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Welcome to the 2017 Ambassador's Awards Luncheon. We are delighted to have you as our guest as we honor and celebrate this year's distinguished award recipients. The Irish American Business Chamber & Network proudly presents Beneficial Bank with the Ambassador Award, Eileen McDonnell with the Taoiseach Award, and Sean Rooney with the Uachtarán Award.

We are doubly honored to have with us Her Excellency, Anne Anderson, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States to confer these awards. Ambassador Anderson is with us today to represent the Irish Government's support of our honorees and the Chamber's mission.

A day like this is not possible without the generosity of our sponsors. We are grateful to all of our sponsors and recognize their support in this booklet. Most importantly, each of these sponsoring organizations acknowledges our awardees in an exceptional way with their patronage.

The Irish Chamber excels at providing networking forums for American and Irish executives, for the exchange of contacts and information on trade relationships, market research, and indigenous business. A hallmark of these forums is the participation of top executives, government officials, and directors who share similar interests and goals. We often collaborate with Irish agencies such as Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta, and Tourism Ireland. We invite you to enhance your business prospects by becoming a member and put the resources of the Irish Chamber to work for you and your company.

Thank you for joining us today, and for your support of the Irish Chamber.

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Program

Welcome
Kevin D. Kent, Esq, *Chairman*

National Anthem of the United States of America, The Star-Spangled Banner and
National Anthem of Ireland, The Soldier's Song
Theresa Flanagan Murtagh, Esq., *Board Member*

Invocation
Sr. Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF, *2013 Uachtarán Award Honoree*

~ Presentation of Awards ~

Her Execellency Anne Anderson, *Ambassador of Ireland to the United States*

Uachtarán Award
Introduction of Sean Rooney
Lisa Maloney, *Vice-President and Ambassador's Awards Chair*

Sean Rooney, *Founder of The Kelly Rooney Foundation ~ Acceptance*

Taoiseach Award
Introduction of Eileen McDonnell
William J. McLaughlin, Jr., *Founder and Chairman Emeritus; 2016 Taoiseach Award Honoree*

Eileen McDonnell
Chair & Chief Executive Officer of The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company ~ Acceptance

~ Lunch ~

Introduction of Her Excellency Anne Anderson
Sean Flatley, *President*

Ambassador Address
Her Excellency, Ambassador Anne Anderson

The Ambassador's Award
Introduction of Beneficial Bank
Jack Kelly, *Board Member*

The Ambassador's Award presented by Her Excellency Anne Anderson
Accepting on behalf of Beneficial Bank: Gerard P. Cuddy, President & CEO

Closing Remarks
Sean Flatley, *President*

Please join us for a networking reception, tasting room, and traditional Irish seisiún, and a chance to congratulate the recipients in the Balcony of The Grand Ballroom immediately following luncheon.

Her Excellency Anne Anderson

Ambassador of Ireland to the United States

Ambassador Anne Anderson became Ireland's first woman Ambassador to the United States in August 2013. Prior to her Washington appointment, she was Ireland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Her previous postings, among others, include: Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, New York; Ambassador to France (concurrently non-resident Ambassador to Monaco); and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the European Union, Brussels.

During her Washington assignment, Ambassador Anderson has focused and will continue to focus on further strengthening Ireland-U.S. economic, trade, and investment links; highlighting Ireland's interests in relation to reform of U.S. immigration legislation; supporting U.S. interest and engagement on key issues still to be fully addressed in Northern Ireland; and further deepening the vibrant cultural connections between Ireland and the U.S.

Ambassador Anderson has undertaken a wide range of responsibilities in her assignments to date. Highlights of her multilateral work have included chairing the UN Commission on Human Rights (1999) and heading the Irish team in Brussels during Ireland's EU Presidency in 2004; she was awarded European Voice "Diplomat of the Year" in recognition of her Presidency role. During her New York assignment, she oversaw a review of the UN Peace-Building Machinery and was tasked by the President of the General Assembly with facilitating preparations for UN Special Event on the Millennium Development Goals.

Ambassador Anderson's particular focus at the UN was on development/human rights/gender equality issues. From her assignment in Brussels, she retains a keen interest in EU Affairs. A strong believer in public diplomacy, Ambassador Anderson has been active – particularly throughout her assignment in New York – as a lecturer, moderator, and panelist in academic and think tank settings including Fordham, Columbia, International Peace Institute, UN Association of New York, and Academic Council of the United Nations.

Ambassador Anderson was born in Ireland (Clonmel, Co. Tipperary). She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Politics from University College, Dublin and entered the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1972. She was awarded a Doctor of Laws (Honorary) by the National University of Ireland in December 2011.

