



The Historic Connie Mack

The Irish connection to Milwaukee baseball is solid. Some of the most famed players, managers and creators of the sport were a part of the fabric of the beer city and the hard ball. Milwaukee was the founding place of the American League in 1901, with Charlie Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, and Henry Killilea of the Milwaukee Brewers among the founders.

One person who was long a part of the sport was also a member of the minor league Milwaukee Brewers staff prior to its entry in the American League. Cornelius McGillicuddy was the manager of the Brewers from 1897 until 1900, the last year the Western League was the home of the Milwaukee team. He was better known as Connie Mack, and is one of the legends of baseball.

Mack was born in East Brookfield, MA, in December 1862 to Irish immigrants Michael McGillicuddy and Mary McKillop. In 1877, Mack left school at the age of fourteen after finishing the eighth grade, to help support his large extended family, since his father, whose health had been ruined in the Civil War, no longer worked. Mack always regretted his lack of education.

Early on, Mack played baseball, serving in his teens as captain of the East Brookfield town team, then played on minor league teams in Connecticut cities before signing with the Washington (DC) team of the National League. As a player, Mack was known as being a light-hitting catcher with a reputation as a smart, but mediocre, player. Mack was one of the first catchers to move up to play directly behind the plate instead of back in front of the backstop. He developed skills such as blocking the plate or faking the sound of a

foul tip, and needling batters to distract them.

On November 2, 1887 he married Margaret Hogan, whom the Spencer Leader described as having "a sunny and vivacious disposition." They had three children, Earle, Roy, and Marguerite. Margaret died in December 1892 after complications from her third childbirth. He married a second time on October 27, 1910. His second wife was Catherine Holahan.

In the winter of 1889, he jumped to the Buffalo Bisons team of the new Players League, investing his entire life savings of \$500 in shares in that club, but the team and league failed, and he was out of money and a job. But the Players League went out of business after only a year, and Mack lost his job and his whole investment. In December 1890, Mack signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League and remained with them for the rest of his career as a full-time player.

Mack's last three seasons in the National League were as a player-manager with the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1894 to 1896, with a 149–134 record. After the 1896 season, he retired as a full-time player and accepted a deal from Milwaukee lawyer Henry Killilea to act as manager and occasional backup catcher for the minor league Milwaukee Brewers. He

agreed to a salary of \$3,000 and 25% of the club. He managed the Brewers for four seasons from 1897 to 1900, their best year coming in 1900, when they finished second.

In 1901, Mack and Charles Somers took over the franchise that was awarded to Philadelphia. Mack lined up sporting goods maker Ben Shibe as a 50% partner, and Shibe also got the franchise to make all the baseballs for the American League. Mack was a minority partner, at 25%, and was the team treasurer, as well as manager. Eventually he would buy out the other two partners, making him equal to Shibe.

The Athletics won the American League title in 1902, and lost the World Series in 1905 to the New York Giants, four games to one, all shutouts. Giants' manager John McGraw said that Mack had a "white elephant" on his hands. Mack adopted the elephant as its symbol, holding a bat in its trunk as it stands atop a baseball, a symbol used to this day.

One oddity of the Athletics uniforms was that neither Philadelphia nor Athletics appeared on the uniforms. Only the letter "A," and the elephant, was displayed.

Mack would manage in a suit and fedora after he stopped playing, eschewing the uniforms the other managers wore.

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APRIL 4, 2013 • 7 P.M.

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)



Sandwiches served at 6:30

Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass.

