

Joanne Fogarty traces her Irish roots back to Thurles, County Tipperary, where her paternal great-grandparents sent their sons to the US and Canada for education and religious training. Joanne's paternal grandfather, the Honorable Patrick J. Fogarty, became a US citizen after serving in the US Navy. He then studied law, was elected to the NY State Assembly and served as a judge in the Bronx for the remainder of his career. Judge Fogarty opted for summer service at the old Courthouse on Beach 82nd Street, and discovered the wonder that is Rockaway, eventually purchasing a bungalow in Rockaway Point.

summering in New York City, but they were unaware of the spectacular location we have here on the peninsula. Joanne returned to New York to live in Rockaway Point in 1994.

Joanne has always believed in being a good citizen and serving her community, and has volunteered her time for many organizations. She has tutored and mentored children at risk, coached a few teams, and has most recently given her time to the Rockaway Point Association where she has served as President since 2012.

Joanne is grateful for this honor and opportunity to celebrate her Irish heritage, and would like to thank the committee for selecting her.

Joanne's maternal grandparents were both Brooklynites and also purchased a home in Rockaway Point to escape the city heat. Joseph Barsin (Pop), Joanne's maternal grandfather, a first generation Irish-American, served as a Port Authority Police Officer until retirement, then became a NYC teacher, and a well-known long-time lector at St. Thomas More. Joanne's parents met in Breezy as teenagers, got married and lived in Breezy until a job transfer relocated the young family to Chicago. The Fogarty family kept their beach bungalow, and made a promise to return every summer to reconnect with extended family. Joanne attended school in the Midwest, where her classmates couldn't understand the allure of

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