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Portland's Kells Irish Restaurant to Compete with Restaurants Nationwide for Community Service Award

Portland, Ore. (July 28, 2010) Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub will compete for a prestigious National Restaurant Association Award honoring restaurants that go above and beyond in community service and aim to inspire other restaurateurs to get or stay involved in their communities.

Kells was selected at the state level by the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association and will vie for a \$5,000 award to help support a favorite charity or community project.

We are very happy and at the same time, humbled to be included among the many fine restaurants across America that give so much back to people and organizations, said Lucille McAleese, co-owner of Kells. It would be a great pleasure to present the National Restaurant Association's \$5,000 to a worthy, local group.

Among many good works sponsored by Kells were a 2010 social event and silent auction that raised \$57,300 for Portland's St. Andrew Nativity School for low-income, at-risk students; a ceiling sweep that each year results in more than \$16,000 donated to Providence Child Center and additional sponsorships and donations to local schools, hospitals, community outreach programs, sports programs and the military.

Lucille and Gerard McAleese have been the recipients of the Kabreath Award and the 2009 community service award from New Avenues for Youth. They also have received the City of Portland Civilian Heroism Medal. Lucille was nominated in 2010 as one of Portland's Outstanding Women in Business.

In 1999, USA Today named Kells one of the Top 10 Irish Pubs in America. Every year from 2002 to 2010 Tom Horan's America's Top Ten Club has named Kells the No. 1 Irish Establishment in America. In 2010, AAA presented Kells with its Diamond Award.

Each March, Kells is host to thousands of guests who come from far and wide to celebrate St. Patrick's Day during a festival that includes live music, authentic Irish food, entertainment for families (including children) and a headliner music act the final evening.

For more information, visit www.kellsirish.com or call 503-227-4057.