

## Our 2023 Member of the Year

John Joseph Ambrose Murphy was born on a warm day in September of 1952. He is third of six children born to John and Mary Jane Murphy. His siblings are Michael, Mary, Patrick, Helen and Bridget. Their family lived on East 172<sup>nd</sup> St and Jack was baptized at St. Joseph's Collinwood.

In 1955, the family moved to East 211<sup>th</sup> St. in Euclid. Jack was a Holy Cross Falcon and then went on to be a Viking at St. Joseph High School, graduating in 1970. After graduation, Jack entered the work force following his dad and older brother into the factory, Pressure Castings. Jack worked there for a few years until the opportunity arose for him to test and become a deckhand on an Iron Ore boat that traveled the Great Lakes.

Jack was "off" during the winter months where he was able to hone his bartending skills at assorted watering holes in the area, including The Irish American Club. After painstakingly saving his money, Jack was able to purchase Tradewinds Lounge in 1983.

Jack has been an active member in the Irish American Club East Side since its' inception. Jack is charter member #131. Jack has supported the Club throughout the years. He advertises monthly in the Schanachie as a corporate sponsor and supports all of the events the Club hosts. He also has sponsored several Thirsty Thursdays and is famous for riding his bike every Thursday from East 200<sup>th</sup> St. to the Club for those Thirsty Thursdays. One of his favorite things to do here at the Club is serve up the carrots at the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner.

In case you didn't know Jack loves gambling. He is known for his catch phrase of "just plain #"

at many of our reverse raffles he has called for the Club.

Jack has made a home and shared his life with Pamela Anderson for the past 25 years. He is the favorite uncle to 10 nieces and nephews, even though there are countless other people who affectionately call him "Uncle Jack".

Jack has always been willing to donate to any type of raffle and has been known to win "a few". His contagious laugh and generous heart have the true Irish Spirit. The East Side Irish American Club is proud to recognize Jack Murphy as their 2023 Member of the Year.

Jack enjoy the ride and as one of your favorite lines with a little change "we'll take you there".