



Mickey Sullivan's Civil War

*There are hats in the closet,
old, ugly to view,
Of very slight value
they may be to you.
But the wealth of the Astors
should not buy them to-day,
With letters of honor,
old Company "K"...*
*...But the Heavenly Commander
has said, we have heard,
That duty, well done,
s-hall have its reward
When the long roll is sounded,
the great muster day,
May we all meet in Heaven –
brave Company "K".*

– James "Mickey" Sullivan, Author
by Brian Witt

At the beginning of July, 1863, Union and Confederate forces met in a small Pennsylvania town that was best known for its Lutheran seminary. The Confederate army had decided that a march against the poorly defended capital of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, would cause a withering blow to the Union. However, for the first time during the Civil War, the commanders of the U.S. army actually committed to an assault that was not doomed to failure.

One of the units that fought in the battle was the Wisconsin "Iron Brigade." One of those men who fought in that illustrious group was James "Mickey" Sullivan, a diminutive, self-deprecating character that impressed with his wit and his courage. He fought in many of the major battles of the Civil War, and in his later years would write accounts of his life in the Army. These were compiled in a book published in 1993, *An Irishman in the Iron Brigade: The Civil War Memoirs of James P. Sullivan, Sergt., Company K, 6th Wisconsin Volunteers*, editing and

commentary by William J. K. Beaudot and Lance J. Herdegen, published by Fordham University Press in 1993.

The Famine in Ireland helped bring James Patrick Sullivan to Wisconsin as an infant. He was born in Ireland on 21st June 1843, emigrating to the United States via Canada with his parents, Dennis and Catharine Flynn Sullivan, and two siblings in 1845. The family settled in Greenwood Township, Bad Ax (later Vernon) County. He was known as JP or Pat to his family and friends. Six other children born over the next several years completed the family.

Sullivan was small of stature, and early on had hired himself out as a farm worker. Just before his 18th birthday he tried to enlist in the Union Army. However, the fact that he was young and short had many of his future warrior brethren upset. Second Lieutenant, and fellow Irishman John Crane, resolved the problem in June by taking Sullivan to a local justice of the peace, who appointed himself Sullivan's guardian and swore Sullivan in on the 21st.

Company organizer and Commander Rufus Dawes' men were mustered in as Company K of the 6th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment and traveled east to join the Army of the Potomac. The brigade which the 6th was assigned to included the 2nd and 7th Wisconsin and the 19th Indiana,

and came under the command of Brigadier General John Gibbon, who had been an artilleryman in the pre-war Army. Gibbon's old outfit, the Battery B, 4th US Artillery, was assigned as the brigade's artillery support. Gibbon's brigade was the only one in the Army of the Potomac composed of men from "Western" states, and he added a few things to make it even more distinctive: instead of the usual 4-button sack coat and forage cap, he had them dress in Regular Army frock coats and tall black hats pinned up on one side. This gave them the nickname "The Black Hat Brigade." Gibbon was soon to leave, but the headwear remained.

At the battle of South Mountain, on September 14, 1862, Union Army commander George McClellan gave them a new name after seeing their dogged attack up the slope, "The Iron Brigade". Later that year, the 24th Michigan joined the brigade.

For a short man, Sullivan seemed to be a target, having been wounded a number of times. After fighting at Brawner Farm and Second Bull Run, (Manassas), he was wounded at South Mountain, and mustered out and sent home to Wisconsin after a three month hospital stay. After six weeks, he reenlisted after being told, "Anything owning a name could enlist." He was soon back, in his old spot, in

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Annual Installation Dinner

JULY 12, 2012

The Patio: 1421 E. Howard, Milwaukee

Cocktails 6 P.M. • Dinner at 7 P.M.

