



Irish Night Honoree

Jim Tilley

Jim Tilley retired as President and CEO of Evans National Bank and Evans BanCorp completing 38 years in the banking industry.

Post - retirement, he served as Interim President and CEO of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, as well as Interim CEO of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens Society. He has served in leadership roles on over 15 different Boards and Foundations in WNY.

Jim currently serves as the Finance Committee Chair for the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. He is also currently affiliated with the Boards and committees of JP's Foundation, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, Cradle Beach, A Stable Home Foundation, Franciscan Heritage Foundation and Bishop Timon High School.

During his career he participated in several fundraising campaigns raising millions of dollars for local charitable organizations.

Jim was born and raised in his beloved South Buffalo enjoying and participating in all the Irish traditions. He is a long-time member of the Gaelic American Athletic Association. He participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade from his youth to his adulthood. He was the Deputy Grand Marshall of the parade along with his son David and Kevin in 2009.

He has successfully transitioned his Irish Heritage and love for the Irish celebration to his children and grandchildren.

Jim and his wife Susan share 7 children and 21 grandchildren, where they remain residents of South Buffalo. They enjoy winters in Florida and spending time on Lake Chautauqua.

Jim has asked his grandson Oliver to represent him by delivering the ceremonial pitch tonight.

The Buffalo Bisons, JP Fitzgerald's, Financial Trust Federal Credit Union and Calmar Consulting, are proud to sponsor Jim Tilley as Irishman of the Year, 2024!