



Graeme Black
1981 - 2003

In Memory of Graeme Black

Pittsburgh's Walsh Visa participants, Ireland Institute staff, volunteers, family, and friends gathered on Thursday, July 17th for a memorial service for participant Graeme Black, who drowned tragically on July 13th. Fellow participants acted as pallbearers and readers at the service. Services were also held for Graeme on Monday, July 21st in his hometown of Dundalk, Ireland. Graeme's many friends here in Pittsburgh will deeply miss him. Please remember to keep Graeme's family in your thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

Former Rooney Fellow Brian Larkin promoted at Heinz, Dundalk

Brian Larkin, 1995 Rooney Fellow, was recently promoted to European Packaging Development Manager at Heinz, Dundalk.

While in Pittsburgh, Brian attended classes at Duquesne University as well as completing an internship at Heinz. After Brian left Pittsburgh in May 1996, he went to work for Heinz in Dundalk. He started as a Logistics Coordinator, worked his way to Scheduler in the Purchasing Department, Buyer/Coordinator in this same department, then to Purchasing Supply Manager before attaining his current position.



Brian at Heinz

As European Packaging Development Manager, Brian is responsible for investigating, collating, and analyzing economic, technical, governmental, and market information. He uses this information to analyze market trends and develop cost models across Europe to support purchasing decisions. He also investigates the impact of change in the European market and vendor supply base on European opportunities.

On the personal side, Brian married Sandra McGuill in 1999. They are currently living in Dundalk. Brian will graduate from the University of Ulster with a degree in Business, which he has been studying for at the Newry Institute, after the completion of one additional degree module. Brian states, "I am very glad I was able to take part in the Rooney Fellowship. It gave me the opportunity to work for a world-class business. I am also grateful for the personal and business skills development I was able to attain in Pittsburgh, and am especially grateful to Dan and Patricia Rooney." Additionally, Brian is appreciative of the continuous learning opportunities offered by the Newry Institute in that he was able to go abroad for the Rooney Fellowship and continue on when he came back to Ireland.

Michele O'Leary receives Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ulster

On July 4th, 2003, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh President, Michele O'Leary, received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ulster for her outstanding contribution to economic development and the promotion of peace and understanding of the Protestant and Catholic traditions in Northern Ireland and Ireland. As she addressed the young men and woman graduates, Sr. O'Leary stated:

"The two most important questions you will ever encounter in your life are 'what is a good person and what is a good society.' Bear these two questions in mind as you work in your careers, and as you live your lives. Be creative, not redundant. Avoid, like the plague, the boredom that comes from a life of over-work and under-satisfaction. Strive to make your own individual contribution to the common good. A contribution that nurtures and sustains both you and society. Make that your fight. Make that your struggle."



Dr. Michele O'Leary

The board and staff of the Ireland Institute congratulate Michele on her many achievements.

Economic Development Grant Results in June Delegation to Ireland

On June 2, a Pittsburgh delegation of companies, and economic development agencies visited Ireland under the auspices of the Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh's Consortium for Education and Economic Development (CEED) Program. With support from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Institute provided itineraries with high-level individuals in their respective industries. The delegates were from the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance, the Pittsburgh Tissue Engineering Initiative, the Pittsburgh Life Science Greenhouse, Carnegie Mellon University's Software Industry Center, and the Pittsburgh Forum. Delegates reported excellent results, including several contacts expected to result in future collaboration.

Thanks to Our 2003 Golfers

The Institute wishes to thank all who participated in our 2003 golf outing – we hope you enjoyed our “candlelight dinner!” Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Funds raised through the Golf Outing allow the Institute to continue its mission of reconciliation in Northern Ireland and economic development throughout all of Ireland. Thanks are especially due to Jerry Doherty, who made the winning bid on the Guinness jacket, John Morris, winner of the 50/50 raffle, and Bob McCartney - both made generous donations to the Institute. Congratulations to our grand prizewinner, Denny Donnelly, who won two round trip tickets to Ireland.

Many thanks to our host, the Fox Chapel Golf Club, who worked diligently to ensure the success of our event despite storm damage to the course and a power outage.

