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Saint Patrick – The Inside Story

by Brian Witt

We all know that Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Kidnapped as a boy, he lived as a swineherd in the North, and after six years he walked the length of the island, and caught a boat back to Britain, where he was reunited with his family, and entered the Church. When Saint Patrick came back to Ireland, he was able to convert Ireland to Christianity in a very short period of time. He used the shamrock to emphasize the three persons in one Godhead, a concept familiar to the Celts he was living among.

Those are the things we all know. But, there are many things that you may not have known about the patron saint of the Irish.

The conversion process was a bit confusing at first. Such was the case of the baptism of King Aengus by Patrick in the middle of the fifth century. Sometime during the rite, St. Patrick leaned on his sharp-pointed staff and inadvertently stabbed the king's foot. After the baptism was over, St. Patrick looked down at all the blood, realized what he had done, and begged the king's forgiveness. "Why did you suffer this pain in silence?" Patrick asked. The king replied, "I thought it was part of the ritual."

Patrick may not have rid the island of snakes, but he may have destroyed tourist traffic in the Northwest. He was said to have killed a fierce lake monster in County Donegal. After he had killed it, the blood turned the lake red and so since then the lake has been known as Red Lake or Lough Derg. It is now a pilgrimage place and many people go there in hope of expunging sins. However, the possibility of finding the cousin of the Loch Ness monster is now out of the picture.

Patrick had a temper. He was refused the right to graze his oxen, so he cursed the field and caused it to sink under the sea, making it useless for cultivation. He also once cured a blind man, but another man who laughed at the blind gent promptly went blind himself.

It appears that St. Patrick had a large family with him in Ireland.

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According to legend, he had five sisters living on the island. He also had a number of nephews who were clerics. His nephew, St. Mel, (who also happens to be the namesake of Mel Gibson,) was the Bishop of Ardagh. Mel once caught a fish while plowing a field. Mel's mother was Darerca, and she had seventeen children by two husbands. Along with Mel, three other sons were bishops, St. Rioc of Inisboffin, St. Muinis of Forgney and St. Maelchu.

His sister, Lupait, also called Liemania or Liamain, was supposedly taken as a slave with Patrick when she was seven, was the mother of Sechnall, Nechtan, Dabonna, Mogornan, Darigoc, Ausille, and the Priest Lugnath or Lugna. Lugna was buried in County Mayo, where he and Patrick were marooned by the Druids for a period of time.

Patrick's trip to France is the reason that Hawthorn bushes bloom in winter. He crossed the Loire River, hung his cape to dry on a Hawthorn bush, and the bushes have since bloomed in the off-season.

Patrick wasn't the first bishop of Ireland. The first recorded missionary to Ireland was Palladius, who was probably from Gaul. He was sent by the Pope to be bishop to the "Irish who believe in Christ". Patrick himself stated that Palladius' mission was a failure. However, other historical documents from outside Ireland indicate that the mission of Palladius was very successful, and that he set up a number of churches.

During his evangelizing journey back to Ireland from his parents' home, he is understood to have carried with him an ash wood walking stick or staff. He thrust this stick into the ground wherever he was preaching, and at the place now known as Aspatria (ash of Patrick) the message of the dogma took so long to get through to the people there that the stick had taken root by the time he was ready to move on.

The 12th century work *Acallam na Senórach* tells of Patrick being met by two ancient warriors, Cáilte mac Rónáin and Oisín, during his evangelical travels. The two were once members of Fionn mac Cumhaill's warrior band the Fianna, and somehow survived to Patrick's time.

I hope that this helps you to understand a bit more of the life of St. Patrick. And have the blessings of St. Patrick upon you.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Greetings! Hooray, The Green Season is upon us.

Kicking off the month, join us at the March 1st General Meeting as we officially introduce this year's honorees, Parade Marshal Mary McAndrews, Irish Rose Mary Culver and Irishman of the Year Glenn Nowak. Congratulations to this year's class, each an outstanding

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ambassador of the club who have donated countless hours and their talent not only to the Shamrock Club but to the Irish community and other civic and community organizations.

The Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums will be in performance and birthday cake will be served in honor of our 51st birthday.

On Friday evening, March 9, join us for the ShamROCK at Westown and meet our Honorees and our friends from the Westown Association at the Miller Time Pub starting at 5:30 p.m. Free admission and music by the *Sandcarvers* and Ian Gould.

Saturday, March 10, Parade Day starts at 8:30 with the Mass in Honor of St. Patrick at St. Patrick's Parish. This solemn event is again being headed by Chuck McLaughlin with help from Maggie Blaha choir director and Gail Neville who will take your donations for altar flowers at the March meeting. Round trip bus transportation will be available from the ICHC.

The Friends of Saint Patrick with the Hunger Task Force will be collecting non-perishable food outside of the church and before the Mass and as well as along the parade route. Please be generous, times are still tough.

A full breakfast will be served at the ICHC following the Mass. See details for pre-sale tickets elsewhere in *Emerald Reflections*.

The 46th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off from 3rd and Wisconsin at noon. Held in conjunction with the Westown Association, Production Director Denis Donohoe, Parade Manager Mike Boyle with Meghan and Erin promise a warm, sunny day and a bigger bolder and brighter production with a mix of old time favorites and new units and some we have not seen for awhile. Thanks again to Stacy Callies, Marissa Miller and the Westown Association for their assistance and support.

Following the parade join the Club at the ICHC as we again host the family friendly post-parade party with a full line up of Irish entertainment: musical performers, dance schools and storytellers as assembled again by Barry Stapleton. Food will be served by the Celtic Soccer Club and beverages served by the Quinlan clan. Admission is \$2 per individual, children under 10 free, with a family max of \$10.

Other Irish going-ons include the Ulster Project Evening at Mount Mary College on Friday evening March 2 featuring all of the area's dance schools.

On Sunday, March 4 the Emerald Society will sponsor the Brendan Heart Fund fundraiser at Derry's Pub from noon until 6. The Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums are again scheduled to perform. During the existence of the fundraiser the Emerald Society has donated close to \$90,000 to Children's Hospital.

Nominations for officers and board members will be taken from the floor at both the March and April general meetings with the election to

be held at the May meeting. Please don't hesitate to nominate a fellow member in good standing (i.e. current in their dues) who you believe would make a good steward of the club.

It's Scholarship raffle time. Watch for your tickets or pick them up at the general meeting.

Remember that the April general meeting has moved to Thursday, April 12 as not to conflict with Holy Week.

See you at the March meeting and bring a friend.

– **Josh Walton, President**
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South Central Wisconsin Shamrock Club's 42nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Banquet



Charlie Montgomery (left) and Patricia Hanes, South Central Shamrock Club's 2012 March Honorees.

The South Central Wisconsin Shamrock Club's 42nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Banquet will be held on March 10, 2012 at the Voyageur Inn in Reedsburg.

The highlight of the evening will be the introduction of the 2012 Irish Rose, Pat Hanes from Baraboo and the 2012 Irishman of the Year, Charlie Montgomery from Reedsburg. The culmination of the celebration will be drawing of the Marguerite Murray Scholarship Raffle for the trip to Ireland, a getaway to an Irish Inn, golf package and other great prizes.

Irish Entertainment will be provided.

There will be a social gathering beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by a full

Irish Dinner served at 7 p.m. A chicken strip basket is available for children 12 and under.

Advance reservations are required. Tickets to the banquet are \$25 per person and \$9 for children. Mail reservations with check to: Gloria Judge at 2227 Winfield Dr., Reedsburg, WI 53959.

For More Information contact Dick Fish at (608) 985-7068.

Patricia Hanes
South Central Shamrock Club
Rose of 2012

This year's nominee for the Irish Rose Award has been an active member of the South Central Wisconsin Shamrock Club for 15 years. She has been a frequent worker at club activities.

