

United Irish Societies of Montreal



197th St. Patrick's Parade 2022



We played....



We marched...



And We Danced....



We are back!



United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

(Organizers of the St. Patrick's Parade)

Dear friends,

It has been my absolute honour and privilege to represent you as the President of the United Irish Societies of Montreal over the past three years.

These past few years have been challenging for many of our members and their families, businesses, and supporters of our organization. But through it all, we remained united, and even when we could not put a parade down the street, we were able to focus our efforts and assist families in need. I would like to express my gratitude to Cathy Ross-Doyle along with her team for providing so many families resources to be able to feed their families and bring some joy to their children at a time of the year when they are most vulnerable.



Despite the ongoing pandemic, 2022 arrived and provided some hope that we would be able to stage our parade. Again, Patty McCann and her team worked tirelessly within a very short deadline to organize a modest Parade on March 20, 2022, for which the entire community is grateful.

My heart was overwhelmed with pride to march as your President with my husband Dave, our children Shannon and Brendan along with my niece Quinn by my side. A memory I will truly never forget.

Throughout my term as President, I have had the opportunity to conduct meetings, mainly over Zoom and I am so pleased with the number of members who have attended these meetings.

I would like to thank all the Past Presidents for their guidance and support throughout my tenure.

Also, the Elected Executives and Chairpersons who have stood beside me throughout. My success reflects all their hard work and dedication to this great organization.

On a personal note, I cannot thank you enough for entrusting me with the leadership of this organization. I have truly made lifelong friends through my association with the UIS and I will be forever grateful for your faith in me to represent you as President.

Finally, I want to express a special thank you to my dad George Mulqueen, who instilled in me the importance of carrying on our Irish Heritage.

May he Rest in Peace.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mulqueen

President



Les traditionnelles célébrations de la Saint-Patrick font partie du visage de Montréal.

Cette année marque leur 197^e présentation et la Ville est heureuse de contribuer à la réussite de cet événement rassembleur, grâce auquel l'identité irlandaise s'exprime avec fierté à travers notre ville.

La communauté irlandaise est importante pour Montréal. Nous savons combien les citoyennes et les citoyens d'origine irlandaise ont contribué à la construction de notre métropole.

C'est d'ailleurs pourquoi le drapeau de Montréal arbore fièrement le trèfle irlandais. Ce symbole rappelle et rend hommage à celles et ceux qui ont traversé l'océan et qui ont affronté de nombreux périls pour venir s'établir ici. Il démontre aussi notre estime pour leurs descendantes et leurs descendants qui, depuis des générations, ont persisté dans leur apport remarquable au développement de Montréal.

Je félicite le United Irish Societies of Montreal pour leur travail et je tiens à les remercier pour leur implication au fil des ans.

Malgré la pandémie, vous êtes parvenus à souligner cette journée spéciale et à maintenir cette précieuse tradition.

« If you're lucky enough to be Irish... *You're lucky enough!* »

Le Jour de la Saint-Patrick, que nous soyons Irlandais d'origine ou de cœur, nous sommes tous Irlandais!

À toutes et à tous, je souhaite une joyeuse Saint-Patrick!



St. Patrick's Day celebrations are a tradition that is part of the fabric of Montréal.

This year marks the 197th edition and the city is pleased to contribute to the success of this unifying event, where the Irish identity is expressed with pride and good humour throughout our city.

The Irish community is important to the city. We know how much citizens of Irish origin have contributed to the building of our metropolis.

That is why the flag of Montréal proudly displays the Irish shamrock. This symbol recalls and pays tribute to those who crossed an ocean and faced many perils to come here. It also shows our esteem for their descendants who, for generations, have persisted in their remarkable contribution to the development of Montréal.

I congratulate the United Irish Societies of Montreal for their work and thank them for their involvement over the years.

Despite the pandemic, you have found ways to make this day special, because it is so important to preserve this tradition.

"If you're lucky enough to be Irish... You're lucky enough!"

On St. Patrick's Day, whether you are Irish by birth or in your heart, we are all Irish!

To all of you, I wish you a happy St. Patrick's Day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'V. Plante'.

