



# The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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*Thomas Browne- President*

## 138<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance



January 15th, 2023

Dear Friend and Patron:

The **County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York** invites you to join us in celebrating the St. Patrick's season at our **138<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance**, on **Saturday, March 4th, 2023**, at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY**. Deluxe cocktail hour will begin at **6:30PM** followed by dinner, music, and dancing to the Mickey Peare Band. Tickets are \$100.00, tables of ten \$1,000.00. This year, we are delighted to recognize three very distinguished honorees.

**2023 Cork Man of the Year – Jim O'Neill** grew up in Valley Stream with his sisters Eileen and Doreen. His parents Michael and Theresa (Sullivan) emigrated from Dromore/Bantry and Canfi/Ardgroom/Beare Peninsula, County Cork. Jim began his career in law enforcement as an NYPD officer of the 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct in 1982. He later worked on the plainclothes Anti-Crime Unit and Narcotics Division before his promotion to Detective in 1987. Jim started a private security company, OneService, in 1989. After retirement Jim and his wife Lori along with their children Michael Jr, Caitlyn, Thomas, and Jack moved to Oakdale. They are proud grandparents to 7 grandchildren all under the age of 5, Jackson, Michael III, Charlotte, Finnley, Jameson, Juliette, and Harry IV.

**2023 Cork Woman of the Year – Michelle McCarthy** grew up on a dairy farm on the outskirts of Youghal, Co. Cork. One of four children, she was influenced earlier in her life by music choices of her parents William and Liz McCarthy and three brothers William, Gerald and Edmond who listened to everything from Led Zeppelin and Roy Orbison, to our very own Daniel O'Donnell and of course U2. She always had a dream to be part of the music industry and moved to New York City in 2012 in pursuit of a career in the music industry where she landed a key role at The World's Most Famous Arena in midtown Manhattan. Director of Marketing Strategy for Live Concerts and Sporting Events at Madison Square Garden, spearheading strategic marketing plans for Madison Square Garden's properties in New York City including Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, and The Theater at Madison Square Garden.

**2023 Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award – Thomas Murphy** a lifelong, 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Dongan Hills, Staten Island resident. His father's parents, Thomas Murphy and Hannah Minihane, emigrated from Union Hall and Donoughmore, County Cork in the 1890's. An educator, political and union activist, Tom taught Social Studies and became a United Federation Teachers (UFT) Delegate and Staten Island UFT Political Action Coordinator. Followed by many prestigious appointments in the UFT. Tom's social and political consciousness can be traced to the low keyed Irish-American Catholic love and world view of his late parents, John and Gladys Murphy and the support of his siblings: Jack, Danny, Mary Anne, Kathy and Ed. Also inspired by the late Staten Islander Catholic Worker Activist, Dorothy Day.

We will publish a souvenir journal dedicated to our distinguished honorees, and invite you to include a greeting, remembrance or advertisement for your family, organization, or business. A journal contract is attached for your use and should be returned by **Monday, February 20th** to Journal Chair **Taryn Butler, 45-32 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sunnyside, NY 11104** or email **CorkDance23@gmail.com**.

We hope you will support us and help to make this a memorable event by attending the Dinner Dance and/or advertising in our journal.

With our sincere appreciation,

*Thomas Browne*  
President

*Martina O'Dowd*  
Dance Co-Chair

*Kathy McCarthy*  
Dance Co-Chair

*Taryn Butler*  
Journal Chair