Pat Hanes, and her husband Bob, are residents of Baraboo and members of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she sings in the choir and is a member of both the Council of Catholic Women and the Daughters of Isabella. Community activities include past membership on the Board of Directors of the St. Clare Hospital Auxiliary, long time member of PEO and an active golfer at the Baraboo Country Club.

A frequent traveler, Pat has been to Ireland and has kissed the Blarney Stone. It is this act that leads her to believe she has a legitimate right to claim Irish heritage.

After graduation from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, with a Bachelor of Science degree, she attended Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She taught in the Amherst, Melrose and Antigo school systems. She left teaching to raise three children, Lori, Robert and Patty. This family has now grown to include two son-in-laws, a daughter in-law and six grandchildren.

Charlie Montgomery
South Central Shamrock Club
2012 Irishman of the Year

Our 2012 Irishman of the Year's ancestors owned over 72,000 acres in 13 counties of Ireland. Charlie is descended from Sir Hugh 1st Viscount Montgomery of the Great Ards, who moved to Ireland in 1606, and was a founding father of the Ulster-Scots or better known in America as Scotch-Irish. Hugh pioneered a massive migration from the Lowlands of Scotland to County Antrim and County Down. Over 10,000 made the voyage across the Northern Channel to transform barren Ulster into an industrial powerhouse. Charlie's ancestors from that point forward were born in Ireland, up until immigration to the United States in 1718.

Charlie was born and raised in Reedsburg and has lived in the Reedsburg area his entire life. The twinkle of Irish eyes led to our Honored Irishman becoming 100% Irish in 1949 when he married June Howard and became part of the Fitzgerald family. Together they raised five children, Mike, Sue, Mark, Jeff and Rita. All are proud graduates of Wisconsin universities and known to enjoy a green beer or two as well.

Charlie graduated in 1944 from Reedsburg High School, and attended

UW-Madison shortcourse in agriculture. He enlisted in the Marines in 1946 and following a medical discharge, was drafted in the Army from 1949-1952. He farmed for 11 years before a tractor accident started him on an illustrious career with Foremost Farms and AMPI. During this time he also served as president of the State Fieldman's Association. One of the more enjoyable parts of this career has been his involvement with Butter Putters of which he served as chairman for 26 years.

Charlie's civic involvement has been, and continues to be a lifetime commitment. He was a member of the Reedsburg City Council for 14 years, nine years as president. During his time on the city council he was influential in developing Nishan Park. He is currently the chairman of the Reedsburg Police and Fire Commission. Charlie is one of the co-founders of the Reedsburg Butter Festival and a co-founder of the Reedsburg Area Medical Center Golf Outing. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club; past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus; and a member of the Reedsburg Hospital Foundation Board for nine years. There isn't much going on around Reedsburg that Charlie has not had a hand in or been involved in creating. In his spare time, he coached football and basketball at Sacred Heart grade school, and was a member of the chain gang at Beaver football games for 22 years. In 2005, Charlie was honored as a Distinguished Alumni of Webb High School.

Charlie was a prominent and honored member of the Sauk County Board for 18 years. During that time he served as chairman of the Law Enforcement Board for 11 years; chairman of the Jail Building Committee; and a member of the Sauk County Housing Authority for 18 years.

Not only does his family trace its roots back to Ireland, but also the customs, culture and history of Ireland have always been an important part of his family's life. An old Irish work proverb says, "Make hay while the sun shines."

In Charlie's world the sun is always shining!

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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

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Irishman of the Year, Irish Rose and Parade Marshal 2012



Milwaukee's 2012 March Honorees (left to right) Parade Marshal Mary McAndrews, Irishman of the Year Glenn Nowak and Irish Rose Mary Culver.

