



## Kathy Schwarting

Kathy Schwarting of East Rockaway is a mother of two and a grandmother of four. She and her husband, Bruce, have been married for 42 years. Formerly of Rockville Centre, Kathy has devoted countless hours to many organizations in Rockville Centre for years.

Before that, when her daughters were young, Kathy was active in St. Raymond's Parish in East Rockaway, holding a number of positions including Prefect of the Sodality of Our Lady, President of the Parent Teacher Organization, President of the School Board, President of CYO, substitute teaching, and coaching girls' sports teams, and as organizer for the St. Raymond School Band trips.

Despite working full time at LILCO (National Grid) for 28 years, Kathy was always able to devote her time and skills in project management and fundraising to organizations whose primary purpose is to help others. Anyone who has met Kathy will attest that she is always willing to provide a helpful hand, no matter what the event or situation. Her spirit of altruism and giving sets her apart from others.

Volunteerism has been a constant part of Kathy's life for over 40 years. Through her efforts, she has touched countless lives and has helped to raise thousands of dollars for dozens of charitable organizations. Many of these lives were those of children, which hold a special role in Kathy's life.

Some organizations and accomplishment Kathy is proud of include (but are not limited to): being involved with the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade since its earliest days, being a member of the Parade's Board of Directors since 1997 and serving other various other capacities related to the organization; being on the Enchanted Wonderland Committee for several years, a benefit organization that helps out neighbors and has bettered the community for over 20 years; and being a supporting wife to her husband, Bruce, in the Rockville Centre Fire Department by serving on parade committees and helping with their various fundraisers.



## Ann Marie Myatt

Ann Marie Myatt was born in Jackson Heights, New York, and raised in Bethpage, New York. She is the oldest of seven Hayes siblings. Ann Marie has been married to her husband, Rick, for 42 years. They have three sons – Christopher (Shannon); Ricky (Katie); and Kevin. They also have five grandchildren – Jack, Connor, Gavin, Sarah, and Danny.

Anne Marie attended the Bethpage Public School System until seventh grade, transferring to Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset, where she graduated. She attended Nassau Community College until she started her career as a Purser/Flight Attendant for Northeast/Delta Airlines. She retired after 41 years of flying around the world – a passion she and her family still enjoy today.

Ann Marie is a past president of the Rockville Centre League of Mercy Medical Center, an organization she has been a member of for 40 years. She is also a past president of the Council of League of Mercy Medical Center. Ann Marie was also on the Rockville Centre Centennial Committee.

Since the second parade of the St. Patrick's Parade, Ann Marie has been an active member of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee. She has chaired or worked on all of the fundraisers for this committee as well. Ann Marie is a past president and is currently on the Board of Directors.

She was also a member of St. Agnes Mothers' Club. Ann Marie served on the Executive Board the last four years that her sons attended school.



## Keely Collins

Keely Collins is married to Kenneth Collins and they have one son, Joseph, who is a freshman at the University of Richmond.

Keely grew up in New Hampshire and worked for Marriott International for 16 years in Management, which allowed her to work in seven major cities throughout the country. She finished her career in New York working in Human Resources.

From her time at Marriot, Keely is particularly proud of partnering with the Department of Social Services to facilitate a program called 'Pathways to Independence,' which transitioned individuals off of welfare and back into the workforce.

Since leaving Marriott in 2000, Keely has volunteered at St. Marks Nursery School and held positions on various committees at St. Agnes Cathedral School for the nine years that her son attended school there.

She has held leadership roles on the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee since 1999 and has been a member of the Board of Directors since it was established.

Keely is also a member of the Mayor's Golf Outing Committee, which raises funds for the Rockville Centre Community Fund in order to help and better the Rockville Centre community and neighbors.



## Eileen O'Sullivan

Eileen O'Sullivan grew up in Rockville Centre and attended both elementary and high school at St. Agnes, and graduated from Fordham University at Lincoln Center.

