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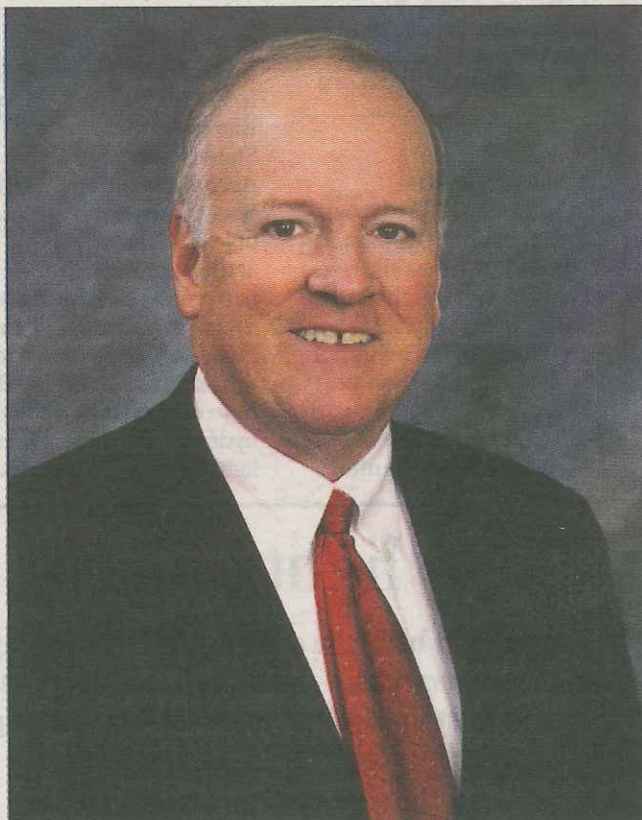
# Native son serves city well

## Driscoll to receive Dwight Service Award

Attorney John J. Driscoll, a native son of the Paper City whose contributions to the community are legion, will be this year’s recipient of the William G. Dwight Distinguished Service to Holyoke Award.

The Holyoke Rotary Club, led by president Robert McKay, will honor Driscoll at a dinner on Oct. 25 at the Delaney House, where Barbara C. Bernard, a columnist for *The Republican* and last year’s Dwight honoree, will present him with the award at a dinner on Oct. 25 at the Delaney House.

Says Bernard of the man she’s known since he was a child, “Jay Driscoll has been involved in virtually everything which makes Holyoke great, but most outstanding, as a cancer survivor, he participates in the Pan Massachusetts Challenge and has helped raise more than \$63,000. He’s supported so many Holyoke causes, either as a chairperson or board member, and sometimes as both, from Holyoke Community College to Kate’s Kitchen.”



The Holyoke Rotary has announced the selection of John J. Driscoll as the 2018 recipient of the William G. Dwight Distinguished Service to Holyoke Award.

McKay, who chaired the selection panel, said the Rotary Club was pleased to take over the task of overseeing the award from the Dwight family. The first Dwight award was presented in 1940 by the Holyoke Transcript-Telegram to the

late Joseph B. Weis.

Driscoll attended Holyoke Public Schools, graduating from Holyoke High School in 1971. He graduated magna cum laude in 1975 from Boston College, where he went on to attend law school, receiving his law

## IF YOU GO

**Event:** William G. Dwight Distinguished Service to Holyoke Award

**When:** Oct. 25, 5:30 p.m., cocktail hour, 6:30, dinner

**Where:** Delaney House, 3 Country Club Road, Holyoke

**Cost:** \$60

**For tickets:** Contact Deb Buckley, 413-534-7355

degree cum laude in 1978.

Driscoll is a partner in the firm of Resnic, Beauregard, Waite and Driscoll where he began in 1978, the year he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. Professionally, he is a member of the Massachusetts, Hampden County and Holyoke bar associations. His practice areas include business and commercial financing transactions, real estate, zoning and land use, estates and estate planning.

Driscoll’s civic activities are many, including having served as a trustee of Holyoke Community College from 2006 to 2016, including being board chair from 2010 to 2012. He continues to serve the college as vice chair of the Holyoke Community College Foundation.

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# Driscoll

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He co-chaired the Building Healthy Communities Campaign in 2013 and 2014.

The Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce has been the recipient of his time, talent and energy since 1979. He continues to serve the chamber today as a director, clerk and member of the Executive Committee. He was co-chair of the chamber's Government Affairs Committee from

2001 through 2014, recipient of the Business Person of the Year Award in 2008, and recipient of the Henry A. Field Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award in 1998.

Driscoll's other community activities have included the United Way of Holyoke, South Hadley and Granby, where he served as general chair of the 1995 campaign and the American Cancer Society Holyoke Division for which he is a former president and director.

Since 1978, he has been a member of the Holyoke

Lodge of Elks.

And, always the Irishman, Driscoll has been a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 1 since 1975. A past president, he received the 2011 Hibernian Man of the Year Award and has chaired the annual St. Patrick's family communion breakfast since 2007.

Driscoll has also served as a volunteer at Kate's Kitchen from 2012 to the present.

Most recently, Driscoll completed the Pan Massachusetts Challenge, a 170 to 191 mile bicycle ride and the largest

athletic fundraiser event in the country for the benefit of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund, where he has personally raised in excess of \$63,000 to date for cancer research. He completed the Pan Mass Challenge in 2012 and from 2014 through this year.

Driscoll also competed on the Dana Farber Cancer Institute running team for the Falmouth Road Race in 2011 and 2013 raising in excess of \$6,000 for cancer research.

In addition to biking and running, Driscoll enjoys

playing golf, walking, hiking, reading, solving the New York Times crossword puzzles, supporting Boston College football as a longtime season ticket holder and rooting for all Boston sports teams.

His greatest enjoyment comes, he says, from being husband to Eileen, a father to their children, Nora, John and Kathleen, and grandfather to Lucy and Owen Spaulding and Connie and Erin McMahon.

To make reservations for the dinner, contact Deb Buckley at 413-534-7355.