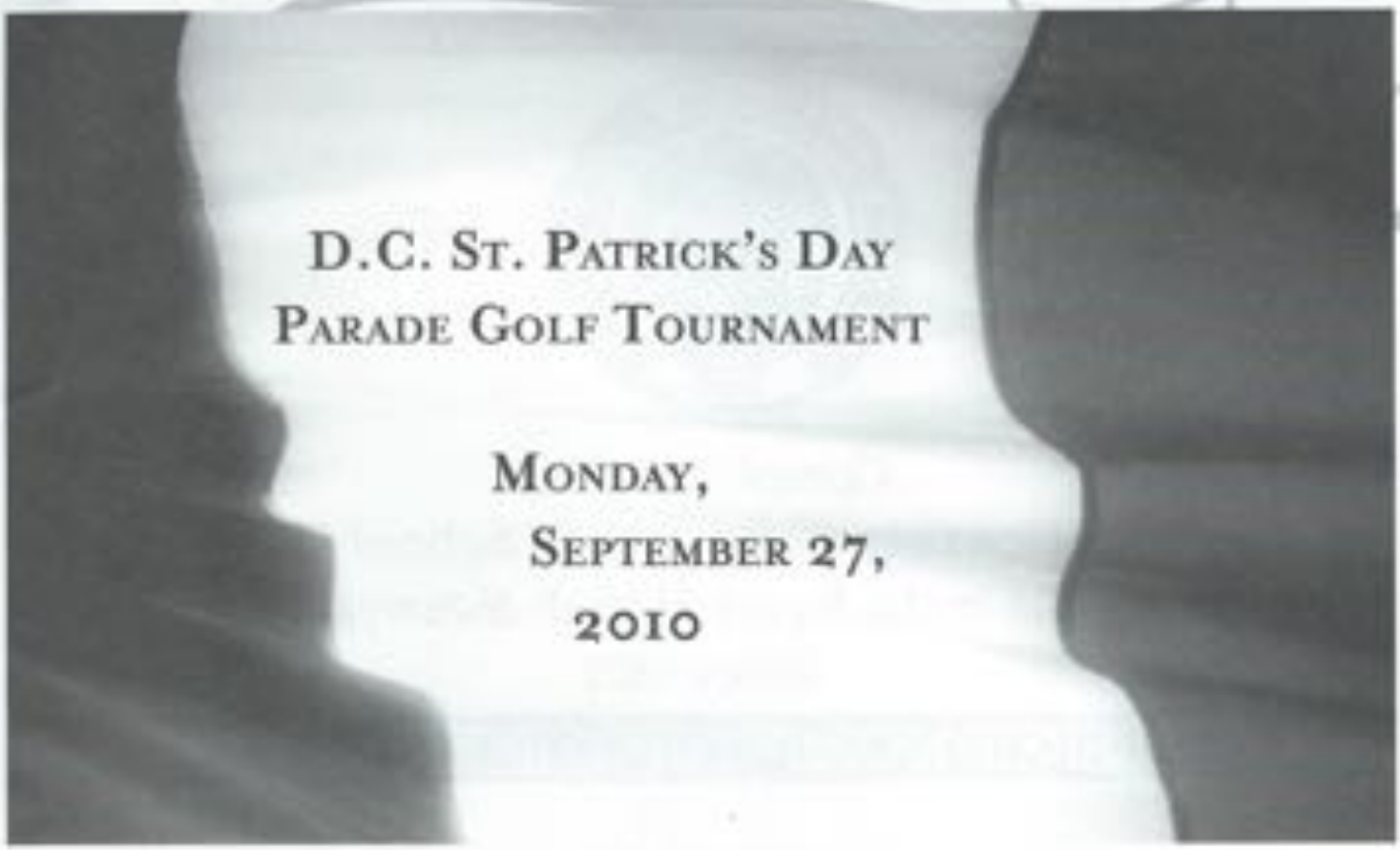

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As the McAuliffe family prepares to carry the banner for the Irish American Club for the 36th year, we look back on last year's parade....

