



Always Something New To Do at the World's Largest Irish Festival Highlights for 2013 Milwaukee Irish Fest include Nova Scotia Showcase

People will gather from all over the world for the 33rd annual Milwaukee Irish Fest taking place August 15 to 18 along Milwaukee's lakefront. Whether it's your first time at the festival or you're an Irish Fest veteran, you'll be sure to find something you love. Here are the highlights you won't want to miss:

Music

At the heart of Milwaukee Irish Fest is music. The festival will once again bring in the biggest names and most popular acts to perform on 16 stages. Guests will be treated to: traditional favorites like Tom Sweeney, The Makem & Spain Brothers and Kevin Burke; Celtic rockers like Gaelic Storm and The Red Hot Chilli Pipers; and contemporary groups like We Banjo 3, The Screaming Orphans and Goitse.

Not-to-Miss

Not-to-miss acts appearing for the first time include: The Willis Clan, an award-winning band of seven family members age 21 and under; Cutthroat Shamrock, a regional band covering the genres of punk and bluegrass; Creel, the house band at Raglan Road Irish Pub in downtown Walt Disney World; JPTrio and Niamh Farrell, a young, traditional band from Ireland; Ronan Tynan, who sang with the famous Irish Tenors; Carlos Núñez, a world-renowned piper from Galician Spain who has played with the Chieftains; and Manran, a Scottish band who recently performed their infectious blend of traditional and contemporary music at the 2012 London Olympics.

Showcase

Each year, Milwaukee Irish Fest highlights an aspect of Celtic music and culture. This year's showcase is Nova Scotia, the Canadian province whose name means

"New Scotland." Nova Scotia is home to a very unique brand of Celtic music rooted in the traditions of the 18th century Scottish immigrants who arrived there after the Highland Clearances. Guests can expect a wide variety of the Irish and Celtic song and instrumental traditions of Nova Scotia in the Showcase.

"Given our history and unique cultural experiences, Nova Scotia has become one of the major international centers for traditional Celtic music," said Brian Doherty President of Music Nova Scotia who is partnering with Milwaukee Irish Fest on the showcase. "We're delighted once again for the opportunity to bring some of our finest performers to Milwaukee Irish Fest and we will continue to foster our long-term relationship with one of the most important and largest events of its kind in the world."

Kitchen Party

To kick off the Nova Scotia Showcase, guests will be invited to gather 'round as they are treated to special Kitchen Party set during the opening night of the festival with artists from Nova Scotia. A tradition in Nova Scotia, a Kitchen Party is a musical jam session typically held at someone's home.

As part of the showcase, audiences will

hear traditional Irish-influenced Cape Breton music with the Barra MacNeils. The showcase will also feature Appalachian "New Grass" from the Modern Grass and Americana Folk provided by Old Man Luedecke and Dave Gunning. Audiences will also experience the Cape Breton fiddle and piano tradition when they hear Cassie and Maggie MacDonald.

The Gaelic language is a huge part of the music tradition in Nova Scotia and Mary Jane Lamond and Wendy MacIssac will perform several songs in Scottish Gaelic. Meanwhile, Evans and Doherty will bring traditional Irish folk songs with them to Milwaukee and Buddy MacDonald will entertain through storytelling and Cape Breton ballads. Sprag Session will deliver high energy sets of Celtic fusion and traditional fiddle.

More than Music

Milwaukee Irish Fest offers much more than music. Guests can immerse themselves in Celtic culture, including language, arts, sports and shopping. The Cultural Village on the south end of the grounds 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.

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AUGUST 1, 2013 • 7:00 PM

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



Sandwiches served at 6:30 • Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Special Guest Speaker - Patrick Doyle, Irish Fest Director

♣ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ♣

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

AUGUST

- 1 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 2 Tinker; Paddy's Pub, 2329 N. Murray; 9 pm
- 2 Derek Byrne and Paddygrass; Peace Lutheran Church Concert Series; Peace Lutheran Church, 17651 Small Road, New Berlin; 6:30 pm
- 3 Tallymoore; Slim McGinn's West at State Fair, 640 S. 84th St; 6 pm
- 9 Blackthorn Folly; Paddy's Irish Pub; 9:30 pm
- 9 Theiss and O'Connor; Freeman Fridays Night Live, Waukesha; 6 pm
- 10 Milwaukee Feis; UWM Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.
- 10 Jeff Ward; Paddy's Pub, 2323 N Murray; 9 pm
- 11 McMenamin Feis; UWM Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.
- 12-16 Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School; Milwaukee School of Engineering
- 13 Kinsella Irish Dancers and McTavish; Chill on the Hill; 7 pm
- 14 Mànran; River Rhythms; Marquette Park; 7 pm
- 14 Tosa Tonight; Sprag Session and We Banjo Three; 6526 River Parkway; 7 pm
- 15-18 **Milwaukee Irish Fest**; Henry Maier Festival Summerfest Grounds; Gaelic Storm; Red Hot Chilli Pipers; Screaming Orphans; Tallymoore; Ceol Cairde; Nova Scotia Showcase; Barra MacNeils; Buddy MacDonald; Mary Jane Lamond and Wendy MacIsaac; Modern Grass; Cassie and Maggie MacDonald; Dave Gunning; Sprag Session; Evans and Doherty; Dublin 5; Ed Miller; Elders; Evans and Doherty; Carlos Nunez; Derek Byrne and Paddygrass; Ian Gould; Cashel Dennehy; Trinity; Glencastle Irish Dancers; Rince Nia; West Wind; Irish Fest Choir; Ronan Tynan; Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance; Finbar McCarthy; Reilly; Whiskey of the Damned; We Banjo Three; Barry Dodd; Makem & Spain Brothers; The High Kings; Cuil a Lin; Theiss and O'Connor; Meaiti Jo Sheamuis & Friends; Ray MacManais; Blackthorn Folly; Andreas Transo; Tis; Tom Paxton; Mànran; Tom O'Carroll; Brian Cunningham - Sean Nos Dancing; Reilly Trio; Dublin O'Shea; Goitse; McMenamin Irish Dance Academy; Shamrock Color Guard Pipes & Drums
- 16 Late Night Set Dance; ICHC; Music tba; 11:45 pm
- 21 Tinker Boys; Westown Farmer's Market; Ziedler Park, corner of N. 4th St. and W. Michigan Ave; 11:30am
- 29 Tom and Evan Leahy; Revere's Public House, 505 Wells Street, Delafield; 7 pm
- 30 U2 Zoo; 110th Anniversary Celebration; Harley-Davidson Celebration; Summerfest Grounds; tba
- 30-September 1 Wisconsin Scottish Games; Waukesha Expo Centre

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 7 Positively Pewaukee Celtic Fest ; Pewaukee, Lakefront
- 28 Monthly Set Dance; ICHC; Music tba; Sets are Williamstown; 7:30 pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 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, First Sundays, second and fourth Tuesdays, 7 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 ♣ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ♣

Kim's Corner Cupboard

As this is my official first month as Sergeant-at-Arms and the weather will most likely be warm, we will have sandwiches for our meal at the meeting on August 1st. The club will provide the sandwich makings and we ask that members bring items (salads, side dishes, desserts, etc.) to accompany them.



As for September's meeting and the start of fall, we will have our second annual cookout. The Club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Ken Tehan has again offered to supply us with his delicious corn on the cob, and members should bring a dish to pass from their garden or local farmers market.

- Kim Nowak
Sergeant-at-Arms

Just for Fun!

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall." Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest. Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father.

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go on a trip right now."



Milwaukee President's Message

The great month of August is finally here, and Milwaukee's premiere ethnic festival is upon us, Irish Fest.

We are always looking for volunteers to work in our retail and cultural areas. Anyone who is interested please contact the Shamrock Club for information. It is a great opportunity to see the festival, meet new people and have some fun. So see you there!

The Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums will again be marching in the daily parade at Irish Fest. They will also be performing at the crossroads at noon on Sunday. So come cheer them on.

We had our Installation Dinner in July at the Patio Club. I would like to say thank you to John and Mary Fisher for coordinating the event. It was wonderful. Thanks to the Honorable Judge Dan Konkol for presiding over the Installation Ceremony. With a new board in place we are excited to serve our membership. It will be busy year as we continue to update and tweak our bylaws.

Please join us at our August 1st general meeting. It will be a chance for all to meet the new Officers and Board of Directors. Our very special guest will be Irish Fest Director, Patrick Boyle. He will be joining us to share information about some of the highlights of this year's festival.

See you at the general meeting, and if you can bring a prospective new member, it is a great time to join our club.

God Bless,

- Kathy Donovan, President



Gallagher Clan Reunion at Milwaukee Irish Fest August 15-18, 2013



Ó GALLCÓBÁIR

Calling all Gallaghers! You are invited to join the Reunion of Clan Gallagher this summer in Milwaukee. There will be a special tent at Irish Fest for the reunion and lots of special events for the weekend. They include: participation in the Sunday Mass; marching with the daily parade through the festival grounds; in our own tent - meeting all of the reunion members who claim Gallagher ancestry; research your ancestry and genealogy – bring along family history and photos.

There is another special tent devoted to Genealogy on the Irish Fest grounds, with many knowledgeable research experts on site to help you find your Gallagher ancestors.



If you plan on attending the Clan Reunion, please send an e-mail to jeankbills@aol.com to register your name and intentions. If you would like to help plan for the daily events you will be very welcome, just mention it in the e-mail. Also, please pass on the information to relatives who may be interested in the Gallagher Clan Reunion.

-Jean Bills

You Don't Need to be a Gallagher!

Welcome to everyone – please join the Gallagher Clan Reunion in our reunion tent at Irish Fest. If you need to rest your feet a bit, or just have a seat while you enjoy your lemonade or beer, walk right in. There will be “entertainment” while you visit, in the form of a constant DVD rolling-over photos of Ireland's landscape; in fact there will be nearly 900 pictures of the old sod. Very few people in the pics – just Ireland itself. So do come to our reunion. See you there!

-Jean Bills

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Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the 15th of the month (next deadline: August 15th to appear in the Sept. 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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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.

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!

There will be no Book Club meeting in August.

The hostess for the September 17th meeting will be Rosemary Baumann. The topic is *The Quarry*, by Iain Banks.

- Rosemary Walsh
rowalsh@wi.rr.com



Retail Report

Please sign up at the August meeting to help out in our retail booth at Irish Fest 2013. Or contact us online at retail.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com, or give us a call at 414-466-8060.

We need help on all days except Saturday for the early shift, and shifts are only 2 hours. We need 2-3 people each shift.

- Glenn and Kim Nowak, Retail Chairs
retail.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com



River Rhythms

Our parade partner, Westown, has a number of concerts of interest for Shamrock Club members.

On August 14, Manran will be making their Milwaukee debut. Hailing from Scotland, Manran is a unique blend of Gaelic and English singing, and traditional and contemporary sounds.

Free concerts continue each Wednesday until August 28 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in Pere Marquette Park, on Old World Third Street between Kilbourn and State Streets. Bands perform on the river stage.

For more information, go to www.westown.org or call (414) 276-6696.

-Brian Witt

Milwaukee Membership News

As we transition from one membership chair to another, we are not able to provide a list of new members, or membership totals this month. We will have a complete report in the September Emerald Reflections.

I am in need of volunteers for Irish Fest to staff the membership table in the cultural area. If you are interested in doing this for 2 hours at a time, please contact me at ganowak@wi.rr.com or call me at 414-466-8060. Volunteering will get you admission to the fest. Bring a friend, member or not along for the fun.

I look forward to taking on this new position as membership chair for the club. I would like to thank Denis Donohoe for his years as Membership Chair, and for his help and guidance as we transition.

- Glenn Nowak
Membership Chair

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Highlights this year include an exhibit on the Irish in Rock, an on-the-grounds limerick poem contest, and a new Hobbit Exhibit that explains how Ireland’s topography influenced the dwellings of J.R.R. Tolkien’s characters. Bring a partner to the Harp Stage where guided massage instruction will accompany melodic harp music. Need help exploring the cultural area? Tour guides provided at the Info Cottage will take you on a tour of the cultural area.

Sports

If you love sports, Irish Fest delivers. Guest can enjoy tug-of-war and hurling areas, as well as a sports pub with flat screen TVs playing Celtic sports like Gaelic football. Catch teams competing in currach races (traditional Irish boats) on beautiful Lake Michigan. You won’t want to miss the Milwaukee Police vs. Fire Department race.

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 you aren’t a good dancer yourself, 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 vendors selling everything from soccer kits (jerseys) to fine art, jewelry, clothing, music and more. Several artisans travel here from Ireland, including knitters, clothing designers and basket weavers who will be demonstrating their craft. 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 2013. In addition to traditional favorites like corned beef, Irish stew and baked potatoes, the festival is always cooking up a variety of new entries. New items this year include Irish-themed gelato (Bailey’s® Irish Cream, Mint & Dark Chocolate), Paddy’s Chicken (chicken breast glazed in a whiskey sauce) and specialty coffees (Irish Nut Cappuccino, Hazel Nut Espresso and Shamrock Mocha). Popular mixed drinks found on the grounds include the Jamorita (margarita made with Jameson® Irish Whiskey) and the Bloody Molly (a Bloody Mary made with Jameson Irish Whiskey). New this year is the Celtic Breeze (Jameson Irish Whiskey with cranberry-apple juice).



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. The Children’s Area 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. A newer attraction is the Highland games area where kids can try their hand at traditional competitions. There are also two family-friendly entertainment stages filled with music, dance and new this year a magician and comedic duo.

At the expanded Leprechaun Village, kids can learn about these mythical characters and see how they live. Families can take a tour of Irish Fest with the Family Passport program, a fun and easy way to experience the entire festival.

Promotions

The organizers of Milwaukee Irish Fest make it easy and affordable to enjoy the festival. There are a wide variety of special promotions and discounts that guests can take advantage of, including discounts for college students, seniors, military personnel and their families.

In addition, the festival offers free or reduced admission during special promotional periods on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. There is free admission on Thurs., Aug. 15 between 5 and 10 p.m. with a donation of school supplies. On Fri., Aug. 16, guests can take advantage of \$5 Buck Friday between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, a Mass for Peace and Justice will begin in the Marcus Amphitheater at 9:30 a.m. All interested patrons are welcome to attend. Donate non-perishable food items by 11 a.m. on Sunday to receive free admission to the festival.

To learn more about discounts and special promotions, visit www.irishfest.com and click on the “Festival Info” tab. General admission for the festival is \$17 for adults, \$12 for seniors 60+ and free for kids 12 and under.

4,000 Volunteers

More than just a festival, the Milwaukee Irish Fest organization is passionately committed to igniting a love of Irish culture in all people. With the help of more than 4,000 volunteers, Milwaukee Irish Fest teaches Ireland’s music, dance, drama, sports, culture, children’s activities and genealogy through year-round programming. For more information, visit www.irishfest.com.

About Milwaukee Irish Fest

Milwaukee Irish Fest is the world’s largest celebration of Irish music and culture. The four-day festival showcases more than 100 entertainment acts on 16-stages at Henry W. Maier Festival Park on Milwaukee’s lakefront. The annual festival occurs every third weekend in August. The 2013 festival takes place August 15 to 18.

- Jackie Hribar



Irish Fest Entertainment Schedule

Thursday - August 15

Miller Lite Stage

5:15 Barra MacNeils
7:00 Carlos Nunez
8:45 Dublin 5

Aer Lingus Stage

5:15 VIP Introductions
6:15 We Banjo 3
7:30 Willis Clan
9:00 Manran

Friday - August 16

Miller Lite Stage

4:00 Jeff Ward
5:30 Cashel Dennehy School of Irish Dance
7:00 Goitse
8:30 Gaelic Storm
10:15 Carlos Nunez

Aer Lingus Stage

4:00 Atlantic Wave - Friday
5:30 Glencastle Irish Dancers
7:00 The Elders
8:30 Makem & Spain Brothers
10:15 Manran

Coors Lite/Parkview

4:00 Tis
5:30 Tom Paxton
7:00 Barra MacNeils
8:30 We Banjo 3
10:00 Sprag Session

Leinie's Celtic Rock Stage

4:00 McMenamin Irish Dance Academy
5:45 Dublin 5
7:45 Screaming Orphans
10:00 Red Hot Chilli Pipers

