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# *Saint Patrick's Day Parade*

Honoring  
Mary Ann Doonan Grand Marshal



*March 17, 2020*

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38<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Grand Marshal



## Our Mission Statement

We, the members of the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee, strive to encourage and advance the culture and proud heritage of the Irish people by organizing and presenting a day of activities dedicated to St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, for the enjoyment of the people of the Greater Bridgeport area.

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My sister **Cathy Brannelly** started the Parade Committee in 1982 to launch the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1983. When **Fred Garrity Jr.** asked me to Chair the parade committee, it was like continuing a family tradition.

With **Mary Ann Doonan** elected this year's Grand Marshal, it was like walking down memory lane. Mary Ann moved to the U.S. and joined the Gaelic American Club (GAC) when my father was president in 1956. Mary Ann and I served on the Parade Committee in the 1990's and she continued while I was living in San Diego culminating as Chairperson in 2013.

Our year began with the Half-Way party at the GAC thanks to **Peg Crossin** and **Carol Collins**. Our annual Scholarship Golf tournament was led by Dave Curtin and his loyal committee. Shamrock Bingo was organized by **Fred Garrity** and **Liz Gilbert DeFeo** for a fun night.

The Mr. & Miss Shamrock Scholarship program was at the GAC led by **Colleen Sargent Murphy**, whose grandfather Martin Reidy was the parade's first Grand Marshal. **Eileen Dancho**, Mary Ann's daughter, organized the Grand Marshal's Ball at Vazzano's Four Seasons. Over 220 people came out in support of Mary Ann with a delicious dinner and fabulous entertainment by the Sean Fleming Band from New York.

The Irish Cultural Show was sold-out this year. **Mary Donnelly** again organized it at the Pequot Library with a very talented cast of performers. It culminated with a Tasting of Irish Soda Breads baked by ladies of the Committee. A new Irish Flare Expo was held at City Lights Gallery in Downtown Bridgeport and was headlined by **Marion Lynott**, sharing our Irish arts and crafts and cultural traditions.

This year we brought back our Road Race for runners and walkers . . . the Grand Marshal's Gallop 5K. Starting and finishing at Murphy's Law Pub with Guinness and corned beef sliders for all registrants 21 and over. This was run by **Mary and Matt McCarthy** and **Katie** and **Maura Crossin**.



The financial strength of our Committee is due largely to our successful sponsorship program run by **Dave Mullany** and **Patrick O'Keefe**. Our largest sponsors are the Robert F. & Maureen T. O'Keefe Family Foundation, IBEW Local 488 and PSE&G and all three have our deep gratitude.



*Governor Ned Lamont marched in our 2019 Parade and attended our luncheon.*

The Bridgeport Holiday Inn hosts our monthly meetings and our annual breakfast and luncheon. Our Executive Committee includes: **Secretary Ann Marie Curtin**, **Financial Secretary Liz Gilbert DeFeo** and **Treasurer Fred Garrity Jr.** Many thanks too to the collective talent and enthusiasm of the entire Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Celebration Committee.

Several volunteers deserve special recognition: **Colleen Murphy** brought her artistic talents to our floats; **Connie Beagan** organized the bands; **Dave Curtin** and **Matt McCarthy** ran the Aer Lingus raffle; **Ed O'Donnell** and **Patrick O'Keefe** direct the parade's line-of-march; **Tom McCarthy** planned the Mass; **Pat McDonnell** helped with the Flag Raising; Olivia DeFeo organized the Breakfast and my sister **Eileen Callahan** planned the Luncheon.

Last but not least is the man who helped coordinate this commemorative program, **Tom Keane**. This is a dynamic committee you should consider joining. Ask me or any member of the committee for information or visit our website [www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com](http://www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

*John Brannelly Jr.*  
2020 Chairperson







## A Brief History

In the Fall of 1982 Mayor Leonard Paoletta, a second generation Italian American, strongly encouraged City Clerk Catherine Brannelly, a second generation Irish American, to organize a Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day celebration. In the short time leading up to March 17, 1983 Cathy recruited a group of family, friends, and others known to the local Irish community to assist her and the first parade and cultural celebration was born. Martin Reidy, a native of the Emerald Isle and longtime member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Gaelic American Club served as the Grand Marshal. The initial event touched off in front of Prince's Restaurant on Main Street (now the site of the People's United Bank headquarters) and proceeded north to the Superior Court House on the corner of Fairfield Avenue. The program conducted in Baldwin Plaza, to the rear of the court house, included raising the Irish flag, musical selections, and step dancing highlighted by the participation of Cathy Brannelly and Len Paoletta.



