EASTCHESTER
Irish-American Social Club

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UPDATED 60th Anniversary of Eastchester Irish-American Social Club Honors Contributions of Irish Americans to Eastchester's Business Community By Naming Gary Byrne, General Manager, SpringHill Suites Marriott Hotel, as Grand Marshal of Its St. Patrick's Day Parade —Sun Mar 15 at 3pm—

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In 2026, the Eastchester Irish-American Social Club (EIASC) is recognizing its 60th Anniversary of service to local and business communities. Founded in 1966 and dedicated to its scholarship fund, promotion of Irish-American culture and support of charitable causes, the EIASC is best known for organizing and sponsoring the Annual Eastchester St. Patrick's Day Parade—now in its 20th year—and to be held this year on Sun, Mar 15 at 3pm.

The Parade will be led by Grand Marshal Gary Byrne, Eastchester resident and General Manager, SpringHill Suites Marriott Hotel in Tuckahoe. Byrne said he will "lead the Parade with heart, optimism and an unwavering belief in the good of people."

The Parade steps off at Immaculate Conception Church in Tuckahoe and its route travels to Main St then north on White Plains Rd to Lake Isle Park in Eastchester. Bag pipers, Irish dancers, local scout and youth sports groups, marching bands, elected officials, and fire and police organizations highlight the Line of March. The Green Line, painted along the Parade route a few days prior to announce the coming festivities, is sponsored this year by Jack's Bar & Restaurant in Eastchester—the place for modern Irish cuisine and innovative beverages.

Grand Marshal Byrne will be joined by Parade Honoree Annmarie Mulhern-Flannery, a Registered Nurse and RN Case Manager at White Plains Hospital. They will receive their traditional Parade Sashes at the EIASC Sash Gala on Fri, Mar 6 at 7pm at Lake Isle Park. Gala information and tickets are available at eastchesterirish.org. To salute the Grand Marshal and Honoree, and help underwrite the Parade, contact journal317@gmail.com. UPDATE ~~A Parade Kickoff Social will be held on Fri, Mar 13 at Broken Bow in Tuckahoe at 7pm.~~

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Byrne came to the United States in the mid-1990s with his lifelong passion for hospitality shaped by his family's hotel business and its legendary dancehall, the Baymount and Silver Slipper in Sligo, one of Ireland's most popular gathering places. He studied Hospitality Management in Dublin while gaining experience in some of the city's finest hotels—then set his sights on New York City.

For the past seven years, Byrne has served as the General Manager of the SpringHill Suites Marriott Hotel. Throughout his 30-plus year career with Marriott, Byrne has held numerous leadership roles and proudly served on the task force that opened the very first Marriott Hotel in Ireland at the iconic Druids Glen Golf Course. His career continues to flourish in New York, where he became known for his commitment to service, team development and community engagement.

Gary and his wife Julie live in Eastchester and are raising two children. He is a fan of Irish rugby and soccer teams, and enjoys golf. As a proud Irishman and naturalized US Citizen, he is delighted to raise the Irish Colors with the Stars and Stripes as Grand Marshal.

Honoree Annmarie Mulhern-Flannery's Irish heritage stems from her mother Kathleen's roots in County Clare and from her father John, the son of immigrants from County Donegal. She has lived in Eastchester for 25 years and has belonged to EIASC for those 25 years serving in leadership roles including Vice President and has volunteered at many events.

Citing her proudest accomplishment being her three sons Jack, Jimmy and David, Mulhern-Flannery volunteered at the Eastchester Schools. She was the President of the Eastchester Historical Society for five years and is now an active member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 19 Woodlawn/Yonkers.

Raised in Queens, Mulhern-Flannery was inspired by her family's value of education. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from CUNY Bernard M. Baruch, a BSN from Pace University plus a Master in Healthcare Administration from Columbia University. She has held various positions in her 30 years of nursing, from Hospice RN to Oncology Administrative Manager to Oncology Outpatient Director & Program Director all leading up to her current position as RN Case Manager at White Plains Hospital.

Details for tickets to the EIASC Sash Gala, UPDATE ~~Parade Kickoff Social,~~ Parade and Membership are at eastchesterirish.org. EIASC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1966 with membership open to all with an interest in Irish culture. It was initially established by local families from Eastchester, Tuckahoe, Bronxville, Crestwood and surrounding communities.

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