The 2012 Irish honorees are a mix of long time and relatively new members. Irishman Glenn Nowak is a relatively recent addition to the club, but has worked for it for many years. After all, when your father-in-law is St. Patrick, do you have a choice? He is the son-in-law of Tom and Gail McAleese. Mary Culver, our Irish Rose, is on the board, is food chair at Folk Fair, and in the Color Guard with her three sons, Sean Cavanagh, and Dave and Clay Culver. Mary McAndrews has served on the board in a variety of roles, was Folk Fair Cultural Chair for many years, was Irish Rose in 2000, and has knit her way through ten thousand sheep in the process. Congratulations to these three people, who embody the spirit of volunteerism that we so look to have.

GLENN NOWAK
2012 IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR

Being chosen Irishman of the year was something I would never have expected, having been a member of the Shamrock Club for so few years. I am honored to have been chosen, and humbled to have my name added to the list of the many great Irishmen of the Year.

I have served the last year on the Shamrock Club Board of Directors as Sergeant at Arms, and have served as a member of the Color Guard, along with my son Jacob; and helping with, and most recently taking over the retail area and post parade party with my wife, Kim. I have also helped in the setup at Irish Fest, and volunteered at the ICHC, as an usher, and doing painting.

When not involved with Irish activities, I keep busy as owner of Glenn's Home Repair. I am a member of St. Therese Parish Council, on the parish Prayer and Worship committee, and as an usher. I, along with my wife Kim, also coach our son Jacob's team for swim and Bocce ball with the Wauwatosa Special Olympics.

MARY CULVER
2012 IRISH ROSE

I'm am so excited and honored being named Irish Rose for 2012! I'm in awe of the beautiful, creative, hard-working group of women I'll be joining. I'm a five year member of the Shamrock Club, including an active member of the Color Guard Pipes and Drums. I joined the SCCGPD with my sons, Sean, David and Clay. Dave pointed out the SCCGPD at the 2006 Irish Fest, saying that he was going to drum for that group. We joined a week later. Sean came on board and learned the bag pipes and by March of 2007 we were marching with the group, with me carrying a flag, Dave drumming, Sean piping and Clay our official water carrier. I stepped into Irish Café chair position of Holiday Folk Fair in 2007 and have held a board position since 2008, as Trustee and currently Secretary. When I'm not volunteering, I'm a Personal Banker/ Teller Supervisor for Waukesha State Bank in Muskego. I love volunteering for our Irish community and help in any capacity I can, including photography. Thank you so much for this fabulous honor! See you at the parade!

MARY McANDREWS
2012 PARADE MARSHAL

I was introduced to the Shamrock Club by Joe and Mary Stephens – Julie Smith's parents – soon after I moved to Milwaukee in 1970 to teach at Nicolet High School. I had grown up in Madison and attended the University there before teaching in Janesville and Madison. After 26 years at Nicolet, I had a total of 33 years of teaching high school English – usually 9th grade.

Taking early retirement has allowed me to devote a lot of time to my two major interests, Irish Milwaukee and Historic Milwaukee. I have worked both at the culture booth at Folk Fair and in the culture tent at Irish Fest for years and years. I was the Shamrock Club secretary for

several years and had a wonderful year as Irish Rose in 2000. On Dec. 2, 1996, the day the ICHC opened, I was in the building and am currently busy organizing telephone volunteers (anyone interested?), promoting the Lending Library (Check out the Library! Check out a book!), and running the Irish Stew (All shopping and donations needed and appreciated!). As a member of Historic Milwaukee, I have given countless walking tours. In September my two interests merged when HMI's first Doors Open Milwaukee included the ICHC.

Anthony P. McAndrew, my grandfather, emigrated from Glencastle, County Mayo, to the New Richmond area in 1883. He married Elizabeth Padden, a first generation Irish-American whose family also came from Glencastle. My mother's German family followed the same pattern. Christian Ingwersen left the Schleswig-Holstein region in the 1880s to settle in Wyoming, Iowa, where he married Erne Levsen, whose Schleswig-Holstein family had arrived a generation earlier. My parents, Allan McAndrews and Helene Ingwersen, met in Madison. I have a family of many cousins and also very close friends Henry and Lynne Reed, their sons John and Brian, and John's wife Kristen and children Emma and Michael.