Ambassador Award

The Ambassador Award, named in honor of the Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, is presented annually to honor a company that has furthered the goals of the Irish American Business Chamber by developing business between the Isle of Ireland and the United States. Anne Anderson is the current Ambassador of Ireland to the United States.

Previous recipients of the Ambassador Award include: Almac Group, QVC, SAP, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Shire Pharmaceuticals, Aramark, The Vanguard Group, ICON Plc, Amicus Therapeutics, Cross Atlantic Capital Partners, GMAC, ICT Group, Wyeth, and Siemens.

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Ambassador Award Recipient

Accepting on behalf of Beneficial Bank: Gerard P. Cuddy, President & CEO

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Gerard Cuddy joined Beneficial Bank in 2006 and was named President and CEO in January 2007. During his tenure, Gerard has led dynamic growth and transformed the bank's corporate culture. Gerard and his team led Beneficial in its two step stock offering, converting from a mutual holding company to a fully public bank. He and his team also have completed four major acquisitions (Farmers & Mechanics Bank, CLA Insurance Company, SEF Financial, and Conestoga Bancorp). Under his leadership, the bank has focused on its mission as an education company, providing the bank's customers with the tools and knowledge to help them do the right thing financially. Gerard is a 35-year veteran of the financial services industry, and has held a range of senior management roles over the course of his career.

Taoiseach Award

The Taoiseach Award is presented to a member of Irish descent who has, by example, shown exceptional business leadership and compassion. The Taoiseach Award takes its name from the original Irish title meaning Chieftain or Leader. Today, An Taoiseach is the Prime Minister of Ireland, Enda Kenny, T.D.

Previous recipients of the Taoiseach Award include: Bill & Natalie McLaughlin, Frank Reynolds, Denis P. O'Brien, James and Frances Maguire, Daniel J. Hilferty, Rev. Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., Henry J. "Harry" McHugh, John and Joan Mullen, James and Jacqueline Delaney, and Father John McNamee of St. Malachy's Parish.

Eileen McDonnell

Chair & Chief Executive Officer of The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
Taoiseach Award Recipient

Eileen C. McDonnell is Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Before joining Penn Mutual, she was president of New England Financial, a wholly owned subsidiary of MetLife, and senior vice president of the Guardian Life Insurance Company. Ms. McDonnell is a former member of the Master of Science in Management faculty at The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., where she held the newly endowed chair for Women and Financial Services and was author of "Marketing Financial Services to Women."

Ms. McDonnell was named one of the "Forty Under Forty" executives on the rise in 2002 by Crain's New York Business magazine. She was honored in 2014 and 2015 in Irish America's Annual Business 100 list and in 2016 to the magazine's Top 50 Power Women's list, honoring the best and the brightest Irish-American and Irish-born business leaders.

Also in 2016, Eileen was honored by Drexel University LeBow College of Business as the 2016 "Business Leader of the Year."

Ms. McDonnell also serves on the Board of Managers of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Penn Mutual. In 2013, Ms. McDonnell was named to the board of Universal Health Services, Inc. (NYSE: UHS).

A graduate of Molloy College, Rockville Centre, N.Y., Ms. McDonnell majored in mathematics and computer science, and received an honorary doctor of laws (LL.D.) degree in 2011. She earned her MBA in finance and investments from Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y. and was recognized in 2013 for 'Outstanding Service" to the university.

Uachtarán Award

The Uachtarán Award is named in honor of the President of Ireland, or Uachtarán na hEireann, in Irish. In the 1990s, Mary Robinson, the seventh President of Ireland, transformed the role of the President by developing a new sense of Ireland's economic, political, and cultural links with other countries and cultures, especially those of the Irish Diaspora. Michael Higgins, the ninth and current President of Ireland and the former Minister for arts, culture, and the Gaeltacht in the 1990s, has excelled in this cultural and economic "building bridges" role.

Previous Uachtarán Award recipients include: Monsignor Michael J. Doyle, CBS3 and the CW Philly, Ann Claffey Baiada, Sister Marguerite O'Beirne, OSF, Timothy Chambers, James and Sarah Hasson, and Norbert J. McGettigan, Sr.

Sean Rooney

The Kelly Rooney Foundation
Uachtarán Award Recipient

His 20 years of experience at Aramark, where he moved up through multiple positions to become President of Stadiums & Arenas, gave Sean the knowledge and fundamentals to start his own consulting business specializing in the Sports and Entertainment industries. Sean remains involved with the Pittsburgh Steelers, which was founded by his grandfather in 1933 and remains in the family today, by overseeing all Food & Beverage for Heinz Field.

