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Taking Part in a Saint Patrick's Tradition



Legislator Anker meets with dancers from the Mulvihill-Lynch Studio of Irish Dance.

WADING RIVER, NY; March, 2014– On March 9th, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker attended the Friends of St. Patrick Annual Dinner at the East Wind. Legislator Anker joined elected officials in recognizing the organization's members and this year's Grand Marshal of the parade, Father Richard Hoerning of St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church.

"I would like to thank the Friends of Saint Patrick for dedicating their time to ensure the success of the Saint Patrick's Day parade," said Legislator Anker. "I would also like to congratulate Father Richard. His dedication to the Rocky Point community has been a tremendous asset, assisting in the yearly parade, the Summer Concert Series, and recreational programs for our youth. I commend him for his service to our community."

In 1950, local businessmen John M. Sullivan and George Faulkner formed the Friends of Saint Patrick. The group pledged to provide the community with an opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors after the long winter they endured. The first parade occurred on March 11, 1951 and followed the same three mile route it follows today along 25A from Miller Place to Broadway in Rocky Point.

This year's parade will begin at 1pm on Sunday, March 16th, following the precedent set over 60 years ago by bringing local business owners, neighbors, and officials together to celebrate the spirit of the community.