(Replaces Milwaukee Monthly Membership Meeting)

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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JULY

- 1 Milwaukee Hurling Club ; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.
- 8 Milwaukee Celtic First versus Aztecas United FC; Polonia Soccer Club, 11210 West Loomis Road; 12:30 P.M.
- 8 Milwaukee Hurling Club ; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.
- 11 Milwaukee AOH Chapter meeting; Burkes Irish Castle; 7:15 P.M.
- 12 Shamrock Club Installation Dinner; The Patio
- 15 Milwaukee Hurling Club ; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.
- 21 Badger State Feis; Pettit National Ice Center, 500 South 84th St.; 9 A.M.
- 22 Cream City Feis; Pettit National Ice Center, 500 South 84th St.; 9 A.M.
- 22 Milwaukee Hurling Club ; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.
- 29 Milwaukee Hurling Club ; Brown Deer Park; 9:30 A.M.

AUGUST

- 1 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
- 26 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

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. ▲

Members' Doings

Jacob Nowak recently competed in the Special Olympics in Stevens Point. Jack Fitzgibbons was named to the Wisconsin All-State lacrosse team. He played for Marquette High School. Olive Witt recently went to Seattle to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Maureen.

Megan Savage (formerly with Trinity Irish Dance and winner of the "red hair" contest at Irish Fest) graduated from UW-Madison and was accepted into a Ph.D program in N.Y. with a full scholarship for five years to study Psychology.

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

Five Clues

The answer to last month's Five Clues was James Connolly. The winner was Gail McAleese.

Here is this month's person of interest.

1. Born in Westport, I joined the Gaelic Athletic Association with Michael Cusack, about the same time I joined the Irish Republican Brotherhood.
2. I emigrated first to the United States, and then to South Africa, where I formed the Irish Transvall Brigade for the Boer War.
3. I married the muze of Ireland's most famous poet, in what would be a tempestuous marriage.
4. I moved to Ireland, but was kept out of the IRB planning of the Easter Rising, and accidentally became involved.
5. I was executed for my role in the Rising.

If you know the answer, send it to [info@shamrockclubwis.com]. The first person to respond correctly will win a copy of Dublin O'Shea's first CD.

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Company K. His next fight was during the Chancellorsville campaign in spring of 1863.

At Gettysburg, he was a part of the Sixth's charge on Confederate Brigadier General Joseph R. Davis's brigade, which was using an unfinished railroad cut for cover. The attack was successful and many prisoners were taken, but Sullivan was badly wounded in the left shoulder. He went to the courthouse in town, which had been converted to a hospital. When the Federal lines broke later that day and the town was overrun by the Confederates, Sullivan and the others at the hospital found themselves behind Rebel lines and were now prisoners of war. Fortunately, when Lee retreated, many of the Federal wounded who'd been captured, including Sullivan, were left behind and free again. This battle was documented in the book, *In the Bloody Railroad Cut At Gettysburg*, by Lance Herdegen and William J.K. Beaudot, (Morningside Press, 1991).

Sullivan found himself hospitalized at the Cuyler Hospital in Philadelphia. There he met his future wife, Angeline Shaeffer. After a brief courtship, they married in February 1864. Back with his regiment and "veteranized," (he re-enlisted in January, 1864), he obviously determined to see the thing through to the end. But he did not write anything concerning Grant's Overland Campaign or the first months around Petersburg. He was promoted to Sergeant. He was stuck by shell fragments during the Weldon Rail Road battle in August of 1864. Most of the metal was removed, but a piece of shrapnel was lodged near the base of his skull for the remainder of his life. At 1st Hatcher's Run, in October, 1864, he was shot in the thigh.

That winter, he got a furlough to visit his wife. Once he was back, he and his uncle, Tommy Flynn, took their own unauthorized leave. When they returned, they were surprised to discover they had been listed as deserters. J.P. lost his stripes and was reduced to the ranks. Before the end of the War, he was restored to rank, and mustered out as sergeant.