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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APRIL

- 4 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 5 April Verch Band; ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 5 Conference of Celtic Women; Me and Nixon and the White House; Speaker: Captain Gay-Leigh Mundy, Army, Retired; ICHC; 5.30 pm
- 10 Celtic Women International Book Club; *Are You Somebody?* by Nuala O'Faolain; Hostess: Rosemary Walsh; ICHC; 1 pm
- 14 Celtic Woman; Milwaukee Theatre; 8 pm
- 27 Tinker; Paddy's Pub, 2329 N. Murray; 9 pm

MAY

- 2 Shamrock Club monthly meeting and yearly elections; ICHC; 6.30 pm
- 3 Tom and Evan Leahy; O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 West Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove; 8 pm
- 3 Conference of Celtic Women; Songs and Stories from the Isles; Conference of Celtic Women; Speaker - Sandy West, accompanied by David West; ICHC; 5.30 pm
- 10 Ian Gould; O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 West Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove; 8 pm
- 12 Enter the Haggis; Shank Hall, 1434 North Farwell; 8 pm
- 14 Celtic Women International Book Club; Discussion of the CWI Gathering; Hostess: Sharon Walsh; ICHC; 1 pm

JUNE

- 6 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 7 Conference of Celtic Women; Even if the wheels are coming off of your life, you can learn to change the tires.; Speaker- Susan Knaack; ICHC; 5.30 pm

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 P.M. at O'Donoghue's ☘ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 P.M., last Tuesday each month ☘ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 2-8 P.M. ☘ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Fest Song Circle, O'Donoghue's Pub, second and fourth Tuesday, 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Music Sessions at the following: ☘ Session at Ivanhoe's, Racine, 4 P.M. third Sundays ☘ Session - O'Donoghue's, Sundays 7 P.M.; Thursdays @ Paddy's 7 P.M.; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 P.M. ☘ Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 P.M. ☘ Fridays - áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 P.M. ☘ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ☘

Easter Rising Mass Sunday, March 31, 2013

The 43rd Annual Easter Rising Mass will take place at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center of Wisconsin, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, on Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 9:30 am. The Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums will again be a part of the Mass. The Mass honors the 1916 Easter Monday Rising in Dublin that led to the Irish Revolution. We need Eucharistic ministers. Contact Betty Mikush at (414) 541-8215.

A community brunch follows Mass. A free will offering is asked to defray the costs. We need your offerings of coffee cakes, breads, spring goodies, etc. This has become a large and popular gathering, people of all ages enjoy this family Easter get together. It has become the way many can connect with their family members before going off in separate directions. We do need help with set up on Saturday (at 10 am) and with serving during the brunch. Call Veronica Ceszynski at (414) 228-8621 to volunteer.

April Verch Band at the ICHC

April 5

Internationally known Canadian fiddler, step dancer and singer-songwriter April Verch and her band will perform a high-energy mix of foot-stomping Irish, Scottish, Appalachian old-time, and bluegrass music at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The band is touring in support of their album, *Bright Like Gold*, which will be released April 2.

Headliners at the 2012 Milwaukee Irish Fest, the band has brought their shows filled with boundless energy, humor and energy to North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. They previously performed at the ICHC in 2010.



April doesn't just play music, she exudes it from roots deep in the traditions of lumber camps in Ontario's Ottawa Valley, where a melting pot of immigrants from Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and Poland shared song and dance. She started step dancing at age 3 and was playing fiddle by age 6. She was the first woman to win Canada's most prestigious fiddle championships - the Grand Master and Canadian Open - and was a featured fiddle player during the opening ceremony of the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Verch's band includes Cody Walters on upright bass and guitarist Hayes Griffin. Both men also adds vocals.

"April has an amazing ability to touch people's hearts . . . she brings that explosive joy with her."

- Appalachian music legend Dirk Powell

Reserved seat tickets are \$18 in advance, \$23 on concert day and \$10 for students with ID along with discounts for children and groups. For more information and to order tickets, go to www.ichc.net. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

- Kathy Schultz

Milwaukee President's Message

I would like to dedicate this letter to Catherine Donovan. Aunt Catherine was a strong, beautiful Irish woman, admired and loved by many who knew her. She was called to rest on March 12th after a long battle with cancer. Thank you to all who have been there for the family. May she rest in peace.

Happy 53rd Birthday to the Shamrock Club. I hope everyone had a spectacular St. Patrick's Day. The month of March is always a busy time for the Irish. It is our time to shine.