Sean is devoted to community and charity work. Sean started the Kelly Rooney Foundation, named after his late-wife who passed away in 2006 from breast cancer. Through partnerships with Breastcancer.org and The Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania, The Kelly Rooney Foundation seeks to be a catalyst for helping create a generation of women who are breast cancer-free. The Kelly Rooney Foundation marked its 10th year anniversary this summer and celebrates hitting in excess of $1 million in its fundraising efforts, granting $250,000 to Breastcancer.org for education and awareness programs to help young women make healthy lifestyle choices to reduce their risk of getting breast cancer. And $800,000 was bestowed upon Penn Medicine for genetic research. Among the many accolades that Sean has received through the years, most recently he is the recipient of the 2014 Honoree, Prep Golf Classic, St. Joseph Prep, 19 May, 2014, and 2012 Honoree Award, The American Ireland Fund, 11th Annual Philadelphia Golf Classic, 10 September, 2012. Further, Sean received the Improving Quality of Life After Breast Cancer Award, 20th Focus on Life After Breast Cancer Conference, Abramson Cancer Center, Penn Medicine Women Cancer Conference, 28 October, 2011.

Sean's Great Grandfather, Dan Rooney, was a saloon owner from Newry, Ireland and brought 9 children over to the United States and made Pittsburgh, PA their home. Sean's grandfather, Arthur Rooney, was one of those 9 children, and was the founder of the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1933. Sean's Uncle, Daniel Rooney, was the 30th United States Ambassador to Ireland, from July 2009 through December 2012. Sean is the proud father of five children, ages 25 through 17.

Luncheon Menu

Salad

Spinach Salad with Frisee,
Crumbled Blue Cheese, Tart Apples and Walnut Vinaigrette

Entrée

Roasted Chicken Breast with Dubliner Cheese and Wilted Greens & Brown Ale Sauce
To Compliment: Cast Iron Potatoes and Brussel Sprouts
or
Lenten Meal: Maple Mustard Lacquered Salmon
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Dessert

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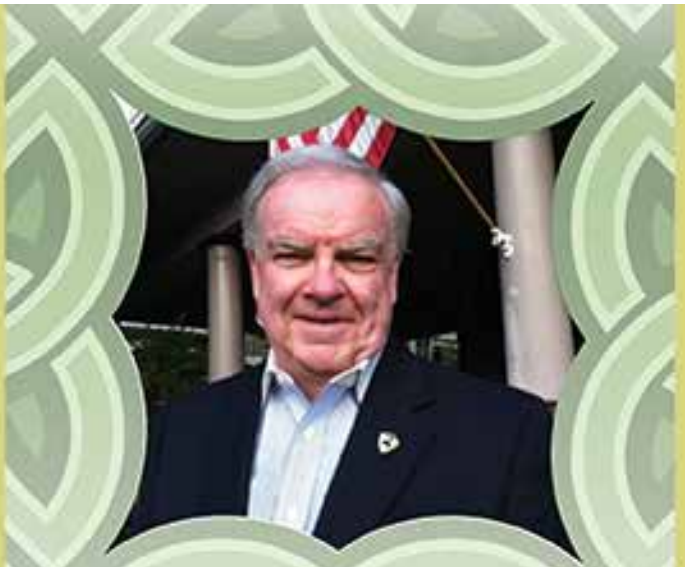

