

2007 Dignitaries

2007 Mr. Pat: Joe Fox



Joe Fox is a Senior Partner at North Star Resource Group, where he has a reputation for providing solid counsel to individuals and business clients on estate, retirement, and financial planning issues. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the College of St. Thomas, as well as a number of industry certifications. Joe is active in a number of charities, including Bikes for Kids, which gives away 350 bikes to underprivileged children during the holidays. Joe and his wife Jody reside in Inver Grove Heights, along with their two children John and Kathleen, who attend St. Josephs' school in West St. Paul.

2007 Miss Shamrock: Maggie K



Maggie K recently moved from her beloved St. Paul area to Duluth, MN and is working in healthcare. She is excited about exploring her new city but also looks forward to returning yearly for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

2007 Distinguished Irish Woman: Jaquie Berglund



Jacquie Berglund is the Co-Founder/President of Finnegans Inc. – a beer company that donates 100 percent of its profits to funding programs for at-risk youth and the working poor in Minnesota. Prior to founding Finnegans, Berglund worked as Director of Marketing for Waterford Restaurant Group for three years. Previously, Berglund spent seven years in Paris, France where she earned her Master's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy and went on to spend 5 years working for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, providing technical assistance to

the Central European countries and the Republics of the former Soviet Union.

2007 Grand Marshal: Matt Birk



Matt Birk was born and raised in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood of St. Paul. He attended Nativity of our Lord Grade School, Cretin- Derham Hall High School, and a college on the east coast so uppity he refuses to acknowledge it by name. Matt has been blessed enough to play for the Minnesota Vikings in the past, in utter disbelief that the team has not been able to find a suitable replacement for him.

Matt and his wife, Adrianna, live in Mendota Heights, and have 3 beautiful daughters and plan on continuing to grow their family. It is unclear how Irish Matt is, but with his flaming red hair and willingness to participate in any celebration honoring St. Patrick, he gets the benefit of the doubt. He says being the Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick's Day parade is the greatest honor ever bestowed upon him.

2007 Celebrity Grand Marshal: Sven Sungaard



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2007 Honorary Irish Person: Glenn Olson