

Elizabeth (Lily) Corcoran was born in Tullamore, Co Offaly Ireland. She came to the USA when she was young with her parents Edward and Patricia Corcoran and her brother Edward Corcoran from Neponsit. During years in NY Lily maintained her heritage as a proud Irishwoman. She was an Irish Dancer for 53 years and still competes today in the adult division. At age 16 she won a world championship medal as a member of the Mary Bastis School of Irish Dancing. The school was the first American school to ever win at the world Championships of Irish Dancing. "Nothing makes me more proud than to be a 100 percent true Irish Woman". Lily has brought her family of two sons up respecting the fact that they have every right to be proud Irish men. Michael Gaafar 33 and Robert Gaafar 30. She is going to be a grandmother for the first time with her son Robert and his wife Brianna Shields Gaafar formerly of Breezy Point. She holds a Bachelor's in Nursing and is a double Master's as well in Business Administration and Medical Administration. As well as many awards from the wedding industry for her unbelievable wedding and event work.

A community activist, Ms Corcoran put together the "Hands Across the Sand" to commemorate the 1 year anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. 7654 people joined hands along Rockaways coast line to pay respect to the ocean and celebrate that Rockaway is coming back strong. It also went to the Guinness Book of World Records. She also brought back the ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to Rockaway and Breezy Point being their first president and starting the new charter. Ten years ago Lily purchased a house and opened two businesses at home in Ireland. She worked closely with the Atlantic Corridor to get young Irish people work visas for the USA and visa versa USA to Ireland. 8 years ago Lily opened another company called Unforgettable Moments LLC, a wedding and event planning company which rose to the top in the industry very fast. She was voted last year one of the top 50 small businesses in the United States being the only wedding planner picked. She is an active member of the IBO- Irish Business Organization as well.

Plans for the future.....Help rebuild Rockaway. In the past month Lily has returned home for her father's memorial in Ballycommon Offaly. She took him home to his final resting place then decided after the devastation of Sandy that it was time to go home. On her last trip home this month she found the home of her dreams and put a bid on it. It was accepted and that looks like home is where Lily will be retiring soon. With all her busy time Lily is also a ballroom Dance Teacher! She and her mom, Patricia Corcoran, will continue to return to Rockaway for personal reasons every 3-4 months. "Rockaway is my little Irish home away from home outside Ireland. I love this little strip. I grew up here. I attended St Camillus and Far Rockaway. My Children attended St Francis so Rockaway is always home when we are not home in Ireland." It all started in Ireland but daddy brought us to a part of Ireland that floated across the sea and where we have lived...Rockaway!!!!