



The April Meandering

A funny thing happened to me in March. I was interviewed by the New York metro newspaper, *Newsday*, based on Long Island, on the customs of Ireland, on the real Saint Patrick, the connection of bagpipes and Ireland, and soda bread and its place in Irish life. After all of the material I gave, the only thing that made it to print was the soda bread. So, it appears I am now an expert in the product of the Bastible to the people on the east coast.

But speaking of soda bread, I did learn that it is not native to Ireland, and that, like the potato, it came from the Americas. The Indians used potash, made from the renderings of charcoaled wood, and mixed into the dough to make it rise. Learning, a lifelong endeavor.

But I spoke of the history of the bagpipes, on their arrival from the Middle East, and their travel across Europe to Ireland, their evolution into what resembled the war pipes, how the Irish conquered areas of Scotland, and introduced the pipes to the Scots, and how they were banned by the English for the Irish in the Treaty of Kilkenny in 1306. The bagpipes were still played by the Irish, and if you were a piper during the 1798 United Irishman rebellion, you would be executed with no trial. Oh, and I spoke of the St. Lawrence O'Toole Pipe Band in Dublin, founded in 1906. If you see their uniforms, you will notice that they resemble those of the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums.

And of St. Patrick, I noted that he was a long-winded speaker, whose staff once took root during one of his homilies in Cashel.

Then, I was contacted to represent Milwaukee Irish Fest on an hour call-in show on March 16 on Wisconsin Weekend, on Wisconsin Public Radio. I was to speak about the Irish in Wisconsin, Milwaukee Irish Fest, and Milwaukee's parade his-

tory. And host Kate Archer Kent was the perfect interviewer.

I arose at 4.30 am for a 6 am call, checked my notes, and then went to town about the daughters and sons of Saint Patrick and the Badger State. I told of how the Irish arrived before the Famine in Milwaukee, I was asked about the first Milwaukee parade, and how it is historically connected to the Shamrock Club's parade, and how the Shamrock Club has helped create history in Milwaukee and the state.

One thing that I discovered is that Interstate 90-94 is essentially an Irish highway, from Baraboo west to La Crosse County.

We had one caller in the hour, a woman from Dane County who asked what I meant about the Irish and pigs in the house. She had a collection of Irish-styled post cards that depicted porcine faced residents of the Emerald Isle. The western Irish used to keep their pigs in the house, not for a reason to crowd already packed households, but because the pig was a cash crop, to be sold to allow families to rent more land to farm, and the health of the pig was very important.

Those postcards were created by the virulent anti-Irish press of both Britain and the United States, conflating the pig in the household into the face of the Irish. The artists of the magazine *Punch* would pour out this anti-Irish hatred, even before the famine Irish arrived. In the United States, the man who created the modern image of Santa Claus, Thomas Nast, helped to popularize the simian featured Irishman,

barely above the great apes of the world.

The hour allowed me to talk for a great deal of time about the impact of the Irish in this area, and in the United States. We as an ethnic group have given a lot to the country and the world.

I was asked about green beer, and said I was ready to let it die a quick and final death. I did get to spend time speaking of another favorite subject: Me. Then the hour ended, and I had to get ready for work.

But all this background work did not allow me time to write an article for the *Reflections*. But I did get to pull up some interesting facts about April and Ireland. I decided to meander about, maybe finding a theme, or not.

The water and the sea is a good place to move with or without a rudder. On April 1, 1911, the Titanic was launched in Belfast. It was a short life, but still remains memorable. April 1 was also the date, in 1711, that the first Doggett Coat and Badge sculling race takes place on the Thames; one of the oldest sporting fixtures in the British sporting calendar, it is founded by Thomas Doggett, an Irish actor.

April 2 saw the founding of the Cumann na mBan, the Organization of Women, a political group that helped allow universal suffrage for Irish women, in 1904.

