



The Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland

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The Mayo Society to host its first Grand Ball and Gala Dinner Dance

The Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland is proud to announce it will hold its first annual Grand Ball and Gala Dinner Dance on Friday, Oct. 28, at Windows on the River. The gala evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (open bar), followed by a sumptuous dinner and an evening of music and dancing. Tickets are \$75/person. Proceeds will benefit Cleveland Mayo Society charities.

Please see insert for ticket order form.

For more info or tickets, call Pat Dowd days:

(216) 486-2200

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(440) 205-1611

Guest speaker

Mr. Enda Kenny, TD of Fine Gael, has represented the people of Mayo as a member of Dáil Eireann since 1975. He was first elected in a by-election following the death of his father, Henry Kenny. He became leader of Fine Gael in June 2002, when he spelled out his vision of Fine Gael as a party of the progressive center, focusing on the rights and responsibilities of all citizens.

On his first day in the Dáil, at age 24, he spelled out his political priority: "The greatest good for the greatest number."

He and his wife, Fionnuala O'Kelly, have three children — Naoise, Ferdia and Aoibhinn. Born and raised in Castlebar, Mr. Kenny divides his time between Mayo and Dublin.

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ENDA KENNY

Master of ceremonies

Presiding over the evening will be Cleveland's own Denise Dufala. An Emmy Award-winning reporter with strong Cleveland roots, Ms. Dufala is a longtime favorite who anchors the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts at WJW-TV/Channel 19. In addition, she's a great children's advocate who is active with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She also is frequently heard singing the National Anthem before Cleveland Indians, Browns and Cavaliers games.

Special guest

James Kilbane is a rising talent in the Irish music scene. This versatile performer was raised in Achill and began competing in singing competitions at the tender age of 10, winning many county titles. A finalist in the "You're A Star" television program, which is the Irish version of "American Idol," he performs a mix of country, gospel, Irish ballads and folk music.



JAMES KILBANE AND DENISE DUFALA

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If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so soon. Dues are \$10/person, payable to The Mayo Society of Greater Cleveland.

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Questions?
Call Mrs. McHugh at (216) 251-4883
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Thank you for your continued support!

It's uncommon how many Mayo common pleas judges there are

BY JOHN J. GILL

County Mayo has spawned many things, mostly good. Certainly great work ethic and fine intelligence are often the case for the descendants of Mayo. Maybe it had to be that way because the land left much to be desired, originally considered a place where things and people would have difficulty surviving.

Over the centuries, however, Mayo's inhabitants have thrived despite adversity. In this and future articles, we will explore the Mayo connection to our Irish-American judges.

This issue, we'd like to highlight those judges who reside on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court:

- Judge Kenneth R. Callahan traces his Mayo heritage to Mark Anthony Callaghan, born circa 1856 in Turlough, a parish in the barony of Carra, Co. Mayo, about 3 miles northeast of Castlebar.

- Judge Brian J. Corrigan, whose grandfather Patrick and grandmother Ann were from Tunragee and Mulraney, respectively, which are located on opposite sides of Newport. Interestingly, they met and married in the Cleveland area.

- Judge Eileen A. Gallagher, whose paternal grandparents Anna McCafferty was from Pulranny and Patrick James Gallagher ("Pat Vaggie") hailed from Currane.

- Judge Nancy Margaret Russo has Mayo roots, but further information was not received in time to be

included and will be printed in a future article.

The publication of this article is a start. However, we need input from our members to supply the Mayo heritage on all judges, past and present.

Please note, there are more Corrigans and Gallaghers, not to mention Sweeneys, McMonagles, Kilbanes, O'Donnells, Pattons and Mannens, just to mention a few. However, you don't have to have an Irish name to have Co. Mayo roots.

In supplying this information about judges with Mayo roots, please remember we aren't just looking for local judges, but for those with ties to the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, common pleas, and municipal, federal and state courts (regardless of where the court is located). It certainly would be interesting and informative to know how far the Mayo judicial connection extends.

We ask you sitting and retired judges to please take the time to share your Mayo heritage with us. Family members and friends are encouraged to respond, too, with information for future publications.

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Mayo diaspora goes home: Mayo Convention 2005

By Ed Fitzpatrick

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Every two years the Mayo diaspora — the worldwide children of Co. Mayo — meet to renew old acquaintances and strengthen the bonds of family and friendship. If you're thinking that it seems like only last year we were in Toronto, Canada, well you'd be right! The SARS epidemic caused the convention's cancellation in 2003,



Carol Anne and Theresa Kennedy

but now we are back on track.

