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Holiday Folk Fair 2006 – The Carriers of Culture

HELP MAKE THE IRISH REPRESENTATION A SUCCESS!

It is time for the annual Holiday Folk Fair. This year, it will again be held at the Wisconsin State Fair Grounds, 84th and Greenfield. The dates are November 17, 18 and 19. The Shamrock Club will represent the Irish in our sales, food and cultural booths.

Regarding the theme this year, it's called "The Carriers of Culture". How is culture transported, and by whom? Since 1960, the Shamrock Club has helped to spread Irish culture in Milwaukee and Wisconsin. With our focus on Irish life, both the past and the present, we have helped to present and preserve many aspects of the culture over these decades.

The culture of any ethnic group or race is spread in many ways. It can be the music and song, and that is very well represented in the United States. In the 1800s the music of Broadway was filled with Irish-themed songs, and the plays were focused on a land that never was to audiences that could only hope they would see it one day in the future. Or it can be the dance, as was proven by the success of Riverdance and subsequent productions. Irish dance, once seen in Ireland as an act of defiance, then seen as a sign of national pride, has spread across the world, and is readily identifiable to all. And the Shamrock Club was a major proponent of Irish dance, with the founding of the Shamrock Club Dancers, and their later changes into the Cashel Dennehy and Trinity Dance Schools.

Or it is the language. The Irish have spread Gaelic to various places in the world. Milwaukee has a chapter of the Gaelic League, founded by Douglas Hyde, in order to preserve it. The Gaeltacht at Milwaukee Irish Fest is sponsored each year by the Milwaukee chapter of the Shamrock Club, and is considered one of the shining stars in Irish Fest's sky by Irish Minister Eamonn O'Cuiv, who has responsibility for the preservation and expansion of

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the language in Ireland.

And even the English language has been a source of seeing Irish culture reflected. Oscar Wilde, the Irish author once remarked about the burden of the Irish having to keep up the high standards of the English language. There were George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Beckett, James Joyce, and Seamus Heaney, all famed in their own country, all sending out the cultural aspects of Ireland.

Our work as an organization is not complete. This year is no exception. We are again the face of the Irish community in this area. Each year we are called upon to represent the Irish, to show the world what we are, what we have done, and what we can do. To do that, the Shamrock Club will need volunteers for our retail, cultural, and food areas. We also need to sell tickets to the Folk Fair.

Admission is as follows: Adults \$8 in advance. Tickets will be available for sale at the November membership meeting. Please see Muriel Crowley. You can also use the accompanying order form to purchase tickets via mail. As a sponsoring group of the Fair we need to sell a number of tickets or make up the cost elsewhere.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: EARLY AND LATE SHIFTS

The Holiday Folk Fair is open during the following times:

Friday, Nov. 17, 4–11 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

The annual Holiday Folk Fair will take place the weekend preceding Thanksgiving. We will be needing help in a number of areas.

If you would like to work a four hour shift at the Holiday Folk Fair, please contact the Shamrock Club's Holiday Folk Fair Chairmen, (Food) Pete and Fran Dundon at (414) 242-8245 or [petedundon@juno.com]; (Sales) Noreen Barclay at (262) 695-8563 or [nabarclay@earthlink.net]; or (Cultural) Pam Canon at (414) 276-8779 or [dpcanon@wi.rr.com]. Or contact us at our e-mail address, [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. You will receive the annual Folk Fair participant pin, and a coupon for food from the Shamrock Club food booth.

The Holiday Folk Fair will have a number of special events during the course of the weekend. They will include:

- Dance Pavilion: a place to learn dances from around the world
- International Exhibits: view exhibits of Japanese wooden dolls, Mexican folk toys
- International Breakfasts: introduce yourselves to new tastes and smells
- Representing Irish dancing will be the Kinsella Academy and the Glencastle

Adult Dancers.