After the war, Sullivan returned with his wife and son George to Wisconsin. They first moved to the Dakota Territo-

ries, but came back to Wisconsin to farm in Forest Township, Vernon County, in the 1880s. It was a difficult process for him, as his wounds soon became an impediment to the labor-intense work. Three other children had arrived in the meantime, Anne, John and James. He became very involved in veteran activities, both in the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and the Iron Brigade Association. It was also during this period he began writing his articles.

Jerome Watrous, a veteran of the Black Hat brigade, was the publisher of the *Milwaukee Telegraph*.

Watrous was a colorful character in his own right, offering to rejoin the Army for the Spanish-American War at 60, and marrying his third wife, at 76. Watrous imposed upon Sullivan to give his recollections of the Battle of Gainesville for the *Telegraph*.

Sullivan offered up a colorful description of his time in the service. He recounted his attempt at drilling two raw recruits who couldn't march in column without kicking each other, and the company mule Beauregard. He talked of his wounds at Gettysburg, how he moved the corpse of an officer off the feather bed he had slept on the night before, and he and a fellow wounded soldier napped until returning to the front. Part of the reason Sullivan started writing his articles was the he and his fellow Iron Brigade members felt they were cheated on the credit for stopping the Confederate Armies at Gettysburg and other battles.

He was also asked by the Wisconsin Historical Society to deliver a history of both the Sixth Wisconsin and the Iron Brigade.

Sometime after 1885, two of his children, Anna and James, died. Then in

the mid-1890s, Sullivan gave up farming and took up law, being admitted to the bar in 1897. He bought a lot in Ontario, Wisconsin and built a law office. He also became village clerk. But more troubles came when son George got involved in a shooting and went to jail, and James and Angeline divorced soon after. He remarried in January 1899, this time to Bessie Gorham, a woman thirty years younger than him with three children. The marriage produced a son, James Fitz, who wrote the foreword to his father's book.

Sullivan's health was already failing, though. His age, old wounds and the hardships of time in service were rapidly catching up to him. In 1900, he was unable to attend a Brigade reunion and the loquacious Sullivan was only able to send a poem to speak for him. J.P. "Mickey" Sullivan died on October 22, 1906. He was buried in Ontario Cemetery with his GAR comrades in attendance.

Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

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

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Shamrock Club Picnic

Saturday, August 25, 2012

Sacred Heart Parish, 49th and Wells

Noon to 5 p.m.

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Newsletter Update

Over the last few months, our Newsletter and Website Committee, being made up of Brian Witt, Pam Canon, Brian Sneed, and myself, have been reviewing our costs and current designs to produce them. Our initial focus so far has been on the costs associated with producing our monthly newsletter, since this is our highest expense item for the Club, it has now become more expensive to produce a newsletter in its current form per copy than the cost of our present membership fees, placing a burden on funds the Club could direct to other purposes.

As such, after reviewing options, such as raising membership fees, adding a special fee to get a copy of the newsletter mailed, or bringing the making of the newsletter in house and e-mailing it electronically (with some exceptions) to our membership at no cost. The Board voted in our May meeting to move forward with the last option with the first issue to begin with our September 2012 edition and the below will explain how this will work.

The newsletter will be published on our website the first of the month, i.e. 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.

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.

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.

Thanks

– Denis Donohoe;
Newsletter and Website
Committee Chair



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Any Special Occasion!

- ♣ Parades ♣ Weddings ♣
- ♣ Wakes ♣ Funerals ♣
- ♣ Honor Guard ♣

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Sunshine Club

Please keep Richard Stover in your thoughts and prayers. He has been hospitalized for a while. Dick Tierney had a stroke in May. Olive Witt had to undergo surgery to repair damage to her femur, which she broke on a trip to visit her daughter in Seattle.

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 Griffins have started out strong this season, going 2-0 in the first two weeks.

We have plenty of games left, all are played at Brown Deer Park:

- July 1 - Brocach v Griffins - 2 P.M.
- July 8 - McBobs v Griffins - 3:30 P.M.
- July 15 - Griffins v Packys - 2 P.M.
- July 22 - Shamrock v Ale House - 2 P.M.
- July 29 - v Trinity - 2 P.M.

The playoffs start on August 5, with the semi-finals taking place on August 12. The finals will take place on August 26.

Here is our squad for 2012 – Captain: Adam Varelas; Captain: Paul Steinbrecher; Allison Kavanaugh; Anna Krajcik; Brian Dake; Caleb Hunnicutt; Daryl Cardwell; Emily Winters; Gwenn Barker; Jeremy McKenzie; Jesse Hieb; Michael (Pappy) Bathke; Patrick Murphy; Rob Berrones; Todd “Scrappy”Witt; Valaria Herrera; Vinny Moloney and William DuPlanty.

There are plenty of veterans, some of the earliest members of the MHC, some shorter term players, and a number of rookies, a few who came up through the Youth League. We are the largest hurling club in North America.

– Paul Steinbacher and AJ Varelas, co-captains

Milwaukee President's Message

Welcome, I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported me in the past years, and I am excited to serve as your next president. Please join us on July 12 at the Patio, 1421 E. Howard, for our Installation Dinner. Cocktails are at 6 P.M. followed by dinner at 7 P.M. We will be welcoming the newest members to our board: Dan Stotmeister as Parliamentarian and Patti Hogan as 1st year Trustee. I am sure they will bring new and fresh ideas to the club. The Honorable Judge Konkol will again preside over the swearing in ceremony. I would like to thank Judge Konkol for taking time out of his busy schedule to do this for us. Thanks to our departing Board Members: Brian Sneed and Sandy Quinlan for their hard work and service to the club. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Julie Smith for her many years on the board and dedicated commitment. Her knowledge and expertise will be surely missed. It was Tom and Julie who encouraged me years ago to become involved on the board. Just in case you are wondering, Julie, you're not off the hook. I know I will be turning to you for advise, we love you.

As the 4th of July quickly approaches, please remember all who have fought for our freedom both past and present. Also, let us not forget the men and women on our police and fire departments who risk their lives daily for our safety. Keep them always in your prayers.

The great month of August is just around the corner starting with Irish Fest on Aug. 16, 17, 18 and 19. There are many ways to volunteer, as always help is needed. Hope to see you there. Mark your calendars Aug. 26, Sacred Heart Church, 49th and Wells, for our annual Shamrock Club Picnic. We are hoping for other Celtic Organizations to join us in our festivities. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Tori at (262) 751-7016 or Nicole at (414) 708-3542. I would like to thank Tori and Nicole for stepping forward in organizing this event.

Hope to see you at the general meeting. God Bless,

– Kathy Donovan, President
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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>].

South Central News



The South Central Chapter took part in the 2012 Reedsburg Butterfest Parade on June 16th. Irish Rose Pat Hanes and Irishman Charlie Montgomery each had a vintage ride.

– Dana Horkin-Gant

Milwaukee Celtic Soccer

Well.....This has been a long season for both squads. The Celtic Reserve side has been in most of our games. Through June 10, we have three wins, four losses, and five ties. We are in fifth place. The First team is in third, with three wins, five losses and two ties.

The final Reserve match is July 1 at Uihlein Field, 74 and Good Hope, at noon. The First squad has makeup matches scheduled for July 1 and 8, both at Polonia Field, 110th and Loomis. We play Big Fish at 12:30 on the 1st, and Aztecas United on the 8th. Stop down and catch a match.

– Dan Koth, director

IAHC Chicago Irish Fest

Tickets are now on sale for the 27th Annual Irish American Heritage Festival. It takes place at the center, 4626 North Knox, Chicago.

Irish Fest is July 13, 14 and 15, 2012 and showcases the finest in local and international Irish and American music, dance and family activities. The festival directly supports and is held on the grounds of the Irish American Heritage Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and strengthening Irish culture in Chicago. It features more than 100 performers for three days on six stages

For more information, contact Kathy O'Neill at (773) 282-7035, ext. 10.

