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## Glasnevin Cemetery

*by Joan Kapp Kreuser*

Ireland's largest cemetery, Glasnevin Cemetery in Dublin, is the final resting place for more than 1.5 million people. Created by Daniel O'Connell in 1832 as a cemetery where all people, regardless of religion, could be buried, it quickly became the main Catholic Cemetery in Ireland. Prior to its creation, there were no Catholic graveyards in Dublin. This was the result of the evil Penal Laws, which restricted the civil and religious rights of Catholics.

In 1831, the original acreage was consecrated by Monsignor Yore and five months later Michael Carey of Dublin became the first person interred there. In the time before the creation of Glasnevin, Catholics were buried in Protestant cemeteries with limited funeral services.

The cemetery was originally named Prospect Cemetery and covered nine acres. Today, renamed Glasnevin, the cemetery covers over 120 acres.

Who is buried there? Well, there is not enough space here to list the more than 1.5 million names, but numbered among them are himself, the great Daniel O'Connell, Charles Steward Parnell, Brendan Behan, Maude Gonne, Michael Collins, Éamon deValera, many of Ireland's revolutionary heroes, and perhaps an ancestor or two of some of Wisconsin's own Irish.

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*(photo courtesy of Peter Donegan Landscaping)*

A specially built Round Tower in the ancient style stands over the grave of the great liberator Daniel O'Connell (all but his heart which at his request is buried at Irish College in Rome) and his family. It was constructed in 1860 and at 171 feet is the tallest Round Tower of that style in Ireland.

Students of history and architecture and Ireland, and that includes most if not all of us, will find the changing style of death monuments/tomb stones in the cemetery fascinating. There are simple high and low stone monuments, large and small walled crypts, modest and elaborate Celtic crosses, and simple and elaborate Italian marble monuments of more recent years. Because of the cemetery's age, there is rubble, desolation and abandonment of crumbling and broken monuments. Some restoration of grave sites is being done, but this is a large and time-consuming activity.

The high walls with watch towers surrounding the cemetery were built to deter body snatchers in 19th century Dublin. The Royal Academy of Surgeons and schools of anatomy required bodies for research to improve their scientific knowledge, and vast numbers of bodies were needed for this research. Until passage of the Anatomy Act in 1832, bodies for research were limited to executed criminals. Thus the business of robbing cemeteries for recent burials sprang up. As well as high walls constructed to keep the Resurrectionists (the name given grave robbers) out, straw was often added to the soil to make digging difficult, heavy stone slabs were laid on graves, and guard dogs roamed the cemeteries to keep graves intact. Additional walls were built as the cemetery expanded over the years.

Guided tours of Glasnevin Cemetery are available for a small fee, but you can also purchase a heritage cemetery map and guide yourself around the cemetery at your leisure.

A map of the cemetery can be found on the cemetery site listed below. It pinpoints some of the burial sites of writers and revolutionaries and includes short biographies of them.

Visit the cemetery at:

[<http://www.glasnevincemetery.ie/>]

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### **Milwaukee President's Message**

Greetings! It may be cold outside (finally) but things are heating up for the Shamrock Club.

Join us at our February general meeting for our 3rd annual Chili Cookoff. If you wish to participate please contact Glen Nowak. Be sure to get to the meeting early to ensure that you can get a bowlful and bring a side, a dessert or some chili fix'ins.

Also at the February meeting the membership will be introduced to this year's honorees. Be there to congratulate the class of 2012 and thank the past honorees for an outstanding job that Malkin Wallace, Parade Marshal, Patsy Grimes Tierney, Irish Rose and Bob Towne, Irishman of the Year, did in representing our Club this past year.

On Saturday, March 10 our annual Mass in honor of St. Patrick will be held 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church. A breakfast will again be served by the Victory Church, at the ICHC following Mass. The 46th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in conjunction with the Westtown Association kicks off at noon from 3rd and Wisconsin. Following the parade join us for live entertainment, food and beverages at the ICHC hosted by our soccer team. Updates on the day's events will be presented by Chuck McLaughlin, Mass Coordinator, Denis Donohoe, Parade Production Manager and Mike Boyle, Parade Manager.