- Also: Food from around the world; unique gifts for you and someone special; international entertainment; cultural exhibits to assist you in learning about your heritage; demonstrations and hands on opportunities. There will be an Interdenominational Religious Service on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Holiday Folk Fair International is produced by the International Institute of Wisconsin. The International Institute is a not for profit organization dedicated to international cooperation, understanding, and a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural perspective through education, exchange, communication, social activities, and immigration and naturalization services.

State Fair Park
8100 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214
Folk Fair Hotline 414-225-6225
or 1-800-FAIR INTL
www.folkfair.org

Again, as we come back again as the Shamrock Club for our 46th year, we are still sowing the seeds of Irish culture. Help us to both sow and reap.

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2006 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR ADVANCE SALE TICKETS

November 17, 18, 19, 2006

The Shamrock Club must sell 125 Holiday Folk Fair Tickets
Any unsold tickets must be purchased by the club at full value.

To Order, mail your request to:

Muriel Crowley
1020 Georges Ave.
Brookfield, WI 53045

Include your name, address, number of tickets (at \$8 each) and a check made payable to the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin.

Tickets will be sent to you by return mail and are good on any of the three days of Folk Fair.

HELP US MEET OUR GOAL!

Milwaukee President's Message

November, the start of the Celtic new year, is a time of change, of renewal, death, harvest, and storage. Fall was seen as the time when life would start again, as winter let the land and the soul sit fallow for a few weeks, and the labor of the previous seasons was used for enjoyment or survival. Esoteric start of a message. Still, very apt for us as an organization.

November finds us at the Holiday Folk Fair again, for our 46th year as an organization. And in many ways, we started with this festival, prior to our founding. We will be the face of the Irish to the Milwaukee area again. We need help, and volunteers are always welcome. At a recent HFF meeting, what had shocked me was the fact that the Shamrock Club was one of the most vibrant and alive of the groups. We are still able to muster a sizable number of volunteers, and are one of the few groups that will be represented in all three areas, of food, sales and culture. So, please, help us make this weekend a success for us. It allows us to continue our role of helping other organizations and people in the area. If you can't work, buy tickets. There is info on how to do that in this issue. Or just call Muriel Crowley at (262) 782-4323.

Our Christmas party is coming as well. We will have the lower level of the ICHC on December 7, so make plans to attend, and please sign up ahead of time. It will be a potluck dinner, and we will ask people to bring desserts or side dishes. Kathy Donovan promises the best party yet.

The Celtic Boutique will also take place again this year at the Irish Fest Center. Under the guidance of Shamrock Club member Judie Finnegan, and sponsored by Irish Fest, it is a great way to get a jump on your Christmas shopping. The date is November 11. And the Tartan Ball, the Scottish social event of the year, will take place at the Tripoli Temple on November 4. Club member Tom Cobb, (414) 422-9235, is spearheading this event.

It is nice to see new members attending the meetings. We hope that our guest speakers and entertainers are to your liking. If you have any suggestions, e-mail me at [info@shamrockclubwis.com], or corner me at a meeting. And don't forget, for those hard to shop for members of your family, memberships in the Shamrock Club are perfect presents.

Julie Smith has agreed to become our special events coordinator. She has a number of plans up her sleeves. And she likes to travel.

The parade is coming, as well. A contingent of New York City police officers asked about marching in our parade for 2007. Reserve the date of March 10 to march and celebrate our Irish life. Speaking of marching, our Color Guard Pipes and Drums will rest for the winter. They will continue to practice,

practice, practice. Maybe Carnegie Hall is within their sights. So, if you didn't get a chance to see them in their St Laurence O'Toole vests and hats, you will have to come to a general meeting to see them spiffed up.

And our scholarship raffle will be facing new hurdles to leap. We can no longer mail out our raffle tickets, per state law. So, members will have to find ways for us to get the tickets into their hands. Also, the Quinlans have suggested we look for donated prizes, rather than using the funds we raise from the raffle as a payout. If anyone knows of someone who would like to give away trips, stays in resorts, or even expensive crystal, or if there are other ideas out there that haven't been mentioned, let me know, [info@shamrockclubwis.com].