Our Parade Day began with a solemn Mass of Celebration in honor of St. Patrick. Thank you to Chuck McLaughlin with the assistance from Maggie Blaha, Gail Neville and Pete Dundon. It was beautiful as always.

After mass, a traditional Irish breakfast consisting of eggs, bangers and rashers was served at the ICHC. It was hosted by Glenn and Kim Nowak and Sue Dushek. Heard nothing but great reviews.

At noon the 47th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade flooded the streets of Downtown Milwaukee. Despite a cool and cloudy day, hundreds of smiling faces lined the streets to celebrate. The parade was led by our very own St. Patrick, Tom McAleese and Parade Marshals Judge Dan Konkol and his lovely wife Maureen.

Gail McAlesse, Irish Rose and Rand Harteau, Irishman of the Year, lead the way with beauty and honor in that order.

How about our SCCPD? Did they sound awesome! A big thank you to Noel Tylla for a super job. A young and talented group that are doing a superb job. VERY EXCITING!!!!

A great big Thank You to our Parade Director, Denis Donohoe and our Parade Production Manager, Mike Boyle with Meghan and Erin assisting, along with our partners from the Westown Association, Stacie Callis and Marisa Miller. Thanks to the downtown businesses and our parade sponsors who made this year's parade possible.

Finishing up a great day was the Post Parade Party. Barry Stapleton put together great entertainment as he has done for so many years. Overseeing the afternoon of events was Glenn and Kim Nowak and

Sue Dushek. We could not have been so successful without them. They do a awesome job. Thanks to the many volunteers who also helped to make this year's Parade Day one to remember.

At the April general membership meeting we will continue to take nominations from the floor for the election which will be held at the May general meeting.

Happy Easter, and hope you are able to make our Easter Rising Mass.

**God Bless,
- Kathy Donovan, President**



Irish Fest Summer School

If you're looking to take some Irish music, dance, art, language, or cultural classes this summer, you'll want to check out who's teaching during the Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School, August 12-16, 2013 at the Milwaukee School of Engineering! You can browse the faculty on our Instructors page (<http://irishfest.com/Summer-School/Instructors.htm>) and online registration (link: <http://irishfest.com/Summer-School/Registration.htm>) will open in early April!

Mass Summary

The 28th Mass of Celebration of St. Patrick was held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 8:30 am.

Our main presider was Fr. Jim O'Leary, S.J.; also shared with Fr. Terry Brennan, S.J. and Fr. Jose Moreno, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church. We also honored Irish Man of the Year, Rand Harteau and Irish Rose Gail McAleese, and Parade Marshals Dan and Maureen Konkol. Also honored was Betty Mikush for her dedication as Eucharistic Minister Coordinator for 27 years.

The Mass is totally sponsored by the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin with the exception of a wonderful donation by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We have 11 different coordinators plus 18 organizations to help us stage this wonderful celebration. All collection proceeds go directly to St. Patrick's Congregation. We also offer memorials in our mass booklet to defray cost of flowers.

A special thank you to St Patrick's Church and all of the people and organizations who made it possible to carry on this important Irish tradition.

- Chuck McLaughlin



Nomination of Officers

Nominations for officers of the Milwaukee chapter will take place again at the April meeting. Persons nominated must be members in good standing of the Shamrock Club, with dues paid in full, and must be present to accept their nomination. Elections will take place at the May 2, 2013 general meeting.

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To become a member of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin contact the membership chair of the chapter you would like to join. MILWAUKEE ONLY: Family membership (includes both parents and all children under eighteen) - \$25.00. Single membership - \$20.00. Membership is renewable annually on the anniversary month of the original membership. Please send all new and renewal Milwaukee club membership dues to Membership Chair, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Be sure to send change of address notification to Membership Chair, also. The post office will NOT forward copies of Reflections.

Retail Report

I need to start off with a huge thank you to those who helped with sales during post parade: Mike and Mary Moze, Clay Culver, Pam and Erin Canon, Ed and Betty Mikush, Eric and Ryan Dushek, Tammy Wolfe, Sarah Westerman and Joanne Hintz. Again I apologize if I forgot someone. Final figures will be available at the April General Meeting.