It is now 38 years later. The number and focus of events continues to evolve. A cadre of dedicated volunteers, the faces of whom have changed over the years, work diligently to share the Irish culture with the Greater Bridgeport community and celebrate their Irish roots!

To learn more about the history of this wonderful event please visit [www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com](http://www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com)



**Saint Patrick**  
**Patricius Magonus Sucatus**

# THE CATHEDRAL PARISH

EST. 2012

February 28, 2020

Dear Friends of The Cathedral Parish and Participants of the St. Patrick's Day Parade,

On behalf of The Cathedral Parish, congratulations to Mary Ann Doonan in her selection as the Grand Marshal for the 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The announcement of her selection describes a person who, by her activities and involvement with many different groups, seeks and works toward the good of others. A word to describe this activity is love. It is the love that the Lord Jesus commands his disciples – to work toward what is truly good for our fellow human beings. Of course, it comes as no surprise to those who know Mary Ann well, as they attest to the role of faith in her life, a true love of God and love of neighbor.

Mary Ann is not the only person to be honored on March 17. We cannot forget that St. Patrick is more than a name but is a man who also sought to follow the commands of love of God and neighbor and who now experiences the beatitude of eternal life as our protector and friend in Heaven. It was his faith and love that caused him to return to Ireland, a place of his former enslavement, to spread the truths of the Gospel and of the loving Triune God of Christianity. On the feast day of St. Patrick, Members of the Bridgeport community begin their day at St. Augustine Cathedral, the oldest organized Catholic community in Fairfield County, to worship and give thanks to God. They do so in a building that was dedicated on the feast of St. Patrick back in 1868. Patrick is honored by this day as well and remains connected to the most important Catholic church in Bridgeport and the county.

It is with joy that I welcome all who will gather in the Cathedral for the offering of Holy Mass and who will continue the celebrations of a great day in memory of Patrick, the contributions and heritage of the Irish people and gratitude for Mary Ann and her service to the local community. Congratulations, Mary Ann, and a Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone!



Fr. Michael P. Novajosky  
Rector of St. Augustine Cathedral & Pastor of The Cathedral Parish

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## Congratulations Mary Ann Doonan and Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

From Fr. Michael Novajosky and the Clergy, Staff and Members of  
The Cathedral Parish in Bridgeport

*"In the knowledge  
of this faith in the  
Trinity, and  
without letting the  
dangers prevent it,  
it is right to make  
known the gift of  
God and his  
eternal  
consolation. It is  
right to spread  
abroad the name  
of God faithfully  
and without fear,  
so that even after  
my death I may  
leave something of*



*"...It was not by my  
own grace, but God  
who overcame it in  
me, and resisted  
them all so that I  
could come to the  
peoples of Ireland  
to preach the  
gospel."*

*-Excerpt from St. Patrick's  
Confessio*

**Saint Patrick,  
pray for us.**

Photo: Window in St. Patrick  
Church, Bridgeport

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**St. Augustine Cathedral**

M-F: 12:10 PM (Eng.&Lat.)  
Saturday: 8 AM  
Sunday: 7:00 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:00 AM (Spanish)  
2:30 PM (Vietnamese)  
5:30 PM

**St. Patrick Church**

M-F: 7 AM (Latin)  
Saturday: 4 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM  
12:30 PM

### CONFESSIONS

**St. Augustine Cathedral**

M-F: 11:15-11:55 AM  
Sunday: 5-5:20 PM

**St. Patrick Church**

Saturday: 3-3:45 PM

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M-F: 11 AM-12 PM

**St. Patrick Church**

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GRAND MARSHAL

**MARY DOONAN**

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March 17, 2020

My Dear Friends in Christ:

Permit me to extend to you my very best wishes on the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Celebration.