The November board meeting will be at State Fair Park on Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy this first month of the new year. It can only get better.

– Brian Witt

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Shamrock Club of Rock County

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NOVEMBER** – No meeting
- **DECEMBER 12**– Christmas Party at the Janesville Senior Center

Our Christmas Party will be a Potluck. The meat, rolls and coffee will be furnished. If you do not want coffee, you can bring your own non-alcoholic beverage. As for the Potluck, everyone is to bring a salad or a dessert.

Bring a wrapped gift for the White Elephant gift exchange.

If you did not get to the October meeting, please try to get to our Christmas Party and meet our new officers and show your support. You might be surprised at how much fun it is to get involved in our club.

Scribe,

– Tom Kennedy

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Committee Updates

Audit Committee

The audit committee is set, and a review of the Shamrock Club finances will take place. In addition to myself, the committee consists of Trustees, Pat Fitzgibbons and Noreen Barclay, and members at large Bill Sherry and Ken Tehan. A report will be submitted once we have completed our work.
Submitted: Del Canon (414) 476-2595.

Bylaws Committee

As there were no suggested changes to the Shamrock Club bylaws, the biennial review and changes shall now be put to rest until June, 2008.
Submitted: Ed Mikush, Bylaws Committee Chair.

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Hallamor Concert #3

The Celtic Fiddle Festival Sat., November 11, 2006

The Celtic Fiddle Festival is made up of three great individual fiddle stylists who showcase their regional repertoires, and then join together to conjure an astounding musical experience. The Washington Post called them “three of the finest folk violinists anywhere.”

Kevin Burke plays the the highly ornamented style of County Sligo, Ireland. Christian Lemaître honed his skills playing the hypnotic Breton melodies. André Brunet plays the infectiously rhythmic tunes of Quebec. These three combine their musical traditions and spontaneous humor for an evening of dazzling energy and subtle grace. They are joined by gifted guitarist and singer, Ged Foley.

Opening Act 7 p.m.: Steel Bonnets

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center
2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue; Milwaukee, WI
414-345-8800

Tickets: Advance/reserved \$19, \$21 Day of Concert

– Gwen Sisk

Color Guard News and Notes

November is the time we put our season to bed and dream of what 2007 has to offer.

I panic at this time of year when I think I'll have nothing exciting for you to read about, and I'll have to resort to writing about my sewing projects. Luckily, we still have a lot going on, so you're spared the sewing drivel. Here goes...

Practices continue at the ICHC on Tuesdays. We're working on approximately six new tunes for next year. We're also busy teaching some MORE new piping and drumming students... I'm positive they will be ready by the green season!

I'm also very proud of the time the group donated to the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall in late September. Many played or stood honor guard Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday for this heartfelt event and were thanked over and over again for their participation. My hats off to all who were there.

We will be collecting donations of money and food approximately one week before Thanksgiving to give to St. Patrick's Church Food Drive and around December 14th, we will be collecting gently used jackets, gloves, hats, shirts etc. for St. Patrick's Christmas clothing drive. This tradition started many years ago with the original members of the Color Guard and we're honored to continue it for them.

October saw us in the last of our season's parades in Mayville and Sister Bay Festival. If you've never been to that festival, mark it on your calendars for next year. We'd be glad to have you along for the fun weekend. Speaking of marking your calendars, a few things come to mind that you shouldn't miss.

- The Tartan Ball November 4th, held at the Tripoli Temple. An event not to miss.
- Tartan Day Parade April 14, 2007 New York City, NY . I was in attendance last year as this grand city hosted a celebration of all that's best about Scotland. The US Senate designated April 6th as National Tartan Day in 1998 to honor "the outstanding contribution of millions of Scottish-Americans to our great nation" and the House of Representatives passed a similar resolution in 2005. The significance of April 6th dates back to the 1320 signing of the Declaration of Arbroath, which was the model for the American Declaration of Independence. New York City has celebrated Tartan Day since 1999 and, every year, the amount of activities has increased to the point that it is now referred to as Tartan Week. Just think, 2000 pipers marching down 6th Avenue. I'll see you there!

