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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin 2011–12 Candidates' Statements (Milwaukee)

The 2011 Elections for the Milwau-kee chapter will take place on Thurs-day, May 5, from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Here are the candidates for the following offices:

- President: Josh Walton
- Vice President: Kathy Donovan
- Treasurer: John Fisher
- Trustee: Pam Canon, Mary Jo Kauffman
- Parliamentarian: Malkin Wallace, Brian Sneed
- Secretary: Mary Culver
- Membership: Denis Donohoe
- Sergeant At Arms: Glenn Nowak

President: Josh Walton

I first joined the Shamrock Club in 1973 and have been a volunteer for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Folk Fair, Bradley Center, the annual picnic and was chairperson the 50th Anniversary Committee. I previously have been elected to the offices of Parliamentarian and Trustee.

I have served as your president for the last year and would be honored to serve the club for one more year.

Vice President: Kathy Donovan

It is a great honor to be nominated as vice president of the Shamrock Club. I was named the 2009 Irish Rose for the Shamrock Club. My husband Bob and I have been members for about nine years. In that time I have helped organize the Shamrock Club picnic, volunteered at Folk Fair, and have helped in the transportation trailer for Irish Fest. I have helped work and organize the raffle for the Emerald Society fundraiser for the Brendan Heart Fund for the past couple of years. I have been a

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board member for the Shamrock Club for four years. Two of those years I was sergeant at arms. I am currently serving my first term as vice-president.

Parliamentarian: Malkin Wallace

After 28 years away from Milwaukee, I returned home, and ended up joining the Shamrock Club on my return. I became a proud flag carrying member of the Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. I ran the Post Parade Party in 2007 and 2008. I have also served as sergeant at arms for two years. I believe in giving back to the community, and I feel that as secretary, I can do that for the members of this club. Outside of the Shamrock Club, I'm a full time realtor with Shorewest Realtors.

Treasurer: John Fisher

I have been treasurer for the past two years. My wife Mary and I have also been judging the St. Pat's parade for many years as well as working at many other events of the club. I am a retired Customer Services manager of the US Postal Service. I am involved in the Ulster Project, Friends of St. Patrick Center and the Bay View Historical Society. I am currently the president of the St. Joseph's Benevolent Society, as I have been for over 20 years following Josh Walton. I have five children, including my youngest son, Tom, who is pursuing a PHD in Celtic Studies at the University of Ireland-Galway.

Sergeant at Arms: Glenn Nowak

Although I have only been a member of the Shamrock Club for 2.5 years, I along with my wife Kim have helped for many years on the shirt tails of my in-laws, Tom and Gail McAleese.

I have helped at Holiday Folk Fair, Irish Fest, Post Parade Party, Sales Booth and as an Usher for Hallamor concerts. I am a member of the color guard, along with my son Jacob, the membership sub-committee, and have been Veronica Ceszynski's apprentice for the past year. When not involved with Irish activities I am a Coach for Special Olympics in Wauwatosa.

Trustee: Pam Canon

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club ever since moving to Milwaukee 23 years ago. During this time I have been a very active volunteer at the Holiday Folk Fair (22 years) working in all areas over the years, including serving as the Cultural Chairperson. I have also volunteered at the Post Parade Party, Irish Fest, and am a current member of the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums. For the past 12 years I have been very active in the Irish Dance community, serving as a board member for several Irish dance schools, volunteering for many events and fundraisers, and also working on the organizing committees for both the Cream City Feis and the Milwaukee Spring Feis.

Outside of the Club, I have been married to Del for 23 years, and

have a beautiful daughter, Erin. I have worked for Metro Business Publications for 11 years as the Business Manager. I am proud to be a member of the Shamrock Club and am honored to be nominated for the office of Trustee.

Trustee: Mary Jo Kaufmann

Mary Jo Kaufmann has been involved with the Irish Community for more than 12 years, beginning with an invitation to sing in the Irish Fest Peace & Justice Choir. She sang for two years, then was asked by Director Bob Harrold, to play fiddle, which she has been doing ever since. This also lead to singing for the AOH fundraiser masses held in October, and the Shamrock Club Choir for the St. Patrick's Day masses for the last 10 years. She was finally persuaded, via Mary Culver and Brian Witt, to join the Shamrock Club three years ago. Since then, she and her friend, Alonzo, have been volunteering for the Irish Fest set up, first with the Grounds Crew and then settling into the Cultural Area. They have also helped with the Shamrock Club at Holiday Folk Fair and the Post-Parade Party. She has also played for this year's Easter Rising Mass on April 24.