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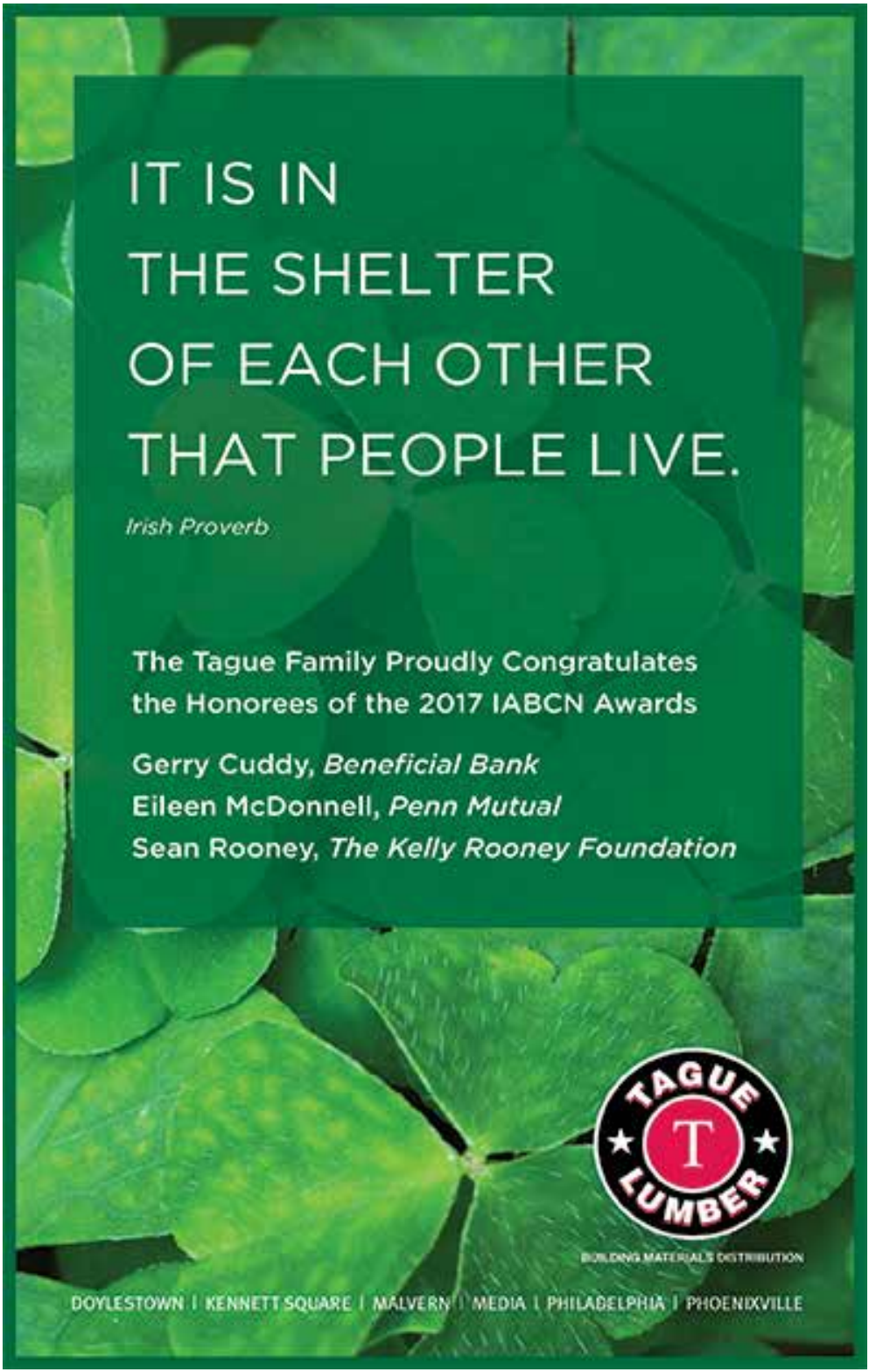
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