Valérie Plante
Mairesse de Montréal
Mayor of Montréal

Montréal 



United Irish Societies of Montreal Call Out For Members & Volunteers

- ✿ To help organize the annual St. Patrick's Parade.
- ✿ To help organize the annual Queen's Selection Evening.
- ✿ To support the Entertainment Group, who entertain seniors and shut ins.
- ✿ To help raise funds necessary to supply food baskets at Christmas time.
- ✿ To help assemble and deliver food baskets at Christmas time.
- ✿ To help organize and attend the annual Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance in honour of the Grand Marshal and Chief Reviewing Officer.
- ✿ To support other Irish organizations in their activities.
- ✿ To help preserve the memory of the more than 6000 Irish immigrants buried at the Irish Memorial Stone on Bridge Street near Pointe St. Charles and Grosse Île as an Irish memorial site.
- ✿ To explore Irish heritage.

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United Irish Societies of Montreal



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UISMTL



Who doesn't love a sharp dressed Mascot?

What else can a Mascot do during a Pandemic?



Meet Paddy Jr. in his new outfit!

2022 Parade Participants

The Colour Party

Montreal Police

The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada

Pipes and Drums

2020-21-22 Grand Marshal

2020-21-22 Chief Reviewing Officer

UIS Vice President – Organization

UIS President

UIS Queen and Court

UIS Executive & Dignitaries

UIS Mascot (Paddy Jr.)

Past Queens and Princesses

Ancient Order of Hibernians Canada

Irish Protestant Benevolent Society

St. Patrick's Society of Montreal

Mayoress of Montreal

Innisfail Social and Sports Club

Erin Sports Association

McCambridge Family/St. Ann's Parish

Bernadette Short School of Irish dancing/

Ville Marie Feis

Bloomsday Montreal

Irish Society – National Capital Region

Montreal Shamrocks Gaelic

Athletic Association

St. Andrew's Society

St Anthony's Parish Group (1884-2004)

Soulanges Irish Society

Costello Irish Dance

Chateauguay & Valley Irish Heritage

Association

Montreal Irish Rugby Football Club MIRFC

National bank of the Naval Reserve

UIS Marshals

Shawn O'Donnell

Grand Marshal

2020-22 St. Patrick's Parade



Shawn O'Donnell is in his eleventh year as Head of School of The Sacred Heart School of Montreal, an all girls English Catholic high school in Montreal. He manages a team of over 40 faculty, staff and administrators for a 235 student school. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of New Brunswick and his MBA from Concordia's John Molson School of Business. Prior to his current position, he was Director, Senior School, at Selwyn House High School for boys and Principal of École Bilingue Notre Dame de Sion.

Shawn is a director of the following non-profit Boards of Directors; Maison Cross Roads, École Bilingue Notre Dame de Sion, and The English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC). He is also a founding member of The Point St. Charles Hall of Recognition Committee.

Shawn is happily married to his wife Jackie, and they have two children, Tara and Devin. A well-known leader in the community and a fantastic public speaker, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Mr. Shawn O'Donnell as the Grand Marshal of the 2022 St. Patrick's Parade.



Steve Garnett

Chief Reviewing Officer

2020-22 St. Patrick's Parade



Steve Garnett is a community minded volunteer who gives back through the Montreal Auxiliary Firefighters, an organization that he has presided over for more than ten years that has helped firefighters for over 75 years, showing up at large fires with a bus, and warm food and drink to help the firefighters maintain their strength while battling the flames. The organization also runs the Firefighter's Museum on boul Saint-Laurent. Leadership roles are not foreign to Steve. He recently completed his mandate as President of the International Fire Buffs and was immediately appointed as a Vice President.

Steve's chosen career is with Mistras Group Inc., a leading, OneSource, global provider of technology-enabled asset protection solutions used to maximize the uptime and safety of critical energy, industrial, and public infrastructure. He grew up on Montreal's South Shore and is a Greenfield Park resident with his wife Bonnie.

For his leadership through volunteerism, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Mr. Steve Garnett as the Chief Reviewing Officer of Montreal's 197th St. Patrick's Parade.



Organizing Committee Ste Anne's Hospital New Year's Eve Show 2020 Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award Recipient



Built in 1917, Ste Anne's Hospital was one of the nine hospitals established in Canada by the Military Hospitals Commission under the Borden government, to respond to an unprecedented influx of the sick and wounded generated by the First World War.

On April 1, 2016, this last hospital administered by Veterans Affairs Canada was transferred to the Quebec government.

For more than 70 years now, a New Year's Eve show has been organized by veterans and members of the community for those housed at the veterans' hospital in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. One of the key organizers for over 65 of these shows was the late Joe Mell.