Membership Chair: Denis Donohoe

I am honored to be re-nominated for the Membership Chair and continue following in the footsteps of a great friend, Tom Smith.

My wife, Karen (married 35 years, to each other) and I have been members of the Shamrock Club many years, helped to recruit members like Pete and Dawn Fleming plus others, and volunteered behind the scenes on many activities and events. I have lived in Milwaukee practically my whole life, and have volunteered in leadership positions for many organizations in the last 25 years such as the Boy Scouts of America, church organizations, professional societies, and Irish Fest. I work for DexM Corporation in Pewaukee as the Business Systems Manager in charge of all computer systems and software. I look forward to continuing to provide my services, talents and experience to enhancing and increasing the Shamrock Club membership.

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State Advisory Board Meeting

The next Shamrock Club State Advisory Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, May 7 at noon at the new Dublin Square Irish Pub & Eatery, on the corner of 3rd and Main St., downtown La Crosse.

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New Dublin News



New Dublin Irish Rose Melissa Mulroy and Irish Man of the Year Patrick Sullivan



New Dublin Parade Marshals Tony and Lorraine Van Kampen

The Shamrock Club of New Dublin enjoyed sunny skies for our 27th Annual Parade on March 19. A record crowd of 4,100 enjoyed the Irish Festival where Sheamus Fitzpatrick and Reilly entertained the crowds. The inaugural year of the New Dublin Dash was a huge success with 600 registered runners, many competing in costumes. The runners ending their race just before the beginning of our parade and right on the parade route, much to the delight of parade goers. This years dignitaries; Irish Rose Melissa Mulroy, Irish Man Patrick Sullivan, and Parade Grand Marshals Tony and Lorraine Van Kampen lead the parade of 124 entries into downtown New Dublin where they were greeted by a crowd of over 25,000 spectators. It was a great day for New Dublin!

Next on the Shamrock Club agenda is the nomination of officers. Nominations are open from April until June, with elections taking place in June. These are two year commitments.

The Shamrock Club will also again be down at the Oshkosh Irish Festival (June 3-5) at the Guinness Tent serving up your favorite Irish porters.

We meet the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. the Midtown Pub and Grill in downtown New London. New members are always welcome.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Greetings and Happy Mothers Day,

Spring has finally arrived which means activities are just starting to heat up for the club.

Our Soccer and Hurling teams will be taking to the fields shortly. Please support them.

Our annual picnic is just around the corner, please reserve Saturday, June 18 at Sacred Heart Parish. Pete and Dawn Fleming promise plenty of surprises, music, games for all and the best raffle baskets under the sun. So pack your sun screen, your meal and a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

The Shamrock Club Color Guard and Pipes and Drums start their summer parade season. Wave and shout as they pass by, showing your support.

The Easter Rising Mass was again a hugely attended event. Thanks again to Fr. Terry Brennan who celebrated the Mass, to Brian Witt and his coordinators and to Veronica Ceszynski and her set up and kitchen crew for the splendid breakfast. It's great to see so many members and their families on Easter. It would be even greater if they would be seen at a meeting or two during the year.

Speaking of meetings, don't forget the elections are being held at the May meeting. The Club has a number of contested elections so please read each of the candidates bios (found elsewhere in *Reflections*) and cast an informed ballot.

The Scholarship raffle drawing will take place at the May meeting so get your tickets in. Thanks to Sandy Quinlan and the Quinlan family who each year head this worthwhile endeavor.

Another homework assignment, please read the proposed changes to the by-laws and be prepared to discuss and vote on them.

Finishing off the evening, the Club will be entertained by Dave Culver and his jazz combo performing in their unique style. Gentleman dont forget dinner is on us.

See you at the next meeting,

– Josh Walton, President joshwalton1@yahoo.com

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Shamrock Club Picnic

“A Wee Bit Of Ireland”

Saturday June 18

Noon – 5 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church • 917 N. 49

Everyone Will Be Bringing Their Own Sandwiches and a Dish to Pass. Shamrock Members A-N Should Bring an Entrée and 0-Z a Dessert.

We Will Have Two Irish Bands, Fire & Police Pipes And Drums, Glencastle Irish Dancers.