We are working with the various Feis committees to get back in the door at these events, and are already signed up to have a booth at Oshkosh Irishfest the end of May, beginning of June. Once those are over, we will be getting ready for Irishfest 2013 and Waukesha Highland Games.

We are currently going through our inventory and reviewing what has sold over the past year. We, on paper, have a large amount of inventory, but some of it is product that has been around for many years and does not sell. We are trying to freshen up our product line, as much of the old product is not re-orderable, due to age or companies no longer being in business. As this is an ongoing fund-raiser for the club, we need to remain competitive with the many other vendors who attend the different Celtic/Irish/Scottish events, as well as try not to duplicate product. We currently have consignments for Irish Dance dresses, handmade bonnets, aprons, jewelry pouches, and bracelets, and are working on a few others. These consignments give our retail an advantage over other vendors, as we are in most cases the only one to be selling these items at events. We also have a discount, bonus program with a kilt vendor. In return for telling people about their products, anyone who buys from them and mentions the Shamrock Club gets a discount, as well as we get a bonus payment for each referral.

Look for updates to events we will be at in future articles.

As always we need volunteers to work at these events, please contact us either by phone or email to help out.

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Celtic Women Lecture

April 5, 2013

We seem to be in a non-ending political loop of Washington stories, with no end in sight. So – we may as well join in with the “fun.” Gay-Leigh Mundy is a local woman with many Celtic ancestors who once served in the United States Army, now retired. She spends her time with many charitable activities, especially those devoted for the benefit of military veterans. She has so many stories to tell that are fascinating, some of which relate back to the White House when President Richard Nixon was in office.

Please join us for an hour of inside stories that you will not hear elsewhere. Everyone is welcome, and bring a friend.

April 5, 2013

Topic: “Me and Nixon and the White House”

Speaker: Captain Gay-Leigh Mundy – Army, Retired



In 1972, Mundy was selected as the first woman Aide-de-Camp to a Commanding General in the history of the Armed Forces. Mundy also developed and implemented the first Weapons Qualifications Program for women at the HHC, WAC Company at Ft. Meyer, VA. Among her other accomplishments, she also served as an escort officer for American POWs returning from Vietnam. Outside of the military, she has volunteered at rape crisis centers, battered women shelters, veteran’s hospitals, neighborhood watch associations and civic celebration committees.

Gay-Leigh is a charter member of CWI and her heritage includes 6 of the 7 Celtic nations.

All lectures are held from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue. Parking lot available from the 23rd Street alley.

2012-2013 is our 16th 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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A rule was adopted after he retired that wouldn't allow managers to wear anything but a uniform if they were in the dugout. Another rule that was adopted after he stepped down was not allowing managers to have an ownership position in teams.

Because both Shibe and Mack were always short of funds, they were constantly selling or trading off their best players to make a payroll. After WWI, they were so strapped for cash that they sold off the best team in baseball. However, the A's reached the pinnacle of the baseball world again with a stretch from 1929 to 1931, winning two World Series and losing the third. The team would then go into a decades-long decline. Mack retired in 1950, with a final record as manager of 3,731-3,948.

American League owners were constantly complaining about the lack of fans, and the condition, of Shibe Park. The first affected their revenues, and the second was mainly a matter of hygiene. (The park was also the home of the Philadelphia Phillies.) A push was on to move the team, or to sell it. In 1954, a vote by owners was made to sell the team to a new owner, and move it to Kansas City. Mack's sons, Roy and Earle Mack, were running the operations, but gave in to others to sell the team. Connie Mack had a heart attack after hearing the news.

The team was moved in 1955 to Kansas City, with a new owner at the helm. During the first week of the 1955 World Series, Mack fell and broke his hip. He died four months later at the age of 93. His funeral at St Bridget's church in Philadelphia was attended by all sixteen owners.

