

Frank Brady receives honour for Irish Heritage Month

*Frank Brady is a Tireless Advocate
for Irish in America*

From the Editor's desk

RECENTLY Frank Brady from Manorhamilton, was honored by the Westchester County Board of Legislators for Irish Heritage Month. Frank is known throughout the greater New York area for his stalwart work within the Irish and Irish-American community. Upon arriving in New York in the late 1970s, he continued his studies and received Masters and Ph.D. degrees from New York University (NYU). Shortly after, he joined the faculty at Long Island University. He progressed through the ranks to full professor, eventually becoming the Chair of the Department, before retiring in 2014.

Frank has been extensively involved in the NYGAA throughout the years in such roles as player, referee, trainer, manager, mentor, and delegate. Frank has also managed both the men's and women's New York Gaelic football teams. Currently, Frank is a sportswriter for the Irish Echo newspaper. A few years back, he was the subject of a chapter in a book by Keith Duggan, a sportswriter from The Irish Times. Last year, Frank was commissioned to write a chapter on the role of the GAA in the United States leading up to the 1916 Uprising. This chapter is called: The GAA and the Nationalist Movement in America (1880-1920). During his research, he found that Sean MacDiarmada's two sisters, Rose and Kate,



were prolific fundraisers at GAA related events in the United States. Three years ago, Frank along with Fiona Finneran (Glenfarne), Lorna Smith (Longford), and Sharon Brady (Yonkers) was instrumental in establishing the Scor competition for the first time in the United States. Since its inception, it is a major entertaining and educational event on the NYGAA's calendar.

Aside from the GAA, Frank has been very active within the community. He is currently a member and former President of the County Leitrim Society of New York. He is the resident entertaining and informative emcee for the Society at their annual St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance as well as their historian. Also, he was chairman of

the Leitrim Football Club in New York. Over the years, he's been honored by the Leitrim Society of NY, Leitrim Football Club of NY, St Barnabas Football Club, and was the *Leitrim Guardian Person of the Year* in 2015. He is currently on the Board of Directors of the Aisling Irish Community Center in Yonkers. Frank is a former Glencar Manorhamilton, Manor Rangers, Glencar Celtic and Leitrim player. Before immigrating Frank taught in Ballinrillick(Sligo) and Glangevlin(Cavan) national schools.

Frank is married to Helen Clancy, who hails from Glenade. Together, they have two children, Douglas is a member of the Yonkers Police Department and Sharon is a Special Education Teacher in the Bronx. Frank and his family reside in Yonkers, NY