The event's volunteers come from all corners of the community. In fact, the UIS Entertainment Committee at one time volunteered its time for this most worthy show. Members and former members alike continue the committee's great work.

For the committee's quiet dedication to this great cause and for the joy the event brings to the Hospital's resident Veterans, whose average age exceeds 93, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is humbled to present the 2020 Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award to the Organizing Committee of the Ste Anne's Hospital New Year's Eve Show.



Solstice

2020 Liam Daly

Heritage Award

Recipient



Solstice is one of Canada's most exciting and prolific Celtic folk bands. Based in Montreal, Solstice has been delighting audiences across North America and Europe for over a decade with their explosive live performances showcasing their unique brand of Celtic folk that incorporates elements of Bluegrass and Canadian maritime music. The band is comprised of Patrick Lesyk on acoustic guitar and lead vocals, Kate Bevan-Baker on fiddle, and Dave Gossage on flutes and whistles. Patrick is well-known for his dynamic and percussive guitar accompaniments, but it's his warm and soulful voice that is most recognized as being both powerful and sensitive. Kate's fiddle is electrifying, yet also moving and emotive. Dave never fails to wow audiences with his wizardry on the flute and whistles. The success of the band is largely due to their impressive performance dexterity and musical sensibility which allow them to appeal to a wide range of audiences, making them a mainstay in the Canadian music scene.

For their contributions and dedication to Montreal's Irish community, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Solstice as the recipient of the 2020 Liam Daly Heritage Award.



Patty-Ann McCann
2021 Simon McDonaugh
Humanitarian Award
Recipient



Most in the community will recognize Patty-Ann McCann as the long-time Vice President – Organization for the UIS, a role she has filled with distinction since April 2011 after serving as Deputy Parade Director in 2010. She has served as a marshal since 1999 and even served as chairperson of the UIS Banquet Committee for the year 2000.

While Patty's United Irish Societies' activities are wonderful and appreciated, her selection as the recipient of this award is in large part due to her extensive involvement with the Girl Guide movement.

Patty joined Brownies in Montreal's Notre-Dame-de-Grace neighbourhood at St Augustine Church at the age of seven and has subsequently been involved with the Girl Guides of Canada for 35 years and counting. After moving out west, Patty was a Guide Leader in Banff and Canmore, Alberta and upon her return, in Pinckney and Dorval, Quebec. She was privileged to take a patrol to Camp 101 in Roscommon, Ireland which coincidentally involved 101 Canadian Girl Guides. Patty has participated in two interprovincial camps, one being in Smithers, BC and the other in Guelph, Ontario.

She is proud of having had a positive impact on hundreds of girls, including her daughter, Victoria who has continued the tradition of empowering girls through the Girl Guides of Canada for almost 20 years of her 26 years of life.

For her quiet volunteerism and for her dedication to the empowerment of girls, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Patty-Ann McCann with the 2021 Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award. We are certain her associates with the Girl Guides of Canada concur with this selection.



Paul Loftus
2021 Liam Daly
Heritage Award Recipient



Paul was born and raised in Ireland in a town known for its annual Salmon Festival, a town called Ballina in County Mayo. He settled in Canada in 1971. His name first popped up in the United Irish Societies archives in 1973, when he was named a delegate to the UIS from the Montreal Irish Rugby Football Club (MIRFC). Clearly, he quickly got busy building relationships. Like many Irish Immigrants, Paul gravitated to the Montreal Shamrocks Gaelic Athletic Club and was captain of the team for a time. He also played rugby with the MIRFC, even serving as president. He has served as a St. Patrick's Society director, was president and co-founder of the Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce and presided over the UIS for the 2018 and 2019 parades. Speaking of parades, Paul was also honoured in 2012 when he served as Grand Marshal, joining a very long list of distinguished individuals and the first Irish-born Grand Marshal since Dr. Michael Kenneally was honoured in 2003.

What makes this award so special, and I am sure he will concur, is that Paul co-hosted the Irish Show on CF Cable 9 and Videotron "with" Liam Daly. He and Liam were often seen around the reviewing stand at Phillips Square in the early to mid-1990s after they had completed the live broadcast for the shut-ins and those otherwise unable to head downtown for the annual celebration.