I would like to send my personal congratulations to Mary Ann Doonan as the 2020 Grand Marshall of the Annual Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Thank you to the Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, for their dedication and hard work to preserve the special heritage of so many Irish Americans.

With an assurance of my prayers and every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Frank J. Caggiano*

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport

# Mary Ann Doonan



## Grand Marshal 2020



Mary Ann Doonan, a longtime leader in the Irish community, was unanimously elected as its Grand Marshal for the parade to be held on March 17, 2020 through Downtown Bridgeport. Eighteen nominations were placed in her name.

Born Mary Ann O'Connell in County Kerry, Ireland, Mary Ann is the second oldest of 14 children. At 16 years old, she left Kerry to pursue her dreams in the United States. She arrived in 1956 and soon found a home at the Gaelic American Club. She volunteered there for decades and held many leadership roles.

Mary Ann organized the guarantors to ensure the Gaelic American Club could purchase property on Beach Road in Fairfield, now a home for 6,000 members. She worked tirelessly to make sure every function she chaired was a social and financial success.



Mary Ann believes that giving back to the community is an Irish tradition and duty. She established the GAC's Thanksgiving food drive which continues to be a big success, along with the Toys for Needy Children collection at Christmas. She chaired the Gaelic American Club Christmas Fair which is thriving to this day. True Irishwoman that she is, she donated its profits to the 1916 Memorial during its fundraising. Mary Ann also made sure the children of members were rewarded by establishing the Gaelic American Club scholarship.

Her volunteer career at the GAC culminated with her election as the first female President in the Club's history, serving in 1997 and 1998. Leader that she is she paved the way for other women to follow as President. During her tenure, Mary Ann was instrumental in making sure the Club's 50th anniversary was a very special event and ensured that all Past Presidents were honored.

Soon after the Parade Committee was formed, Mary Ann joined and has held many roles over the years including establishing the Miss Shamrock Scholarship program, serving as Treasurer and as our Chairperson in 2013. She has volunteered for many other groups including the Mercy Learning Center, Merton Center, Under the Bridge program and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH). In her "spare" time, she knits prayer shawls along with her group from St. James Church for the patients at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Mary Ann has been married to Peter Doonan for 55 years and together they raised their daughter and three sons in Stratford, instilling her Irish heritage in each of them. She is retired from People's United Bank. Today Mary Ann continues to volunteer for many groups and still inspires others to get involved, a most important trait for a truly *Grand Marshal*!







***Greater Bridgeport  
St. Patrick's Day Celebration***



***Mary Ann Doonan  
Grand Marshal 2020***





## Parade Committee

### **John Brannelly Jr., Chair**

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 Ann Marie Curtin, Secretary  
 Liz Gilbert DeFeo, Financial Secretary  
 Connie Beagan, Past Chairperson  
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### **Mary Ann Doonan, Grand Marshal**

Arthur Beagan	Scott Flynn
Maureen Birch	Alanna Kabel
Toni Boyd	Tom Keane
Patty Brady	Matt McCarthy
Eileen Callahan	Tom McCarthy
John Carolan	Mary E. Daly McCarthy
Charlie Carroll	Patricia McDonnell
Peter F. Carroll	Joe McLaine
Carol Collins	Marilyn Mitchell
Fred Cotter	Dave Mullany
Kate Crossin	Colleen Murphy
Maura Crossin	Dan Nelson
Peg Crossin	Ed O'Donnell
Dave Curtin	Patrick O'Keefe
Eileen Dancho	Bob O'Sullivan
Olivia DeFeo	Elizabeth Power
Tom Dineen	Sheila Reidy Sargent
Mary Donnelly	Dan Nelson
Lisa Carroll Fabian	



## Past Parade Chairpersons

1983-1985	Cathy Brannelly Austin
1986-1987	Joseph McNamara
1988-1989	Patrick J. Daly
1990-1991	John J. Carolan
1992	Daniel Sullivan
1993	Margaret Dzunko
1994-1995	Marge Sheehan
1996-1997	Mark Smith
1998-1999	John O'Malley
2000	Dave Howe
2001	John O'Malley
2002-2004	Robert Curwen, Sr.
2005-2006	Richard Owens
2007	Richard & Debbie Owens
2008-2009	Dave Ryan
2010-2014	Katrina Shea
2011-2012	Fred Cotter & Pat McDonnell
2013	Mary Ann Doonan
2015-2016	Fred Cotter & Pat McDonnell
2017	Charlie Carroll & Alanna Kabel
2018	Connie Beagan
2019	John Brannelly Jr.