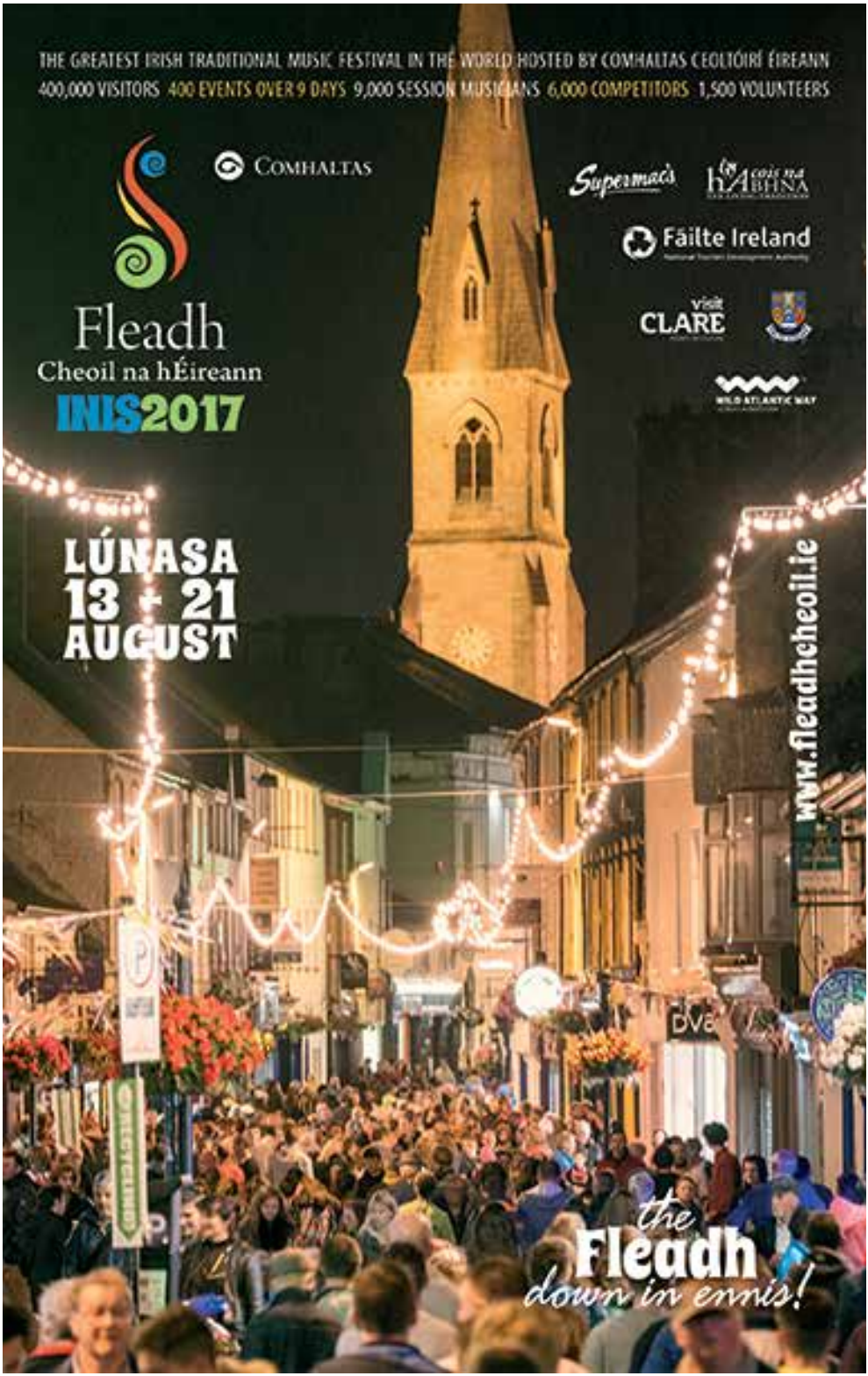
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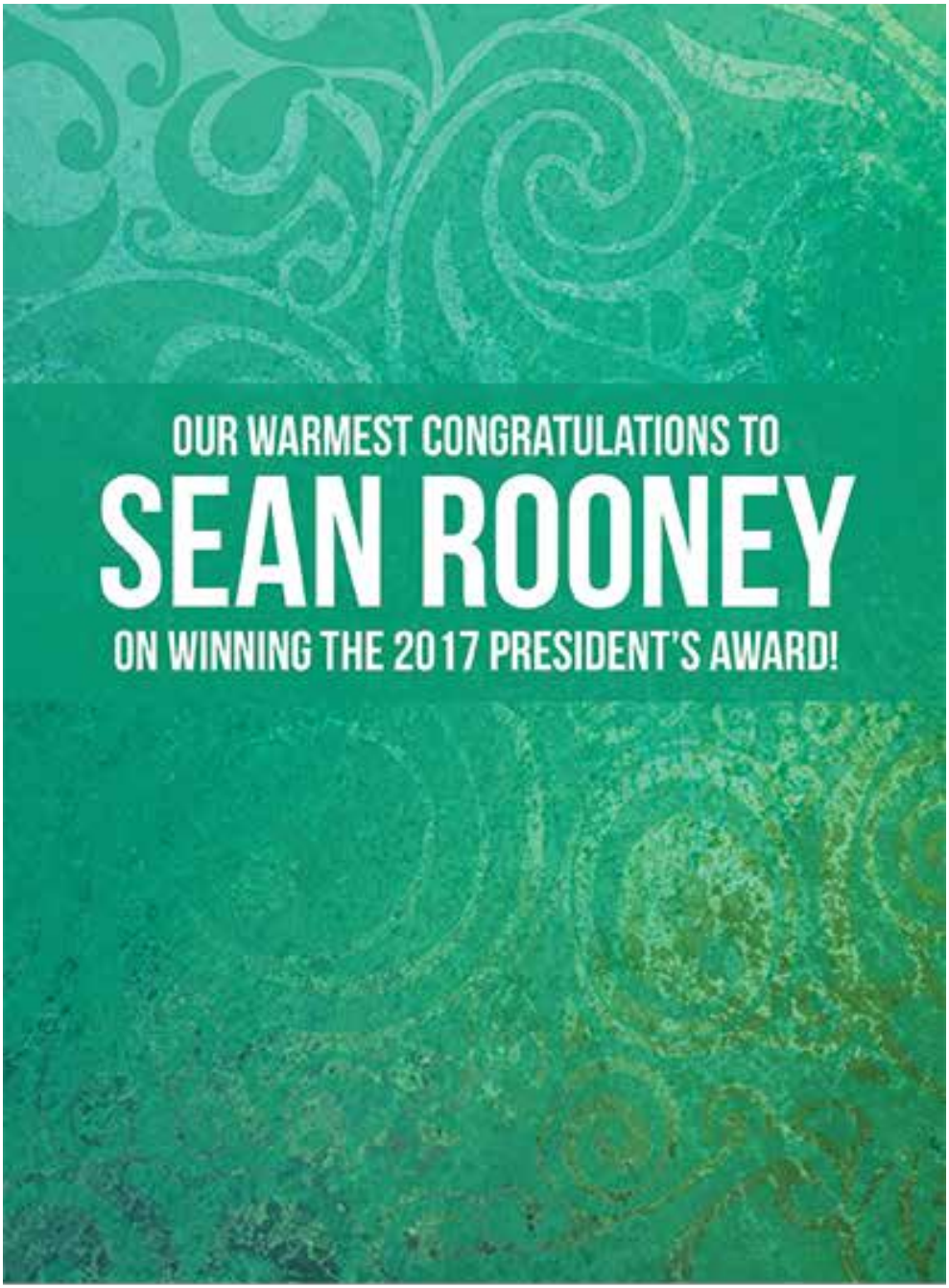

