

1% CLUB

The following businesses each individually paid for one percent of the cost of the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade. For their dedication and support we extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation. **THANK YOU!**

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| Ancient Order of Hibernians | 10+ yrs | Christopher Behan ~ Attorney at Law | 5 yrs |
| Brick Alley Pub | 10+ yrs | David E. Michaels Distinctive Homes | 5 yrs |
| Behan Brothers Construction | 10+ yrs | Gas Light Grille | 5 yrs |
| Custom Plumbing & Heating Co. | 10+ yrs | Sambar | 5 yrs |
| Irish-American Athletic Club | 10+ yrs | Island Cemetery Corporation | 4 yrs |
| McLaughlin & Moran, Inc | 10+ yrs | Newport Bio-Diesel | 4 yrs |
| Newport City Council | 10+ yrs | Newport National Golf | 4 yrs |
| Newport Firefighters | 10+ yrs | Pizza Hollywood | 4 yrs |
| Newport Irish Heritage Assoc. | 10+ yrs | Segway of Newport | 4 yrs |
| O'Brien's Pub | 10+ yrs | Rainbow Cab | 3 yrs |
| O'Neil-Hayes Funeral Home | 10+ yrs | Frosty Freeze | 2 yrs |
| One Pelham East | 10+ yrs | Newport Rugby | 2 yrs |
| IHOP | 10+ yrs | Pour Judgment | 2 yrs |
| Celtica | 10+ yrs | RI Council 94, Local 911 | 2 yrs |
| Buskers | 9 yrs | The Café | 2 yrs |
| Citizens Bank | 8 yrs | The Speakeasy | 2 yrs |
| Ladies A.O.H. | 8 yrs | Waite's Wharf | 2 yrs |
| LaForge Casino Restaurant | 7 yrs | Francis Flanagan ~ Attorney at Law | 1 yr |
| Clare Dodge Chrysler Jeep | 6 yrs | Hinckley Yachts | 1 yr |
| Courtyard Marriott | 6 yrs | HomeDepot | 1 yr |
| Fastnet Pub | 6 yrs | Houlihan, Managhan, Morrissey, & Kyle | |
| Narragansett Brewing | 6 yrs | Newport Rugby | 1 yr |
| NewportFed | 6 yrs | Sani-Kan | 1 yr |
| | | Sardellas Restaurant | 1 yr |

Special thanks to individuals and business for donating to the roast.

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
A.O.H. Pipes & Drums
Citizens Bank
Coastal Extreme Brewing Company
Hinckley Yachts
IHOP
Karen & Bill Cardinal
Newport Irish Heritage Association
Newport Vineyards
Fishing with Finnegan

Parade Committee

Dennis P. Sullivan, Chair

Glen Cardinal
Chaz Donovan
David Downes
Michael Henlyshyn
Patrick McAuliffe
Robert O'Neill
Joseph Titus
Daniel P. Titus

Grand Marshal Roast

HONORING
CHARLES DONOVAN



56th

Annual

Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

2012 Parade Grand Marshal Charles “Chaz” Donovan



Charles “Chaz” Donovan was born in Newport in 1929 the son of Charles C. “Neil” and Gladys Jackman Donovan. He was raised in the Fifth Ward and attended Carey School, John Clarke School, and Rogers High School where he graduated in the class of 1947. While growing up in the Fifth Ward, Chaz was active in the Boy Scouts of America Troop Four which met at the Newport Electric Company. While in the Scouts he earned his Eagle Badge.

After graduating from High School, Chaz enlisted in the Naval Reserve in Newport and then went on to active duty regular enlisted navy where he served in naval aviation as a aviation electronic technician.

Chaz married Francoise La Rue in 1953. Together they have four children; Charles, Kevin, Jacques, and Michelle. They have six grandchildren.

He left the Navy to work for IBM. They sent him to school to learn how to maintain the SAGE computer systems for the United States Air Force. This knowledge allowed him to return to Newport. He used his training to land a job with Sperry Univac working on their Trident Submarine Computer Systems at the Navy’s Underwater Laboratory in 1978.

Shortly after returning to Newport, Chaz managed to move back to the Fifth Ward and joined the Dennis E. Collins Division One of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Both were done in record time. Chaz joined the Hibernians to promote his Irish Heritage as well as for the fraternal brotherhood.

In promoting his Irish culture he volunteered for the Parade Committee where he continues to serve on the Committee and organize the Parade Marshals, a job which he was appointed to by the Parade Chairman in 1999. He has served on various committees at the Hibernian Hall including the Special Events Committee and the Screening Committee. He also helped in the renovation of the hall. Chaz has helped the Newport Irish History Museum by cooking a traditional Irish lamb stew for their annual Newport Irish sight-seeing bus tour. He is in a Confederate Civil

ROAST SCHEDULE

-  1:30 – 2:15 Social Hour
-  2:15 – 3:15 Heavy Hors d’oeuvres
-  3:15 – On Roast:
-  **Emcee Call to Order/Comments ~ Dr. Kevin Donovan**
-  **Roaster ~ Donovan Family**
-  **Roaster ~ Kate Leonard**
-  **Roaster ~ Cottrell Brothers, *Words from the South***
-  **Salutations ~ RI Rep. Peter Martin**
-  **Proclamation ~ Mayor Stephen C. Waluk**
-  **Words of Advice ~ Ray Lynch, *Past Grand Marshal***
-  **Presentation of Black Thorn Walking Stick ~
Parade Committee, David Downes**
-  **Floor Open to Roasters: *Be Brief Please***

War reenactment unit where he portrays an Irishman serving the cause. He does this to remind people that there were many Irishman who lost their lives in the Civil War on both the North and South.

His latest endeavor in promoting Irish heritage is joining the AOH Pipes and Drums. When he is not carrying the United States flag in the band’s color guard he carries the Irish National Tri Color Flag. This is his primary position with the band. Nothing makes him so proud as to be at the front of the band carrying the Irish colors and marching prideful with his other AOH brothers and sisters. This along with being the Head of the Line of Marshals for the Newport Parade, are two of his proudest achievements in promoting his Irish Heritage.

Chaz is also involved many other activities. He is a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Augustin’s Church. He served four years on the Newport Water front Commission. His hobbies include sailing. He has been known to go ice skating with the grandkids. In the past, he has served as a parade marshal for the Newport Police Parade and the Tall Ships Parade. The Newport Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Committee refer to him as the Benjamin Button of Hibernian Hall, as he gets older he gets more involved and is never afraid to take on life or any adventure. He is a pillar of the Irish American Community and to all Senior Citizens.