## Past Parade Grand Marshals

1983	Martin Reidy	2001	Patrick Carolan, MD
1984	Patrick Sherwin	2002	James O'Donnell
1985	Frank McGee	2003	Dave Howe
1986	James "Bud" Keane	2004	Robert E. O'Sullivan
1987	John F. McCarthy	2005	Connie & Art Beagan
1988	Frank McEvoy	2006	John Carolan
1989	Joseph Walsh	2007	Patrick Daly
1990	John Sullivan	2008	Robert Curwen
1991	Mae King	2009	Peter Bellew
1992	William J. Carroll	2010	Bob O'Keefe
1993	Marge & Bob Sheehan	2011	Frank Carroll
1994	Richard Callahan	2012	Richard & Deborah Owens
1995	Rev. Michael J. Flynn	2013	Ed & Peggy O'Connor
1996	Kevin Conlisk	2014	Terry O'Connor
1997	Catherine Brannelly	2015	Ted Lovely
	Austin & Maura	2016	Alanna Kabel
	Brannelly O'Mailley	2017	Tom McCarthy
1998	Patrick Boland	2018	Ann Marie & David Curtin
1999	Ann Migliore	2019	Peter F. Carroll
2000	John Smith		



## Past Miss Shamrocks

1988	Eileen Doonan Dancho
1989	Kelly Conlisk Murphy
1990	Crissie Corcoran Henriques
1991	Maureen Ganley
1992	Jennifer Daly Carolan
1993	Caragh McGovern
1994	Erin Lehaney
1995	Erin Miller
1996	Laura Kabel
1997	Teresa O'Sullivan
1998	Karen Curtin
1999	Morgan Keane
2000	Maura Finnegan
2001	Eleanor McCormick
2002	Coleen McCann
2003	Erin Finnegan
2004	Mary Rose O'Sullivan
2005	Ryan Virginia Donahue
2006	Meghan Lucey
2007	Aine O'Sullivan
2008	Kelly Gavin
2009	Rose Murphy
2010	Nora O'Sullivan
2011	Mackenzie Margaret Dancho
2012	Kiernan Black
2013	Erin Puglia
2014	Elizabeth Croker
2015	Emily Devine
2016	Samantha Mitchell
2017	Erin Egan Brigid Welch
2018	Maddie Rose
2019	Mary Ingram

## Past Mr. Shamrocks

1993	Joseph Farrell
1994	Brendan Cavanag
1995	Brian Burns
1996	Thomas Dunn
1997	Will Kabel
1998	James Leary
1999	Terence McGovern
2000	Michael McCann
2001	Kevin O'Malley
2002	Alex Kabel
2003	Kyle Langan
2004	Liam O'Connor Colu
2005	Brian Joseph Kabel
2006	Frank Rupp
2007	Chris Austin
2008	Ciaran O'Donnell
2009	Brendan Ferguson
2010	Andrew Coleman Burns
2011	Patrick Sean McGuinness
2012	Brian Gavin
2013	Liam Coyle
2014	Daniel Donahue
2015	Ian McLevy
2016	Adrian Coyle
2017	Kevin Gallagher
2018	Drew Newcomb
2019	Brendan Devine





## Mary Feeney



### Miss Shamrock 2020

I am so excited to be named Miss Shamrock 2020!

I have gone to the parade every year since I can remember. I have marched with Sheeaun Academy of Irish Dance since I was 7.

I regularly volunteer with St. Patrick's Gaelic Football club, especially at their youth summer camp. At my school, I am cross country captain, and a member of our Irish, French, and creative writing clubs, as well as our engineering team. In my free time, I love reading, hanging out with friends and painting, especially practicing Irish oil painting techniques that I learned at Catskills Irish Arts week.