Under Mack, the Athletics won five World Series, from 1910 to 1913, and in 1929, and 1930. In addition, the Athletics won the American League title nine times. He won, lost, and managed more games than anyone else in the history of the sport. Cornelius McGillicuddy never officially changed his name. He was also the first person inducted into the Irish-American Hall of Fame. On Opening Day, think about a long-ago Milwaukee manager who made history.

- Brian Witt



Celtic Women International

The CWI Book Club meetings begin at 1:00 pm at the ICHC and include discussion, tea, and treats. New members and guests are always welcome to join us!

On April 9th, Rosemary Walsh will host the discussion of *Are You Somebody?* by Nuala O'Faolain.

Sharon Walsh will be the host for the meeting on May 14th. We will be discussing the CWI Gathering in St. Charles, Il. from April 26-28.

A Week in Winter, by Maeve Binchy will be discussed on June 18th. The meeting will be hosted by Nance Vose.

The July 16th meeting will be hosted by Maureen Garry, topic TBA. There will be no meeting in August.

- Rosemary Walsh
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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.

April - June 2013 Calendar:

- Fri., April 5 - **Frogwater**
- Sat., April 20 - **RiRa**
- Fri., May 3 - **athas**
- Sat., May 18 - **Wise Maids**
- Fri., June 7 - **Cream City Ceili**

Entrance is \$8.00 Adults, and \$5.00 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

Glenn's Corner Cupboard

- April: Sandwiches. Members bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. (Chips, relish tray, potato salad, jello)
- May: In honor of Mother's Day we will have ham. **Men** bring a dish to share: a salad, vegetable or dessert. (Remember this is election for Club Officers.)
- June: TBA

Milwaukee Membership News

Ok, so now we are in the mists of Spring?, Brewers playing in the snow, and March Madness in full gear!!!! How else to celebrate our days here.

Please welcome our new members: Robert Frannecki, Mickie Fuller, Terry Lawler, Sharon McNally, Timothy McNally, and Patricia Wendt, who joined our club last month. At present, the Milwaukee Chapter as of March 15th, is at 322 Memberships with 134 family, 149 single, and 39 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

Please be sure to have your membership renewals in before April 30th for those who expire on or before then and have not renewed yet.

I hope you are looking forward to a late spring and possibly another great summer.

- Denis Donohoe
Membership Chair



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St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Post Parade Party

Another St. Patrick's Day Parade has come and gone. Along with that so has another breakfast and post parade party. It is amazing that with all of the shenanigans of the leprechauns in the week before parade day everything went off as planned. From the work in the ICHC being delayed due to the two snow storms and the power outage on Friday night, we had our hands full of last minute preparations. I need to at this point THANK Tim O'Brien and his staff of volunteers who made sure the building was cleaned up in time for the event.

The breakfast was attended by approximately 120 people. Our new hosts, the Pilot Club, did a wonderful job for their first time serving the breakfast and have quickly learned some ideas for making next year's breakfast run even smoother. They have already met with the committee to go over some minor changes.

The new breakfast menu was received well based on the feedback we have received. I was informed by one lady that it could not be a traditional Irish breakfast since our bangers and rashers did not come directly from Ireland. With that being said I would like to thank Chip Bunzel and Bunzel's Meats for making our bangers and bacon. Bunzel's is located at 8415 W. Burleigh, Milwaukee, on the corner of 84th and Burleigh. I also need to thank George and Papa's Bakery, for the soda and brown bread. They are located at 6055 S. Howell, Milwaukee. Considering they had never made brown bread, I think they did a wonderful job. Thank you also to Mary Kunhurt, from Celtic Women International for her recipe for the brown bread.

