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**Dermot O'Grady** grew up in Lung, Ballaghaderreen, Co Roscommon, born to Gerry and Mary O'Grady, in a household of five sisters and three brothers. His grandfather Martin was born in Katonah, NY, in 1885, and through a calling, Dermot immigrated to New York in the summer of 1997. He instantly fell in love with NY; his aunts, uncles, cousins, the O'Connors, and Clarkes from NJ welcomed him. He moved to Astoria, Queens, and ended up settling in the Woodside/Maspeth area. He met his fantastic wife, Loretta, in Queens. They reside on Long Island, NY, with four wonderful kids, Gerard, Charlotte, Caroline, and Thomas, two dogs, and a cat. Loretta's family, the Fitzpatricks and Gavigans, hail from Donegal and Clare and have solid Irish values and connections. Dermot started working in the Construction Industry in NYC and got to work and meet with the great Irish Community over the years. He learned a carpentry trade and now serves NY's commercial real estate community with Iconic Builders NYC Inc. Dermot got involved with the Roscommon Society through his cousin and past president, the "great" Kevin O'Connor. Kevin introduced him to the outstanding members of the association. Dermot enjoys the great work of the society and the excellent work they do to keep the Irish connection alive. It's a great honor to learn and listen to members' stories of the past and from those who came before us, to connect with friends, and to keep the connection with Ireland alive and well. Dermot enjoys the camaraderie and the society's connection to the NYC community, as well as seeing the work they do.

**Marion O'Neill** is the daughter of Irish immigrants, Noreen Clarke (nee Dowd, Roscommon) and Anthony Clarke (Tipperary). They emigrated from Ireland, met and married in New Jersey where they raised Marion, Brian and Debbie. Noreen, and her many cousins and siblings, were proud and long-standing members of the Roscommon Society of New York. After over forty years of service at Public Service Enterprise Group, (PSEG) an electric and gas utility in New Jersey, Marion retired from the Public Affairs Department as the Manager - Contributions having served the company's philanthropic efforts through the Company's Foundation, volunteerism, and community affairs. Marion served as the Deputy Grand Marshal of the Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade and is a member of the Giblin Association and the Irish American Association of Northwest Jersey. She is also a member of the Board of the Zoological Society of New Jersey. She served on the Boards of the Newark Museum Business Council, the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers and the Center for Non-Profit Corporations. She graduated from Montclair State University with a B.A in English and holds an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Marion is the mother of James "Michael" O'Neill, J.D., who resides in Washington, D.C. and Ellen O'Neill, who resides in North Caldwell, N.J. Ellen, and her cousins Beth Ann Hanrahan and Briana Clarke Garrett, are former Irish step dancers. Beth Ann was also the first American to win the Queen of Roscommon which was one of her grandmother's proudest moments. Currently, Marion is an active member of the Roscommon Society, where she holds the position of Financial Secretary. She is privileged to be chosen for this honor.



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