

CELEBRATING TWU's 75-year legacy

The TWU 23rd Convention serendipitously coincided with the 75th Anniversary of the union's founding. Thanks to many locals' contributions to the Michael J. Quill Memorial Fund the TWU threw a celebration fit for the quality of man who founded the union.

The "Quill Celebration" began during the afternoon session of opening day with the powerful sounds of MaBSTOA's bagpipe and drum band marching down the center aisle of the Convention Hall. After standing to get a glimpse of the excitement delegates settled back into their seats for a viewing of a commemorative video

on Quill. The audacious Quill was TWU's first International President, serving from 1934 to 1966 when he died of heart disease just days after the successful completion of the first city-wide transit strike in New York City history. *You can view the video and read more about Quill on www.twu.org/Convention and on page 18.*

In Quill's honor, a portion of the Quill Memorial Fund was donated to Kerry Parents and Friends Association in Killarney, Co. Kerry, Ireland, which supports families of people with intellectual disabilities. The TWU first established a connection with the organization twenty years ago and has now reconnected with this donation which enabled the Association to dedicate a therapy room in Quill's honor. The facility is located in the same Irish county in which Quill was born. Tony Darmody, the Association's director, gave a heartfelt presentation which incorporated photos of the beautiful Irish facility to the delegates.

Here is the list of Locals who contributed to the Michael J. Quill Memorial Fund (*the asterisk (*) indicates that the local donated a minimum of one dollar per member*)

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| *1 | *264 | 516 | 574 |
| *100 | 265 | *521 | *575 |
| 101 | 266 | 525 | *576 |
| 106 | 267 | *526 | *590 |
| 171 | 268 | *527 | *1460 |
| 200 | *269 | 529 | 2001 |
| 208 | 276 | *530 | *2003 |
| 212 | 279 | 540 | *2005 |
| *223 | *282 | *541 | *2008 |
| *225 | *289 | *542 | *2009 |
| *225-4 | *290 | 543 | *2011 |
| *226 | *291 | 545 | 2013 |
| *227 | 295 | *555 | 2014 |
| *229 | 299 | 556 | *2015 |
| *234 | *700 | 561 | *2016 |
| *239 | *1400 | *562 | *2017 |
| *241 | 500 | 563 | *2019 |
| 248 | 501 | *564 | *2020 |
| *249 | *502 | 565 | 2022 |
| 250-A | 504 | 567 | 2025 |
| *252 | 505 | 568 | *2035 |
| 258 | *507 | 569 | *2037 |
| *259 | *510 | *570 | *2051 |
| 260 | *512 | 571 | 2053 |
| 261 | *513 | 572 | *2054 |
| 262 | *514 | 573 | *2055 |



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Sculptor Brian Hanlon created the Quill statue revealed at the celebration.

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Tony Darmody (second from right), Director of Kerry Association, receives a plaque for the Michael J. Quill room donated to the Association in Quill's honor.

The celebration ended with an eye-catching blast of smoke towards the front of the room which, when settled, revealed an incredible life-size sculpture of Michael J. Quill.

All locals who donated a minimum of one dollar per member to the Fund received display-size Quill sculptures and each delegate received a small Quill sculpture to take home.

