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**Charitable Contributions**

Since 2010, we have made charitable contributions totaling more than \$750,000 to many well-deserving charities such as:

Helmets to Hardhats  
Washington Ireland Program  
Belfast Beltway Project  
Solas Nua  
James Connolly Centre

D.C. Friends of Ireland, 905 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006

**TERRY O'SULLIVAN  
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Brothers and Sisters, since our earliest arrivals on these shores, Irish-Americans have brought our fighting Irish spirit to the ongoing struggle for workers' rights, civil rights, and human rights. We have played a disproportionate role in building the American Trade Union Movement, and unions like ours, the Laborers' International Union of North America, are proud to count Irish immigrants among our founders and leaders. Although separated from our beloved ancestral homeland by distance and circumstance, the bonds between Ireland and her exiled children in America remain unbreakable. You can take the Irish out of Ireland, but you can't take Ireland out of the Irish, which is why the DC Friends of Ireland and its sister organizations across the United States continue to support worthwhile organizations in Ireland.

On April 16, 2018, we once again will have an opportunity to raise money for such important causes while celebrating our history, our heritage, and our culture, when we gather to honor our friend and our brother Ironworkers General President Eric Dean at our annual Irish Festival. A fourth generation Ironworker and member of Ironworkers' Local Union 63 in Chicago, he truly has iron, steel, and trade unionism in his blood. He joined DCFOI when he came to Washington, DC in 2011, and has been an active and enthusiastic member ever since, generously supporting the organization on behalf of the entire membership of his union, many of whom have Irish roots.

Eric Dean is the real deal; a tireless, tough, and tenacious working class warrior whose word is his bond, a leader who never forgets where he came from, and who never forgets the value of hard work and those that do it. He is dedicated to the cause, the purpose, and the mission of the Trade Union Movement, and he demonstrates what it takes, and what it means, to be a great labor leader.

I hope you will be able to join us for this joyous event, and on behalf of all the members of DCFOI, I wish you and your family the very best for 2018.



The D.C. Friends of Ireland presents its  
**2018 IRISH FESTIVAL**

benefiting

D.C. Friends of Ireland Charitable Trust  
supporting worthy charities

**HONORING**



**Eric M. Dean**

*General President, International Association of Bridge,  
Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers*

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

Washington Hilton Hotel

2018 Festival Chairman Terry O'Sullivan

## ERIC M. DEAN

*General President, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers*

ERIC DEAN was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. His career as an Ironworker began in December 1980 when he joined the Apprenticeship Program as a fourth generation Local Union No. 63, Chicago, Illinois, Ironworker. He completed his Apprenticeship Program in 1984 and went on to become a Journeyman, Foreman, and Apprentice Instructor. Eric became a Local Union officer in 1989 and held various offices within the Local.

In 1999, he was appointed General Organizer of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers working in the Department of Ornamental, Architectural and Miscellaneous Metals. In 2005, he became President of the Chicago and Vicinity District Council of Iron Workers. He was appointed 9th General Vice President in 2008. Effective February 1, 2011, he was appointed General Secretary of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers. In August 2011, he was elected by the Delegates to the 42nd International Convention as General Secretary for a five-year term. In February 2013, he graduated from the Harvard Labor Trade Program.

On April 22, 2015, Eric Dean was unanimously elected General President by the General Executive Council of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers effective July 1, 2015. On May 29, 2015, Eric was elected Secretary of the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans (NCCMP). In August 2016, he was elected by the Delegates to the 43rd International Convention as General President for a five-year term. As General President, he is a member of the Building and Construction Trades Department's Governing Board of Presidents and the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO.

He is married and the proud father of three children and two grandchildren. He and his wife, Judy, relocated to Alexandria, Virginia.

## FORMER HONOREES

- 1992 – John J. Barry, President\*  
*International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*
- 1993 – John J. Sweeney, President  
*Service Employees International Union*
- 1994 – Edward T. Hanley, President\*  
*Hotel Employees Restaurant Employees International Union*
- 1995 – Thomas R. Donahue, President  
*American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations*
- 1996 – John J. Sweeney, President  
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- 1997 – William G. Bernard, President\*  
*International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers*
- 1998 – Vincent R. Sombrotto, President\*  
*National Association of Letter Carriers*
- 1999 – John M. Bowers, President\*  
*International Longshoremen's Association*
- 2000 – John J. Flynn, President  
*International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers*
- 2001 – Terry O'Sullivan, General President  
*Laborers' International Union of North America*
- 2002 – Michael J. Sullivan, General President  
*Sheet Metal Workers' International Association*
- 2003 – James Williams, General President  
*International Union of Painters and Allied Trades*
- 2004 – James P. Hoffa, General President  
*International Brotherhood of Teamsters*
- 2005 – Edward C. Sullivan, President  
*Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO*
- 2006 – Edwin D. Hill, International President  
*International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*
- 2007 – Michael A. Fitzpatrick, General Secretary  
*International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers*
- 2008 – Richard Hughes, President\*  
*International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO*
- 2009 – Michael J. Brennan, and Terence J. O'Sullivan\*  
*DCFI Past Presidents*
- 2010 – Richard L. Trumka, President  
*AFL-CIO*
- 2011 – James Boland, President  
*International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC)*
- 2012 – Mark Ayers, President\*  
*Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO*
- 2013 – Sean McCarvey, President  
*Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO (BCTD)*
- 2014 – William P. Hite, President  
*General President, U.A. Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and HVAC Service Tech*
- 2015 – Patrick D. Finley, General President\*  
*Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association*
- 2016 – James A. Grogan, General President Emeritus  
*International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Trades*
- 2017 – James T. Callahan, General President  
*International Union of Operating Engineers*
- \*Deceased

## YOU'RE INVITED!

### D.C. Friends of Ireland Irish Festival

#### DATE:

Monday, April 16, 2018

#### TIME:

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### PLACE:

Washington Hilton  
1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

**D.C. Friends of Ireland Charitable Trust**  
supporting worthy charities

**DONATIONS:** \$225 individual; \$2,250 reserved table of 10.

**NOTE:** Reservations for tables received by Friday, March 30, 2018, will be guaranteed. After that date, requests for reserved tables will be handled as space permits – **NO GUARANTEE.**

The D.C. Friends of Ireland Charitable Trust is a 501(a) non-profit, tax-exempt organization as described in section 501(c)(3). Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law, excluding the food and beverage cost of \$140.00 per person – Tax ID #52-2315220. This fee may be paid from union treasury funds.

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