Eileen has had the pleasure of working for some of New York's finest academic and nonprofit institutions, beginning with the Ford Foundation in 1970 and continuing with New York University, the New York Public Library, and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

Over the years, Eileen has been an enthusiastic supporter of St. Agnes Mothers' Club and a member of the Rockville Centre League for Mercy Medical Center. Since 2006, she has served on the committee for the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade, and in June was elected to its Board.



## Bonnie Dreska

Bonnie Dreska was the fourth of five daughters born to Marian and Frank O'Sullivan. When she was six, the O'Sullivan family moved from Rosedale, Queens to Rockville Centre where Bonnie attended St. Agnes Cathedral Elementary School and St. Agnes High School. She earned her BA in Health and Physical Education from the College of Mount St. Joseph in 1975 and a Master's in Health Education from Adelphi University in 1978.

Bonnie began her teaching career in 1975 at her alma mater, St. Agnes Cathedral High School, where she taught Anatomy, Biology and Health Education. She also coached girls' gymnastics, cheerleading and was Co-Director of the annual Blue and Gold Sports Meet. In 1979, she moved to Malverne School District where she taught Health and Physical Education at the middle and high schools for over 30 years. During her career in Malverne, she coached softball, volleyball and bowling and served on many district committees dealing with staff development, student discipline, teacher evaluations, school improvement and curriculum development. In 2001, the Lynbrook Elks presented her with the Teacher of the Year Award for her outstanding and dedicated service to the community.

She is a proud member of New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) and served on the Board of the Malverne Teachers' Association from 1982 to 2010 as a building representative, recording secretary, contract negotiator and during her last 10 years, President of the Malverne Teachers' Association.

From 2001 to 2010, she served on the WLIW/Channel 21 Educational Telecommunications Service Committee. She was a longtime member of the Rockville Centre League for Mercy Medical Center, serving on its Board of Directors in varying capacities, including President, from 1990 to 2006. She has been a member of the St. Patrick's Charitable Parade Committee since 2004. She served on the Parade Board of Directors since 2011 and is currently Vice-President of the Parade committee.

Bonnie married John Dreska in 1982 and they have lived in Rockville Centre since 1984. They are the proud parents of John Patrick and Molly Elizabeth.



## Betty Proper

Betty Proper graduated from Siena College and spent her career working in New York City for Ernst and Young, a business management consulting firm.

When she moved to Rockville Centre in 1987, she began volunteering her time for the Rockville Centre Junior Mercy League and was the president of the Saint Agnes Mothers' Club.

After her children graduated from St. Agnes, Betty became a member of the Rockville Centre Parade Committee. She has been on its Board since 2008, serving as its Treasurer for two years. Betty has been involved in many of the parade events, such as the Fall Kick-Off Party, Taste of Rockville Centre, and Parade Day organization. She has co-chaired Awards Night and the Grand Marshal's Dinner, and is serving as a co-chair for this year's Kick-Off Party.

The Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade is known as the parade that "Cares and Shares." Aside from raising funds to off-set the cost of the parade, funds are raised for three charities each year. This is why Betty finds devoting time to the Parade so rewarding.



## Bridget Hunter

Bridget Hunter was born in Galway, Ireland in 1938 and immigrated to the United States in 1958 at the age of 19. She married her husband of 52 years, Joseph Hunter, in 1960. They settled in South Hempstead in 1969, where they raised four children – two girls and two boys. Bridget's eldest daughter, Margaret, passed away in a car accident in 1980 at the age of 18, and 22 years later, her son Joseph was murdered at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Joe was a New York City Fireman and died at the age of 31. Bridget has four grandchildren, Kelsey 19, Haley 17, Joey 11, and Timothy, 5.

Bridget spends her days going to church and being with her family. As a family and tight-knit community, they are committed to remembering September 11 and the loss of her son, Joe. In Joe's honor, they have created the Firefighter Joe Hunter Memorial Tournament, a firefighter racing tournament. The donations received help fund two scholarships, one at South Side High School in Rockville Centre and one at Hofstra University, institutions attended by Joe. In addition, this organization helps fund many charities and those in need.