It is special enough when an Irish-born person engrained in Montreal is selected to receive this award, but it is even a more memorable occasion when an Irish-born person who knew and worked with Liam is chosen. It is the pleasure of The United Irish Societies of Montreal to present Paul Loftus the 2021 Liam Daly Heritage Award.



Sterling Downey

2022 Simon McDonaugh

Humanitarian Award

Recipient



Sterling has always positioned himself as a force for change. After co-founding the UnderPressure Urban Arts Festival in 1996, he opened collaborative spaces created for and by the emerging street art community. There is more to Sterling, however. Sterling was first elected city councillor for the Desmarchais-Crawford district in his Verdun in 2013. This is where I believe many in the United Irish Societies were introduced to Sterling.

Sterling has never shied away from his past as a skinhead in his younger years. While he did not let his past define him, he has used his experiences to help marginalized youth by speaking about the effects of bullying and by helping communities such as LGBTQ2S youth find safe spaces where they can thrive.

While helping youth is a big part of who Sterling is, he is also committed to recognizing and honouring his community's veterans past and present. Sterling was a major proponent of the recently inaugurated "Sentier des coquelicots" (translated: Poppy Trail) in the Crawford Park neighbourhood he has called home the entirety of his life. Despite being occasionally in an election campaign, he always finds the time to volunteer his services to sell poppies within his community for Royal Canadian Legion Branch #4.

On a personal level, Sterling's involvement in the Polar Bear Plunge with Luc Gagnon was the motivation for some UIS members to also raise money and jump into the frigid St. Lawrence River for the benefit of Special Olympics Quebec. For his quiet dedication to numerous youth and veterans initiatives, and for the positive impact he has had on countless youth and veterans in his community, it is our pleasure to award Sterling Downey the 2022 Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award.

Gold Card Membership in recognition of a lifetime of loyal and faithful service to the United Irish Societies and to the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The memory of Mr. McDonaugh's humanitarian lifestyle lives on through this award.

Previous Simon McDonaugh Humanitarian Award Recipients

1993 Maureen Kelly
 1994 Kenny Meehan
 1995 John P. Gilroy
 1996 William Pidgeon
 1997 William O'Donnell
 1998 Frank Monroe
 1999 Sr. Dianna Lieffers
 2000 Liam Daly
 2001 Bernadette Short
 2002 Rev. Father Thomas McEntee

2003 Father Emmett Johns
 2004 Donald Pidgeon
 2005 Joseph Quinn
 2006 Ann Cruise-Broden
 2007 Brian McBrien
 2008 Brian Dowd
 2009 Edith Cavanaugh
 2010 Adrian Bercovici
 2011 Kelvin & Janice Berry
 2012 Ernie Presseau

2013 Michael Spears
 2014 Francis Baddeley
 2015 Mabel Fitzgerald
 2016 Richard McConomy & Pierrette Sévigny
 2017 Erin Sports Association
 2018 Cindy Bray and Gerry Tibbo
 2019 Robin Roberts
 2020 Org. Com. Ste Anne's Hospital NYE show
 2021 Patty-Ann McCann

Colleen Murphy

2022 Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipient



The United Irish Societies of Montreal and indeed the community first got to know Colleen in 1994 when she was named Queen of the St. Patrick's Parade. According to a March 17, 1994 Montreal Gazette article, Colleen stated "Being chosen was quite a surprise." In fact, Colleen was a reluctant applicant to the pageant, as the event was then called. Apparently, her friends sent for the application and then goaded her until she relented and applied. During the evening she spoke about the strong sense of family, faith, and history in the Irish community.

Following her reign Colleen quickly got to work on the pageant committee and, in the Spring of 1998 was named Chairperson of the Queen's Pageant, today is known as the Queen's Selection Evening. Other than the 2001 and 2003 selection evenings, Colleen has since chaired the event all while raising her family with her husband Ian Locke. The 2020 Queen's Selection Evening was Colleen's 20th as chairperson.

For her consistent support of the empowerment of young women of Irish birth or descent and for her long-standing promotion of "Montreal Irish" culture through her leadership in the Queen's Selection Evening, the United Irish Societies of Montreal is pleased to present Colleen Murphy the 2022 Liam Day Heritage Award.

The Liam Daly Heritage Award was created by the United Irish Societies of Montreal in memory of a man closely associated with numerous organizations within the Irish community and made a positive impact on those he served.