Moving in a written word path seemed logical. Poet Oliver Goldsmith died on April 4, 1774. This son of Roscommon

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APRIL 5, 2018 • 7:00 PM

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



Brewers Tailgate at 6:30 • Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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APRIL

- 1 **Shamrock Club's 48th Annual Easter Rising Mass;** Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W Wisconsin; 9:30 am; Free will breakfast to follow
- 5 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting;** ICHC; 7 pm; Tailgate potluck at 6:30 pm
- 6 First Friday Ceili; ICHC, 2133 W Wisconsin Avenue; Music by the Wise Maids; 7:30 pm
- 10 Celtic Women International Book Club; Tour of Sanfilippo Music Palace in Barrington Hills, IL
- 12-29 Milwaukee Chamber Theatre presents John Patrick Shanley's *-Doubt;* Directed by C. Michael Wright; Cabot Theatre, 158 N Broadway
- 21 The Alt; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 7:30 pm; info@ichc.net; 414-332-8521

MAY

- 3 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting** and yearly elections; ICHC; 6.30 pm
- 5 Wisconsin Spring Feis; Wisconsin Center, 400 W Wisconsin Ave; sponsored by Trinity Booster Club
- 6 Celtic Spring Feis; Wisconsin Center, 400 W Wisconsin Ave; Operated by Badger State Feis Inc.
- 8 Celtic Women International Book Club; *The House of Memories*, by Ian Rankin; Hostess: Alice Taylor; ICHC; 1 pm

JUNE

- 7 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting;** ICHC; 7 pm; potluck at 6:30 pm
- 12 Celtic Women International Book Club; *Exit Music*, by Alice Taylor; Hostess: Gail McAleese; ICHC; 1 pm

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 PM at O'Donoghue's ☘ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 PM, last Tuesday each month ☘ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 12-6 PM ☘ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 PM ☘ Irish Fest Sing-a-long: O'Donoghue's Pub, second and fourth Sundays, 7-9 PM ☘ Irish Music Sessions at the following: Session - O'Donoghue's, Sundays 7 PM; Thursdays @ Paddy's 7 PM; and The Pub in Oconomowoc, 7:30 PM ☘ Thursdays: Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 PM ☘ Fridays: áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 PM ☘



Jackie's Corner Cupboard



Hope everyone enjoyed the March birthday celebration. Thanks to all those who contributed!

For the April meeting we will have a Brewers opening day tailgate theme. The club will provide hotdogs and buns. Please bring your favorite tailgating foods to share.

There will be special Brewers raffle prizes as well. Come ready to kick off the Brewers season which is sure to be full of promise and excitement!

Stay tuned to future reflections and April meeting for more information on theme for the May meeting.

Thanks for your continued support and participation!

- Jackie Konkol, Sergeant-at-Arms



Friends of St. Patrick Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity!

The Friends of the Saint Patrick Centre - Milwaukee Chapter want to thank those that donated food and cash at the Saint Patrick's Day parades this year. 750 lbs of food were collected! See you next year!



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 3, 2018 general meeting.

Milwaukee President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen, Celtic Friends All,
Beannachta'i na C'asca! Happy Easter!

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS
JUST BEFORE EASTER!

Your Shamrock Club will be commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the 1916 Irish Easter Rising, April 1st, Easter Sunday, at the ICHC, at 9:30 a.m. A breakfast of ham and rolls will be served. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also share memories, stories and tales of the past. The cash bar will be available.

This will be the 48th consecutive Easter Rising Event held by your Shamrock Club. This is the oldest continuing commemoration of those historical days and our presentation is a memorable tribute to those brave men and women who fought to free our nation. Please read Brian Witt's message.

I am writing this letter on the Ides of March, two days before I have to decide which of our many parade sponsors I will patronize...so many choices, perhaps I'll visit them ALL! Next month, I will feature one of our sponsors and we will have a listing of all of them along with other friends.

March 10th, our early celebration of St. Patrick's Day, began at St. Patrick's Parish, our very own "Auld Sod". Several of our club members went to church & school at St. Patrick's. Today, our parish is continuing their role and serving a new group of immigrants. Mass, honoring St. Patrick, was celebrated by Archbishop Jerome Listecki and the concelebrants were St. Patrick's Pastor, Fr. Tim Manatt, Fr. Terry Brennan and Fr. Rick Abert. Special thanks to Chuck McLaughlin for again chairing this event and to Maggie Blaha for gathering the wonderful choir. The Archbishop gave a marvelous homily, parting prayer and then joined us all near the front door before heading downtown for the parade.

Parade, Parade, Parade... It's never too early to start planning next year's parade. Michael Boyle has produced and directed another FANTABULOUS Shamrock Club St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mike will be the first to tell you that there is a whole cadre of wonderful volunteers that assist beginning months in advance right up to step-off. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the parade!

