

## 2008 Dignitaries

### 2008 Mr. Pat: Tom Barrett



Tom Barrett was born and raised in beautiful St Paul, Minnesota and currently resides on a hill in Little Canada overlooking the Saintly City!

Tom's family includes his wife Wanda and their son, Nicholas. When Tom is not inspecting Shamrocks, he is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. Tom is a graduate of Cretin High School and the University of Minnesota. The Barrett's have been host parents to 9 foreign exchange students over the years and Tom is actively involved in many civic activities including the St Paul Winter Carnival. Tom's father Frank Barrett, was one of the original creators of the St Patrick's Parade in St Paul! His mother Virginia Barrett designed many of the early themes for the St Pat's button auctions! Irish traditions run deep in the Barrett family and Tom will help keep the traditions of the St Patrick's Association strong as ever!

### 2008 Miss Shamrock: Megan Kelly



Megan was born and raised in St Paul. Both of her Grandfathers, Tom Kelly and Vincent Kelly, were proud of their Irish heritage and joyfully passed that along through the generations. She recently graduated from Regency Beauty salon and is currently a hair dresser at Escape Salon and Tan in Stacy, MN. She is honored to be Miss Shamrock 2008 and feels blessed to be a part of the St Patrick's Association Family!

## 2008 Distinguished Irish Woman: Sister Irene O'Neill, CSJ



Sister Irene O'Neill is the Executive Director of the Ministries Foundation, which funds programs of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet that serve people who are poor in our communities. Sister Irene has grown the Ministries Foundation from zero funds to nearly \$15 million in the past few years and continues to raise funds to expand these wonderful programs. For her philanthropic endeavors, this year she was recognized as a "Woman to Watch" by the Mpls-St. Paul Business Journal and has also gained recognition as "The Blogging Nun" -an exercise in communicating the work of the Ministries Foundation with the wider world. She is a native of Roseville and a graduate of the University of Minnesota and former elementary education teacher before getting her masters and doctorate degrees in Educational Leadership. She took her CSJ vows in 1985, joining a noble tradition of service to the poor around the world with the Sisters of St. Joseph that dates back more than 350 years.

## 2008 Grand Marshal: Pat and Tim Gallivan



Tim Gallivan was born and raised in the Highland Park/Mac Groveland area where he attended Nativity grade school. He graduated in 1967 from St. Thomas Academy. Tim then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was assigned aboard the USS SCHOLFIED (DEG-3) and is a Viet Nam vet. He attended college in Indiana, studied restaurant management and returned home to work in his family's restaurant business in downtown St. Paul. In 1978 Tim left the restaurant business and joined Burnet Realty in White Bear Lake. Tim left real estate management in 2000 and started teaching for Coldwell-Banker Burnet as well as teaching for Prosource (now Kaplan). Tim left Coldwell Banker in 2001 and joined the rapidly growing Keller Williams Realty and now trains for them, Kaplan and several boards of realtors throughout the state. When away from real estate Tim enjoys sports, music and community service, he's a member of the optimist Club and works yearly on the St. Patrick's Day Festival. Besides playing piano and guitar, he also describes himself as an "adequate" golfer. Tim and his wife Carol have 2 children (Brian & Brent) and two lovely grandchildren (Reena & Riley). Tim & Carol reside in Maplewood.

Pat Gallivan was born in 1940. He attended Nativity Grade School and graduated from St. Thomas Academy in 1958. Pat lived with his wife Sandy in West St. Paul. In the late 1950's Pat headed to San Francisco, where he learned to play the banjo, the guitar, and the ukulele. While there he played with well-known groups such as the Kingston Trio. Pat came back to St. Paul to work in his father's restaurant and bar, "Gallivan's," and started playing sing-along Irish tunes there, along with his friend Billy Conlan. The two moved on to start the legendary group, "The Gallivanter's," along with Dan Radford, Ken Mahler, and Bill Weisner. The group celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary together in 2012!

They regularly played at local nursing and cancer homes, spreading Irish cheer. The Gallivanter also played every year at the St. Patrick's Association event, the Worst Irish Tenor Contest. Pat passed away on Christmas day, 2012. His infectious smile and musical cheer are dearly missed.

### 2008 Celebrity Grand Marshal: KFAN Power Trip Morning Show - Mike Morris and Chris Hawkey



Chris Hawkey is the producer/co-host of the Power Trip Morning Show from 6-9am weekdays and the host of FAN Motor Sports from Noon-2pm on Saturdays on AM 1130 KFAN. Hawkey has been with the FAN for 5 years and is also the lead singer for the Chris Hawkey Band. He is famous for his songs about issues with the Minnesota sports teams and its fair weather fans. Chris is a fan favorite with listeners and continues to do great work for KFAN.

Mike Morris a.k.a. "Super Star" is the host of the Power Trip Morning Show 6-9am weekdays and also co-hosts Vikings Fan Line after Vikings games on AM 1130 KFAN. A former long snapper for the Minnesota Vikings, Mike has been with the FAN since 1993. He is an advocate for the Families of SMA foundation and he holds a golf tournament and clay shoot each year to raise money for the foundation.

### 2008 Honorary Irishmen: John and Pat Mancini