We Will Have Games For Adults And Children

Come And Enjoy “A Day For The Irish”

Peter And Dawn Fleming (414) 687-2049

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Shamrock Club Singers About Town

The following members of the Shamrock Club Singers, Mary Culver, Sean Cavanaugh, Dave Culver, Clay Culver, Dawn and Peter Fleming, Dan and Patti Stotmeister, Julie Smith, and Josh Walton came together at the Hart Park Square Senior Apts on March 16. This was an encore performance of our appearance there in December. We were asked to be there again in March. The residents were treated to singing and musical performances, with a wonderful vocal solo by Patti, who accompanied herself. They were treated to a few stories and a tin whistle medley by Dan, group singing by all others, and a display of instrumental expertise by Sean and Dave. Sean wowed the crowd with his knowledge of the tin whistle, flute, highland pipes, and the uilleann pipes. Dave’s drum solo was very well received, and duets by the brothers were an additional treat.

This small gift from the Shamrock Club to this most appreciative audience, was extremely satisfying to all of us, and we've been urged to return again. We do hope more of our talented members will join us, if just to hear the applause.

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Veronica's Cupboard

May is the month we honor our mothers. So, this month we ask the men step up and bring treats to supplement the assortment of sandwich meats and cheeses we'll have ready. What really pleases your wife? If you don't have a wife, what food can you bring that would attract the attention of a lady you'd like to please? It's also Cinco de Mayo? so anything with a Mexican flavor is also welcome.

Here, gentlemen, are some ideas: crunchy salads with fruit, leafy salads with lots of veggies; desserts with ladyfingers? and don't forget chocolate!

Remember, this is Election night, so finger food is always welcome. There'll be time to mingle, relax, and enjoy the Shamrock crowd while awaiting results. Of course, you can call Veronica for more ideas or suggestions: (414) 228-8621.

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Milwaukee Hurling Club Opens May 15

The Milwaukee Hurling Club is gearing up for the 2011 season opening day on May 15 at Brown Deer Park, located at Good Hope and Range Line Roads. We will have our draft in May. The slotar drops at 11:30 a.m. We will again have both youth and coed leagues.

You can get updates at our website, [<http://hurling.net>], or follow us on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/Milw_Hurling].

This is the Shamrock Club's 12th season as a team sponsor.

– **Andy McKee**

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Milwaukee Celtic Opening Day May 1

Join the The Milwaukee Celtic Soccer Team for opening day on Sunday, May 1. We will be playing USA Palermo at Polonia, 110 and Loomis Road, at 12:30 p.m. May 8 finds us playing United Serbian at Serb Hall, 51 and Oklahoma. On May 15, we play Serbians SC at Caledonia, 13th and Oakwood. May 22 has us hosting the Milwaukee Brewers at Brown Deer HS. And June 5 finds us against the Milwaukee Kickers at Uileihn Field. We play in the Shamrock Club colors and are proud members of the Club. All matches are at 12:30 p.m.

– Kevin Hooley and Al Moss

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Celtic Women First Friday Lectures



Joseph Spence Sr.

Date: May 6, 2011

Topic: “The Awakened One Celtic Poetics”

Speaker: Joseph S. Spence Sr. [trilogypoetry@yahoo.com]

Joseph S. Spence, Sr. is the author of *The Awakened One Poetics* (2009), and the co-author of *Trilogy Moments for the Mind, Body and Soul* (2006), and *A Trilogy of Poetry, Prose and Thoughts for the Mind, Body and Soul* (2004). His book, *Trilogy Moments for the Mind, Body and Soul* won the 2009

Best Christian Poetry Award from Christian Story Tellers, and *The Awakened One Poetics* won 2nd place in the Critters Writers Workshop 2009 Best Author's Pool. Spence invented the Epulaeryu Poetry form. Some of his writings have appeared in various forums including: *Cram 7 Chicago Poetry*, *Sound of Poetry Review*, *Möbius Poetry*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Poetinis Druskinink?*, *Phoenix*, *Harvest of New Millennium*, *The Rubicon*, *Word Catalyst*, *Burns Chronicle*, and *Taj Mahal Review*. Spence is a college adjunct faculty and has served over 20 with the U.S. Army. He is a Goodwill Ambassador for the state of Arkansas, and is a recipient of the 2006 Poetry Ambassador Medal from The International Library of Poetry and the Daughter's of the American Revolution Award from Howard University as the Distinguished Military Graduate for his class. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and Phi Theta Phi Honor Societies. He embraces his paternal Scottish ancestry, and is a member of the Robert Burns Club of Milwaukee and the St. Andrew's Society of the City of Milwaukee. His website is [www.epulaeryu.org] and [www.TheAwakenedOnePoetics.Com].

