

The D.C. Friends of Ireland presents its
2023 IRISH FESTIVAL

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HONORING



Martin J. Walsh

Former United States Secretary of Labor

Monday, April 24, 2023

Washington Hilton Hotel

TERRY O'SULLIVAN

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Brothers and sisters, I am pleased to announce that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023, the D.C. Friends of Ireland (DCFOI) will hold our annual Irish Festival, to honor the long connection between Ireland and the American Trade Union Movement, and to celebrate our shared history, heritage, and culture.

Irish-Americans have always been a part of 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 almost every union in our great nation can count Irish immigrants among its 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 (DCFOI) and its sister organizations across the United States continue to support worthwhile organizations in Ireland.

Our support for these worthwhile causes is more critical now than ever before. Many of the organizations we support are still recovering from the economic fallout of the pandemic. Brexit continues to complicate trade between the South, the North, and the U.K. At the same time, the current British government continues to drag its feet on a long-promised, but eternally delayed, Island-wide referendum.

This year, we will gather to honor our friend and our brother, former United States Secretary of Labor, and proud member of LIUNA Local 223 in Boston, Marty Walsh. Born into a LIUNA family, Marty grew up surrounded by the Trade Union Movement. Our values and ideals are embedded in his very DNA, and he has fought for working men and women in every post he has held, from Business Manager of LIUNA Local 223, to head of the Boston Building Trades, to Mayor of Boston, to U.S. Secretary of Labor. The first Secretary of Labor to come out of the Trade Union Movement in nearly 50 years, and the first ever to come out of LIUNA, Marty, along with President Biden, did more to help working men and women in two years than many administrations have done in two terms. This is our opportunity to thank him for all that he has done.

I hope you will join us to honor Marty on April 24, and on behalf of all the members of DCFOI, I wish you and your family the very best for 2023.

Martin J. Walsh

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Marty Walsh has spent his life fighting for working people, as a labor leader, a public official, and a private citizen. The son of Irish immigrants, Marty was born and raised in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, where he learned the values of hard work, helping your neighbor, and standing up for what you believe in.

He started out by following in his father's footsteps as a union construction worker, rising to become president of Laborers Local 223 in Boston and eventually head of the Greater Boston Building Trades Council, representing roughly 35,000 blue-collar workers on major construction projects across the region.

In 1997, at the age of 29, Marty won election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives, where he spent 16 years fighting for workers' rights and good jobs. A champion for civil rights, he took a courageous early stand for marriage equality, supported communities of color, immigrants, and seniors, and served as a State House leader on substance abuse treatment and recovery support.

In 2013, he was elected Mayor of Boston, an office he served in for seven years. He led Boston through a period of historic success, growing the city's economy, reducing crime, investing in schools and libraries, and ending chronic veterans' homelessness in the city. His groundbreaking policies included the nation's first municipal Office of Recovery Services, paid parental leave for city employees, award-winning climate action and flood protection strategies, universal pre-kindergarten, and free community college for low-income students.

In January 2021, President Joe Biden nominated Marty to serve as the United States' 29th Secretary of Labor. Taking office in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Marty took action to support both laid-off and frontline workers, then leveraged the President's historic economic recovery to strengthen worker power and improve job quality. During his two years in office, Marty brought high-quality job training programs to millions of Americans, strengthened mental health support and access to treatment, and ushered in a historic surge in worker organizing.

As the incoming Executive Director of the National Hockey League Players Association, Marty returns to his roots as a labor leader, continuing to champion the importance of workers' rights and the shared benefits of collective bargaining for all.

Marty is someone who never forgets where he came from. A survivor of a four-year bout with Burkitt's Lymphoma as a child, he has fought to expand access to healthcare for all. Embracing recovery from alcoholism as a young man, he has always believed in compassion and second chances. Grateful for the role unions played in helping his immigrant family join the middle class, he co-founded pre-apprenticeship programs that have become national models in helping people of color, women, and justice-involved individuals get into good union construction careers.

He is a graduate of Boston College and shares his life with longtime partner Lorrie Higgins.

YOU'RE INVITED!

D.C. Friends of Ireland Irish Festival

DATE:

Monday, April 24, 2023

TIME:

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

PLACE:

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

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

NOTE: Reservations for tables received by Friday, April 14, 2023 will be guaranteed. After that date, requests for reserved tables will be handled as space permits – NO GUARANTEE.

Registration Card Enclosed

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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Terry O'Sullivan
Chairman

Trish Sweeney
President

Charitable Contributions

Since 2010, we have made charitable contributions totaling more than \$850,000 to many well-deserving charities such as:

Helmets to Hardhats

Washington Ireland Program

Belfast Beltway Project

Solas Nua

James Connolly Centre

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*
*American Federation of Labor
and Congress of Industrial
Organizations*

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, General President
*United Association of Journeymen
and Apprentices of the Plumbing
and Pipe Fitting Industry of the
United States and Canada*

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
& Reinforcing Iron Workers*

2019

Lonnie R. Stephenson,
International President
*International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers*

2022

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*United Association of Journeymen
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and Pipe Fitting Industry of the
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The D.C. Friends of Ireland

Irish Festival 2023

Yes, I will participate:

_____ Individual tickets
@ \$225 each \$ _____

_____ Reserved table of ten
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I am unable to attend, but enclosed is my contribution for \$ _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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