For more than 35 years, the McAuliffe brothers - (from left) Jack, Jimmy, Danny and Pa Joe - have carried the the banner for the Irish American Club during Washington's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

For more than 35 years, the McAuliffe brothers originally from Castleisland, County Kerry, Ireland, have carried the banner for the Irish American Club during Washington's St. Patrick's Day Parade. "I've never missed a year - hail, rain, or snow - it has to go on," said Jack McAuliffe, 76.

This past March 15 McAuliffe once again joined his older brother Patrick Joseph "Pa Joe" McAuliffe, younger brothers, Dan and James McAuliffe, and several other family members including grandchildren, to march in the annual parade. Thirteen family members assisted in carrying the long white banner reading "Happy St. Patrick's Day, The Irish American Club, Washington, DC"

"We're ahead of the parade," noted Patrick McAuliffe, 78, "but I like the bagpipes and the Irish dancing." His brother Jack said the crowds along the parade route are the best part of the day.

James' wife, Bernadette McAuliffe said it is lovely to see all the grandchildren now and she is impressed with her husband and his brothers. "It's wonderful to see," she added. "We're very proud of them." She said that the bands and music were the best parts of the celebration.

The club and the McAuliffe brothers - there were five of them before one returned to Ireland - celebrated their first St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1971. According to the club's website, the "stroll" consisted of about 100 participants walking in front of the Irish embassy on Massachusetts Ave. Since then the event has grown to more than two and one-half hours of marching bands, pipe bands, police and fire departments, floats and dance troupes. In 1974 a change in the route led participants 10 blocks down Constitution Avenue where they still march today.

In the 1950s, an uncle living in Georgetown sponsored Jack McAuliffe and his siblings, who began arriving in Washington during the same time thousands of immigrants were settling in New York, Boston and Chicago - all leaving Ireland in search of employment. "There wasn't a whole lot of work to do. Jobs were scarce - everybody had large families," Jack McAuliffe said. "Ireland was very poor. Things were bad back then, there was no work," remembered Dan McAuliffe who just celebrated his 74th birthday last week.

All of the family members quickly found jobs in and around the District. Jack worked in a hotel and a supermarket before settling into the plumbing business, while Patrick and Dan became plasterers and James worked at the Giant supermarket warehouse for more than 40 years. All four met and married their wives in the area and three raised families of their own.

All four brothers became parishioners at St. Jerome Parish in Hyattsville where they still attend weekly Mass except Jack who recently moved to Our Lady of Grace Parish in Leisure World.

"I'm an Irish Catholic," said Patrick McAuliffe, who said he was born Catholic and followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandparents.

Today they all find time to travel back to Ireland for visits with relatives and continue to pass on the Irish culture to their families.

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Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) *By Jesse Winch*

Cathaoirleach (Chair), O'Neill-Malcom Branch

Dublin-based Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann ("Irish Musicians Association") is the largest organization involved in the preservation and promotion of Irish traditional music and culture. Comhaltas (pronounced COAL-tus) was formed in 1951 and now has hundreds of local branches around the world, in 15 countries on 4 continents, including the Washington, DC metro area.

Some readers might be aware that Comhaltas organizes what is popularly known as the "All-Ireland" or Fleadh Cheoil (FLAH-kyol) ("music festival") music competitions every year around the end of August. In the post-World War II years before the Fleadh Cheoil, although the ordinary people of Ireland loved traditional music, the hundreds of traditional musicians in the country were largely unappreciated in popular social and intellectual circles. The aim of the Fleadh was to promote traditional music and to arrest the decline in its popularity. The high caliber of traditional Irish musicians attending the Fleadh played a major role in furthering this aim.

To quote from the Comhaltas mission statement:

Cultural traditions should be an enriching part of the lives of Irish people everywhere, particularly our young people; they should be a living, highly visible and vibrant part of society; they should be easily accessible to all; and their unique social, cultural and economic benefits should be fully realised by communities and individuals throughout the country and in Irish communities abroad. In essence, Comhaltas is the foremost movement preserving and promoting Irish traditional music and dance, the singing traditions, and the Irish language. [web site: http://comhaltas.ie/]

In 1995, Bob Hickey, the 2010 Gael of the Year, organized the O'Neill-Malcom Branch of CCE in honor of two of the area's foremost step-dance teachers, Peggy O'Neill, (RIP), Gael of the Year in 1978, and Maureen Malcom.

