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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
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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 8, 2019, 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 IBEW International President Lonnie Stephenson. A proud member of IBEW Local Union 145 since 1976, he rose through the ranks, becoming Local 145 President in 1987, Business Manager in 1996, International Vice President in 2010, and International President in 2015. An active and enthusiastic member of DCFOI, he has generously supported the organization on behalf of the IBEW and its many members of Irish descent.

Lonnie Stephenson has spent his entire career fighting on behalf of IBEW members and their families, and aggressively organizing and growing his union. He was so successful at growing Local 145 that one day a nonunion electrician stopped by and asked how to join, because he was tired of travelling long distances to find work. This tireless, tough, and tenacious labor leader understands that our strength lies in our numbers; that when we control the market we can dictate wages and benefits; and that our strong, proud, and united members are our greatest assets. A hard working, hard charging, hard fighting working class warrior, Lonnie Stephenson is leaving his union, our Movement, and our world, better than the way that he found them. He shows us all what it takes, and what it means, to be a true 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 2019.

The D.C. Friends of Ireland presents its
2019 IRISH FESTIVAL

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HONORING



Lonnie R. Stephenson

International President, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Monday, April 8, 2019

Washington Hilton Hotel

2019 Festival Chairman Terry O'Sullivan

LONNIE R. STEPHENSON

*International President,
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

IBEW International President Lonnie R. Stephenson was born and raised in Rock Island, Ill., which borders Iowa along the Mississippi River.

He began his apprenticeship as an inside wireman in 1975 and was initiated into Rock Island Local 145 in 1976.

Lonnie was very active in his local union, and was elected vice president in 1984 and then served as president from 1987-1992. As local president, Stephenson implemented many new initiatives, including forming an active community service committee and getting the local union's building recognized as a Red Cross Disaster Center, which was utilized during flooding of the Quad City area in 1997. He was appointed assistant business agent in 1991 and was elected business manager in 1996. As business manager, Lonnie was very aggressive in organizing, and his membership grew from 700 members to over 1,100 members during his tenure. One of Lonnie's proudest moments as business manager was when a nonunion electrician stopped in his office to ask how he could join the IBEW because it was too strong of a union area and he had to travel for his employer to find work.

Then-International President Edwin D. Hill recognized Lonnie's dedication and appointed him as an International Representative assigned to the Sixth District in 2002.

On September 1, 2010, Lonnie was appointed by President Hill as International Vice President of the Sixth District – which covered Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin – and was elected to a full term at the 38th International Convention in 2011.

On May 27, 2015, Lonnie Stephenson was appointed International President of the IBEW and was elected by delegates to the 39th International Convention a year later.

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 McGarvey, 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
- 2018 – Eric M. Dean, General President
International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers

*Deceased

YOU'RE INVITED!

D.C. Friends of Ireland Irish Festival

DATE:
Monday, April 8, 2019

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(c)(3) 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.

Registration Card Enclosed



Digital Signage Sponsorship to support:

Lonnie R. Stephenson

*International President, International
Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*

Monday, April 8, 2019
Washington Hilton Hotel
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	\$2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	\$500

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Ad deadline: March 22, 2019

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Thanks for your support!

RESERVATION FORM

The D.C. Friends of Ireland

Irish Festival 2019

Yes, I will participate:

_____ Individual tickets
@ \$225 each \$ _____

_____ Reserved table of ten
@ \$2,250 each \$ _____

Note: Reservations for tables received by March 22, 2019 will be guaranteed. After that date, requests for reserved tables will be handled as space permits. **NO GUARANTEE.**

_____ Digital Signage
(enter from reverse side) \$ _____

I am unable to attend, but enclosed
is my contribution for \$ _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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