- Joseph Hughes, President



48th Annual Easter Rising Mass In Honor of the Easter Rising of 1916 Sunday, April 1, 2018

The 48th Annual Easter Rising Mass will take place at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center of Wisconsin, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, on Sunday, April 1, 2018. The Program and Mass will start at 9:30 a.m. Father Terry Brennan will be the celebrant.

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. The Mass is one of Commemoration and Reconciliation. The Mass will also fulfill a person's Easter duty.

This is the one hundred-second anniversary of the Rising. This is the longest continuous Mass honoring the Easter Rising in the United States.

Our Irish honorees for 2018, Ron Danielson, Jacqueline Konkol and Terese Dineen, will all do readings. There will be readings in Irish Gaelic, as well, during the Mass.

Program

9.35 AM - Program - done by Joseph Hughes and Derek Byrne. Colors are piped in by Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Color Guard, Pipes and Drums

9.40 AM - Mass - presided by Father Terry Brennan, S.J.

10.40 AM - (Approximate) - Continental Breakfast in Shamrock Club Parlour

Easter Rising Mass Breakfast

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.

The altar and the Shamrock Club Parlour decorations are handled by Dawn Fleming, Kathy Donovan, and Julie Smith.

- Brian Witt



The Alt

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Among the leading lights of today's folk and Irish music scene, The Alt will perform on Saturday, April 21 at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Joining John Doyle and Eamon O'Leary will be special guest Cathy Jordan from the band Dervish.

Each member is critically acclaimed for their instrumentation and collaborations with many of the greatest names in Irish music. The group's name comes from a storied glen on the side of Mount Knocknarea in Ireland's County Sligo where they first gathered to rehearse. The old ballads, tunes and freshly discovered songs they brought to the table allowed them to touch something beautiful, deep and magical that has always run beneath the music.

Doyle, originally from Dublin and now living in North Carolina, the Grammy-nominated instrumentalist was a member of Solas and has toured with Karan Casey, Liz Carroll and Joan Baez, among others. Shadow and Light, Doyle's solo recording, showcases his talents as songwriter and singer.

Originally from Dublin, guitarist and bouzouki player O'Leary has toured extensively throughout North America and Europe with many of Irish music's well-known players and is one-half of the duo the Murphy Beds with Jefferson Hammer.

The Roscommon-born front woman for the iconic Irish band Dervish, Jordan is celebrated for her singing, bodhrán playing and masterful stage presence. According to The Scotsman, "She is a singer of extraordinary intensity... her voice sublimely delicate without being remotely fragile."

This concert is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts and by a grant from the Irish Fest Foundation. The Irish Cultural and Heritage Center supports the Irish community by serving as a venue dedicated to enhancing, promoting and preserving Irish culture and heritage along with serving the community at large. The center, housed in the landmark 1880's former Grand Avenue Congregational Church, is the site for concerts, art exhibits, Irish dances and genealogical research.

- Kathy Schultz

Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the 15th of the month (next deadline: April. 15th to appear in the May issue.) Copy received after that date will not appear due to deadlines. While we try to include every submission possible, due to space limitations, we cannot guarantee that every submission will be included immediately. E-mail submissions preferred, send to:

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Sunshine Report

Tim O'Brien is improving with therapy but is requiring more time before coming back to his former status.

Brian Witt is healing and was certainly busy during the St. Patrick's Parade weekend, but still needs to take it "easy."

Nancy Vose's birthday was missed in February.

Jamie O'Donoghue is recovering from heart surgery.

Joe Arkin was singing with the Shamrock Club Choir for our Mass on March 10th. Joe received two new lungs last spring. We are certainly all grateful to the donor.

Birthdays for March were Chuck Sardegno, the 18th, Shirley Zabler, the 1st and Maggie Blaha, the 27th. Shirley was a visitor at our March meeting.

If you have Sunshine news, please email it to: slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com.

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair



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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Shamrock Club Scholarship is April 16, 2018. The application form is on the Shamrock Club website,

http://shamrockclubwis.com/scholarship_files/SCoWScholarship-Brochure2018.pdf, or I can send a paper copy to you or an emailed copy.

All applicants must be currently attending an institute of higher learning. He/she can be a regular Shamrock Club volunteer OR planning to enroll in Irish studies classes.

Please contact me with any questions.

- Mary Moze
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Scholarship Raffle

The raffle to raise funds for the Shamrock Club Scholarship was held at the Post Parade Party on March 10 and was a huge success. Many thanks to our members who donated items for the more than 40 raffle baskets that were available. Thanks, also, to other businesses and friends who donated promotional items to help our efforts and to those members who solicited those items. The success is best when many people contribute! And many congratulations to the winners!