I am proud and so grateful for this opportunity! Happy St Patrick's Day.

## Seamus Carolan



### Mr. Shamrock 2020

It's an amazing honor to be selected as Mr. Shamrock 2020! I am very proud of my Irish heritage as it has been a big part of my upbringing. Both sides of my family have strong ties to Ireland and the Irish traditions are always part of our family gatherings. The Carolan's are from Mayo and Cavan. My grandfather on my mother's side, Pat Daly, was born in Leitrim. My grandmother's father came from Limerick. Grandad Daly introduced me to Gaelic Football when I was just tall enough to kick the ball and I've played both Gaelic Football and Hurling with St. Patrick's Gaelic Football & Hurling club ever since.

I am a Senior at Fairfield Prep and play on the Varsity hockey and lacrosse teams. Currently, I am the President of Prep's Irish Cultural Club. We host an annual music and cultural fundraiser as well as a Gaelic Football exhibition game in the spring.

I have proudly marched in every parade . . . rain, shine or snow . . . since I was a baby. Some of my favorite memories are helping to build the floats when I was very little and marching with my St. Pat's teammates showing off our pride in the Gaelic Games to the crowd. I am very excited to represent the Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade Celebration and extremely grateful for the generous scholarship.

## Bridget Keary



### Miss Shamrock Runner-Up 2020

I am honored to be named Miss Shamrock Runner-up 2020. I would like to thank the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee for providing me an opportunity to represent Irish culture in the Greater Bridgeport area. I also want to give a special thanks to my wonderful grandparents, Pat and Sheila (McCarthy) Keary, for sacrificing so much through their journeys far from the west coast of Ireland. My grandma who immigrated from Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, and my grandpa who is from Loughrea, Co. Galway have taught me what it means to be Irish and how to respect and appreciate my Irish heritage.

I love being able to show my Irish background as the Lauralton Hall Irish Club President and being a 12-year veteran of Irish dancing with the Lenihan School of Irish Dance. One of my best memories is competing at the Irish Dance World Championships in London and having a large group of my relatives come over from Ireland to watch me compete. I also had the honor of representing Ireland as a member of the Ireland National Softball Team that played in the World Championships in 2019.

I will be attending Bowdoin College next fall and I plan to bring my Irish culture to college by starting an Irish Dancing club at school. After dedicating a large part of my early years to Irish dance, I can't imagine giving it up now!

I'm excited to be a part of the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration this year and I wish all a very Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Jack Clyne



### Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up 2020

It is a huge honor to have been selected as 2020 Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up. Although my ancestors came to the U.S. from Ireland many years ago, my Irish pride persists. Through traditions like eating Irish soda bread, and from attending the St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City, I have always been very aware of my heritage. Additionally, constant discussion within my family about Irish-American political figures has instilled a sense of pride in me as well.

My love for Irish traditions strengthened through my time at Regis High School. As a student here, I am a vocal participant in our Gaelic Society, where we discuss Irish issues of both the past and present. Moreover, I have grown to love Irish literature through the Irish Writing course that I just completed. Being named 2020 Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up is a great culmination on four years of growth in my Irish pride. Happy St. Patrick's Day!





*Congratulations to Grand Marshal Mary Ann Doonan from the Parade Committee*



*The native-born Irish community join Mary Ann Doonan at the Grand Marshal's Gala on January 24, 2020.*





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 Congratulations to Mary Ann Doonan, Grand Marshal 2020  
 Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade and to the 2020 Parade Committee for  
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# Mary Ann Doonan