After my first year of teaching, I traveled in Europe and, while in Ireland, found cousins in County Mayo. Since retiring, I've revisited Ireland several times. Every trip was special, but the most wonderful was the two-week stay with Monica McAndrew, one of the Mayo cousins.

March 11, 2000, was one of the happiest days of my life. Now I am looking forward to a similar day on March 10, 2012 . Thank you! Thank you!!

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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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Mass Breakfast

A full Irish breakfast will take place after the Mass in Parlor B of the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. The cost is \$7 for a full breakfast. To make reservations, call Glenn Nowak at (414) 466-8060, or send an e-mail to [gnowak4@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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Eucharistic Ministers

We will need eucharistic ministers for the St. Patrick Mass. Please contact Betty Mikush at (414) 541-8215 if you can offer your time.

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Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day Parade

MARCH 10, 2012

Downtown Milwaukee – 3rd and Wisconsin to Highland and State Streets

Step off: Noon

Pipe Bands, Dance Schools, Wisconsin's Irish community

[<http://www.saintpatricksparade.org>]

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In The Spirit Of Saint Patrick

The Friends of Saint Patrick-Milwaukee Chapter, in partnership with Hunger Task Force, is spearheading an effort to collect food donations at both the Shamrock Club Parade and the Bluemound Road Association Parade, on March 10, 2012. The Hunger Task Force truck will be followed by volunteers pushing grocery carts and collecting non-perishable food and cash donations.

This is an opportunity for everyone to join in helping to promote the true spirit of Saint Patrick as part of the celebration of his feast!

We ask that everyone attending the parade bring a non-perishable food donation. We want to fill the truck this year!

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Bus Service Along Parade Route

There will be bus service along the parade route, from Edison and Juneau to the ICHC, until 4 p.m. Other stops will be at Juneau and Old World Third and Plankinton and Wisconsin. The bus rides are free.

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Shamrock Club Post-Parade Party

Following the parade join the fun at the ICHC as we again host the family friendly post-parade party with a full line up of Irish entertainment: musical performers, dance schools and storytellers. Food and beverages will be available. Post Parade Party admission is \$2 per individual 12 years of age and older, with a \$10 maximum per family.

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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Volunteers Needed For Post Parade Party

We will need volunteers for the Post Parade Party on March 12. We will need help in food, bars, doors, children's and set up. If you can help, please contact PPP director Glenn Nowak at [gnowak4@wi.rr.com] or (414) 466-8060. We are looking for at least 4 hour shifts, but we will take any time you can give.

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Celtic Women First Fridays



Brett Lipshutz

The March 2 lecture for Celtic Women will feature wonderful Celtic music by our local expert flutist Brett Lipshutz. Try not to miss his performance which will be our premier music-lecture of the season. He is one of the best.

Brett Lipshutz has been playing various flutes for over 25 years and Irish and Baroque music for 15. Twice he played at the All-Ireland Fleadh Cheoil and toured with the *Trinity Irish Dance Company*. In addition to involvement in theatre projects, school outreach programs and many recordings and radio broadcasts, he is an active teacher. He recently taught flute and whistle in Paris, France, at the Association Irlandaise.

DATE: March 2, 2012

TOPIC: "Live Celtic Music"

SPEAKER: Brett Lipshutz

Brett has been playing traditional music for over 20 years. He is an experienced teacher and enjoys playing for dancing, as well as creating intimate settings for the music he plays. He has performed and taught around the world. We are fortunate to have such a talent in our midst.

All lectures are held from 5:30 - 7:00 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. 2011-2012 is our 15th year of lectures without interruption. The public is invited as always. We offer tea and home-made snacks and promise a delightful couple of hours. \$7 admission.