The Scholarship raffle will soon be upon us. Sandy and Kevin Quinlan are again heading this endeavor which provides a monetary stipend to a college student of any age to pursue an Irish related study. Talking to students this past year at Irish Fest I was surprised by the number who were unaware that we had a scholarship program so please spread the word of the availability of such.

The Milwaukee Admirals have invited the Club to join them on Friday, February 24 for exciting action on the ice and a post-game concert by the *Dropkick Murphys*. A sign up sheet will be passed around and if enough members sign up, we will be entitled to reduced tickets.

Thanks to our Club members who volunteered for the ICHC Feis

held Sunday, January 22 at the Waukesha Expo Center. It is my understanding that they finished in time to enjoy the Packer's play off game.

Per the club's bylaws, at least two at-large club members are needed for the Finance Committee to prepare next year's budget which needs to be presented to the board of directors at the May meeting.

See you at the next meeting and bring along a prospective member.

– **Josh Walton, President**  
**joshwalton1@yahoo.com**

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### **Celtic Women First Fridays**



*Mary Todd Lincoln aka Jessica Michna*

DATE: February 3, 2012

TOPIC: Mary Todd Lincoln "In Person"

SPEAKER: Jessica I. Michna

(This appearance is sponsored by a generous Celtic Woman)

Mrs. Michna's performances are compelling and emotionally enthralling. Audiences laugh along with her humorous anecdotes about life in the White House. They share in her tears as she relates how the horrors of war have impacted the First Families. She has a powerful effect on an audience. Mrs. Lincoln's ancestors came from Ireland, Scotland and England.

Please join us for the February lecture in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Tea and treats are enjoyed as you relive the experiences of Mary Todd Lincoln. \$7 admission.

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.

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## **Shamrock Club Post-Parade Party**

2012 Entertainment Schedule

### **Hallamor**

2:00 – S.C. Pipes & Drums  
2:30 – Glencastle Irish Dancers  
3:15 – Trinity Irish Dancers  
4:00 – The Sandcarvers  
5:15 – Rince Nia Irish Dancers

### **Quinlan's Pub**

1:00 – Cuil A'Lin  
2:15 – Ian Gould  
3:30 – Ceol Cairde  
4:45 – Dublin O'Shea

### **Upstairs**

2:00 – Blarney  
3:15 – Caledonian Scottish Dancers  
3:45 – Blarney

### **Basement: Childrens Area**

3:00 Eileen O'Rourke: Leprechaun Stories  
4:15 Eileen O'Rourke: Leprechaun Stories

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## **27th Annual Mass In Honor of Saint Patrick**

**Saturday March 10, 2012 – 8:30 a.m.**

At St. Patrick's Church • 723 South 7th at Washington Street,  
Milwaukee

The Shamrock Club Choir will sing the liturgy. The Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums will pipe in the colors and stand as honor guard for the Mass. There will be a sign reader for hearing impaired. There are readings and songs in Irish and English.

If your Irish group is interested in being a part of the Mass, please

contact us. We will reserve a pew for you.

For more information, please contact Chuck McLaughlin at (414) 771-0458, or at [cmclaughlin3@wi.rr.com].

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## **Bus Service To Mass From ICHC**

We will again have bus service to/from the ICHC before and after the Mass. If you wish to reserve a spot on the bus, please contact Jack Noonan at (414) 769-9675.

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## **Donations For Flowers For The Mass**

We will again be collecting donations for flowers to be used at the Mass, and at the Easter Rising Mass. Please call Gail Neville at (414) 354-1355 for information. You can email her at [gailtacht@aol.com].

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## **Milwaukee Ballet Presents “Celts”**

The Milwaukee Ballet will present Lila York’s *Celts* at the Marcus Center for the Arts March 29 – April 1. *Celts* is a personal history of Ireland, blending Irish folk dancing with contemporary and award winning traditional Irish music from *The Chieftains*. Show times are Thursday – Saturday 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 p.m.

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## New Dublin Shamrock Club

Join us for Wisconsin's largest Saint Patrick's Day Parade and an Irish Fest on March 17, 2012 in downtown New London, Wisconsin. The legendary week of festivities begin when local Shamrock Club leprechauns change the town's name to 'New Dublin'.

