



St Patrick's Day Parade & Celebration Committee

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January 17, 2011

Dear Friend(s) of the St. Patrick's Day Parade:

You are cordially invited to attend the Grand Marshal and Aides Reception on Sunday afternoon, February 20th, 2011 commencing at 3:00 p.m. at Antun's (96-43 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, New York).

The event is the only function on the Parade calendar that presents an opportunity, in a family atmosphere, to pay tribute to the Grand Marshal Mary Higgins Clark and all the Aides for the historic 250th St Patrick's Day Parade. It is truly an afternoon for everyone to enjoy with a buffet dinner, open bar and music provided by the well known Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band.

In connection with this affair, we will publish a Souvenir Journal. It provides a great opportunity to demonstrate your enthusiasm and support of the Grand Marshal and all the Aides. A Journal Contract and return envelope is enclosed for your consideration. The deadline for the Journal is **Tuesday February 1st, 2011.** Please call 718-376-2356 or email; Journal@NYCStPatricksParade.Org if you have questions concerning the journal.

Tables will be assigned on a first come, first paid basis so **please advise us As Soon As Possible of your attendance and the number of tickets required and FORWARD PAYMENT TO THE PARADE OFFICE.** We are enclosing a RSVP card for you convenience, which you can mail to us with your payment, so the Committee can make arrangements for your attendance. (Also available on web site).

The Parade Committee takes great pride in the selection of the world renowned novelist and writer Mary Higgins Clark as Grand Marshal for the 2011 Parade. Mary Higgins Clark was born and raised in The Bronx. She traces her Irish ancestry to County Roscommon, Sligo and Mayo. During her career she has written twenty-nine novels, many short stories, movie scripts and co-authored five additional novels with her daughter. Ms Clark is active in Catholic affairs and has received twenty-one honorary doctorates and numerous honors from many organizations across the world recognizing her life long endeavors. She is an outstanding Irish American who has devoted a huge amount of her energy and charisma to building enduring ties between Irish-America and the rest of the world. We know that her selection is a widely popular one and merit her recognition as the Grand Marshal of the 250th New York City St Patrick's Parade.

All of the Aides to the Grand Marshal (listed on the Journal Contract) have been chosen by our participating organizations in recognition of their outstanding dedication and contribution to our Irish culture and heritage and we are delighted with each and every one of them.

If you have any questions about the reception, please e-mail HBeirne@NYCStPatricksParade.Org or call 914-833-8363.

The Officers, Directors and Trustees of the Parade Committee look forward to meeting you, your family and friends on February 20th at Antun's.

Very truly yours,
The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Inc.

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