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March 17, 2020

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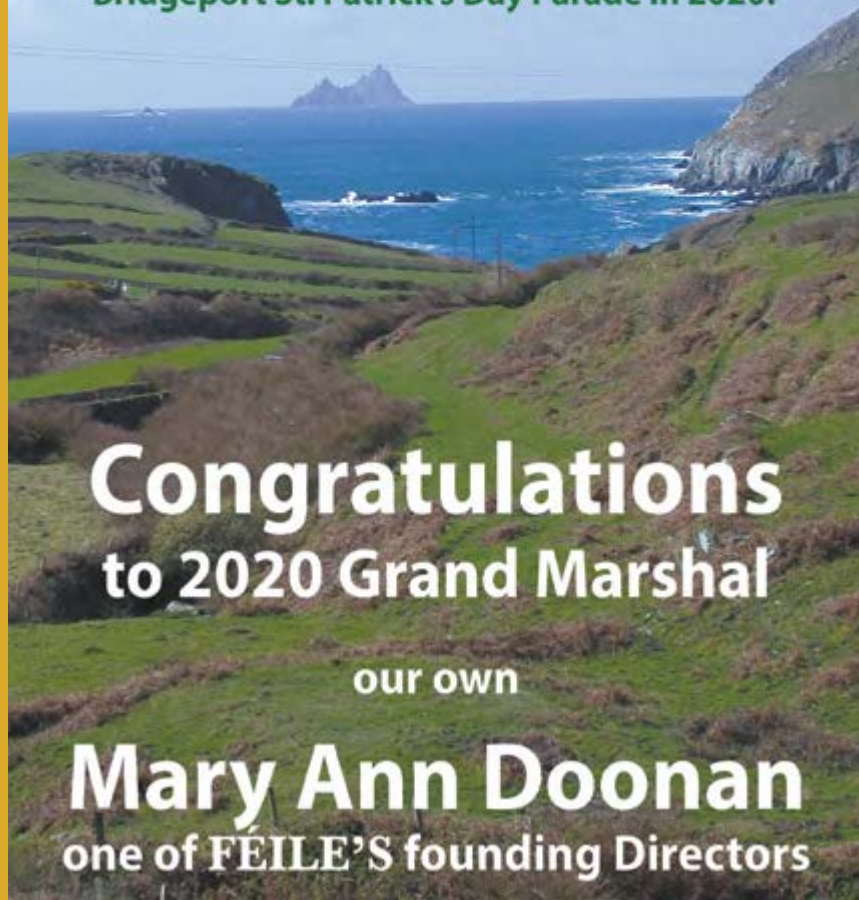
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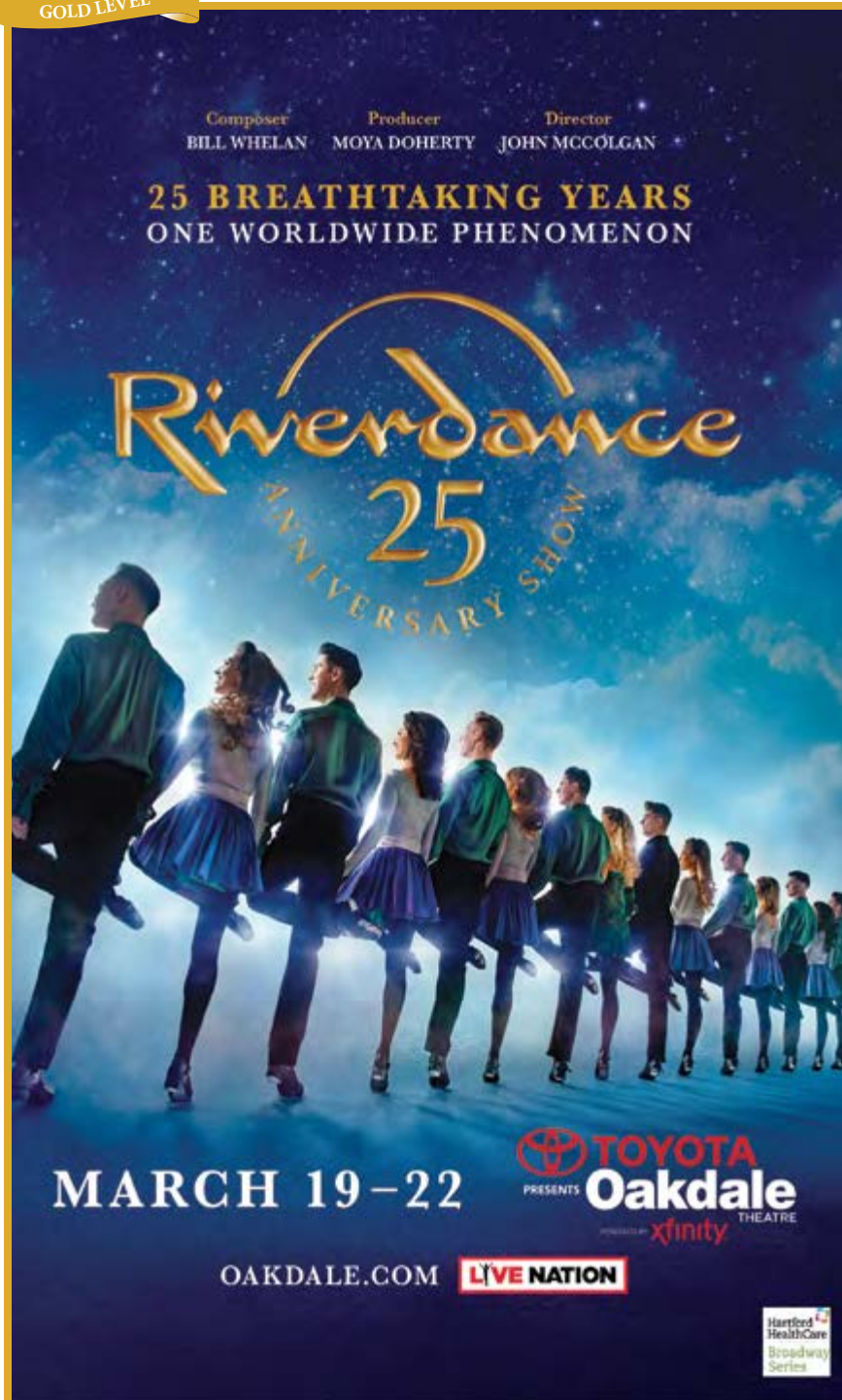
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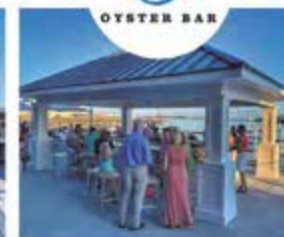