The Grand Parade typically has a full lineup of well over 100 units of multiple bagpipe and marching bands, festive clowns, specialty units, clans, Finnegan's Wake, and business floats. Bring the whole family to watch this renowned event!

The New Dublin Irish Fest is a music festival held under a huge heated big top that each year features two dynamic Celtic bands. There are beverages, Irish food, and market booths. The 2012 bands are *Green Tea and Sheamus Fitzpatrick* and the *McNally Boys*.

St. Patrick's Day in New Dublin is a week-long celebration that includes an exciting schedule of weeknight activities too. They include; Irish caroling, Irish entertainment on stage, an Irish Céili gathering, and an Irish wake parody. Corned beef and cabbage is widely served in area restaurants and pubs.

**Mon., March 12.** Leprechaun Day. Leprechauns change the name of the town to New Dublin for the week, entertain kids, visit the elderly, and appear at various businesses.

**Tues., March 13.** Hooligan Day. Corned beef and cabbage is served throughout the week at Pup's Irish Pub on Hwy. 54 in North Dublin (Northport) and The Waters, Half Nelson's, and Hilby's in New Dublin as well as by many other fine local establishments.

**Wed., March 14.** Irish Caroling at St. Joseph Residence and Franklin Park apartments. It's a great way to learn all the traditional Irish sing-a-longs. Song sheets are provided. Meet in the lobby of St. Joseph's at 5 p.m.

**Thurs., March 15.** Irish Entertainment 7 p.m. at the New London High School auditorium. Talented artists from the New Dublin area present a moving evening of Irish entertainment on stage that features songs, dances, and the humor of Ireland. Also, the introduction of Irish Man and Irish Rose Jim and Ellen Clarke, Grand Marshals Mad Dog & Merrill, and Irish Lad & Lassie will be made. It's great family entertainment. Public invited. Free admission, donations appreciated.

**Fri., March 16.** Irish Céili. 7 p.m. at the Crystal Falls Banquet Facility. A traditional social gathering of friends and family for music and dance. Learn Irish dance steps. Bob Pillsbury will be the caller and the Ceili band is *The McGuinness Session Band*. Public

welcome. Free admission. • *Finnegan's Wake* 8 p.m. Begins at Pup's Irish Pub two miles west of New Dublin on Hwy. 54 in North Dublin (Northport) and proceeds to other local establishments. *Finnegan's Wake* is a parody of an Irish funeral.

**Sat., March 17** St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade 1 p.m. Downtown. Wisconsin's largest St. Patrick's Day parade includes an extensive lineup of bagpipe and marching bands, festive clowns, specialty units, clans, business floats, and more. Over 100 units. Prizes are awarded for the best entries.

New Dublin Irish Fest. March 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Two energetic Celtic bands perform. *Sheamus Fitzpatrick and the McNally Boys* will play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Green Tea from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.. Also, Irish food, beverages, and market booths. Held downtown under a huge heated tent by Festival Foods. Entrance to Irish Fest is \$5 for the day.

2012 New Dublin Dash. The 2nd annual New Dublin Dash will be Sat., March 17 before the grand parade. It is a two mile run/walk sponsored by Midwest Sports Events. Runners are asked to wear imaginative Irish costumes. Prizes are awarded.

For more information, check our website,  
[<http://newdublin.com/schedule.htm>]

– Carrie Katerzynske  
[ckaterzynske@mail.com](mailto:ckaterzynske@mail.com)

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## **Brendan Heart Fundraiser: March 4**

The Emerald Society of Wisconsin presents the Brendan Heart Benefit For Children's Hospital of Wisconsin on Sunday, March 4, 2012. It will run from noon until 6 p.m., at Derry Hegarty's Irish Pub, 5328 W. Bluemound Ave. The cost is \$5 at the door. The afternoon of music and fun features: Atlantic Wave; Ian Gould; Greater Milwaukee Fire Police Pipes Drums; The Glencastle Irish Dancers; Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. There will also be a Monster Raffle. For more information, go to the website: [<http://www.emeraldsociety.us>].

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## Irish Word Of the Month

### An Beal - the Mouth

Irish phrase: *Oscail do bheal agus ith do chuid bia.* (Oh-scale dough veal agus ith do quid bia.)

English translation: Open your mouth and eat your food.