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concluded in his Elegy on the Death of Mad Dog, "But soon a wonder came to light, that shew'd the rogues they lied, the man recovered of the bite, the dog it was that dy'd." Another prominent Irish writer, Brian Nolan, also known as Flann O'Brien and Myles na gCopaleen, passed away in April 1966. His *The Workman's Friend*, about a glass of porter, sums up life with "In time of trouble and lousey strife, you have still got a darlint plan, you still can turn to a brighter life, a pint of plain is your only man."

Showing he was not the same as his creation, Dubliner Bram Stoker died, with no bats visible. Coming into the world, literally and literately, was Charlotte Bronte, the daughter of a man who moved from Offaly to England and changed his name from Bronty.

Taking to the not so beaten path, Galwegian Richard Donovan became the first person to run marathons on both the North and south Poles in 2002. This was either an incredible feat of mind over body, or a daft run in the cold. Also in April, Irish swimmer and Olympian Michelle de Bruin, whose career has been almost destroyed by claims of drug abuse since her Olympic wins, has never been under suspicion, FINA, the international swimming authority admits. So sorry to ruin your life. And speaking of the four-year phenomenon, Lord Killanin, the man credited with saving the Moscow Olympics in 1980, was laid to rest. Many of the leading lights of the world of sport, business and politics in Ireland are present at his internment in the family vault at the New Cemetery in the Bohermore area of Galway city.

As an after thought to St. Patrick's Day, Fr. Theobald Mathew, with the support of William Martin, a Quaker, founds the total abstinence movement in Cork in 1838. Proudly wear your pledge pin.

But April also saw the debut of the tri-color flag by Thomas Meagher, later to become one of the leaders of the Union Army during the Civil War, in 1848. And a final twist in the trail is from April 16, 1998. The Good Friday Accord was signed in Belfast, bringing, in most ways, an end to the open warfare that had plagued Northern Ireland for three decades, in the form of "The Troubles."

This has been a bit of a journey, and the start and the finish are nowhere near what I thought they would be.

- Brian Witt

Irishman of the Year Address

I would like to thank those that nominated me to be the 2018 Irishman of the Year. When I was selected for the honor, I looked at the scroll in the ICHC Shamrock Club Parlor that names the past honorees. To be selected to join those honored before is very humbling and yet a very proud occasion.

I want to congratulate Jackie Konkol for her selection as 2018's Irish Rose. She certainly deserves the honor. Congratulations also to 2018 Parade Marshal, Therese Dineen. Both ladies are from families of long time members, and they have certainly contributed well to their families' legacies in the Shamrock Club.

I was the chairperson of the Honoree Banquet before I knew that I would be one of the honorees. As I was checking in people attending the banquet, 2017 Irishman of the Year Jerry Hill commented to me, "In a short while, someone will ring a bell, and they are going to have to wrestle me for the sash. Two out of three falls." Jerry earned the sash and wore it well. I hope I can wear it as well as he did! I am glad I didn't have to wrestle him for it!

I wish to thank those attending the Honoree Banquet. We had a good number of past honorees there, and I thank them especially for their presence.

Jackie, Therese, and I were treated like royalty at the various events we attended leading up to the St. Patrick's Mass and Downtown Parade, as well as the events that day at the ICHC. I also attended the Press Conference at the Grand Avenue Mall with the other honorees, the Ulster Project Fundraiser, the fundraiser for the Friends of St. Patrick, and the Celtic MKE Family Fun Day. I also sing with the Irish Fest Song Circle, and we performed at a senior residence in Menomonee Falls. One of the other singers informed the staff there of my status as Irishman of the Year, and it was announced to the residents there during our show. Their enthusiastic response was touching.

The Downtown Parade was great! The weather was perfect, and I thoroughly enjoyed the carriage ride with my lady, Mary Koehler, and my daughter, Dayna. I felt even more honored, as my place in the parade was right in front of Milwaukee

Archbishop Jerome Listeck, the Honorary Grand Marshal.

The Post Parade Party at the ICHC rounded out a very full day. I am looking forward to Irish Fest and any other Irish Community Events. I will wear my sash proudly! Thanks again for the honor!

- Ron Danielson



Membership News

Membership dues have been coming in. Membership cards will be mailed as soon as I have the information completed. Between the Ulster Project Fund Raiser and the Post Parade Party, we gained about 6-8 new members.