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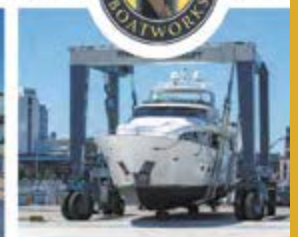
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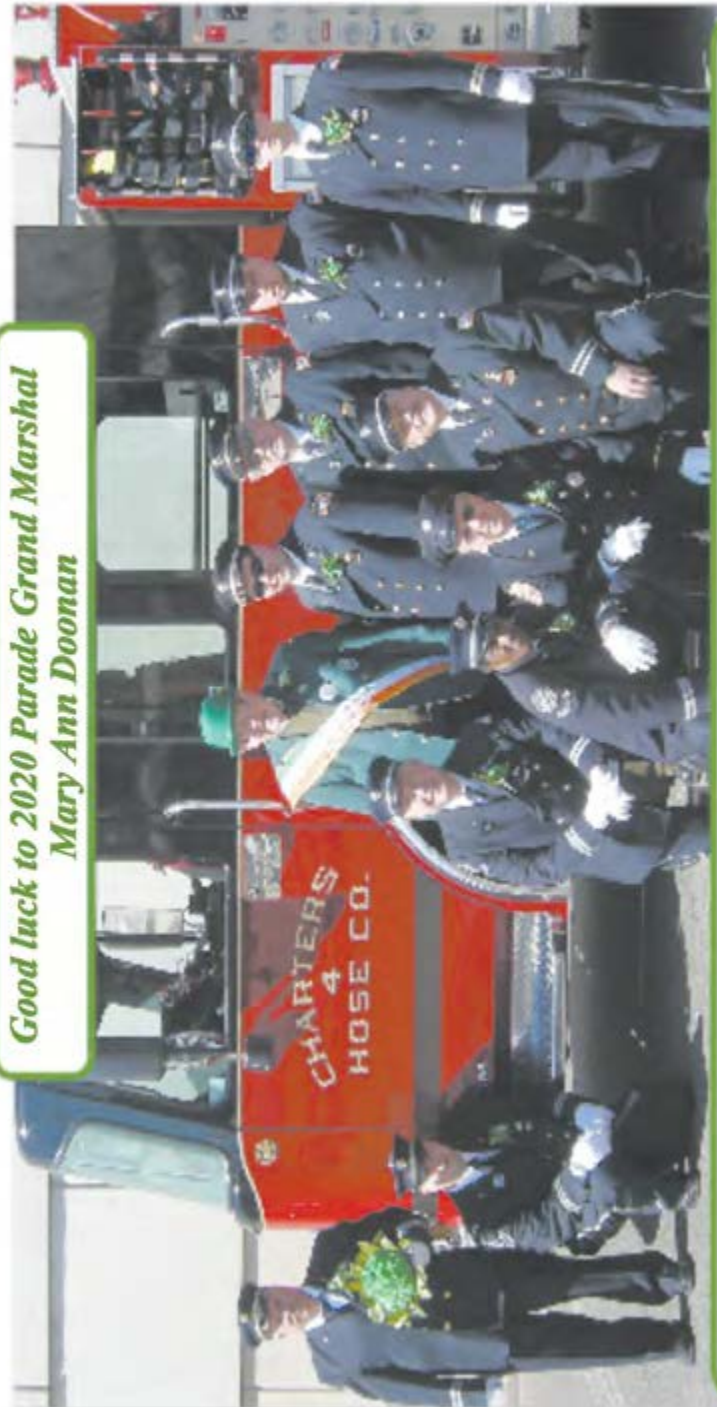
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*Happy St. Patrick's Day to all  
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Mary Ann Doonan!*