Previous Liam Daly Heritage Award Recipients

2004 April O'Donoghue

2010 Donald Pigeon

2016 Montreal Shamrocks GAC

2005 Lynn Lonergan Doyle

2011 Kathleen McAuliffe

2017 Richard "Ricky" Clahane

2006 Patricia Burns

2012 Jeffrey Charles McCarthy, CD

2018 Alan Jones

2007 St Patrick's Society

2013 Andriú MacGabhann

2019 Carol McCormick

2008 Elizabeth Quinn

2014 John Gilroy

2020 Solstice

2009 Lisa Forget

2015 Siamsa School of Irish Music

2021 Paul Loftus



The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

2020-2021-2022 St. Patrick's Parade Queen and Court

ORLA MAHON

2020-2021-2022 PARADE QUEEN

Orla is 24. Both her parents were born and raised in Ireland; her mother is from Belfast, Northern Ireland and her father is from County Down. She studied at McGill University in a Bachelor of Science program, majoring in Computer Science and Biology with a minor in Classical Languages.

She presently works as a Front End Software Developer at Explorance. She develops new tools and revamps older systems so they may be used by persons with disabilities.

Orla is currently taking classes in Mandarin. She is involved in Model United Nations and competed in Model UN simulations. She recently travelled to Beijing and Guangzhou to act there as a director for UN sponsored Model UN conferences.

She currently volunteers for Maison Benedicte Labre preparing food for people in need. Orla is also a member of the Montreal Shamrocks Ladies Gaelic Football Team and volunteers as a scorekeeper or umpire for their Super Leagues.



MEGAN SWEENEY
Princess

Megan is 21 years of age. Her Irish heritage is on her father's side who emigrated from Count Tyrone to Canada in the early 1900s. She is a fourth year student at McGill University in Industrial and Labour Relations with a minor in Religion and Globalization. After graduation she intends to apply to a law school.

Megan is a Chief Operations Officer at "Penny Drops", student-run non-profit organization that aims to deliver financial literacy education to every high-school and university student in Canada.

She is working towards becoming a barre fitness instructor with a long term goal of designing and implementing a variation of the technique into classes for seniors in retirement facilities.

Megan loves to attend art galleries and to attend concerts.



JULIA BARNWELL
Princess

Julia is 22 years of age. Her Irish ancestry stems from Birr, County Offaly.

She is a recent graduate of McGill University with a BSc in Biology and a second major in International Development.

She currently works as a Research Assistant at the Douglas Research Centre.

Julia has played piano for 16 years and is a graduate of Ecole de Musique Vincent d'Indy.

She currently volunteers every week in Youth Ministry at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

Julia is a competitive Irish dancer and has competed internationally. She recently joined the Montreal Ladies Gaelic Football Team.



AVEEN MAHON
Princess

Aveen is 22 years of age. She is both a Canadian and Irish citizen. Both her parents were born and raised in Ireland; her mother from Belfast, Northern Ireland and her father from County Down.

Currently, Aveen is in her first year Master of Science specializing in High Energy (Particle) Physics.

During her studies she interned at TRIUMF (Canada National Particle Accelerator Center) as well as CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

Aveen participated in Model United Nations. She loves reading as well as sketching. She volunteered for six years at Vaudreuil-Soulanges Palliative Care Centre. She also participates in Irish Dance and represents Quebec and Canada on a regional, National and International stage.



REBECCA McAULEY
Princess

Rebecca is 20 years of age. Her Irish heritage is from her great grandfather from County Antrim.

She is in her first semester at McGill University, majoring in Finance in the Desautels Faculty of Management.

Rebecca loves to run and competes in races from 5 km to half-marathon distance. She also likes to read.

She is part of a delegation called the Desautels Management Competitions committee, competing against other business schools in Quebec.

She is part of the McGill Olympic Club and competes in various races throughout the year. She is also part of a floor hockey team and an intermural basketball team at McGill University.

The Queen's Selection Evening is an annual event, open to any young lady of Irish origin between the ages of 18 and 25. The above winners were chosen at this year's Selection Evening held on Saturday, February 1, 2020.