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## Five Clues

We want to congratulate Mary Jo Kaufmann and Barbara Barnes for their tie in January's Five Clues. The correct answer was Brendan Behan. Close behind them were Tom Tibbals and Eamon O'Brien.

Here are the February clues:

1. I was born in Australia to an Irish emigrant father. After graduating from university, I played Australian Rules Football.
2. I left law school, and came to visit my brother in the States, as he was coaching at a Midwestern university. I joined his football team.
3. I achieved success and fame for my kicking ability, and received a unique nickname.
4. After graduating from law school, I coached at Notre Dame, Missouri, and Stanford.
5. I faked my death during World War One, and didn't reappear as myself until the 1930s.

If you know who our February person is, send us your answer to [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. We look forward to hearing from you! Address your answers to Five Clues.

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## Milwaukee Admirals Invite

I wanted to let your Shamrock Club of Milwaukee know about the Milwaukee Admirals game on February 24 that will feature a live post-game concert by the *Dropkick Murphys*. They are an Irish-

American punk rock band that puts on a great show for their fans. Since they are an Irish band, I thought that your chapter might want to enjoy this concert while also enjoying the Admirals game that takes place before.

If you could please let your chapter members know about this game and concert or anyone else that might be interested in attending this entertaining event by forwarding this e-mail, that would be great. Also if your chapter would want to get a group together for the game, we offer a discount price for groups of 10 or more. If you have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail or by phone. Both of those contacts are under my name.

Thank you so much and hopefully we will be able to see the Shamrock Club of Milwaukee at the game and concert on February 24! Take care.

– Nick Kamphuis,  
Milwaukee Admirals  
(414) 227 - 0550  
nkamphuis@milwaukeeadmirals.com

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## **Celtic Celebration with Eileen Ivers and MSO - March 23-25**

Just one evening with nine-time All-Ireland fiddle champion Eileen Ivers, and you'll change the way you think about the violin. Hailed as "the Jimi Hendrix of the violin" by *The New York Times*, Ivers leads a magical journey through the lively history and culture of the Emerald Isle. The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Pops conductor Marvin Hamlisch, will be presenting Eileen Ivers on March 23, 24, and 25 at Uihlein Hall at the Marcus Center for the Arts. The shows on March 23 and 24 are at 8 p.m., and the March 25 show is at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, go to the website [<http://www.mso.org>].

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## **Glenn's Corner Cupboard**

The Shamrock Club dinners before meetings continue. Here are the next few month's menu ideas:

February – Chili Cookoff. Please supply *all* of the items your chili needs, sour cream, cheese, onion, corn bread, etc. Bring chili ready to serve, or plan to get there early enough to get it hot. We will supply bowls and spoons. E-mail or call Glenn to let him know you will be making a chili so we have an idea how much space to set up for serving. [ganowak@wi.rr.com] or (414) 466-8060. If you don't want to make a chili bring a dessert to share.

– Glenn Nowak

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### **Milwaukee February Membership News**

Well we finally have some snow around here, but the best part of this winter is looking at all of the chili at our February meeting. But best of all is knowing that spring is just around the corner officially beginning on March 10 with our St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Milwaukee. I hope everyone can be there in the wonderful 70 degree sunny weather that is forecast for the day. It's one of the best times to encourage and recruit new members for the club.

Please welcome our new members in January: Jon and Thomas O'Rourke.

For January, we had 15 membership renewals and 7 membership drops from no-renewals in the Milwaukee chapter. As of February 1, the Milwaukee Chapter has 336 memberships with 148 families, 169 single, and 19 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships. Statewide our membership totals 442 memberships where the others receive a copy of our *Emerald Reflections* newsletter.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before February 28 for those who's expire on or before 2/28/2012. Also, check out the new Club apparel we have for sale.

See you at the next meeting.

– Denis Donohoe, Membership Chair

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## **Hallamor Concert Liz Carroll And Cormac McCarthy February 11, 2012**

The ICHC is proud to welcome Liz Carroll back to the Hallamór. This Chicago native astounded the Irish music world when she won the Senior All-Ireland Championship at age 18 and she has been amazing audiences across the globe ever since touring as a solo artist and with top bands including *Green Fields of America*. Liz has received numerous accolades including a 2010 Grammy Award nomination, along with guitarist John Doyle, for their album *Double Play*. In April, Liz was awarded the Cumadóir TG4 and became the first American-born composer to receive the traditional music prize from Ireland's Irish music television station.

