

ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Annual "Salute to the Irish" Event Honors Grand Marshals, Deputy Grand Marshals & Organizing Committees of the Newark, Nutley & West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parades

(Newark, NJ) – The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders held its Annual "Salute to the Irish" Celebration in recognition of St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at the Hall of Records. The program included the presentation of Commendations from the Board to the Grand Marshals, Deputy Grand Marshals and members of the organizing committees for the Newark, Nutley and West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parades.



Pictured above (from left to right) are: (front row) Newark Deputy Grand Marshal Jennifer Nagle McGovern, Nutley Parade Queen Danielle Irwin, W.O. Deputy Grand Marshal Margaret O'Reilly Hughes, Mary Ann Kane and Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh; (back row) Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, Nutley Deputy Grand Marshal Dave Hutchison, Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo, Newark Grand Marshal Christopher J. Durkin, W.O. Grand Marshal Kenneth F. Kunzman, Esq., Essex County Surrogate Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., W.O. Parade Chairman Joseph Ryan, Nutley Grand Marshal John F. Kane, Jr., Tom McEnery, President of the Nutley Irish American Association, and W.O. Deputy Grand Marshal Bruce P. Byrne. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

The event was a collaborative effort of the Freeholder Board sponsors, Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh and Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo, and Essex County Surrogate Joseph P. Brennan, Jr.

The **75th Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade**, New Jersey's oldest, was held on Friday, March 12th, in downtown Newark. This year's Grand Marshal was Christopher J. Durkin of West Caldwell, who is currently serving his first term as Essex County Clerk, while Jennifer Nagle McGovern of Roseland, who owns and operates the well-known DeNogla School of Irish Dance, served as this year's Deputy Grand Marshal. Kevin Frey served as General Chairman of the Parade Committee.



NEWARK - Pictured above (from left to right) are: Newark Grand Marshal and Essex County Clerk Christopher J. Durkin with his children (Mackenzie and Christopher, Jr.), Essex County Surrogate Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, Newark Deputy Grand Marshal Jennifer Nagle McGovern, Freeholder Carol Y. Clark and Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

The **32nd Annual Nutley St. Patrick's Day Parade** was held on Saturday, March 6th, when participants marched down Franklin Avenue and Centre Street. John F. Kane, Jr., who retired in 2004 after a 35-year career as a driver and driver instructor for Coca-Cola, St. Johnsbury Trucking and USF Red Star, served as this year's Grand Marshal. Dave Hutchison, this year's Deputy Grand Marshal, is the Executive Chef for Hoffman

La Roche. The Board also honored Joseph Castles, a heating and air conditioning mechanic with Garden State Mechanical, as the Nutley Irish American Association's "Member of the Year", and Danielle Irwin, a student at Bergen County Community College, as the "Parade Queen". The Parade Committee was co-chaired by Thomas Donohoe and Danielle Carlo Ruiz, and they enjoyed the active support of Tom McEnery, President of the Nutley Irish American Association.



NUTLEY - Pictured above (from left to right) are: (front row) Nutley Grand Marshal John F. Kane, Jr., parade official Mary Ann Kane, Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Parade Queen Danielle Irwin, Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo and Deputy Grand Marshal Dave Hutchison; (back row) Tom McEnery, President of the Nutley Irish American Association, Essex County Surrogate Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., and Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin. (Photo by Glen Frieson)

The **59th Annual West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade**, originally scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 14th, along Main Street, was rescheduled due to inclement weather and held, instead, on Sunday, March 21st. Kenneth F. Kunzman, a highly-respected attorney and partner in the firm of Connell Foley, LLP, served as Grand Marshal. The Deputy Grand Marshals were Bruce P. Byrne of Basking Ridge, who currently serves as Executive Director of the St. Mary's (Passaic) Hospital Foundation; Margaret O'Reilly Hughes of Roseland, a Teaching Aide with the West Orange Board of Education and Recording Secretary of the Irish-American Society of the Oranges; and F. William "Skeeter" Keefe of Milton, a chauffeur for the law firm of Dwyer, Connell and Lisbona. Joseph Ryan served as this year's Parade Committee Chairman.



WEST ORANGE - Pictured above (from left to right) are: (front row) Grand Marshal Kenneth F. Kunzman, Esq., Parade Chairman Joseph Ryan, Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh of West Orange, Deputy Grand Marshals Margaret O'Reilly Hughes and Bruce P. Byrne, and Freeholder Vice President Ralph R. Caputo; (back row) Essex County Surrogate Joseph P. Brennan, Jr., and Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, (Photo by Glen Frieson)

Freeholder Linda Lordi Cavanaugh of West Orange applauded the honorees and parade organizers when she said, "Thanks to all your hard work, the wonder and joy of Irish traditions and culture are alive and well in Essex County." Freeholder Vice President Ralph Caputo of Belleville thanked Essex County's Irish community for "... allowing me to be an honorary Irishman, even if it's only for one week every March."

Essex County Surrogate Joseph Brennan assisted in the presentations to the honorees and guests were invited to enjoy light refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

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