The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

2020-2022 Elected Executive



Patricia Mulqueen
President



Elizabeth Quinn
Treasurer



Patty McCann
*Vice President
Organization*



Kevin Tracy
*Vice President
Advertising and Public Relations*



Carol McCormick
Corresponding Secretary



Lori Morrisson
Recording Secretary



Kevin Murphy
Senior Vice-President



Daniel Doyle Sr.
Immediate Past President





The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

2020-2022 Chairpeople



Susan Batty James
Social



Laz Burke
Web Management



Ann-Mary Butts
Program and Fundraising



Cathy Doyle
Christmas Baskets



Danny Doyle Sr.
Finance & Nominating



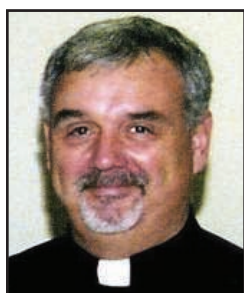
Danny Doyle Jr.
Chief Deputy Marshall



Shawn Doyle
Awards Banquet



Catherine Eustace
Legal Advisor



Rev. Gérard Martineau
Moral Advisor



Colleen Murphy
Selection Evening



Kevin Murphy
*Greeter. Masses
& Regalia*



Shannon Pine
Membership



Ken Quinn
*Historian
Past Presidents'
Advisory Council*



Claudette Roach
Reception



Lauren Tracey
Communications

UIS SCHOLARSHIP

Created and developed in 2019 by Lori Morrison and funded by herself and her sister Kayra Morrison, the UIS Scholarship recognizes those who have made strides in truly embracing the concept of community and achieving great success in school. Each year, a committee comprised of leaders from Montreal's Irish community is created to assess and review applications then choose a winner to receive a \$1000 cheque to help with their studies.

The UIS Scholarship is open to Montrealers of Irish descent aged 18-25, enrolled full time in a post-secondary school (CEGEP, Trade School, University), and active in helping the Irish Community of our city. The applicant must be in good standing in their respective school.

Those selected as recipients over the years:

2019 Kheyra King

2020 Aveen Mahon (no photo as it was the beginning of the pandemic)

2021 Julia Barnwell

We look forward to this year's applicants and thank you all for contributing to making our community as solid as a rock.



In Memory of our deceased members

Maurice D. Quinn

Theresa Gignac

Maurice (Mo) Chapman

Bryan Scott

Richard J. McConomy

Frances Gillan

Thelma Nomandeau

George Mulqueen

Joseph Mell

Beverly Murphy

Michael Murray

Margaret Healy

Patrick Sheehan

Jane Skelton

John McDonaugh

Michael Spears

Gail Donovan

Andrew W. Fogarty

Edith Cavanaugh

Catherine Polson

James Hay

Lillian Hogan

“Eternal rest grant to them O’Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them”

The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc. December 1980



EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE, DON'T THEY?

Marchers, mascots, and music on Montreal streets in March (St. Catherine Street, of late) has been THE signal that Spring is upon us. It has been that way since 1824 when Michael O'Sullivan and friends from the Hibernian Society first organized a public demonstration of Irish pride and it is widely accepted that this went on in an uninterrupted fashion, until 2020. Never did Mother Nature or other circumstance best the Parade, though there were a number of close calls. In a climate such as ours, this is a testament to the sturdiness of our community members and parade participants and the importance of the Parade to the community.

What took us down was an invisible and formidable foe - COVID. Quebec society essentially came to a screeching halt on Thursday, March 12, 2020 when Quebec Premier François Legault declared a state of emergency.¹ Despite the government edict the intent was to have a parade before the end of calendar year 2020 when circumstances permitted, according to Vice President - Advertising & Public Relation Kevin Tracey, who stated "We will have a parade before the calendar year is up, and it won't be at Christmas". Montreal Mayor Valerie Plante tweeted "The party isn't cancelled, it's merely postponed".²

Irish community members are not easily deterred. On March 15, 2020, the date the Mass of Anticipation was scheduled to take place, a small but enthusiastic group led by Victor Boyle and Fergus Keyes marched around some streets in Point St. Charles. The same group marched safely on the sidewalks of Point St. Charles on March 14, 2021.

Following the initial shock of society grinding to a halt, members of the community soon got back at it ensuring that good works within the community continued. Meetings were taking place virtually on such platforms as Microsoft Teams and ZOOM, which allowed the less mobile the chance to participate yet also is perceived to prevent those without technology from participating. The benefits of holding meetings virtually far outweighed the barriers they may have created.

