

Event HIGHLIGHTS
14th Annual Calendar of Events

“The Taste of Rockville Centre”
Friday, January 29, 2010 ~ 7-10 pm
St. Agnes Parish Center
Food and Wine Tasting Event
Contacts: Dennis and Jane Houdek
Cell (347) 512-2182
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Breakfast Fundraiser
Sunday, March 7, 2010
9 am - 1 pm
CJ's Coffee Shop
Contact: Jane Husser
(516) 984-8066

Grand Marshal's Reception
Friday, March 19, 2010 ~ 7 pm
Rockville Links Club
Contacts:
Fran Murray ~ (516) 286-3422
Susan Boland ~ (516) 413-8825

Commemorative Mass
Saturday, March 20, 2010 ~ 9 am
St. Agnes Cathedral
Contact: June Cosgrove
(516) 536-6997

14th Annual Parade

Saturday, March 20, 2010 ~ 12 Noon
Corner of Long Beach Rd and Maple Ave
Contacts: Suzanne Sullivan ~ (516) 297-6033
Keely Collins ~ (516) 764-8729

Annual Golf Outing
September 2010 ~ Tee Off 12 Noon
Middle Bay CC
Contacts:
Tom McNicholas
Anthony Geraci
(516) 766-5049

Fall “Kick Off” Fundraiser
Fall 2010

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for details

Key Contacts

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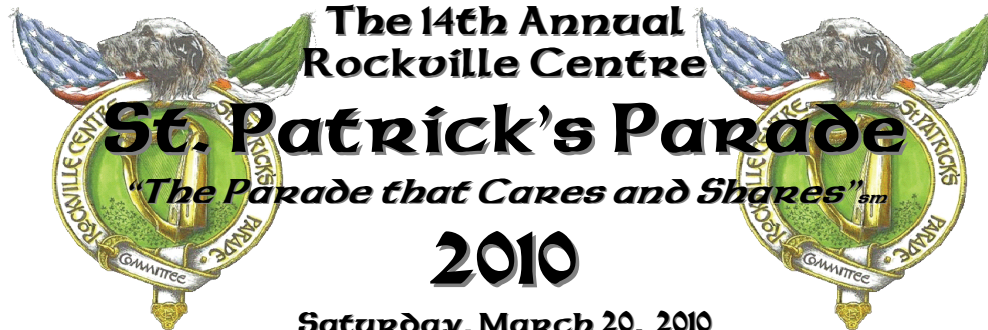
Official Parade Color Guard

Grand Marshal Aides

Marilyn O'Brien • Kathy Tighe

Former Grand Marshals

1997 Most Reverend John R. McGann,
Bishop of Rockville Centre
1998 NYPD Detective Steven McDonald
1999 Honorable Peter King, Congressman
2000 Rockville Centre's Millennium Mayors
2001 William J. Flynn
2002 James F. Gill
2003 Joseph F. Roughan
2004 Joseph K. Collins
2005 Major General Joseph A. Healey
2006 David Crowe
2007 Jack Irwin
2008 Francis Darcy
2009 Francis Murray



Saturday, March 20, 2010
Step Off 12 Noon



Mr. Bernie O'Brien

MISSION STATEMENT

Rockville Centre's St. Patrick's Parade was established on
March 22, 1997, and remains dedicated to:

*"Promoting Irish heritage and culture, family and patriotic values;
promoting and financially supporting three charities (National, Irish
and Rockville Centre focused); and contributing to the good and
welfare of the residents and businesses of Rockville Centre."*

The 2010 Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Sponsor Charities



The local charity chosen by the Parade Committee this year is the Greater New York Chapter of the Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (www.fsma.org), which is based in Rockville Centre. Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a motor neuron disease that affects the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing. A small group of parents started Families of SMA in 1984 to raise funds for SMA research to cure the disease and to support all affected families. Back then, very little was known about the disease, there was no family support services and thus very little hope. Today, Families of SMA have 26 chapters nationwide with over 65,000 members and supporters, and have raised and funded over \$50 million for SMA research. This funding has led to successful results and progress from basic research to drug discovery programs to clinical trials that now provide real hope for families and patients. The President of the Greater New York Chapter, Debbie Cuevas, a Rockville Centre resident, coordinates many fundraising, awareness and support functions for over 500 families within the Long Island / NYC area.



The national charity chosen by the Parade Committee is the Mollie Biggane Melanoma Foundation, also called Mollie's Fund (www.molliesfund.org). Mollie's Fund was established in Mollie's memory by her parents after her tragic death at the age of 20 from melanoma. The Fund's mission is to increase awareness for melanoma prevention, provide information and services on skin cancer detection, and support melanoma patients through education of the latest treatments. The foundation has created and produced an educational DVD, "The Dark Side of the Sun". Over 150,000 have been distributed at no charge to health teachers throughout the United States and Canada. Mollie's Fund has also created "Have You Checked Your Skin Lately?" an English and Spanish wallet-sized brochure that illustrates evolving moles and demonstrates the process of a self-check.



