



Patrice Buckley & Peggy Lynch Honorees for 2018 Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade

PATRICE BUCKLEY

Patrice Buckley, an Eastchester resident, is an Honoree for the Eastchester Irish-American Social Club's (EIASC) 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. She was born in the Bronx to Bridie and Pat Buckley, and her family moved to Ireland in 1977. She spent her youth immersed in step and set dancing, and playing Irish music. She attended Presentation Convent Secondary School in Killarney and in 1985 the family returned to the Bronx.

Buckley received a Bachelor of Science from Manhattan College and master's degrees from NYU and Lehman College. She met her husband John Collins at Manhattan College. They have three children, Cathrena, Conor and Ciaran who carry on the tradition of Irish dancing and music. She teaches biology and is department chair at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School in Manhattan.

She is a board member and serves as auditor for the Kerryman's Patriotic and Benevolent Association, an organization that raises funds for local and global issues including suicide prevention. Buckley is also on the board of the Eastchester Schools PTA Council. She and her family have been members of the EIASC since 2004. She has volunteered at various events for the club such as the Summer Picnic, St. Patrick's Day Festival and as co-chair of the Christmas party for several years.

PEGGY LYNCH

Peggy Lynch, an Eastchester resident, is an Honoree for the Eastchester Irish-American Social Club's (EIASC) 14th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. She is a first generation Irish American raised in Yonkers and is the seventh of eight children born to Tommy and Mary Brennan. She attended the Anna O'Sullivan school of Irish dance, and placed in regional and national competitions in both solo and figure dancing. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from College of Mt. St. Vincent and her Master of Science from Columbia University.

Lynch has spent the majority of her professional career practicing at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) in various areas including critical care, stem cell transplant and lymphoma research. She presently works as a nurse practitioner in MSK's urology survivorship outpatient program.

She and her husband Brendan have three children Mairead, Ciara and Aidan, and have been members of EIASC since 2002. Her volunteer work for EIASC includes organizing numerous club events including several years as chair of the Christmas party. Lynch's best known role is for her extensive behind-the-scenes work in support of her husband who chairs the parade. This year, in addition to all the usual pre-parade work, she looks forward to being up front at the parade, as an honoree.