Technology was also used to raise money for the community. Though their American Thanksgiving fundraiser was cancelled in 2020 and 2021, members of the Erin Sports Association and their friends used social media to raise funds to support their Christmas activities. St. Patrick's Society produced virtual luncheons in 2021 and 2022, a charity golf tournament in September 2021, but cancelled their charity balls in 2021 and 2022.

Within the United Irish Societies, giving back at Christmas has been a tradition since 1967. With a November, 2020 national unemployment rate at 8.9%³ it was clear the organization needed to do its part. Using technology and social media the organization raised funds in 2020 and 2021 to provide Christmas baskets for a greater number of families than a normal year, with special thanks to many of the organization's 2020 Banquet Program advertisers who agreed to roll the funds paid towards an advertisement into the Christmas fund.

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the United Irish Societies organized a small early morning marchers-only parade on March 20, 2022, just as Michael O'Sullivan and friends had done in 1824. The day prior, members of the Soulages Irish Society held their 2022 Irish Festival and on March 26th, members of the Chateauguay and Valley Irish Heritage Association paraded through Chateauguay.

Hopefully 2023 brings more normalcy to our lives for next year marks 200 years of St. Patrick's Parades in Montreal and, well, everyone loves a parade, don't they?

Ken Quinn, Historian



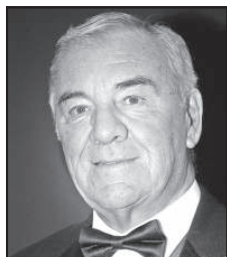
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- 2 St. Patrick's Day at Hurley's Irish Pub very quiet indeed, Montreal Gazette, March 18, 2020, p.A4
- 3 Job growth loses amid COVID crisis 'tug of war', Montreal Gazette, November 7, 2020, p.D1

The United Irish Societies of Montreal Inc.

Past Presidents



Robert T. Larkin
1973-74



James P. Coleman
1975-76



Patrick O'Connell
1990-91



Mabel Ann Fitzgerald
1992-93



Joseph Quinn
1996-97



Elizabeth Quinn
2000-01



Robert McKay
2002-03



Sheila Showers
2004-05



Larry Smith
2006-07



Marlene Demers
2008-09



Ken Quinn
2010-11



Mike Kennedy
2012-13



Daniel Doyle Sr.
2016-17



Paul Loftus
2018-19



John J. McCaffrey – 1929-30

Herbert Potter – 1931-32

John Loye – 1933-57

John Lucey 1958

Martin Greene – 1959-60

Pat Quackenbush – 1961-62

John J. Kenny – 1963-64

Francis J. Quinn – 1965-66

Richard C. Cooper – 1967-68

Patrick J. Fitzgerald – 1969-70

George O'Reilly, Jr. 1971-72

David Deegan - 1976-77

Donald Pidgeon – 1978-79

Wilfred Goddard – 1980-81

Norman J. Browne – 1982-83

D'Arcy C. Boyle – 1984-85

Bernard Woffenden – 1986-87

Bryan Scott – 1988-89

Michael Spears 1994-95

Margaret Healy – 1998-99

Beverly Murphy 2014-15

Parade Queens 1956-2022

1956	Patricia Ann Craig	1979	Lynn Hume	2002	Kellyann Ryan
1957	Agnes O'Neill	1980	Andrea Egerton	2003	Erin Ashley McCarthy
1958	Erin Shannon	1981	Linda McErlain	2004	Tara Hecksher
1959	Maureen Whoooley	1982	Catherine Crowe	2005	Stephanie Glezos
1960	Doris Kennedy	1983	Suzanne Shannon	2006	Courtney Elizabeth Mullins
1961	Betty McGrory	1984	Linda McKeown	2007	Andrea McGlynn
1962	Patricia Browne	1985	Carolyn Byrne	2008	Bryana Yerbury
1963	Anna Gavigan	1986	Rosaleen Carroll	2009	Erin Mackasey
1964	Margaret McGregor	1987	Janice Campbell	2010	Katherine McKendry
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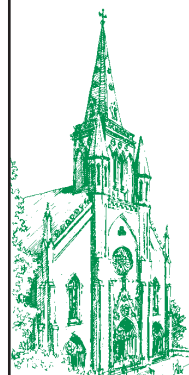
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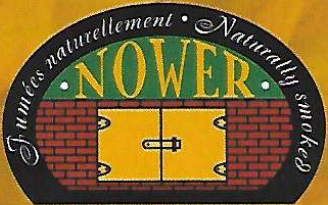
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