

### Tim Gannon

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The Ireland Funds 2017 Business Leadership Award

### Tim Gannon

The Ireland Funds 2017 Business Leadership Award will be presented to Tim Gannon, Co-Founder of Outback Steakhouse, Inc. Tim is a successful businessman, great sportsman and an avid polo enthusiast.

An alumnus of Florida State University, he studied art history and dreamed of being a museum curator which took him to Florence, Italy, where he became a tour guide for an art gallery. He then went to Aspen, Colorado where he developed his passion for food and cooking. For the next 14 years, he worked at Steak & Ale for Norman Brinker, and then Al Copeland hired Tim to help operate his Copeland's Cajun Cafe' in New Orleans.

In 1987 Tim sold his saddle for \$250 and arrived in Tampa with \$37 in his pocket when Bob Basham and Chris Sullivan asked him to become their partner and launch a new restaurant concept that became known as Outback Steakhouse. He is the creator of the "Bloomin' Onion" recipe, and many of the other dishes on Outback's menu. Today Outback Steakhouse is an Australian-themed restaurant with locations worldwide.

He was named Entrepreneur of the Year in 1994 by Inc. Magazine and was inducted into the U.S. Business Hall of Fame in 2009. He is involved with numerous civic and charitable causes and is always looking at innovative ways of giving back to the community by creating transformative change through social business and social investing in particular with young adults.

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William Murphy, President, Douglas Management & Realty Inc. and
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# Emerald Isle Dinner Dance

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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The Ireland Funds 2017 Business Leadership Award

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Co-Founder Outback Steakhouse



7:00pm Cocktail Reception 8:00pm Dinner and Dancing Attire: Black Tie

For additional information contact Carla Capone at the Event Office: 212.213.1166 or aif@carlacapone.com



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