The Irish charity selected by the Parade Committee is the Long Island Gaelic Athletic Club, Inc. (www.thelongislandgaels.com). The purpose of the Long Island Gaelic Athletic Club also known as the Gaels, is to Promote Gaelic Football and Culture on Long Island from underage boys and girls through senior as part of the New York Gaelic Athletic Minor and Senior Boards. Gaelic football, which is one of the oldest sports in the world, resembles a combination of soccer and American football and is a fast-paced and entertaining game to watch. It is played on a field slightly larger than an American football field with fifteen players on each team. The Gaels presently have five underage programs: under 8, under 10, under 12, under 14, and under 16. They draw players from all over Long Island with 15 players being from Rockville Centre, and compete against 12 other clubs from around the tri-state area. Underage training and home games are presently being played at Molloy College, Rockville Centre in conjunction with their Irish Studies Program. They also have a Senior Gaelic Football team and a soccer team.



GRAND MARSHAL 2010 BERNIE O'BRIEN

The Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee has selected a true Rockville Centre treasure to lead the 2010 Parade scheduled for Saturday March 20, 2010. Perhaps you know him through the Knights of Columbus or he coached your son in basketball. You may just know his ever present smiling face from attending daily Mass. "Whatever your affiliation is with Bernie, you just feel blessed to know him", said Ann Marie Myatt, President of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee.

"He has shared so much of himself with the community that being the Grand Marshal of the "Parade that Cares and Shares" is a perfect match", added parade Vice President Sean O'Rourke. Bernie O'Brien was born in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY to Frank and Madeline O'Brien. He is one of 5 children. After graduating from Hastings High school in 1950, he attended Brockport State Teachers College and graduated with a BS in Health, Physical Education and Recreation in 1954. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1954-1956 and was stationed in Berlin, Germany. He then continued his education at NYU and earned a secondary Administration Degree in 1957. He began his teaching career at Valley Stream South High School teaching Physical Education and coaching football, basketball and baseball. In 1959 he was appointed Chairman of Physical Education, School Health, and Drivers Education. During his tenure, Mr. O'Brien was also the Director of Athletics and the Coordinator of Adult Recreation. In 1978 he was appointed District Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics for the Rockville Centre School District. One year later, Mr. O'Brien was appointed to the position of Executive Director of Athletics for 56 high schools and 55 middle schools in Nassau County. In this new role, he was responsible for scheduling all athletic activities; assigning officials; conducting all post season tournaments; accounting all ticket sales from post season tournaments; and implementing all policy changes from the State Education Department. After a long and diverse career, Mr. O'Brien retired in December 1992 but remained a consultant to the new Director until June 1995. Mr. O'Brien has been married to his beloved wife Marilyn Logan of Rockville Centre for 49 years. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien were married at St. Agnes Cathedral on August 27, 1960. They are the proud parents of seven children: Tim and his wife Lisa, Bob and his wife Hollie, Kathy and her husband Steve, Patrick and his wife Nancy, Teri and her husband Mark, Sean and his wife Heather, and Kevin and his wife Erin. They have 25 grandchildren. Tim and Steve both worked for Cantor Fitzgerald and sadly were victims of the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001. "Bernie" as he is known throughout town, has been a parishioner at St. Agnes for 49 years. He has served his fellow parishioners as both a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Bernie has opened the Cathedral at 5:00am for 33yrs, 7 days per week where he prepares the church for daily Mass to assist the Priests of the parish. In addition, he ministers to the homebound and has trained potential altar servers for 18 years. The O'Brien's were the first couple from St. Agnes to receive the "St Agnes Cathedral Diocesan Medal" given for service to the church and presented by the Bishop. He was an original member of the St. Agnes Grammar School Board. Mr. O'Brien was an honoree at the Parish celebration on October 9, 2002 and the Friends of Mercy Medical Center in March 2006. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Post 0303. In 1983 he received the NYS Athletics Administrators Honor Award. In 1984 he directed the opening and closing ceremonies for the International Games for the Disabled at Mitchell Field. In 1985 he received a Special Service Award from the NYS Athletics Administrators Association. The National Interscholastic Athletics Association gave Mr. O'Brien a Special Honor Award in 1986. As the Grand Finale of his career in Athletics, Mr. O'Brien was inducted into the NYS Public High School Athletic Association Hall-of-Fame as an Athletic Administrator on August 5, 2009. "I want to acknowledge, on behalf of my family, my sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of The Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee, in being selected as your Grand Marshal.", Mr. O'Brien said. "I am deeply grateful to all the Committee Members, who have given of themselves, preparing every detail that is involved in making the RVC St. Patrick's Parade, the very best on Long Island. The hours, days, weeks and months that these wonderful people have spent raising funds for the charities selected each year, is a true indication of their complete devotion, as volunteers, to their motto; "The Parade that Cares and Shares". I am sincerely looking forward to the next 8 months and being a small part of such a tremendous group of truly dedicated people."

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Please join us to honor a truly outstanding Grand Marshal, Bernie O'Brien who has given his time, treasure and talents to help others in countless ways. In every cause Bernie O'Brien is truly a man that "Cares & Shares."

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