Bridget, along with Joe's friends, family, and the community of South Hempstead, has been able to carry on this tradition, having just had the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Firefighter Joe Hunter Memorial Tournament this past July.



## Catherine Tully Muscente

Catherine Tully Muscente is Executive Director for Development and Alumni Relations at Molloy College and Director of the Irish Studies Institute. She joined Molloy in 1997.

Cathy oversees many fundraising functions for the college, including the capital campaign, corporate relations, alumni relations, scholarships and grants. During her tenure, fundraising at Molloy has increased across a variety of areas. As Director of the Irish Studies Institute and Chair of the Irish Advisory Board, she works with a group of dedicated, local Irish businessmen and women who have been working to build the Institute's reputation and its offerings to the community. In addition to these responsibilities, she has chaired a number of internal college-wide committees. She is an active member of the Mission and Environment Committee, Institutional Aid, and President's Administrative Management Group. Heavily involved in the Long Island community, she serves on a number of boards and committees. She is on the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Office of Youth Services, President-Elect of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFPLI), and sits on the board of the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Cathy has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the president of Molloy, was honored in 2012 by Irish Americans in Government and by the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 2014.

Cathy holds a BA and MBA in Business Management from Molloy College and is also a graduate of the Energeia Partnership for Regional Stewardship at Molloy College, Adelphi University's paralegal program, and Katharine Gibbs School. Prior to her employment at Molloy, she was self employed, offering professional services in office management while raising her family. Before starting her family, she was a paralegal in the Law Department at CBS Inc. The Muscentes have been residents of Baldwin since 1991. In prior years she was heavily involved with school district committees and held leadership roles for the Baldwin Council of PTAs.



## Suzanne Sullivan

Suzanne Sullivan lives in Rockville Centre with her husband of 20 years, Rob, and their three children: Robert – a junior at Chaminade High School; Caitlin – a freshman at Sacred Heart Academy; and Patrick – a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Agnes Elementary. Born and raised in Rockville Centre, Suzanne attended The Hewitt School, St. Agnes Cathedral School, and Sacred Heart Academy; she earned her BA in Government and Politics and Urban Affairs from Manhattan College.

Suzanne was employed by financial institutions Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette before leaving the corporate world to raise her family.

In 2006, Suzanne joined the Rockville Centre St. Patrick's Parade Committee and was elected to the Parade's Board of Directors in 2009. She is very proud to be a part of "The Parade That Cares and Shares," especially in her role as one of the Parade Managers for the 2010, 2011 and 2012 parades. She is honored to receive this distinction alongside the incredible women with whom she serves on the board.

In addition to the RVC St. Patrick's Parade committee, Suzanne is very involved in the Rockville Centre community. She was elected to the Rockville Centre Board of Trustees in 2006 for a one year term. She has served as campaign manager for various village elections and currently serves on the Rockville Centre Planning Board. She has been a coach for the St. Agnes CYO Swim team since its inception in 2005 – becoming co-head coach in 2013. She has also coached soccer for the Baldwin PAL and the RVC Soccer Club. This fall she became the new Varsity B tennis coach at Sacred Heart Academy.

She is an active member of the St. Agnes Mothers' Club board – and was a member of the executive board from 2008-2013 – serving as President for the 2012-2013 school year. Suzanne is also a member of the St. Agnes CYO Board. Her volunteer activities include co-chairing the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish celebration three times; being a co-coordinator for the St. Agnes Parish Sandy Relief Effort in 2012; being a member of the Nassau/Suffolk Swim Across America Pool Swim Committee since 2011; swimming to raise funds for Swim Across America – including swimming a 5k in the Long Island Sound this past August; the RVC Community Fund Golf and Tennis Outing, and general volunteering when needed for children's various activities such as Boy Scouts Troop 163, St. Agnes Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, St. Agnes CYO 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Tournament, Girl Scouts, and the St. Agnes Drama Production.

Suzanne had been honored by Assemblyman Curran before with this distinction in 2013 and she and her husband Rob were honored by the St. Agnes Parish at the annual Parish Celebration in 2014.