

## 2010 Dignitaries

### 2010 Mr. Pat: Bob Hughes



Bob's great-grandparents were from County Cork and from County Tipperary. Bob was born on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, 1952, in Litchfield, MN. Bob attended St. Phillip's Catholic Grade School, Litchfield High School and then spent two years in the Army. He graduated from St. Cloud State University with a BS degree, and has done some post graduate course work at the University of St.

Bob met his wife Mary at a St. Patrick's Day party (luck of the Irish), and spent two weeks in Ireland for their honeymoon. They are the proud parents an adult daughter, Mara Rose Hughes.

Bob works as a senior advertising account executive at the St. Paul Pioneer Press. He has volunteered for many local charities including the St. Paul Winter Carnival, the Midway Chamber of Commerce, the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee, the University of Minnesota Goal Line Club, the St. Paul Leprechauns, the St. Paul Oktoberfest planning team, and Arlington High School. His family sponsors 13 children and their families who now live in St. Paul after living in a refugee camp in Thailand for a number of years.

### 2010 Miss Shamrock: Katie Martin



Katie Martin grew up in Minneapolis, MN and has enjoyed her time serving multiple roles in the St. Patrick's Association. During her time as Miss Shamrock 2010, she enjoyed participating in several parades and events throughout the year and getting to know her new Irish family. Since 2010, she is still involved in the association as a member and now Secretary serving on the executive committee since 2013. Hail the Irish!

### 2010 Distinguished Irish Woman: Ann Regan



Ann Regan is the editor in chief at the Minnesota Historical Society Press, where she has worked for over thirty years to produce books ranging from bibliographies to crime titles. Her specialties now are memoir and American Indian history. She is the author of a history of the state's Irish that was first published in 1981 in *They Chose Minnesota: A Survey of the State's Ethnic Groups*; it was revised and published as *Irish in Minnesota* in 2002. The essay traces the little-known story of successful Irish farmers on the Midwestern frontier. It also explores how the Irish gave St. Paul, where German immigrants outnumbered them.

She grew up in Billings, Montana, the daughter of Thomas Patrick and Ann Kennedy Regan, where the only thing she knew about being Irish was that it was good. Since 1995, Ann has been a volunteer at the Barack and Michelle Obama Service Learning School (formerly Webster Magnet), sharing her love of books by listening to children read aloud—many of them the sons and daughters of immigrants.

### 2010 Grand Marshal: Kevin Ryan and Robin Cauffman



Kevin Ryan is the manager of transitways construction for the Central Corridor Light Rail project. He grew up in St. Paul's Nativity Parish and enjoys all of the city's Irish activities. Kevin has over 25 years of experience managing construction in both the public and private sector throughout the U.S. Besides working, he likes to travel to Ireland, where he once hiked through the countryside near Murroe to find the 1858 gravesite of his last known Irish-born relative. Here at home, he enjoys sports, history, and family time with his wife, three adult children, and new grandbaby Tesah.

Robin Cauffman has been with the Met Council since 2001, Robin was a planning analyst/sector representative before she became manager of public involvement for the Central Corridor LRT Project. She has a master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Minnesota and bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Minnesota's College of Natural Resources.

### 2010 Celebrity Grand Marshal: Minnesota Wild's Brad Bombardir and Nordy



2010 Honorary Irish Person: KSTP 1500's Joe Soucheray & Matt "The Rookie" Michalski



Radio personalities Joe Soucheray and MAtt "The Rookie" Michalski, from KSTP 1500.