Peggy O'Neill was born in County Kildare, Ireland and was one of the very first recipients of the TCRG teaching degree. She became the first Irish dance teacher in Scotland before coming to America and started a step-dancing school and a monthly ceili (Irish country dance) in Maryland. Peggy, along with her husband Frank, was inducted into the Irish Cultural Hall of Fame of the North American Feis (FESH) Commission.

Maureen Malcom started teaching dancing in the 1970s and her school, The Erin Dancers, sponsored a monthly ceili and an annual feis or Irish dance competition. To provide a non-profit structure for her dance school activities, Maureen organized the "Irish Dance Festival of Northern Virginia Ltd." (IDFNV). In 1994, when Maureen retired from teaching, the Executive Board of the IDFNV, voted to "roll" the IDFNV into a new branch of CCE organized by founding Cathaoirleach (chair), Bob Hickey. At that point, the Branch renamed and re-incorporated the IDFNV and took over the management of the Feis and monthly ceili. Both events are still being held, to great success along with a host of other programs, such as:

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"In the end it is not the politicians, but the people, who must secure a new future for Northern Ireland."

Since 1975 Project Children has worked to give the young people of Northern Ireland, products of the terrible and division of "The Troubles" a fresh perspective on life through summer holidays with host families in the United States. Carol Wheeler initiated Project Children in the Washington, D.C. area. Working with the group Carol began to see new, hopeful futures forged where before there was mistrust, fear, little hope and less opportunity.

Building on the successes of Project Children, Carol launched the Washington Ireland Program (WIP) with a new generation of Protestant and Catholic young Irish women and men. The program is based on the concept that a prosperous country is built on the social capital that is its young men and women, its leaders of tomorrow, its entrepreneurs and philanthropists, its ideas and visions. The premise was simple—take a group of university students out of Northern Ireland for an eight week program of leadership training, work experience and learning in Washington, D.C. The Washington Ireland Program has expanded from its first class of 13 students to an organization that boasts over 400 graduates of Ireland's most committed students, both from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. This highly competitive program enjoys the support of all of the universities in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. "The exposure to such a rarified atmosphere, saturated with imposing examples from the past and shining lights of the present, is nothing less than an inspiring experience," said Matthew Thompson, a WIP graduate from East Belfast.

From a small band of volunteers around Carol Wheeler's table, 15 years later WIP has grown into a strong network of prominent supporters. Through their patronage the program is able to provide the students internships in the U.S. Congress, federal and state government entities, nonprofit organizations, and leaders in the fields of medicine, business, research and education.

As well as leadership the program places strong emphasis on active citizenship and social justice. After working alongside the founders of 'Teamwork for Tomorrow,' a student-run charity at the University of Notre Dame, in 2001 a group of WIP graduates returned to Northern Ireland and founded the 'Youth Empowerment Scheme,' a charity which provides mentoring to 11 to 14 year olds from diverse backgrounds. It promotes the goal of building a tolerant society. Other alumni exported the WIP model to another nation suffering from painful divisions and created the South African Washington Internship Program (SAWIP).

The Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade has long supported both Project Children and the Washington Ireland Program. It honored Carol Wheeler as the 1993 Gael of the Year. And, it honored Project Children founder Dennis Mulcahy as the 1999 Grand Marshal. Several Parade Committee members volunteer with Project Children and are host parents to WIP interns, including the Parade Committee chair. Going into her 7th year as a host parent, this writer attests that being a host parent is rewarding, interesting and lots of fun!

As the Washington Ireland Program prepares for the Class of 2010 to arrive on June 5, it is seeking families who wish to serve as host parents, business, government and community leaders to offer internships, and supporters to ensure the continued success of the exchange.

To learn how you can participate in this remarkable organization, please call the Washington Ireland Program at 202/772-3824, visit the WIP website at www.wiprogram.org or email the program at office @wiprogram.org.

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