We need a new membership chair. Elections are in May, but nominations must be named at the April meeting. We use the Excel program for the data as well as Mailchimp for sending the *Emerald Reflections*.

I am including this list so that the readers can look over the list and decide now that you could help next year in one or more of the areas.

- St. Patrick's Mass – join the choir with two practices before the Saturday celebration. The practices are the two Sundays prior to the parade
- Shamrock Club parade needs banner carriers (about 100) and parade monitors needed to keep the units moving,
- This past weekend happened because some volunteers worked several shifts and locations during the post parade party.
- Setting up on Friday
- Donating items to create the baskets for the raffle
- Selling tickets to the visitors at the entrance
- Bartending
- Working in the kitchen

The members of the Shamrock Club are responsible for the events that happen during the year. Think about activities that you would like to participate in with other members of the Club. Volunteering is one of the most fun experiences a person can have. What would you like to do?

- Maggie Blaha
Membership Chair



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 10th we will be joining the tour to Sanfilippo Music Palace in Barrington Hills, IL.

Gail McAleese will be our hostess on May 8th when we discuss *House of Memories*, by Alice Taylor.

Sheila Isakson will be our hostess on June 12th, and our topic will be *Exit Music*, by Ian Rankin.

- Rosemary Walsh
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Word of the Month

Leaba - (lay-baa) Bedt

Réitigh do leaba féin gach uile lá!

(Ray-tee do lay-baa lain gock wheellay la)

Prepare your own bed every day.

52nd St. Patrick's Day Parade a Huge Success

In our 16th year partnering with the Westown Association, the Shamrock Club's 52nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade took to the streets of downtown Milwaukee on Saturday, March 10th, to kick off a week of celebration leading up to the high holy day itself. Sunny skies and moderate temperatures helped to bring in sizable crowds all along the parade route.

This year marked the 175th anniversary of the first Milwaukee Saint Patrick's Day Parade in 1843, along with (and contributing to) the establishment of the Diocese of Milwaukee. We were honored to welcome Archbishop Jerome Listocki as our Honorary Grand Marshal.

Our panel of judges selected the following award winners:

Best Marching Unit: DALEY DEBUTANTES BATON & DRUM CORP

Best Musical Unit: TRIPOLI HIGHLANDERS SCOTTISH PIPES & DRUMS

Best Float: WESTOWN ASSOCIATION

Thomas J. Smith Award for Best Irish Unit: TRINITY IRISH DANCERS

Best Parade Unit: GLENCASTLE IRISH DANCERS (for the 4th consecutive year!)

In addition, the parade committee decided to present the Parade Directors' Award to the Ulster Project of Greater Milwaukee, to welcome them to participating in the parade, and to honor them for their contributions in peacemaking in Ulster since 1979.

Thanks to everyone who made this year's parade possible – especially our partners the Westown Association and presenting sponsor Miller Lite. Special thanks to Irish Fest for their sponsorship and support, as well as all of our parade sponsors. None of it, of course, would be possible without the bands, Irish dance schools, and local Irish and Celtic community groups, and the dedicated team of volunteers who helped get everything organized.

In putting together this annual celebration of Irish pride, I've attempted to showcase the depth, breath, traditions, and history of the Milwaukee Irish community. Mark your calendars now as we do it again for our 53rd Annual Parade, which is being planned for Saturday, March 9th, 2019.

- Mike Boyle, Parade Director



Shamrock Club Irish Men of the Year attended the 2018 Honoree Dinner. From left to right they are: Bob Hamill, Brian Witt, Ed Mikush, Jerry Hill, Ron Danielson, Del Canon, Josh Walton, Bob Towne and Joseph Hughes.



Irish Roses at the Honoree Dinner included: Row 1 - Jean Bills and Veronica Ceszynski. Row 2 - Jackie Konkol, Maggie Blaha, Mary Moze, Pam Canon, Gail McAleese and Peg Hamill.

Our 52nd Annual St Patrick's Day Parade Day



Photos by
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and Kathleen McNamee





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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



Shamrock Club Past and Present Parade Marshals attended the 2018 Honoree Dinner. From left to right they are: Dan & Maureen Konkol, Bob Hamill, Ed Mikush, Maggie Blaha, Bob Towne, Del Canon, Mary Moze, Terese Dineen, Joseph Hughes and Rosemary & Sharon Walsh.

Photo by Pam Canon