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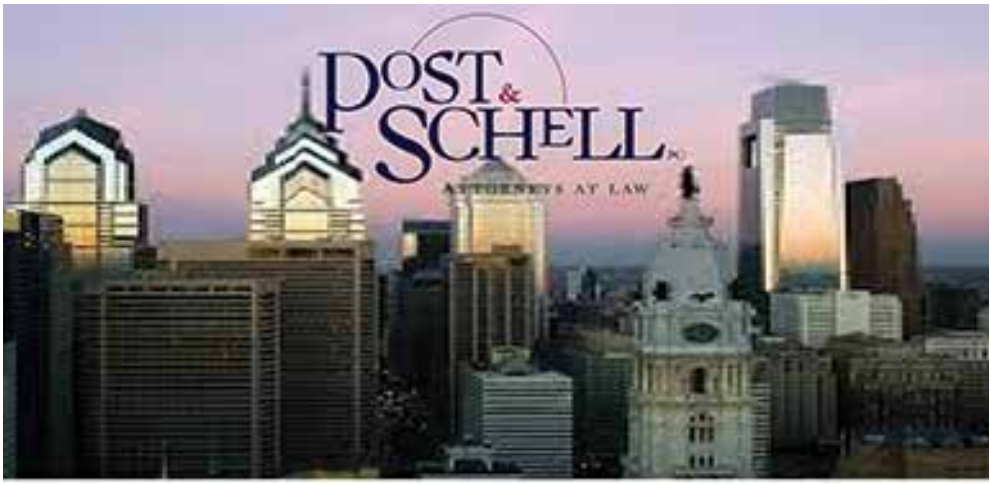