Accompanying Liz is Cork-born composer and pianist Cormac McCarthy who began studying both traditional and classical music at an early age. He has earned degrees in piano performance and composition and is a graduate student in jazz studies at DePaul University in Chicago.

"Is she the best fiddler in the world? Many would say, 'Yes!' and receive little argument here or elsewhere." ? The Irish American News

Tickets are \$19 presale, \$21 day of the concert and \$15 for students. For more information, please call (414) 332-8521.

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## **Irish Band Bua In ICHC Parlour Saturday, Feb. 4**

Four of America's most talented young traditional Irish musicians will perform in the warm and intimate Parlour of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Based in Chicago and taking their name from the Irish word for victory, their music is strongly influenced by the *Bothy Band* and *Planxty*, both seminal Irish groups of the 1970s. They have performed at many of the most prestigious Irish festivals in North America including Milwaukee Irish Fest, Boston's Irish

Connections Festival, the Dublin Irish Festival, and the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival, among many others. Individually, they have shared the stage with a who's who of the top Irish musicians.

Brian Ó hAirt's evocative singing, often in Irish Gaelic, is central to *Bua's* unique sound. He plays concertina and also adds *sean-nós* dance to performances. Sean Gavin is *Bua's* instrumental "heart" with an ornate, driving style on flute and uilleann pipes while Devin Shepherd is known for a sophisticated and exciting fiddle style. Guitarist Brian Miller provides instrumentals on guitar and Greek bouzouki as well as backing vocals.

"*Bua* draws from the rough-and-tumble world of American Irish music. Tunes played in smoky dancehalls rather than fancy concert halls? a world largely forgotten in today's overly polished Irish music world? where the high-gloss of mega-tours? have largely blinded the public to the power of Irish trad." – No Depression

General admission tickets are \$12 and are available at the door. For more information, go to [www.ichc.net] or call (414) 332-8521.

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### **David Francey At Irish Fest Center February 11**

Canadian singer-songwriter David Francey will deliver the news in an eloquent, engaging, witty, no frills, and sometimes provocative format when he showcases his ninth album, *Late Edition*, during a concert at the Irish Fest Center, 1532 Wauwatosa Ave., at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Recorded live in Nashville, Tenn., and produced by music legend Kieran Kane (who also provides back-up vocals and instrumentals), the 12 original songs exemplify Francey's pared down yet beautiful words and down-to-earth style. The collection includes deeply personal "news" such as the sweet ballad "Grateful," which is dedicated to his wife.

The album's title is also a nod to Francey's days as a newspaper delivery boy in Ayershire, Scotland, before he emigrated to Canada with his parents when he was 12. After winning his first JUNO (the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy) in 2002, Francey left a 20-year career swinging a hammer as a carpenter on construction sites to concentrate on being a performing artist.

Along with a third JUNO in 2008, Francey has won numerous prestigious awards including the 2010 John Lennon Songwriting

Contest.

Advance tickets are \$15 and \$18 at the door. For tickets and more information, call (414) 332-8521 or e-mail [kathy@turkeyhollow.com].

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## Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., for family Irish dancing at its best! Beginners and all ages welcome. Instruction begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 p.m.

The dances are called, and direction is given, by two of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy on Fridays and Julie Clark on Saturdays.

### February – March 2012

- Fri., February 3 – *Myserk*
- Sat., February 18 – *Ceol Cairde*
- Fri., March 2 – *RíRá*
- Sat., March 17 – *Cream City Ceili*

Entrance is \$8 Adults, and \$5 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

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## Members' Doings

Cathy Ward, Colleen Kennedy and Lori Dahm recently spent a week in Las Vegas.

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

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## Sunshine Club

John Shefchik died recently. He is survived by wife Kelly, and daughter Anne, as well as other children and grandchildren. Jack Suite's mom died Dec. 31. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any news for the Sunshine Club, please call me at (414) 344-0688 or send e-mail to: [slainte4142 z-shamrock@yahoo.com].

– Maggie Blaha

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