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NY/NB conference confers awards

They traveled from Ireland and from around the United States last week for the ninth annual New York/New Belfast conference which was held at Pier A, Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan. Proceedings began Thursday evening with a gathering uptown at the American Irish Historical Society. The conference and awards

luncheon took place Friday at Pier A and the gathering concluded with a reception and presentation that evening to the Irish Echo's Irish American of the Year, Congressman Joe Crowley. Photos by Nuala Purcell.



Nicholas Malito of the Irish Business Organization.



Larry Kirwan at the American Irish Historical Society.



Academy Award winning director Terry George speaks at the New York, New Belfast opening event at the American Irish Historical Society.



Leo McGuire.



Nathan Richardson and Ken Morris.



Shaun Kelly of KPMG presents Phillip Cassidy of Concentrix the Building Belfast Award.



Shaun Kelly from KPMG, Suzanne Aquino, CEO of Slice Jason Ordway and Gary Hanley of Invest Northern Ireland.



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Restaurateur Francis Schott speaking during the "A Thousand Welcomes" boardroom dialogue session with actress Geraldine Hughes.



Katie McKeever from AON accepts her award from Clr. Donal Lyons.



AOH Members Dan Dennehy and Sean Pender flank Pat Doherty of the NYS Comptroller's office.



New York State Senator Tim Kennedy, Rajesh Rana, Jayne Brady, New York State Assembly Member Michael Cusick and New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.



Rev. Bill Shaw, with Francis Schott and Rajesh Rana.



Paul McErlean, Rachel Sinnamon, and John McMahon.



John Liantonio, and Ed Harrison of Stewart Airport with former NY City Council member Elizabeth Crowley.



J1 Visa students Paul Keegan, Gareth Aylward, Aishling McMorro, and Kevin Duggan with Paul Pelan of the Irish International Immigration Center in Boston.



Ann Dolan of Fidessa receives her award from Clr. Donal Lyons.



Paul McErlean.



New York City Council Speaker Corey Johnson with Clr. Donal Lyons of the Belfast City Council and Suzanne Aquino of Chain IQ.