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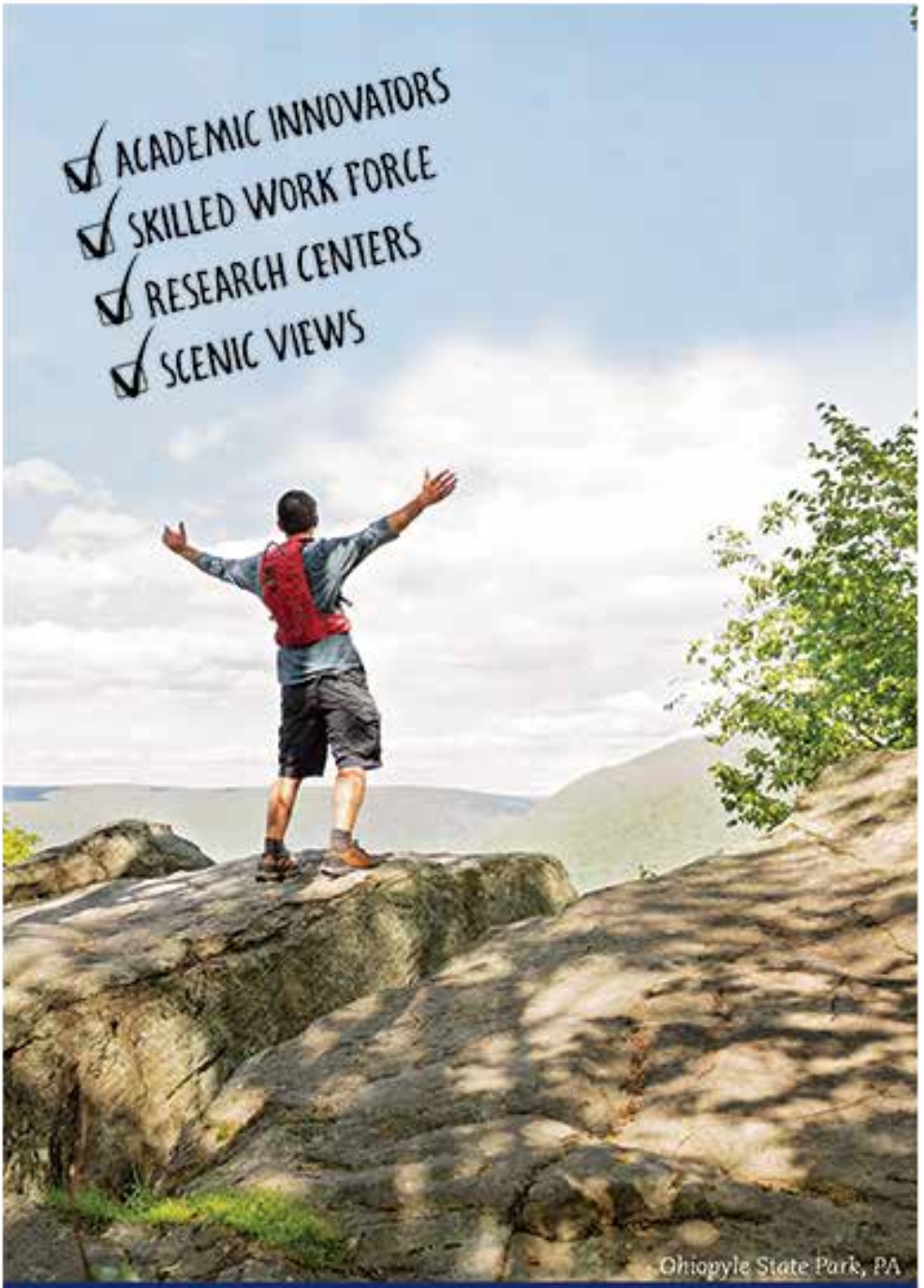

