

2011 Dignitaries

2011 Mr. Pat: Dan O'Gara



2011 Miss Shamrock: Natalie Neuville



Natalie is a typical Irish woman; strong, proud, outgoing, friendly, cheerful, loyal, and has the gift of gab. Through her leadership experience and community outreach work, she's developed the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone that crosses her path. Her motto is "Everyone has an interesting story to tell so why not listen, right"?

2011 Distinguished Irish Woman: Maureen Kucera Walsh



2011 Grand Marshal: Amelia Santaniello & Frank Vascellaro



Amelia Santaniello anchors the 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts on WCCO-TV. She joined the staff in May 1996. City Pages editors named her Best Newscaster in the Twin Cities in 2000. Readers of The Minnesota Women's Press picked her as their favorite local female television personality. Amelia was born in Alexandria, Virginia, and chose to make Minnesota her home because of its wealth of culture and entertainment, as well as the friendliness of its people.

Frank is a Denver, Colorado native, and attended the United States Air Force Academy before transferring to the University of Colorado at Boulder. He later studied broadcasting at Columbia College in Chicago, Ill. Frank Vascellaro debuted with his wife, Amelia Santaniello, on WCCO 4 News at 6 on Thursday, June 29, 2006. They are the first married couple to co-anchor a daily news program in the Twin Cities.

Frank and Amelia are involved in several local charities including the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, Cancer Kids Fund, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, The Children's Cancer Research Fund, the Minnesota Children's Museum and Children's Heartlink, Thank God for Kids and the Hope Chest for Breast Cancer.

2011 Celebrity Grand Marshal: Tim Sigler



Based out of St. Paul, Minnesota, Tim Sigler has been playing music to thousands of people throughout the Upper Midwest for most of his adult life. With more than 200 shows per year, and a massive play list, Tim Sigler has quickly become the top drawing country act in Minnesota. Backed by some of the some of the best musicians in the Twin Cities, the Tim Sigler Band is a must see show! Whether it's Johnny Cash, George Strait, Garth Brooks, or Keith Urban-The Tim Sigler Band plays all of your favorite country songs!

2011 Honorary Irish Person: Dave Cossetta



2011 Miss Shamrock Princesses: