



## Milwaukee Irish Fest: Bigger and Better Than Ever

For the 32 years and counting, Milwaukee Irish Fest has brought the biggest and best in Irish music, entertainment and culture to Milwaukee's lakefront. This year is no exception. North America's largest celebration of Irish music and culture returns to Henry W. Maier Festival Park in downtown Milwaukee, August 16 through 19 and promises to deliver all the favorites people have come to expect over the years, as well as some new surprises.

We sat down with the organizers of Milwaukee Irish Fest to get an inside look at what you can expect to see, hear and taste at this year's festival.

### Bluegrass Music Showcase

Every year, Milwaukee Irish Fest highlights a region of Ireland or a genre of music with direct lineage to the Emerald Isle. This year, the festival pays tribute to Ireland's influence on Bluegrass music. A special Bluegrass music showcase will come to life on the Celtic Roots stage, as well as other areas throughout the festival. In addition, the International Bluegrass Music Museum, Owensboro, Ken., will bring a traveling exhibit to the Culture Village.

"Since our first festival, we've never been afraid to take chances, explore new areas and bring in fresh new talent," said Ed Ward, entertainment coordinator for Milwaukee Irish Fest. "Year-after-year, we want our guests to enjoy traditional favorites, but we also want them to be exposed to things they've never heard or experienced before. I think the Bluegrass music showcase brings a fresh and exciting new element to this year's festival."

It's not widely known that Bluegrass music evolved out of the folk music traditions of 18th century immigrants who settled in the Appalachia region of the U.S. With origins in Irish, Scottish, English and Welch ballads and tunes, the early music had a predominant string band format dominated by fiddle, and grew to include the iconic banjo, guitar, mandolin and autoharp.

As recordings and radio programs began to spread throughout the U.S., the commercial "country music" industry was born. Over time, the center of country music was shifted to Nashville with the growing success of the Grand Ole Opry. The term "Bluegrass" first came into use in 1948 and is often credited to long-time Opry performer *Bill Monroe & The Blue Grass Boys*. Bluegrass has since continued to merge with jazz, gospel, country and Celtic music to produce the sound enjoyed around the world today.

This year's Bluegrass showcase will bring a unique sound to the festival grounds. Guests will be treated to a variety of Bluegrass artists, including headliners, *Del McCoury and The Punch Brothers*. McCoury is an International Bluegrass Music Association Hall of Famer and former lead singer of the band, *Bill Monroe & The Blue Grass Boys*. McCoury is a living link to the days when Bluegrass

was made only in honkytonks and on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry.

On the other end of the spectrum, is progressive Bluegrass band, *The Punch Brothers*. This Grammy award-winning band has appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *The Late Show with David Letterman* and recently produced a single for the blockbuster movie, "The Hunger Games."

### Irish/Celtic Music

Music is at the heart of Milwaukee Irish Fest and, once again this year, the festival is bringing in the biggest names and most popular acts to perform on 16 stages. Artists back by popular demand include traditional favorites like *Slide, Scythian, McPeake, Liz Carroll, Jackie Daly and Matt Cranitch, the Fuchsia Band and Moloney, Keane & O'Connell*. Guests can rock out to acclaimed contemporary groups like *Skerryvore, Enter the Haggis* and *Gaelic Storm*, soak up folk balladeers like *The High Kings* and *The Makem & Spain Brothers* and enjoy the impeccable harmonies of *The Henry Girls*.

### Culture

Milwaukee Irish Fest offers much more than music. Guests can immerse themselves in the culture of Ireland, including its language, arts, sports and commerce.

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**AUGUST 2, 2012 • 7 P.M.**  
**MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
 Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)  
 Jane Anderson, executive director of Milwaukee Irish Fest,  
 will be giving an update of the 2012 highlights.  
 Reminder: Meet us at Irish Fest in the Sales and Cultural Areas.

# ☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

For More Information visit <http://shamrockclubwis.com>

## AUGUST

- 2 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; 7 P.M.; ICHC
- 5 Milwaukee Hurling Club Playoffs; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.
- 8 Milwaukee AOH Chapter meeting; ICHC; 7:15 P.M.
- 11 Milwaukee Feis; UWM Student Union; 9 A.M.
- 12 Milwaukee Hurling Club Semi Finals; Brown Deer Park; 11:30 A.M.
- 13- 17 Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School; Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1019 North Broadway; Classes in music, dance, Irish Language, more; (414) 476-3378
- 16- 19 Milwaukee Irish Fest; Henry Maier Festival Grounds - Summerfest grounds, 200 North Harbor Dr.; (414) 476-3378
- 25 Shamrock Club Picnic; Sacred Heart Parish, 49th and Wells; noon to 5 P.M.
- 26 Milwaukee Hurling Club Finals; Brown Deer Park; 12:30 P.M.
- 31- **September 2** Wisconsin Highland Games; Waukesha Expo Center

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 Shamrock Club Monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 P.M.
- 12 Milwaukee AOH Chapter meeting; ICHC; 7:15 P.M.

**ON GOING** ... Set dancing at the following: Beginner Set Dance Classes featuring instructors Joanna Dupuis; Mondays 7 to 8:30 P.M. at Road House Bar and Grill, 1302 Washington Avenue, Cedarburg; Wednesdays, 7 P.M. at O'Donoghue's ▲ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghues Pub, 7 P.M., last Tuesday each month ▲ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 2-8 P.M. ▲ Irish Singalong, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 P.M. ▲ Irish Fest Song Circle, O'Donoghues 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 - athas; County Clare Inn; 6 P.M. ▲ Sundays: Mary Ann Miller; Brocach Milwaukee; 11:30 A.M.; athas; Brocach Milwaukee; 6 P.M. ▲

## Volunteers Needed For Irish Fest

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We need volunteers for both the Cultural Tent information booth and for retail. Contact Denis Donohoe at [djydonohoe@sbcglobal.net] for the Cultural area. Contact Glenn Nowak at [gnowak4@wi.rr.com], for the Retail area. The retail area is in the Grafton Street Area at mid festival. We need volunteers for a four hour shift in Retail for Thursday through Sunday. We need Cultural Area volunteers Friday through Sunday.

## Celtic Women International

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The CWI Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, August 7, at 1 P.M. at the ICHC. The book we are currently reading is titled, *The Linen Queen* by Patricia Falvey. Anyone interested, please join us as we are always looking for new members.

— Gail McAleese  
[mcaleese@wi.rr.com]

## Five Clues

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The name of last month's mystery person was John McBride. Tom McAleese came up with the correct answer.

Here is the August person.

1. I was born in 1856 in County Wexford, a member of an old Hiberno-Norman family.
2. I was educated by the Jesuits, but left university before getting my degree.
3. I became a member of the "Parnellite" faction of the Nationalist Party, following Charles Stuart Parnell, and working on land reform and Home Rule.
4. After the death of Parnell, I took over leadership of the party. However, I was unable to convince the Ulster politicians to come to my side.
5. I died in 1918, after working with members of the nationalists on a Home Rule bill in the British parliament, feeling I died a failed and broken man.

If you think you know the answer, send it to Five Clues, at [info@shamrockclubwis.com].

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The Cultural Village is the hub for all cultural activities, including: Genealogy, the Literary Corner, Hedge School, Theater, Archives, Harp Stage, Celtic Roots Stage and the Moore Street Market. A new addition for 2012 includes a traveling exhibit from the International Bluegrass Music Museum that will take center stage in the Cultural Pavilion.

## Sports

If you love sports, Irish Fest delivers. Guest can enjoy newly expanded tug-of-war and hurling areas, as well as a brand new sports pub featuring flat screen TVs showing Celtic sports, including Gaelic football. Sports fans can also catch teams, including the Milwaukee Police and the Milwaukee Fire Department, competing in currach races (traditional Irish boats) on beautiful Lake Michigan.

## Dance

If you are interested in learning about traditional Irish dance, be sure to stop by the Dance Pavilion where instructors will teach you the basics of traditional céilí and set dancing. If dancing isn't your style, sit back and enjoy amazing performances by six Milwaukee-area dance schools on stages throughout the grounds.

## Shopping

Outside of Ireland, there's no better place to shop for Irish goods than Milwaukee Irish Fest. The festival features more than 90 different vendors selling everything from soccer kits (jerseys) to fine art, jewelry, clothing, music and more. You



can even pick up official Milwaukee Irish Fest merchandise to commemorate your visit, including shirts, hats, jackets, poster and other souvenirs.

## Food & Spirits

Be sure to bring your appetite to Irish Fest 2012. In addition to traditional favorites like corned beef, Irish stew and baked potatoes, the festival is cooking up a variety of new entrees and drink specials. New items for 2012 include an Irish Cream Puff, Paddy's Espresso and O'Leary's Lemonade (Jameson and lemonade). You can even sign up for a Jameson Whiskey tasting that is led by an official Jameson ambassador.

## Family Fun

Milwaukee Irish Fest is recognized for being one of the best "family-friendly" festivals in Milwaukee – there's literally something to do for kids of all ages. Family favorites include the Children's Area, which is the place to be for crafts and fun activities, including the Pot 'O Gold fishing game, Lilli-Putt miniature golf and the Lego activity area. There are also two family-friendly entertainment stages and an expanded Leprechaun Village where kids can learn about these mythical characters and see how they live. Finally, families can take a tour of Irish Fest with the Family Passport program, a fun and easy way to experience the entire festival.

So there's a sneak peak at what's new and exciting for Milwaukee Irish Fest 2012. If you're looking for more information, visit [IrishFest.com] or call 414-476-FEST (3378). You can also connect with the festival via Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

See you at Milwaukee Irish Fest!

# Color Guard News and Notes

It has been an interesting July. Dan McCormack has stepped down from his position as Pipe Major, and has also left the group. Noel Tylla has stepped forward to take his place for the rest of the season, with Neil McCafferty's assistance, until a new Major is in place.

The consensus was that there is a need for learning new music. The decision was made to continue with the GMP&D new music/chanter practice at 6:30 with the SCCGPD alone at 7:30.

A head count was made as to who is available for the rest of this year's events. There is a need to *all* members to be available for the remaining events as our numbers have diminished greatly.

Here are some of the remaining events for 2012:

Random Lake, South Milwaukee, Muskego and Irish Fest are all a go. The Irish Fest performance will be at 1:30 on Sunday 8/19. The Shamrock Club Picnic is on 8/25.

If you would like to join us, we can use you in the Color Guard. We also give piping and drumming lessons.

See you in August.

– Rand Harteau,  
Color Guard director

# Milwaukee Membership News

Is everyone ready for Milwaukee Irish Fest? Please be sure to stop by our booth at the Cultural Tent as well as our Retail booth by the Market Square when you come down.

For July, we had 11 membership renewals and 18 membership drops from no-renewals in the Milwaukee chapter. At present, the Milwaukee chapter has 333 memberships with 138 families, 162 single, and 33 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

Please be sure to have your Memberships renewals in before our August 2 meeting for those who's expire on or before 8/31/2012. Check your Membership Cards for the expiration date. Also, check out the new Club apparel we have for sale.

See you at the next meeting.

– Denis Donohoe,  
Membership Chair



## Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for *Emerald Reflections* is due on the first of the month (next deadline: August 1 to appear in the September issue). Copy received after the first of the month will not appear. E-mail submissions preferred, send to:

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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*.

## Newsletter Update

Remember to submit your e-mail address before September for the new electronic newsletter. For those who wish to get the newsletter notice by e-mail, there are many names in our membership roster where we do not have an e-mail address. Please send us an e-mail to: [club@shamrockclubwis.com] and we will make sure it is in the list for September.

Starting in September, the newsletter will be published on our website the first of the month, ie. September newsletter will be available on Sept. 1. If you provide an e-mail address to us, you will be e-mailed a copy of the newsletter that you can read or print out at home as you wish. If you do not have an e-mail address or a computer to go to the website, you can; 1) pick up a copy at the monthly meeting, quantities will be limited, or 2) send by US mail a note requesting a hard copy to be mailed should you not have access to a computer or e-mail and the reason for a copy to be mailed. Please mail the note to Denis Donohoe at 1800 Pilgrim Pkwy, Elm Grove, WI 53122.

With your cooperation, this change will provide a very good cost savings for the club while not having to increase our membership fees that have not changed

for many years. Please ensure that we can make this work for all.

– Denis Donohoe;  
Newsletter and Website  
Committee Chair

## Members' Doings

Michele McComack competed at the Fleadh Cheoil for Singing In English in August. This is her second trip to the All Ireland musical competition.

Kari Quinlan was a winner of the \$2000 Irish Fest Scholarship. She has been a volunteer for many years.

Mary Crivello-Witt recently was awarded her MBA from Alverno College.

If you have anything to report on your family, please send it to [info@shamrockclubwis.com].

## State Advisory Board Meeting

The Shamrock Club State Advisory Board meeting will take place at Irish Fest on Saturday, August 18 at 10 A.M. If you would like to attend, send Denis Donohoe an e-mail at [djvdonohoe@sbcglobal.net].



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## The Nuala Kennedy Trio at ICHC Sept. 14

*The Nuala Kennedy Trio* will kick off the fall concert series at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Friday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the third ICHC visit for Kennedy, an Irish folk singer, composer and musician, who is touring with her Brooklyn-based band in support of her third album, *Noble Stranger*.

Steeped in the traditional music and mythology of County Louth in the north-east corner of Ireland with its strong links to Scotland, Kennedy has received rave reviews for her eclectic combination of ancient Gaelic songs, contemporary compositions, and infectious grooves of traditional dance music. Recognized for her exquisite musical artistry, *Rhythms Magazine* said that Kennedy beguiles with "a voice as luminous as her flute playing."

Kennedy is accompanied by fiddler Dana Lyn and guitarist Kyle Sanna, who draw their musicality from strong classical and traditional music backgrounds. Lyn has had a long collaboration with Kennedy as well as vocalist Susan McKeown and Irish folklorist Mick Moloney. She has headlined at many of the world's top Celtic music festivals and has performed at Carnegie Hall and on *Saturday Night Live*.

Sanna, known for his inventive and powerful guitar style, went from playing rock and roll to the formal study of jazz and music composition and then immersed himself in traditional Irish music. He has performed with numerous virtuoso musicians including cellist Yo-Yo Ma and mandolin player Chris Thile.

"A delicious mix of influences abound, without ever sacrificing musical identity."  
– *The Irish Times*

Tickets for the show are \$19 in advance and \$23 on concert day. Tickets for students with ID are \$10.

The second Hallamor show is *The Mairtin de Cogain Project* on Sat., Oct. 13 and the third is *Irish Christmas in America* on Sat., Dec. 1. The discounted subscription price for the three Hallamor concerts is \$53. To order online, visit [www.ichc.net]. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

## Picnic – August 25

Please come to the picnic. It is again taking place at Sacred Heart Parish, 49 and Wells, on Saturday, August 25. It will run from 11 A.M. until 4 P.M.

We will be having music, dancing, and a lot of food, plus the monster raffle.

If you would like to volunteer for it, call Tori at (262) 751-7016, or Nicole at (414) 708-3542. We need cooks, bartenders, games coordinators, and more.