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Irish Studies Scholarship Winners



David Menees and Kari Quinlain



John Gleeson, Josh Walton and Matt Waters.

Glenn's Corner Cupboard

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

July – Picnic Theme.

– Glenn Nowak

Officers Installation Dinner

July 12, 2012

Join the Shamrock Club for its annual Officers Installation Dinner on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at The Patio, 1421 East Howard, Milwaukee.

Cocktails at 6 P.M., Dinner at 7 P.M. \$25 per person

To send your application online, go to [<http://shamrockclubwis.com/InstallationDinner.html>]

Reservations need to be in by July 1, 2012. You can pay at the door, as well.

For more information, please call John Fisher at (414) 744-1770.

Color Guard News and Notes

We are in July now. The season is heating up, both literally and figuratively. We have July 4th parades in Wauwatosa and New Berlin. Sadly, the South Shore Water Frolics Parade has been canceled for 2012. This has been one of our favorites. We finish the month at the South Milwaukee Heritage Days on July 21, and at Random Lake for a parade on July 29.

I want to thank all of those who participated at the Phoenix Graduation ceremony in June. Literally, 50% (14 out of 28 members) of the SCCGPD were not present, but we managed to provide a decent showing of personnel as well as give a great performance. We had seven color guards, two drummers and eight pipers. I want to give a special thanks to Cate Harris for coming out of Color Guard retirement to give us a hand. I want to thank Pete Cobb for giving up his Saturday and helping us out. And, I want to welcome back and thank Keri Quinlan for jumping in and piping with us. Rich Evans, who is in charge of the graduation ceremony for Phoenix University every year, was very happy and after buying us shots at Major Goolsby's and toasting our group, announced that we are welcome to be part of the Phoenix Graduation ceremony for as long as we want to do it.

I want to recognize Neil and Noel for doing an excellent job in leading our group. I want to recognize Del (I remembered, Del, only one l) for not only handling the flags but also directing the Color Guard. And I want to thank Kathy

and Laura for graciously setting down their pipes and acting as Color Guards for us.

I also want to thank Brian Witt for helping me find people to shore-up our group for this event. Because of the short notice, several people from the "Old Guard" wanted to help but couldn't. However, they told me to keep their names and phone numbers and to call again if help is needed.

- July 4 – 4th of July Parade
Wauwatosa, 11 A.M.
- July 4 – 4th of July Parade
New Berlin, 1 P.M.
- July 21 – South Milwaukee Heritage
Days Parade – 10 A.M.
- July 29 – Random Lake Fire Dept.
Parade – Noon

Again, thanks to all who participated.

– **Rand Harteau,**
Color Guard director

Irish Word Of the Month

**Toradh - (Torai)
Fruit**

Irish phrase: *Bhí torthaí agam don mhilseog.* (Vee tor-ah agam don vil shog.)

English translation: "I had fruit for dessert."

Milwaukee Membership News

Well summer is here and so is the air conditioning !!!! For June, please welcome our new members; Susan Holle, Sharon Murawski, plus 15 new team members from our soccer team. Let's give them all a warm welcome when you see them at our next meeting.

Also for the month, we had 48 membership renewals and no membership drops from no-renewals in the Milwaukee chapter. At present, the Milwaukee chapter has 350 memberships with 147 families, 171 single, and 32 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships. Our statewide chapters have chosen to not renew their newsletter memberships with us to receive a copy of our *Emerald Reflections* newsletter and I will be reporting only on our Milwaukee membership going forward.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before our July 12 meeting for voting for our next year's Board of Directors for those who's expire on or before 7/31/2012. 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

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 – *RíRá*
- Fri., Nov. 2 – *Myserk*
- Sat., Nov. 17 – *Wise Maids*
- Fri., Dec. 7 – *áthas*
- Sat., Dec. 15 – *Wise Maids*

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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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