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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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Ulster Project Fun Night: March 2

The annual Ulster Project Fun Night will take place on Friday, March 2, at 5 p.m. at Mount Mary College. Six of Milwaukee’s Irish dance schools will participate: *Trinity*, *Cashel Dennehy*, *Rince Nia*, *Glencastle*, *McMennamin*, and *Kinsella*. Mount Mary College is located at 2900 N. 92nd Street. A fish fry, a super raffle and a silent auction will also take place. Music will be provided by *Tallymoore*.

For more information, go to the website,
[<http://sites.google.com/site/upmilwaukee/>]

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Acadian Band “Vishten” At ICHC Friday, March 23

Playing the Acadian music of Atlantic Canada, the trio *Vishten* will perform at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. Sisters Emmanuelle and Pastelle LeBlanc from tiny Prince Edward Island and Pascal Miousse from the even smaller Magdalen Islands create a huge presence with their irresistible tunes, foot-driven percussion, and songs sung in French.

During the past 10 years, *Vishten* has brought their rousing, high-energy music and beautiful songs to concert halls and festivals in Europe and North America, including performances at Milwaukee Irish Fest in

2009. The band describes their music as “Celtic with a difference” and according to the Pittsburgh Irish Festival, “It’s like Buckwheat Zydeco meets the Irish!”

Each of the members is a multi-instrumentalist and step-dancer and their performances incorporate fiddle, guitar, mandolin, accordion, piano, whistles and bodhran, along with powerful and rhythmic foot tapping.

Seventh generations Acadians, Miousse and the LeBlanc sisters grew up in musical homes where sessions would materialize in kitchens late at night and they might be awakened to join in. While deeply respecting the sounds and rhythms of earlier generations, they are inspired to interpret the music in a new way.

Vishten will release their fourth album titled *Mosaik* (the title means a coming together of different elements) this spring.

“The Acadian band that mixes rhythms? irresistible dancing and climbing notes and voices to the sky? High voltage musicians.” – Le Cuéret, France

Tickets are \$21 in advance and \$23 on concert day. Students with an ID are \$15. Call (414) 345-8800 or go to [www.ichc.net] for more information.

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Irish Word Of the Month

Mainlia - Surgeon

Irish phrase: *Is máinlia maith é.* (Is man-leeya my ay.)

English translation: He is a good surgeon

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Five Clues

The answer for February was the Kicking Kangaroo, Pat O’Dea. Our winner for February is Sandy Damaske.

The person for March is as follows:

1. I first came to Ireland when I was sixteen.
2. After six years, I hiked the length of Ireland to return home and enter the seminary.

3. I returned to Ireland in my forties, after having been consecrated as a bishop.

4. I had my own brewer.

5. Some of my enemies called me Adze-head.

If you have an idea who this person is, please send us your answer, via email, to [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. We look forward to hearing from you! Address your answers to Five Clues.

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Glenn's Corner Cupboard

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

March – Baked Potatoes with all the fixings and birthday cake. (Happy Birthday Shamrock Club!)

April – Snacks

May – Mother's Day, Guys bring a dish to share, Ham to be provided.

– **Glenn Nowak**

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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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42nd Annual Easter Rising Mass

The 42nd Annual Easter Rising Mass will take place at the ICHC on Sunday, April 8, 2012. A continental breakfast will be served after the Mass. The Mass honors the 1916 Easter Monday Rising in Dublin.

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Milwaukee March Membership News

Well the snow looks pretty much gone around here, but the best part is our 46th Annual St. Patrick's Celebrations and Parade coming up March 10. I hope everyone can be there in the wonderful 70 degree sunny weather that is forecast for the day. It's always one of the best times to encourage and recruit new members for the club whether at Mass, the Parade or Post-Parade Party.

For February, please welcome our new members; Jeremy and Sara Arnas-Smith, and Tori Hubertz.

