IN LOCALE MAGAZINE'S RECENT POLL, MULDOON'S IRISH PUB'S OWNER RON SCHWARTZ WAS VOTED A FAVORITE BAR OWNER IN ORANGE COUNTY FOR HIS PUB "THAT CAN TRANSPORT VISITORS TO IRELAND."
Ron Schwartz of Muldoon's Irish Pub

The Q&A is below:

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

RS: I feel very happy seeing families coming into Muldoon's to celebrate their special milestones like their rehearsal dinners, their wedding anniversaries or their Christmas parties during our 'Irish Dickens Christmas Celebration.' It's really nice to know they feel [that] their most important occasions belong at Muldoon's.

Q: What is something unique about Muldoon's Irish Pub that most visitors don't know?

RS: Well, if our brick walls could talk, they'd have plenty of stories to tell! So many fun and special gatherings take place at Muldoon's! But recently the Food Network selected Muldoon's as one of the Six Best Pubs in the USA.

Q: What does it mean to be voted as one of Newport Beach's favorite bar owners?

RS: I'm grateful that after 43 years, Muldoon's is still providing our community and new generations here with a 'Public House'—that home away from home to feel comfortable and to enjoy!

Q: Muldoon's has four unique spaces: the Dublin Pub, the Celtic Bar, the Tavern Dining Room, and the patio all under one roof. Which area of the Pub is your favorite?

RS: For all these years, my favorite spot has always been one of the barstools in our original Dublin Pub, at the end of the bar below the beautiful stained glass window. It's a great spot for conversation and people watching.

Q: In addition to being a bar owner, you also have a career in law as a trial attorney. How did you get involved with Muldoon's and the hospitality industry?

RS: I teamed up with twin brothers of Celtic descent who were builders; together, we developed Muldoon's Irish Pub, opening in October 1974. These great gentlemen decided to exit the pub business early on and asked me to carry on the culture and tradition. Our family is proud to have honored that request.