## 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.

### September – December 2012

- Fri., Sep. 7 – *Cream City Ceili*
- Sat., Sep. 15 – *Ceol Cairde*
- Fri., Oct. 5 – *Frogwater*
- Sat., Oct. 20 – No ceili due to Blarney Bingo Fundraiser at the ICHC. Please join us!
- Fri., Nov. 2 – *Myserk*
- Sat., Nov. 17 – *Wise Maids*
- Fri., Dec. 7 – *áthas*
- Sat., Dec. 15 – *Wise Maids*

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

## Celtic Women Lectures



John Gleeson

Welcome back to the new season of Celtic Women lectures. We are so happy to be returning to the ICHC where the lectures began in 1997, hard to believe. If you have missed the lectures since 2008, please join us in Parlor A and get reacquainted while you sip a cup of tea and enjoy the home-made treats brought by our Lecture Ladies. We will begin again with John Gleeson, our local Irish man who is full of stories of his native Dublin and all things Irish.

As a side note, John will be leading a tour to Ireland next Spring, possibly his last tour for the public. When details are available we will try to let you know of them. Anyone who has ever enjoyed John's tours can tell you that they are "the best".

Date: Sep. 7, 2012

Topic: "The Poor Old Woman"

Speaker: John Gleeson

Using clips from a number of films about the Celtic World John will show how the image of a singing woman has become a common feature in these movies. Often used to to represent the nation (Ireland and Scotland, in particular ) they include Maureen O' Hara in *The Quiet Man* and Dolores Keane in *Trojan Eddy*. John will relate these images to the myth and folklore of the Celtic Goddess and the sovereign deity of the landscape.

John Gleeson is co-director of the UWM Center for Celtic Studies, is a past Irishman of the Year, is numbered among *Irish America's* "Top One Hundred" and is well known in the community as a lecturer and cultural activist.

All lectures are held from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee. Parking lot available from 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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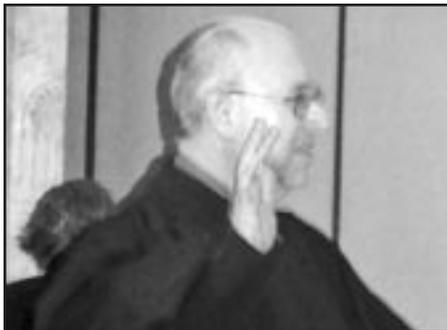
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Judge Dan Konkol

## 8th Annual Irishfest - La Crosse

**August 10-12, 2012**

- Friday, Aug. 10, 3 P.M. – midnight
- Saturday, Aug. 11, 10 A.M. – midnight
- Sunday, Aug. 12, 10 A.M – end of Scattering.

Join us at the Southside Fest Grounds, La Crosse, WI, for some 'craic' (Irish for fun) at Irishfest! Something for everyone, whether you are Irish or not. Experience live Irish music (traditional and contemporary), Cultural tent, Wee Folks area for the younger crowd, Genealogy Tent, Harp Tent, Irish food and beverages, Bantry Tea Garden, Tug of War, Highland Games, Kilt Run/Walk, Irish dancers, Irish currach boat demonstration, an Irish Cottage, Irish Toast Contest, and mass on Sunday. Raffle tickets available to win a trip to Ireland! See the record 40 ft. Irish Banger (sausage) being cooked and have a taste. For details and advance tickets go to: [www.irishfestlacrosse.org].

## Shamrock Club Picnic

**Saturday,  
August 25, 2012**

Sacred Heart Parish,  
49th and Wells

Noon to 5 P.M.

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## Irish Word Of the Month

**Mala - (mal-a)  
Bag or Purse**

Irish phrase: *Chaill mé mo mhála.*  
(Kyle me moe wala.)

English translation: "I lost my bag."