For January, Milwaukee had 18 membership renewals and 11 membership drops from non-renewals. As of March 1, the Milwaukee chapter has 328 memberships with 148 families, 161 single, and 19 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships. Statewide our membership totals 434 memberships where the others receive a copy of our *Emerald Reflections* newsletter.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before March 31 for those who's expire on or before 3/31/2012. 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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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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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.

March – April 2012

- Fri., March 2 – *RíRá*
- Sat., March 17 – *Cream City Ceili*
- Fri., April 6 – *Frogwater*
- Sat., April 21 – *Ceol Cairde*

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

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Nomination of Milwaukee Officers

Nominations for officers of the Milwaukee chapter will take place at the March and April meetings. Persons nominated must be members in good standing of the Shamrock Club, with dues paid in full, and must be present for their nominations. Elections will take place at the May meeting.

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Color Guard News and Notes

Our 2012 season kicks off with our annual concert at the Shamrock Club Birthday Party on March 1 at the ICHC. We then continue the fun at the Brendan Heart fundraiser at Derry's Pub on Sunday, March 4. Then we have our big day on Saturday, March 10, with the Mass at 8:30 a.m., the Parade at noon, and the Post Parade Party at 2 p.m. We then take a break until the Easter Rising Mass.

I want to thank Dave Culver and Sean Cavanagh for their service to the Color Guard. The brothers will be leaving for various branches of the Armed Forces in the next few weeks. You gentlemen are leaving a hole in the group, guys. Stay safe.

Until April,

– Rand Harteau, SCCGPD director

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Celtic Women International

The Annual CWI Gathering for 2012 will be held on April 27, 28, and 29 at the Inn On Woodlake near Kohler, WI. For hotel reservations phone 800-334-2838 and reiterate "I am part of a group-block under the name of Celtic Women International. Special rates, if booked by 5 p.m. on March 28. If you have questions, contact Gail McAleese at (414) 536-5306.

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Benefit for the Paloucek & Zielke Families

Sunday March 11: 1-5 p.m.
O'Donoghue's Irish Pub

Ed Paloucek has been involved in the Irish music community in Milwaukee for over 20 years, playing in bands such as *Ceol Cairde*, *180 & Letter G*, and currently plays in *RiRa* and *Atlantic Wave*. Besides playing in bands and sessions, Ed has become one of the Midwest's most sought after teachers on Irish fiddle. Ed and his wife

Ann Marie have six children.

Karen Ryan was involved in the Milwaukee Shamrock Club and Irish community for many years, serving on many committees and running the Post Parade Party. She married Tim Zielke who was very active in the Scottish community, playing for the *Billy Mitchell Pipe Band* and dancing with the *Caledonian Dancers*. Tim and Karen have five children.

Both these families are dealing with major medical issues that affect their entire families.

We hope you'll join us in the spirit of the green season to give back to these two families who have given so much to us.

Live music, raffles and food will be provided. O'Donoghue's Irish Pub is located at 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, WI. Call (262) 641-2730 for further information.

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40th Annual Irish Studies Scholarship

The Shamrock Club's 40th annual Irish Studies scholarship application is now available. You can pick up a copy at the ICHC or the Irish Fest Center. Our first winner was Nancy Walczyk, from UWM's Irish Studies program. Almost \$30,000 has been awarded since Nancy used her scholarship to study at Trinity College in Dublin.

You can also download an application from the web at:

[http://shamrockclubwis.com/index_files/ShamrockScholarship2012.pdf]

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Members' Doings

Maggie Blaha spent time in Florida.

Jacob, son of Kim and Glenn Nowak, earned second place medals in the 100 yard and 200 yard snowshoe activity in the Special Olympics held in Wausau this past month. Congratulations, Jacob! Hats off to grandparents, Gail and Tom McAleese as well.

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



Alderman Donovan presents Dave Culver with a City Proclamation on his entry into the Air Force.

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Sunshine Club

Longtime Shamrock Club board member and Color Guard member Ray Crowley died. Judy Towne's sister died in January. Ed Mikush's sister also died. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Muriel Crowley had surgery in February.

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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