*May you always walk in sunshine.  
May you never want for more.  
May Irish angels rest their wings  
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a dearly missed wife, mother, grandmother, and friend,  
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## *Irish Blessings & Toasts*

### THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

Get down on your knees and thank God that you are still on your feet.

A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up.

### IRISH WIT AND WISDOM

Always remember to forget the things that made you sad,  
But never forget to remember the things that made you glad.

Always remember to forget the friends that proved untrue,  
But don't forget to remember those that have stuck by you.

May the leprechauns be near you,  
To spread luck along your way.  
And may all the Irish angels,  
Smile upon you St. Patrick's Day.

### TOASTS:

Sláinte (pronounced "slawn-cha", meaning good health!

A common toast in Ireland, the equivalent to Cheers)

Beannachtam na Femle Padraig ("Happy St. Patrick's Day!")

### BIRTHDAY TOASTS:

May you live to be 100 years,  
with one extra year to repent.

May the good Lord take a liking to you...but not too soon!

May misfortune follow you the rest of your life,  
but never catch up.

May your health be like the capital of Ireland --  
Always Dublin!

### WEDDING TOAST:

May your home always be too small to hold all your friends.

May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings,  
slow to make enemies and quick to make friends.

And may you know nothing but happiness from this day forward.

## A Soldier's Song

*Originally composed in English as  
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*The original English lyrics (as "A Soldiers' Song")  
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by Liam Ó Rinn. The song has three verses,  
but only the choral refrain was officially  
designated the national anthem.*

We'll sing a song, a soldier's song,  
With cheering rousing chorus,  
As round our blazing fires we throng,  
The starry heavens o'er us;  
Impatient for the coming fight,  
And as we wait the morning's light,  
Here in the silence of the night,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Soldiers are we  
Whose lives are pledged to Ireland  
Some have come  
From a land beyond the wave.  
Sworn to be free,  
No more our ancient sire land  
Shall shelter the despot or the slave.  
Tonight we man the Bearna Baoil  
In Erin's cause, come woe or weal  
'Mid cannons roar and rifles peal,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

In valley green, on towering crag,  
Our fathers fought before us,  
And conquered 'neath the same old flag  
That's proudly floating o'er us,  
We're children of a fighting race,  
That never yet has known disgrace,  
And as we march, the foe to face,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Soldiers are we...  
Sons of the Gael! Men of the Pale!  
The long-watched day is breaking!  
The serried ranks of Inisfail,  
Shall set the tyrant quaking!  
Our camp fires now are burning low,  
See in the east a silv'ry glow,  
Out yonder waits the Saxon foe,  
So chant a soldier's song!  
  
Soldiers are we...

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