

Kathryn Burke Bio/2012

Kathryn Murphy Burke, known universally as ‘Murph’ has been committed to volunteerism especially in the areas of arts and culture and community development. She has participated in a broad range of local, state and national service. Murph’s interest and dedication has long been evident at the local level throughout greater Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin area where she resides. She has served on the boards of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Pier Wisconsin, Discovery World, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Milwaukee, the Haggerty Museum of Art and the John Michael Kohler Art Center and the Ten Chimneys Foundation. In addition, she serves on the Milwaukee County Cultural, Artistic and Musical Programming Advisory Council and was Chairman of the Milwaukee County Public Art Committee. Other interests have involved the Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Arts and the Turner Preservation Trust. Murph serves as Secretary of the “Spirit of Milwaukee”, founded to build Milwaukee’s image on local and national levels.

For many years she led the Wisconsin Arts Board. She was a longtime board member of UPAF and was a member of the Arts Committee of the Greater Milwaukee Committee; she has been on the board of the Milwaukee Public Museum. As an alumna of Mount Mary College here in Milwaukee, Murph served on the board of Trustees and chaired their very successful capital campaign. She was Board President of the St. Mary’s Hospital Ozaukee Foundation.

Nationally, she served as Chairman-Elect of the governing board of Americans for the Arts. She received a Presidential Appointment to the President’s Advisory Committee on the Arts at the Kennedy Center by President George W. Bush. Another national interest is the Washington Legal Foundation.

Recently, she has turned her interest, time and talent to developing her own line of gourmet food products for the national retail and wholesale markets both in stores and on the web. Please check out her website www.murphsoriginal.com

Mrs Burke has been married to John Burke for 45 years. They have five children and six grandchildren and reside in Fox Point.