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## Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School

Learn about Irish music, cultural, language and dance at the Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School. The school is held August 13 to 17 at the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Student Union, 1028 N. Broadway, downtown Milwaukee.

The school encompasses all aspects of Irish cultural and musical life. Classes in the Irish language are taught by Ray MacManais and Liam O'Cuinnegain, two of the best in all of Ireland. Music is taught by Bruce Molsky, fiddlers Matt Cranitch and Liz Carroll, banjo by Gerry O'Connor; Irish mandolin by Brian McGillicuddy; and guitar by Mick Heffernan. Crafts classes are done by Aran Island basket weaver Vincent McCarron. Patrick Gallagher is teaching Celtic design. Irish sean nos dance is taught by festival favorite Brian Cunningham. Julieann Donlin will teach Celtic spirituality. Mick Moloney will have a class on Irish Influences on American music.

There are sessions and after-school events each night at area pubs. For more information, go to the Irish Fest website, [http://irishfest.com].

## Sunshine Club

Faith O'Connell's mother died recently. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

– Maggie Blaha

## Milwaukee Hurling Club - The Griffins

The Shamrock Club came back after losing three matches in a row and won the next two. Going into the final three weeks of the season, we are in the pack of teams in third place, with a record of 4-3. We play at Brown Deer Park.

Playoffs start on August 5, and the semis will be held on August 11. The finals take place August 26.

The Hurling Club is also offering the first time edition of the O'Neill's Milwaukee Hurling Club GAA jersey. You asked for it, we made it. This is your opportunity to buy an authentic O'Neills Milwaukee Jersey – never before made for the club. We are taking pre-orders for a limited time to attempt to ensure delivery by Irish Fest.

Make a comment below with your size. All jerseys will be number 17 as this is our 17th year as a club. Women and children's sizing available, as well as Men's sizes up to 4X. Price for all adult jerseys is \$50. Youth is \$40. Place your order to guarantee your jersey. Extras will be available for sale at Irish Fest and will be on a first come first serve basis.

(The back of the jersey is still in development but will include the number, the crest on the neck, the website under the number and a possible sponsor above the number) Call (414) 943-4875 to order.

– Paul Steinbacher and AJ Varelas,  
co-captains

## Milwaukee President's Message

Hello, I hope everyone is staying cool and comfortable in this extremely hot summer. Our installation dinner was at The Patio on July 12. It was a beautiful event with wonderful food, fabulous people and all around fantastic time. Thank you John and Mary Fisher for organizing the dinner. Thanks to the Honorable Judge Konkall for presiding over the installation ceremony. The new board is ready to assume their duties and looking forward to a successful year.

Denis Donohoe and his committee has been diligently working on a cost saving distribution of *Emerald Reflections*. We will be going electronic for those who have an e-mail address. This will be a significant savings to the club. Look for more information in this month's *Reflections*.

August is here which means the greatest festival in Milwaukee, Irish Fest, August 16, 17, 18 and 19. Please join us at the August general meeting to hear what is new and exciting at this year's Fest.

Again we will be sponsoring a booth in the cultural area. We will be asking for volunteers to man this area and provide information about the Shamrock Club and our mission. See Denis Donohoe to volunteer.

Let's not forget our retail. We will need help for set-up on Thursday, selling our merchandise during the festival and take down on Sunday evening. Please contact Glen and Kim Nowak to volunteer your time. I want to take this time to thank them for coming forward in getting our retail booth ready for Irish Fest. Let's make their first year a successful one.

The Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums will be performing at the daily parades. Let's show them our support and cheer them on.

Our final big event in August is the annual Shamrock Club Picnic. This year the picnic is on Saturday Aug. 25 at Sacred Heart Church 49th and Wells from 11-4, bring a dish to pass. You may contact Tori at (262) 751-7061 or Nicole at (414) 708-3542 if you would like to volunteer to help. So mark your calendars and hope to see you there.

See you at the general meeting.

– Kathy Donovan, President  
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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



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