The Post Parade Party was a well-attended event with much great entertainment, shopping and food. This event continues to grow, with the addition of the raffles and silent auction this year. This event could not be put on without the many hands who made things possible, and I will try to list you all, if I forgot a name please do not feel slighted as I never got to thank all of you that day. Barry Stapleton, who sets up our entertainment, Jeff Schaefer and Rory Modlinski, who make sure our entertainers have power and sound, Karen Prendergast, Josh and Bridget Morgan, from the ICHC who make sure we have a place to hold the event, as well as the beer. The members of the club who helped with setup: Josh Walton, Pam Canon, Anna Sherry, Taffy Anderson, Lisa Cohen, Gail McAleese, and of course the people who kept me sane and without whom this event would not be possible, my wife Kim, and son Jacob, Sue Dushek and her sons Eric and Ryan.

A full report of the events will be given at the April General Meeting.

- Glenn Nowak



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Denis Donohoe
and
Kathleen McNamee



Our 47th Annual St Patrick's Day Parade

This year's Parade almost looked like it would be marching through some rough weather. However, as the morning rains quit just in time for the groups to assemble, it went very well without too much trouble with good weather for March and over 140+ units. We were honored to have Brigadier General Alton (Al) G. Berry present at our reviewing stand as the parade traveled through our downtown streets. It was great to have many returning and new units participate in the parade this year and expect to see even more next year.

The winners of the Parade Awards were;

- ♣ **Best Marching Unit** - Ocean of Soul Dance Team
- ♣ **Best Musical Unit** - Wauwatosa East High School Band
- ♣ **Thomas J. Smith Best Irish Unit Award** - Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard Pipes & Drums
- ♣ **Best Float** - Glencastle Irish Dancers
- ♣ **Best Parade Unit** - 484th Army Reserve Band
- ♣ **Director's Award** - Wisconsin Scottish

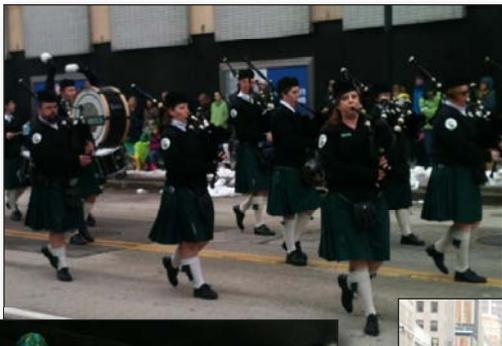
I would also like to thank our Parade Director, Mike Boyle, his daughters, Erin & Megan, and all of the other volunteers that come to their aid for keeping the Parade running smooth and on schedule. In addition, please give thanks to our other volunteers who drive the convertibles; James Hassett, Diane Somers, Dan Stotmeister, Nicole & Bobby McLaurin, Dan Cary and Jim Dooley. Also a wonderful thanks to Boucher Dealerships for donating the use of the cars, Select Sound Service for the PA system at the reviewing stand, and Larry Geitl of Geitl Signs for all of his time and efforts managing our signs and banners in the Parade. Not the least, for all of the other volunteers who carry the banners and other help throughout the day of celebration and festivities.

I would also like to acknowledge our Sponsors who support us for expenses of the Parade this year: A.J. O'Brady's Irish Pub, Ambassador Hotel, Brew City Tap, Brocach Irish Pub, County Clare Irish Inn & Pub, Flannery's Bar and Restaurant, Halliday's Irish Pub, Harp & Shamrock, Lynch's, McBob's Pub & Grill, McGillycuddy's Pub, McKiernan's Irish Pub, Mulligan's Irish Pub & Grill, Mystic Ireland, O'Connor's Perfect Pint, O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, O'Lydia's, O'Sullivan's Public House, Rosie's On Water, The Harp Irish Pub, Inc, and Trinity 3 Irish Pubs.

Finally, a great big thanks to Westown Association, Stacy, and Marissa for their partnership in making this the biggest, the best and the 1st Parade in Milwaukee every year that marks the beginning of spring with St. Patrick and the Celtic community. Stay tuned for something special next year !!!!!

- Denis Donohoe

Parade Executive Director, Shamrock Club of Wisconsin



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An Old Gaelic Prayer

May the Road Rise to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
till the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.



EMERALD REFLECTIONS PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Photo by Kathleen McNamee