All lectures are held from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Greene Hall, 3347 N. Downer Ave. on the UWM campus. Plenty of meter street parking at the door with a wheel chair access ramp. This is our 14th year of lectures without interruption. The public is invited as always. We offer tea and wonderful home-made snacks and promise a delightful couple of hours. \$7 admission.

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Celtic Women

International Spring Gathering

The Celtic Women International Spring Gathering will take place April 29 to May 1 at the Irish Cottage in Galena, Illinois.

For more information, please call Gail McAleese at (414) 536-5306 or email her at [mcaleese@wi.rr.com]. You can also go to the CWI website at [<http://www.celticwomen.org/conferences.htm>]

– **Gail McAleese**

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Andrea Beaton and

Nuala Kennedy At the ICHC on May 21

With their furious fiddling, enchanting flute, gorgeous singing and high-energy step dancing, Andrea Beaton and Nuala Kennedy will bring serious girl power to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. This will be a return trip for the duo, who have previously performed at the ICHC with *Nova Scotia Traditions*. Backing Beaton and Kennedy on guitar is Louis-Charles Vigneau from Canada's Prince Edward Island band *Vishtën*.

Pre-concert music in Quinlan's Pub from 6:30-7:15 p.m. performed by *Atlantic Wave*. One of Southeast Wisconsin's most popular Celtic bands, their style is built around the harmonizing fiddles of Kaitlin Hahn and Ed Paloucek with lead vocals and guitar by Barry Houlehen and additional vocals and percussion by John Karr.

Originally from Ireland and now living in Scotland, Kennedy combines traditional and original material from both countries in a musically dynamic way and is recognized for her eclectic cross-genre work. *Rhythms Magazine* said that she beguiles with "a voice as luminous as her flute playing." Kennedy's second album, *Tune In*, was voted among the top 10 traditional albums of 2010 by the *Irish Times*.

Coming from Cape Breton's extraordinary musical tradition as well as generations of musical Beatons and MacMasters (well-known fiddler Natalie MacMaster is a cousin), Beaton is making a name for herself with the power of her bow, the drive and swing of her timing, and the crispness of her attack. Her most recent album *Branches* won the 2010 East Coast Music Award in the Instrumental Recording of the Year category.

Beaton, Kennedy and Vigneau will present workshops in fiddle, flute/whistle, guitar and Cape Breton song and step dance during two sessions from 1-3:45 p.m. on May 21 at the ICHC. The fee is \$25 for each workshop or \$40 for two with discounts for groups of five or more. For information and to register, call (262) 370-3686 e-mail [kaitlinhahn@earthlink.net].

Tickets for the show are \$19 in advance and \$23 the day of concert with discounts for students and groups. To order online, visit [www.ichc.net]. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

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Irish Fest Summer School

The Green Season has wound down, but not Irish-related events to look forward to! The 25th Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School is shaping up to be another stellar experience?just take a peek at our website:

[<http://www.irishfest.com/schools/summerschool.php>].

Some exciting additions to our faculty include:

The members of *Fidil* –Aidan O Donnell, Ciarán Ó Maonaigh, and Damien Mc Geehan–will teach a special three day Donegal fiddle class! Each of them will teach an intermediate and advanced class through the week. This is an extraordinary opportunity to immerse yourself in the Donegal fiddle tradition!

Nodlaig Brolly will teach harp!

Patricia A. Lynch of *West Side Victorian Dancers* will teach a class on American Civil War era social dances!

Derek Warfield to teach three classes about the history of Irish songs, including Irish songs of the American Revolution!

Registration opened in April , including the option to pay for classes online! Keep your eyes on the website for special early bird deals and scheduling information!

– Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School Committee

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Celtic Roots – May 21

Whitefish Bay High School Theater

Join us for a beautiful evening of traditional Irish music, song and dance, featuring former *Riverdance* principal stars Sean Beglan and Nora Corrigan. Let the bring you across the Atlantic ocean for a truly Irish experience. The voices of Mary Vey and Derek Byrne, formerly of *Riverdance* will sing many age old Irish songs accompanied by the live music of Milwaukee's own *Athas*. Guest appearance from *Danceworks*. An evening not to be missed! For wheelchair access please call (414) 228-1212 and leave a message. [<http://www.celticroots.com>].

