2019 Member of the Year Mary Campbell-Stack Irish American Club East Side, Inc.

On Monday, January 14 the Executive Board announced to the membership their choice for Member of the Year 2019, Mary Campbell Stack. Mary has many times been a behind the scenes volunteer for the Irish American Club East Side, Inc.

Though still in high school when the IACES was formed, Mary quickly joined in the activities of the new club her father helped found. Mary enjoyed club dances, dinners, and shows with her family and friends, and even participated in the Rose of Tralee once. Never one to sit idle while others do all the work, Mary became a club volunteer.

Always willing to lend a hand and share her talents, Mary served the club in both official and unofficial roles. Officially, she served five terms as club Treasurer and one term as Member-at-large. Unofficially, Mary has volunteered in numerous roles. She has assisted other treasurers by preparing and counting money pouches, preparing and verifying deposits, entering data into the computer, assisting with reconciliations, preparing reports, researching information and completing documentation, and helping with various office duties. Mary also served on the St. Patrick's Day Raffle Committee.

She has also helped the club by preparing forms for obtaining liquor permits, assisted at reverse raffles, and served on nominating and election committees. Whether the job at hand is complex and demanding, or seemingly simple, Mary diligently and thoroughly completes each task she undertakes.

In the greater Irish-American community, Mary is a familiar face, helping marshal the St. Patrick's Day parade with the United Irish Societies, volunteering as a tabulator for the Greater Cleveland Feis Society, and volunteering for the Irish Summerfest/Ohio Celtic Festival. She is also a member of Irish Northern Aid and the West Side Irish American Club.

Her volunteerism extends beyond the Irish community, as she serves on the Board of Directors for the Ohio First Class Credit Union, is active in her Democratic Ward Committee, and volunteers for the Letter Carrier food drive. Mary was a union steward who devoted much of her personal time to assist coworkers.

Family is very important to Mary. She is one of ten children along with siblings, Kathleen Cooper, John, Kevin, Jimmy, Ann Campbell-Dunham, Noreen Halley, Patty, Sheila Kropf and Brigid. Mary was well prepared for her role as an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer. Her parents, John and Patricia Campbell, demonstrated by example and Mary seamlessly attached to their efforts. She continues to share her time and talents and often recruits her husband Dave, her nine siblings, her cousins, extended family, and friends to join in her volunteer activities. One might say she is an all-inclusive volunteer recruiter!

Mary graduated from Villa Angela Academy and received her bachelor's degree in economics from Cleveland State University. She worked at Made-Rite Auto Body Products, State Chemical, and has been a proud USPS Letter Carrier for almost 25 years.

Mary and her husband, David Stack, are enthusiastic lifelong Cleveland residents and attend mass at St. Colman and St. Vincent de Paul.

We congratulate Mary as our 2019 Member of the Year and we thank you, Mary, for all of your hard work and dedication to the Irish American Club East, Inc. Rest up so you can enjoy the next few months celebrating with your family and friends.