This year's Mayo World Convention was held May 27-29 in Westport, Co. Mayo, and was hosted by the Mayo Association of Dublin. The Hotel Westport served as headquarters for the affair, and I must say they could not have picked a better facility.

The Mayo societies of the world gathered to learn, celebrate and revel in Mayo's economic growth, culture and heritage, and to enjoy the company of



Helenmarie McManus, Ceil O'Donnell, Bridie Talty and Marie McHugh



Ed and Pat Fitzpatrick

those with whom they share this unique connection. This year's events opened with a civic reception hosted by Westport Town Council in the Civic Offices on Altamont Street. Back at the hotel that evening, we attended the official opening, which was presided over by Mary Davis, national director of the Special Olympics. The opening concluded with dinner and entertainment in the bar by Michael Kelly.

On May 28, the convention kicked off with opening remarks by Paddy Moran, president of the Mayo Association of Dublin. The day's program included Dr. Nollaig O'Muraille, Mayo Person of the Year 2004; John Grant, of the Alzheimer Foundation; J.J. O'Hara, of the Admiral William Brown Society of Foxford; Donal Downes, of the Mayo International Fund; Harry Hughes, Local Environment; John Cooney, Irish Times and director of the Humbert School; Joe Kennedy, chairman of Knock Airport; Noel Conroy, Garda commissioner; and John Caulfield, Baxter Health Care.

The day ended with a cocktail reception, followed by a sumptuous black-tie banquet dinner, and dancing into the wee hours of the morning to the music of the Brose Walsh Band.

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Helenmarie McManus, Bridie and Patrick Leneghan, and John O'Malley



Jerry Quinn, Pat Fitzpatrick, Helenmarie McManus, Maureen Flynn and Joe McManus

The 2007 Convention

The next convention will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to honor Admiral William Brown, hero of the Argentine nation and founder of the Argentine Navy, on the 150th anniversary of his death. It is estimated that there are 400,000 people of Irish descent in Argentina today.

The Admiral William Brown Project will mark this celebration in both Ireland and Argentina. There will be a remembrance park in Foxford, Co. Mayo, featuring Irish and Argentine sculptures, a museum with naval artifacts donated by the

Argentine Navy, paintings and letters of the admiral, and a hostel built as a replica of his famous flag ship "Hercules".

The tale of Admiral William Brown, born June 22, 1777, in Foxford, began when his family emigrated to America



Joan Campbell, Bridget Conway, John Campbell and Maggie and Tommy Gallagher

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Etymology: Greek, dispersion, from diaspeirein to scatter, from dia- + speirein to sow

1 capitalized a: the settling of scattered colonies of Jews outside Palestine after the Babylonian exile b: the area outside Palestine settled by Jews c: the Jews living outside Palestine or modern Israel

2 a: the breaking up and scattering of a people b: people settled far from their ancestral homelands c: the place where these people live

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in 1786. Brown's father died shortly after the family arrived in America, leaving William destitute. He joined a merchant vessel as a cabin boy at age 9. At 19, he was impressed into the British Navy and served on a man-of-war. Little is know of his career with the British Navy.

Eventually he married, settling down in the Argentine Republic in 1812. That he was well known in Buenos Aires is a certainty, for after two years there, he was offered a naval command by the Republic.

Brown's first naval engagement was fought at the mouth of the Uruguay river. A more decisive action off

Montevideo followed, in which he captured four Spanish ships and so encouraged the young Republic that it gave him the title of admiral and commissioned him to fit out a privateer. Brown and his privateer became the scourge of the Spaniards in the Pacific.

Brown retired to his family in Buenos Aires as soon as peace was restored, but in 1825 Brazil declared war on the Republic and Brown was again called into service. The Brazilians blockaded the river plate, but Brown, outnumbered in vessels by four to one, drove the enemy from the river's mouth and in 1827 engaged a Brazilian squadron of some 19 small vessels at the mouth of the Uruguay river, completely destroying the force. He continued his naval

career until his final retirement, and died in his beloved Buenos Aires in 1857.

Although an exile from Ireland, Brown kept in close touch with the land of his birth and its affairs. Personal letters attest to his commitment to the people of Ireland. He also wrote glowingly of Ireland's "great and good patriot, Mr. Daniel O'Connell."

We will provide more information on the 2007 Mayo World Convention in Buenos Aires as it becomes available. We are looking into putting together a package trip for this convention, so stay tuned. It should be the trip of a lifetime, which I for one will definitely take.



*Jerry Quinn
with Marie
and Paul
McHugh*



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Jerry Quinn
and Bridget
Conway*



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