Asides;

- WELCOME to new members and future pipers Shawn of Clan Culver, and Master John Cobb of Clan Cobb. This seven year old is following in his brother Nathan's footsteps and will be one to watch in the future. Also a very warm welcome to David Culver's mom, as she is the newest member of the Color Guard.

- Congrats to Dan McCormack on his promotion to pipe sergeant.

- Welcome back to Rich and Malkin after their vacation in San Antonio.

Have a safe and very Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Until December my Celtic kitties;

– Noel Tylla, 3rd year piper

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Nominations For Irish Honorees

Nominations for the Irishman of the Year, Irish Rose, and Parade Marshal will be taken in December and January. Nominations must be in by the January board meeting. Each nominee must be a club member to be eligible. Send nominations to Shamrock Club, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

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Celtic Women First Fridays

DATE: Nov. 3, 2006

TOPIC: "Saint Margaret of Scotland, the Consummate Celtic Woman"

SPEAKER: Pete Kucik

Wife, mother, queen, saint, political innovator, international businesswoman, religious reformer, and friend to the poor and oppressed; she was the epitome of the Celtic Woman. Scotland emerged from a tribal chieftanship a medieval kingdom under her influence. And she won the hearts and loyalty of those she tried to reform! November 16 is her Saint's Day. "Pete" is currently president of the Robert Burns Club and edits their newsletter.

DATE: Dec. 1, 2006

TOPIC: "Celtic Women Christmas Social"

MUSIC: Bantry Bay, Bonnee Beth

This evening is devoted to Celtic Christmas delights including music by Milwaukee's own Bantry Bay, consisting of Patrick Daspit, Amy Otis Wilborn and Bonnee Beth. We will be entertained as they perform lively traditional dance tunes, beautiful ballads, fun songs and other silliness. Their repertoire includes Celtic melodies from Ireland, Scotland, Cornwall and North America. Also on hand are great original craft tables with hand-made items for your shopping, plus cookies, candy and other treats brought by you. Perhaps a surprise or two on the program. You never know!

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Christmas Party 2006

Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the ICHC. We will again be using all of the lower level of the building. The Shamrock Club will be providing meat as well as beverages. We are asking members whose last names start with A to N to bring a side dish, of vegetables or salads, and from O to Z to bring desserts.

We will again have entertainment from Santa Claus and the Irish Fest Choir. Reservations will be needed, so please sign up in advance. For reservations and information, call Kathy Donovan at (414) 647-1944.

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Join the Shamrock Club

Why should you join? Because we really would like you to help us in our celebration of Irish life. You will be a part of one of the most historied and distinguished Irish organizations in this country. But we don't want to rest on our laurels. After a half century, we are just getting started. And we really want you to help us make the next half even better. Join. You know you have been putting it off, so now is the time to take the step. For the first time, or again.

Yes, I want to join the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin!!

___ Family \$25 ___ Single \$20

___New ___ Rejoin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Chapter: _____

Note: This membership form for the Shamrock Club is for Milwaukee, Rock County and New Dublin chapters at the \$20/\$25 rate. Other chapters have higher dues structures and must be contacted seperately.

Mail to: Milwaukee Membership Chair

Tom Smith
1107 S. 26th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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St. Patrick's Help Fund

St. Patrick's Help Fund is in desperate need of non-perishable foods. Please place in container at each meeting. However, donations can be brought to the ICHC any time during the week. Questions? Call Katy Voss (414) 352-6479.

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New Members

NOTE: Please send your dues to your Membership Chairperson in your chapter. All names and addresses are listed in Emerald Reflections.

Milwaukee: Sean Cavanagh; Mary Culver; David Culver; Clayton Culver; Michelle and Jeffrey Fanning; Tim and Maura Heck; Mary Lee Layde; John

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