

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!**

Ancient Order of Hibernians	10+ yrs	LaForge Casino Restaurant	4 yrs
Brick Alley Pub	10+ yrs	WBRU 95.5 FM	4 yrs
Behan Brothers Construction	10+ yrs	Bristol County Dodge	3 yrs
Custom Plumbing & Heating Co.	10+ yrs	Courtyard Marriott	3 yrs
Irish-American Athletic Club	10+ yrs	Fastnet Pub	3 yrs
McLaughlin & Moran, Inc	10+ yrs	Keller Williams Realty	3 yrs
Newport City Council	10+ yrs	Narragansett Brewing	3 yrs
Newport Firefighters	10+ yrs	NewportFed	3 yrs
Newport Irish Heritage Assoc.	10+ yrs	Christopher Behan ~ Attorney at Law	2 yrs
O'Brien's Pub	10+ yrs	David Michaels Construction	2 yrs
O'Neil-Hayes Funeral Home	10+ yrs	Gas Light Grille	2 yrs
One Pelham East	10+ yrs	H ₂ O Restaurant & Bar	2 yrs
Rhode Island Quahog Company	10+ yrs	Sambar	2 yrs
Sardella's Restaurant	10+ yrs	Bellevue Wine & Spirits	1 yr
IHOP	9 yrs	Deborah Winthrop Lingerie	1 yr
Celtica	8 yrs	Finnegan Construction	1 yr
Newport County Bar Association	7 yrs	Island Cemetery Corporation	1 yr
Aquidneck Island Drywall	6 yrs	NEA RI	1 yr
Buskers	6 yrs	Newport National Golf	1 yr
Citizens Bank	5 yrs	Newport RI Rocks	1 yr
Ladies A.O.H.	5 yrs	Newport Rugby Club	1 yr
Liberty Tax	5 yrs	Pizza Hollywood	1 yr
Town of Middletown	5 yrs	Pour Judgment	1 yr
Buckley Heating & Cooling	4 yrs	SEACORP	1 yr
		Segway of Newport	1 yr

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

Ancient Order of Hibernians
Citizens Bank
Coastal Extreme Brewing Company
Father McNulty
IHOP
Karen & Bill Cardinal
Patrick McGrath
Jeanette O'Neill
Newport Irish Heritage Association
Newport Vineyards
Mike Slein
Mike Martin
Rick & Joan Kelly
Tucky & Meaghan Mahoney

Parade Committee

Dennis P. Sullivan, Chair
Glen Cardinal
Skip Carter
Chaz Donovan
David Downes
Patrick McAuliffe
Robert O'Neill
Joseph Titus
Daniel P. Titus

Grand Marshal Roast

HONORING

KATHLEEN P. FINN



53rd

Annual

Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade

2009 Parade Grand Marshal Kathleen P. Finn



Kathleen "Kiki" Finn was born in Newport, RI. She is the daughter of the late James P. Whitford and Eleanor O'Connor Whitford. She has one brother, Timothy Whitford and three sisters, Barbara Nass, Mary Martin, and Jane Vincelette. Kiki was raised in the Fifth Ward and continues to reside in her family's Eastnor Road homestead.

While growing up in the Fifth Ward, Kiki attended local schools like Carey, St. Augustin's, Thompson and Rogers. She graduated from Rogers in 1976 and, in addition to coordinating many class reunions, is a member of the Rogers High School Alumni Association. In 1991, Kiki received a BS in Accounting from Salve Regina University.

Kiki was married to the late Thomas J. Finn. She has three children Patrick, Brigid and the late Molly Finn.




She is the Chief Administrative Officer at SEA CORP where she has been employed for the past sixteen years









Kiki is involved with a myriad of civic organizations. A past president of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kiki was one of a dozen women who helped to revitalize the organization over the past ten years and remains an active member, chairing various committees. She served as treasurer for the Gooseberry Beach Board of Directors and on committees for the Peter J. O'Neill Scholarship Fund and the Fifth Ward Square Dedication. Additionally, she is a member of the Newport Elks BPO 104, the Newport Irish Heritage Association, Save the Bay, Seaman's Church Institute, Aquidneck Land Trust, and the Rhode Island Light House Foundation.

In 2007 Kiki cofounded the Molly Finn Battle of the Bands with Friends of Ballard Park. The event, named for her daughter, encourages local youth to follow their musical aspirations by providing opportunities to perform and network with area music executives. Kiki also enjoys being an active participant in the Ballard Park Pumpkin Tour each Fall.

Kiki is an engaged member of Saint Augustin's Church Parish

ROAST SCHEDULE

-  1:30 – 2:15 Social Hour and Hors d'oeuvres
-  2:15 – 3:15 Buffet Dinner
-  3:15 – On Roast:

-  **Roast Master Call to Order ~ Bob Sullivan**
-  **Opening Comments: Dennis P. Sullivan, Parade Chair**
-  **Roast Master Comments ~ Bob Sullivan**
-  **Roaster ~ David Lussier, Sr. V.P.—SEACORP**
-  **Roaster ~ Therese Champion-Welford, President LAOH**
-  **Roaster ~ James Mahoney, Past Grand Marshal**
-  **Presentation of Black Thorn Walking Stick ~
Parade Committee, David Downes**
-  **Floor Open to Roasters: Be Brief Please**

serving as a Eucharistic Minister and volunteering at the Church's Christmas Bazaar manning their "Luck of the Irish" table.

Over the years, Kiki has volunteered at numerous Newport Irish Heritage Month events including the Irish Tea hosted by the Newport Irish Heritage Association and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner which raises money for the Brigid Kelly Irish Dance Scholarship Fund. Kiki has worked at every Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Roast since 2003 with the exception of 2005, the year her brother-in-law Stephen Martin was roasted, because she was out of town. The kitchen crew will miss her efforts and spirit today.

In her spare time Kiki can be seen out and about with her "Partner in Crime" of 14 years, Ed McWeeney. They both enjoy supporting the numerous charitable golf tournaments and fund raisers that Newport is so fortunately known for. She also enjoys spending time with her lifelong friends, the "YAYA's", also known as Marnie Jewell, Mary Martin and Renie Sullivan at Gooseberry Beach and cruising in the YAYA Mobile.

The Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee is proud to name Kathleen "Kiki" Finn as our 2009 Grand Marshal and is pleased to give her the honor of leading the 53rd Annual Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade.