

## Message from

Fr. Myles Kavanagh CP
Chairman
Flax Trust/Belfast

Dear Friends

Part of the Flax Trust agenda in North Belfast has always been to provide for the elderly. To date we have built two projects one for the active elderly and the other for the fragile elderly. Both of these projects McCorry House and Holy Rood House are very successful.

It has always been our intention to build a nursing home but all our efforts have failed until now. In September we begin the building of a 76 bed nursing home and training facility, which will not only care for the sick and elderly (including dementia patients), but will develop a strong training facility for care workers to not only provide staff for our own nursing home but also trained care staff for other nursing homes in Northern Ireland..

God bless you all for continuing to keep the Flax Trust alive for the last 35 years.

Thank you.



## HEALTHCARE IRELAND



Proposed state of the art Nursing Home, EMI, Dementia Caring Facility

Twenty Third Annual New York Event
The '21' Club, 21 West 52 Street, New York - October, 9th 2013

Twenty-Fifth Annual Belfast Event

The Flax Trust Classics Awards - Camerata Ireland's Clandeboye Festival - 22nd August 2013 and Queen's University Belfast/Europa Hotel - February 2014



# Mission

The Flax Trust as a registered charity, formed in Belfast in 1977, has as its Mission the reduction and, if possible, the elimination of community tensions and religious prejudices by creative engagement in economic and social development, education and training with inter-community activities including culture, the Arts, sport, health, social programmes, personal development and dedicated communication projects

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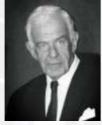
We are very grateful to Mutual of America for this invaluable facility.











Sir George Quigley Dan O'Callaghan

It is with great sadness that the Flax Trust acknowledges the passing of four of its long time Board Members, Sir George Quigley Flax Trust/Belfast, Dan O Callaghan Flax Trust/Dublin, Dr. George Moore and Hon. Tom Foley Flax Trust/America . All four, who died this year, contributed a great deal to the work of the Flax Trust. Their wisdom and friendship will be greatly missed.

#### **BREAKFAST CO-CHAIRS**

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### **Breakfast Banquet**

Champagne Reception Plated Freshly Sliced Fruit

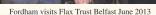
**Constitution Avenue:** Farm Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Chives and Crispy New Potatoes, Applewood Smoked Bacon and Sausage Links

Washington Circle: Cornflake Crusted Cranberry Foccacia French Toast, Carmelized Red Pears, Warm Maple Syrup, Applewood Smoked Bacon or Sausage Links

Breakfast Pastries, Vermont Creamery Butter and Housemade Preserves, Freshly Brewed Starbucks Coffee/Decaffeinated/Selection of Mighty Leaf Teas

#### Fordham University/School For Social Enterprises (SSEI)







Six of eighteen SSEI Students in Social Enterprise sponsored by Flax Trust/America Graduate at The University of Ulster July 2013

#### **BRET BAIER**

Bret Baier serves as the anchor of Fox News Channel's (FNC) "Special Report with Bret Baier," the number one news program on cable (6-7 p.m. ET). Before assuming this role in January 2009, Baier served as chief White House correspondent from 2006-2009.

Prior to this, Baier served as national security correspondent, reported on military and national security  $affairs, on defense, military policy and the intelligence community from the Pentagon 2001-2006. \ He$ has reported from Iraq 12 times, Afghanistan 13 times, most recently in 2011. He has travelled the world with administration and military officials and on his own reporting from 74 different countries.

Baier has secured numerous exclusive interviews, He had the only interview with President Obama leading up to the historic health care vote March 2010. Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan called it, "The most revealing and important broadcast interview of Barack

He has interviewed President George W. Bush; Vice President Cheney; Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Richard Myers; General Peter Pace; world leaders including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; Polish President Lech Kaczynski after the U.S. decision to abort missile defense plans in Poland; Georgian President Mikheul Saakashvili after the Russian invasion of Georgia; an exclusive sit-down with General Petraeus, September 2008, and his only interview leading up to his Congressional testimony, March 2011.



Baier anchored the stimulus package, the bank bailout, the housing crisis, cap-and-trade legislation, the first year of the Obama presidency and the importance of Iowa in 2012: anchored election specials during the 2008 Democratic and Republican National Conventions, including election night; Midterm election coverage in 2010 with colleague Megyn Kelly - the most watched election coverage. In 2011, he moderated the first Republican Presidential debate in South Carolina. Bairer anchored the 2012 primary coverage and reported live from the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, NC and the Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL. Baier and Megyn Kelly anchored live from the presidential and vice presidential debates and on Election Day in New York.

Baier joined FNC in 1998, covered stories ranging from the 2001 Timothy McVeigh execution to the 1999 Elian Gonzalez story; reports from Cuba, covered hurricanes filed from the centre of storms. Prior to joining FNC Baier worked for WRAL-TV (CBS) in Raleigh, NC, WREX-TV (NBC) in Rockford, IL, and WJWJ-TV (PBS) in Beaufort, SC.

A graduate from DePauw University, with a Political Science and English degree, he and his wife, Amy, reside in Washington, D.C. with their two young sons.

### **BRUCE A. MORRISON**

Bruce Morrison is Chairman of the Morrison Public Affairs Group, which he founded in 2001 to conduct and supervise a broad practice involving strategic advice and representation for both domestic and international clients. Bruce also an attorney, provides legal advice and assistance in immigration matters. His consulting work involves advocacy to Congress and the Executive branch, as well as building alliances within the private sector. His areas of expertise include financial services, housing finance, privacy, immigration policy, and intellectual property.

From 1983 to 1991, he represented the Third District of Connecticut (New Haven) in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served on the Judiciary Committee, specializing in immigration, intellectual property issues, bankruptcy law, and consumer protection policy, including privacy. As chairman of the Immigration Subcommittee, he led the passage of the Immigration Act of 1990, which included expanded admission of skilled workers. This legislation created the "Morrison visa" program under which almost 50,000 Irish men and women received green cards in the early 1990s.

While in Congress, Bruce was involved with human rights advocacy in many areas of the world, including Chile, Central America, South Africa, Haiti, Paraguay, and the Middle East. In Congress, he served on the Banking Committee, playing a leadership role in financial services

oversight, housing and housing finance, economic development, and U.S. policy regarding the World Bank, the IMF, and LDC debt.

After leaving Congress to run for Governor of Connecticut in 1990, he established a law firm specializing in immigration representation of firms and individuals. He served from 1992 to 1997 on the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, which conducted a comprehensive study of U.S.

Since 1991, Bruce has travelled frequently to Northern Ireland and has been involved in many aspects of the Peace Process; in 1992, he advised Bill Clinton while a Presidential Candidate on issues related to Northern Ireland; continued to provide advice and information to the Clinton White House from 1993 to 2001, including assistance on negotiations leading to IRA cessations in 1994 and 1997. In 1992 and 1996, he was Co-Chairman of Irish-Americans for Clinton-Gore.

He was appointed by President Clinton as Chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board, an independent agency regulating the twelve Federal Home Loan Banks, a wholesale banking system with assets in excess of \$600 billion. In this role from 1995 to 2000, he developed and implemented a far-reaching strategy to modernize the business of the Banks.

Bruce, a graduate of Yale Law School, holds a Chemistry Degree from MIT and a Masters in Organic Chemistry from the University of Illinois.

#### **SNAPSHOT**

#### 2012 Washington DC Event at the Hay Adams



- Sean Jr. Sean Sr. Esq. and Brian Boland 2. Jim Boland, Chair, Flax Trust/America
- welcomes guests
- 3. Mike McCurry, Co-Chair, Hon, Jim Walsh and De De Walsh 4. Mark Tuohev III, Susan Davis, Bruce Morrison
- 5. John Byrne, Tim Dugan, Gordon Peterson,
- Dan McDermott and Martin Clancev 6. Hon. Mike Conroy, Georgia Jones,
- Rosalie Gilroy and John Cosgrove
- 7. Mike O'Neil, Esq. and Mark Shields
- 8. Nora O'Donnell and Hon Tom Donahue 9. Norman Houston and Stewart Matthews
- 10. Hon. Tom Foley and Joe Powell
- 11. Honorees Norah O'Donnell and John Feehery with Fr. Myles Kavanagh and Sr. Mary Turley
- 12. Courtney Walker, Liz Thorstensen, Jeff Finkle, Cheryl Marquis, Mary Helen Cobb, Kelly Bielen

- 13. Hon. John Flynn and Tim Driscoll
- 14. Sarah Heitkemper, Min Oh and Von Van Brandt
- 15. Susan O'Neill, Steve Coyle, Paul Quinn, Esq. with Norah O'Donnell
- 16. Bob Dormer Jr, Esq., Rory O'Neil and Lara Marlowe
- 17. Kirk Brungard and Terry Stapleton
- 18. Kevin Comney, Renee Shaw and Jack Collins 19. John Hanley, Eric Price and Barbara Cordero
- 20. Bill Byrne, Karen See and
- Pattie Cunningham
- 21. Tom Hughes and Peter Fenn
- 22. Cheryl Marquis, Courtney Walker and Kelly Bielen
- 23. Joyce Flynn, Kathleen Ross, Connie Cordovilla and Johnny Boland
- 24. Lou Boland and Debbie Nisson