Saturday - August 17

Miller Lite Stage

12:00 Circle City Bluegrass Band
1:30 Tallymoore
3:15 Goitse
5:00 Seven Deadly Sons: Folk Show
6:45 Willis Clan
8:30 Carlos Nunez
10:15 Gaelic Storm

Aer Lingus Stage

12:00 Academy of Irish Music
2:45 Volunteer Scholarship Program
3:15 Tom Paxton
4:45 Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
6:30 Manran
8:15 Makem & Spain Brothers
10:00 The Elders

Coors Lite/Parkview

12:00 Myserk - Saturday
1:30 Leahy's Luck
3:15 Glencastle Irish Dancers
5:00 Ronan Tynan
6:45 We Banjo 3
8:30 Sprag Session
10:15 Barra MacNeils

Leinie's Celtic Rock Stage

12:00 Reilly
2:00 Whiskey of the Damned
4:00 Cashel Dennehy School of Irish Dance
6:00 Dublin 5
8:00 Red Hot Chilli Pipers
10:00 Screaming Orphans

Sunday - August 18

Miller Lite Stage

12:00 Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance
1:00 We Banjo 3
2:30 Willis Clan
4:00 Ed Ward Irish Music Scholarship
4:15 Carlos Nunez
5:45 Goitse
7:30 Gaelic Storm

Aer Lingus Stage

11:00 Kennedy's Kitchen
12:30 Rince Nia Academy of Irish Dance
2:00 Tom Paxton
3:30 Makem & Spain Brothers
5:15 The Elders
6:45 Raffle Drawing
7:15 Manran
8:45 Volunteer of the Year
9:00 The Scattering

Coors Lite/Parkview

11:15 Leahy's Luck
1:00 Trinity Academy of Irish Dance
2:45 Ronan Tynan
4:45 Sprag Session
6:30 Barra MacNeils

Leinie's Celtic Rock Stage

12:00 Henhouse Prowlers
1:30 The Gleasons
3:30 Screaming Orphans
5:30 Red Hot Chilli Pipers
7:30 Dublin 5



Irish Fest Summer School

If you haven't signed up for classes at the 27th annual Irish Fest Summer School, August 12-16 at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, there is still time! Online registration will be open through Monday morning, Aug. 12. Walk-in registration is held at the Fáilte Desk on the third floor of the MSOE Student Life and Campus Center, 1025 N. Broadway, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12. For hours and more information, please go to <http://irishfest.com/Summer-School.htm>. Classes with low registration may be cancelled so it is important to reserve soon.

The summer school showcases the rich history and traditions of Ireland and Irish America past and present. Instrumental classes will be taught by some of the top names in Irish music including one of Ireland's most respected flute players and makers, Hammy Hamilton. The men of We Banjos 3, one of 2012 Irish Fest's favorite bands making a return visit his year, will teach guitar, banjo, mandolin and bodhran. David Howley from the group will also teach the songwriting process. Archaeology and the Art of Ancient Ireland is a new offering while basket weaving and Celtic design are among the most popular returning craft classes.



**Mary Jane Lamond,
Sean Nos Song**



**Wendy MacIsaac,
Cape Breton Fiddle**

This year marks the return of a more extensive program for children including classes in fiddle, whistle and bodhran as well as drama. Students from that class will perform a play at Irish Fest.

The Irish Fest Summer School is truly all things Irish for all ages!

- Kathy Schultz



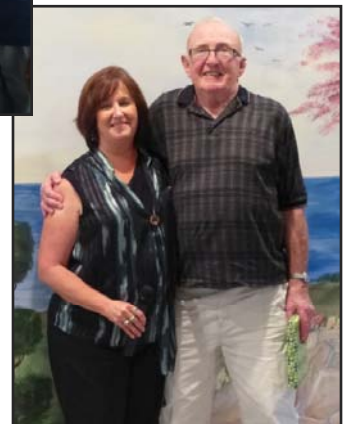
Shamrock Club Installation Dinner Fun



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and Sue Dushek



*New officers were installed.
Departing officers were honored.
Great fun was had by all!*





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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 Color Guard Pipes and Drums marching in the Wauwatosa July 4th Parade

Photo by Sue Dundon