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Rhapsody in Blue 2011

May 14, DSHA High School

Rhapsody in Blue is *Cashel Dennehy's* annual all school recital. Boasting dancers from Beginner to Championships, this 90 minute show is full of incredible choreography and amazing dancers.

The event will be held at DSHA High School, 4257 North 100th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222.

Once again this year we will be having two show, at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$6 for children. For ticket information, please contact Deb Bryant at [bryantdb@sbcglobal.net] or call (414) 744-2156.

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Chuck Ward Honored May 14

The Milwaukee Parks Commission will honor Chuck Ward on May 14 at Veterans Park, next to the War Memorial. The ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Members of the Shamrock Club are invited to join them.

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45th Annual Shamrock Club Scholarship Raffle

- Grand Prize: \$1000
- 1st Prize: Brown Deer Golf Package
- 2nd Prize: ICHC Concert Series
- 3rd Prize: four Waterford Glasses with 12 year old bottle of Jameson
- 4-7th Prizes: Overnight stays at the Ambassador Hotel, County Clare, The Irish Cottage, Galena, and St Brendan's Inn, Green Bay

Drawing May 5, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

\$5 each – three for \$10 – six for \$20 – nine for \$30

For tickets, call (414) 571-0722 or (414) 690-0722

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ICHC Ceilis

The Irish Cultural and Heritage Center has released its list of Ceilis for winter/spring. Entrance fee is \$8 Adults; \$5 Students / Seniors / Children. All proceeds benefit the ICHC. For more information please call Julie Clark at (414) 489-1110.

- May 6 – áthas
- May 21 – Myserk
- June 3 – Nancy Maio & Jim McVeigh

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Milwaukee April Membership News

Please welcome the following new member joining in March of this year; Kathy Erwin. Please be sure to extend some warm conversations with Kathy during our spring season this year. We also had 31 membership renewals in the Milwaukee chapter during March.

As of March 31, the Milwaukee Chapter has 383 members with 175 family, 189 single, and 19 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships. Statewide our membership totals 497 members where the others receive a copy of our *Emerald Reflections* newsletter with a reduced fee of \$14.

As we approach summer, please contact friends and other family members and tell them of the mission and fun that the Shamrock Club has and get them to join and participate in our events, fundraising and volunteering.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before May 31 for those who's expire on or before 5/31/2011.

We hope you can attend our May meeting and see you soon. You need to have a current membership in order to vote for our Board Members in May.

– Denis Donohoe, Member. Chair

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Donate to the Shamrock Club

The Shamrock Club is a 501(C) (3) corporation. If you donate to us, you can write this off on your taxes. Donate to our Scholarship fund, our general fund, or to the parade. Thank you!

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Members' Doings

Congratulations to Colleen Jaskulski on being selected to the National Honor Society. Colleen is a junior at Whitnall High School, and the daughter of Bill and Bridget Jaskulski.

Maeve Smith will be competing at the world's dance competition in Ireland representing the Kennelly-Whelan Irish dancers from San Francisco. She will be accompanied by her mother Kathleen and grandfather, Don Braten. They will be meeting there with Colleen and Bridget Jaskulski who will be in attendance also representing *Glencastle Irish Dancers*.

On May 13 Tom and Sharon Gleason will celebrate their 50th anniversary. In April their son Howard and granddaughter Meghan went to Ireland for her graduation, then on to MSOE.

Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin also celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss in April.

Wedding bells ring for Annie Blaha and Peter Lakatos on May 6. She is the daughter of Maggie and the late Tom Blaha. Bobby Glowinski, son of ICHC director Kris Pluskota, tied the knot in Las Vegas, where he and his new bride live.

Chris Brust will graduate from college in May. This will free him up for more world travel.

If you have done anything you want us to know about, send it to [Membersdoings @shamrockclubwis.com].

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Sunshine Club

Catherine Donovan had back surgery and is recuperating at home. Tim O'Brien had surgery – do not have an update on him. Gail Neville had back surgery and is recovering nicely. Derry Hegarty is in the hospital.

They all need our prayers and good wishes. Thanks for your kind thoughts.

If you have any news for the Sunshine Club, please call me at (414) 344-0688. I have a new email address. Please note: [slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com].

– **Maggie Blaha**

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