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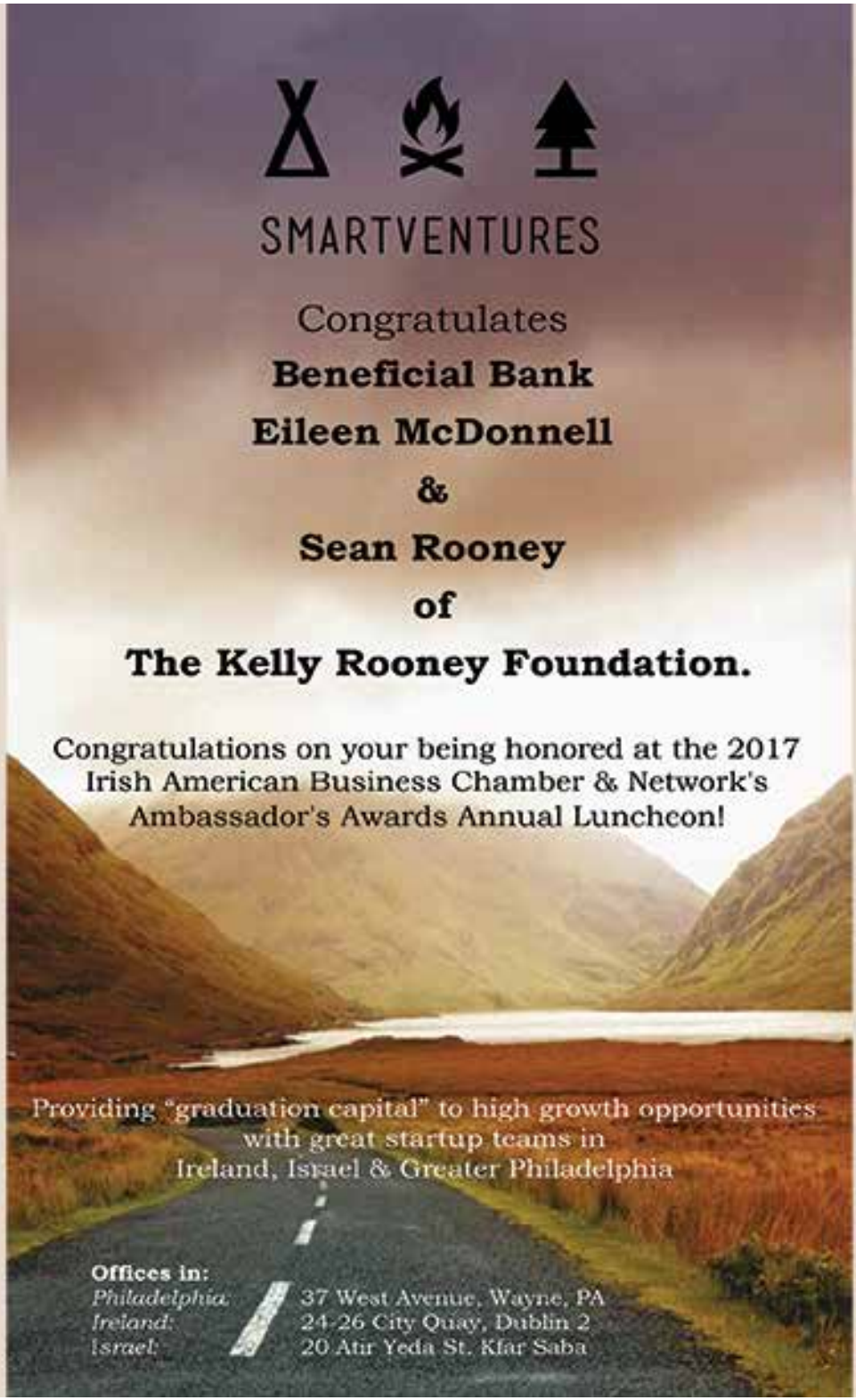
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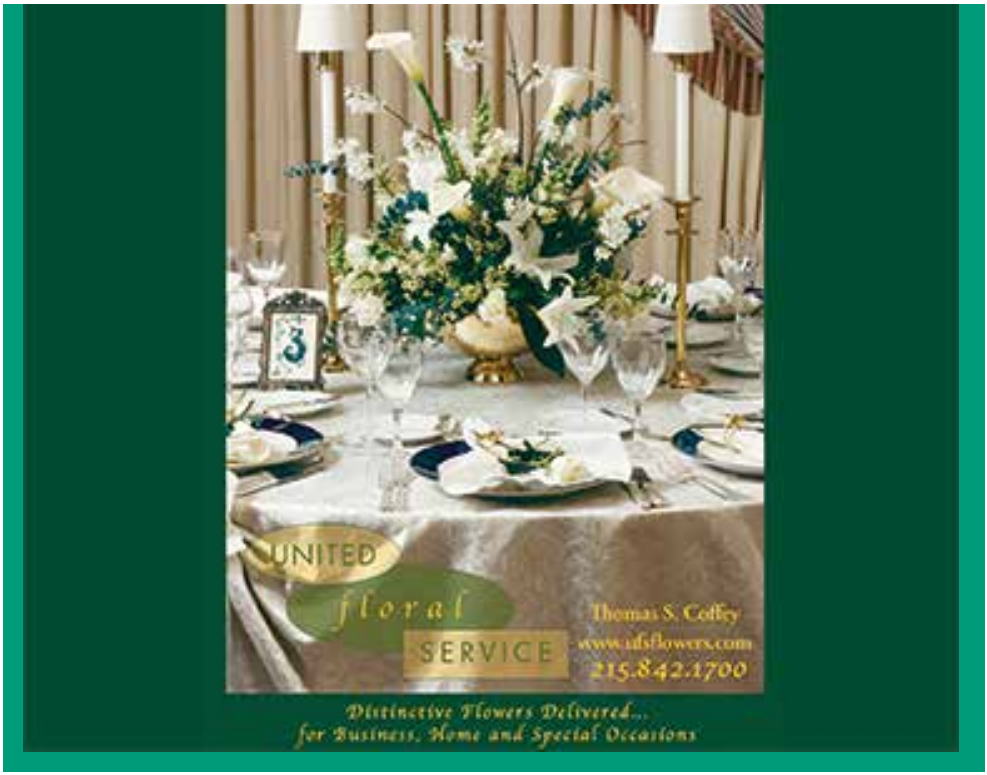

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