Mark your calendars for next year's golf outing on Monday, June 28th 2004 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club

Welcome Interns

Darren Gallaher, a senior at Penn State New Kensington, will intern with the Ireland Institute through the fall of 2003. A Business and Health Administration major, Darren is originally from Shaler. While at the Institute, Darren will be working on developing the J-1 Leadership visa program at the Institute.

Another intern, Michelle McDermott, has joined the Institute for a social work field placement. Michele is a senior Social Work major at Chatham College.



Darren Gallaher

IIP Newsletter Now Available via E-mail

The Ireland Institute's newsletter is now available via e-mail. If you would prefer to receive our newsletter electronically, please contact us at info@iiofpitt.org. Be sure to include your full name so that we may ensure you will not receive a paper copy in the mail.

Pittsburgh Welcomes New Walsh Visa Participants and Employers

Mullaney's Harp and Fiddle was the scene of a reception to welcome Group 15 participants on July 10th. Participants mingled with IIP staff and volunteers, members of the Pittsburgh community, and visitors from the Syracuse Walsh Visa Hub.

Participants of Group 16 arrived on September 21st and had a busy orientation as well, which included a welcome reception at the Harp and Fiddle, a Gateway Clipper Cruise and a Penguins hockey game.

We would like to welcome the following employers: *Anchors Unlimited, Elite Entertainment, Gardner Moving, Lidia's Pittsburgh, Mick McGuire's, the Pittsburgh Zoo, Pressley Ridge Schools, and South Hills Movers.*

Anyone interested in becoming a Walsh Visa Employer should contact Bernie Donnelly at 412-394-3900.



**Group 15 Participants
at the Harp and Fiddle
Welcome Reception**



**Group 16 Participants
at the Station Square Dock**



Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh 2nd Annual Presidents' Club Dinner



President's Club Inductees

On September 21st, the Ireland Institute hosted a dinner for 53 Walsh Visa participants, marking their one-year anniversary in Pittsburgh. Ireland Institute Vice President, Jim Lamb, welcomed the group and congratulated them on becoming members of the Institute's President's Club. The President's Club now numbers 99 and recognizes the unique accomplishment that each participant achieved during his or her first year on the Walsh Peace Visa Program.

Participants were presented with a certificate of achievement in recognition of their dedication and hard work.

Congratulations to Shea McLoughlin

Congratulations to Walsh Visa participant, Shea McLoughlin, and his wife, Dawn, on the birth of their daughter, Caitlyn Elizabeth, on October 15th.



Shea with Caitlyn

Walsh Visa Participants Honored by Joblink in Belfast

Congratulations to *Richard McClean, Peter Rea, Colin Shields, and Martin Shields* who were honored with awards from Joblink, their training center in Belfast, on October 27th.

Ricky and Peter work for Transcare of Monroeville and Colin and Marty work for Cardholder Management Services of Pittsburgh.

Fermanagh/Leitrim Wider Horizons Program – A 50th Celebration



**Wider Horizons Participants and Supervisors
at the Gateway Clipper Dock**

This September, the Ireland Institute proudly welcomed its 50th Wider Horizons program. Since 1989, the Wider Horizons program has been at the heart of our operation. Over 1200 young men and women have benefited from their Pittsburgh experience. The staff and board will commemorate this occasion with a celebration on Monday, November 24th at the LeMont Restaurant. Special Guests will include, William McCarter, Chairman of the International Fund for Ireland, Mike Doyle, Member of the US Congress as well as Board Member of the Institute and other invited dignitaries.

Nineteen young men and women from Fermanagh and Leitrim arrived in Pittsburgh in late September and will live, work, and study here until late November. They will complete non-paid internships as well as participating in an academic and reconciliation program at Duquesne University.

Nichola Doyle, 2003 Rooney Fellow

Nichola Doyle, 2003 Rooney Fellow, arrived in Pittsburgh on August 13th. She will spend the academic year studying at Duquesne University, while completing an internship at Heinz USA.

Ms. Doyle is from Kilkeel, Co. Down. She is currently studying Business and Finance at the Newry and Kilkeel Institute for Further and Higher Education.



**Dan Rooney and Nichola Doyle at
the Rooney Fellow Dinner in Newry**

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