



Shamrock Club Member Julie Smith Honored as Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year

Joining a long list of Shamrock Club members named as Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year, Past President Julie Smith is the 2013 recipient of the Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year award. Julie began volunteering at the first festival in 1981. Her first assignment was selling tickets at the main gate. Julie's husband, Tom Smith, had been recruited by one of his managers at work to help drive entertainers, and they knew Julie would want to be there to help. After two years, Mary Otto recruited her to work as a spotter. This meant walking around the grounds and watching food and beverage vendors give customers correct change and the right orders. After doing this for a few years, Julie was called to duty in the transportation area. In the early 1990's she was elected to the Irish Fest Board of Directors, and served for 11 years.



Julie Smith
Irish Fest Volunteer of the Year

the Trinity Booster Club. Julie is one of the founding members of the Milwaukee Feis Society, and remains as the Vice President. She is also a member of the Wisconsin Emerald Society, and was recently named as a Trustee. The Emerald Society's annual fundraiser was chaired

by the Smiths, and has donated over \$100,000 to Milwaukee Children's Hospital Foundation for the Brendan Heart Fund.

As the Area Supervisor of Services for Irish Fest, she has the following duties to supervise: Celtic Canines, Paddy and Molly McFest, Information Booths, Package Check, Make-a Wish, Wheelchairs and Strollers, the Lost Children's Area, and the tickets and the raffle. Now except for two of these, they are all run by Shamrock Club members. She is also the Transportation Coordinator, and works one day a week in the Irish Fest office.



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SHAMROCK CLUB ANNUAL INSTALLATION DINNER JULY 11, 2013

The Patio - 1421 E. Howard, Milwaukee



Cocktails 6 P.M. • Dinner at 7 P.M.

(Replaces Milwaukee Monthly Membership Meeting)

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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

JULY

- 7 Milwaukee Hurling Club matches; Brown Deer Park; 9 am-5 pm
- 11 Shamrock Club Installation Dinner; The Patio; 1421 E. Howard Ave.; Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm. Ceremony following dinner.
- 11 Myserk; Bastille Days; tba
- 14 Milwaukee Hurling Club matches; Brown Deer Park; 9 am-5 pm
- 16 CWI Book Club; *Lake of Sorrows* by Erin Hart; Hostess: Maureen Garry; ICHC; noon
- 16 Glencastle Irish Dancers; Greendale Public Library, 5647 Broad Street; 2 pm
- 20 Badger State Feis; Pettit National Ice Center; 8 am
- 21 Milwaukee Hurling Club matches; Brown Deer Park; 9 am-5 pm
- 21 Cream City Feis; Pettit National Ice Center; 8 am
- 27 Monthly Set Dance; ICHC; 7 pm instruction; 8 - 11 pm dance; music by Ceol Cairde
- 28 Milwaukee Hurling Club matches; Brown Deer Park; 9 am-5 pm

AUGUST

- 1 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 10 Milwaukee Feis; UWM Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.
- 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 Tosa Tonight; Sprag Session and We Banjo Three; 6526 River Parkway; 7 pm
- 15-18 Milwaukee Irish Fest ; Henry Maier Festival Summerfest Grounds
- 30 U2 Zoo; 110th Anniversary Celebration; Harley-Davidson Celebration; Summerfest Grounds; TBA
- 30-September 1 Wisconsin Scottish Games; Waukesha Expo Centre

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 2-8 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 ☘

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Upcoming Feiseanna

There will be two Feiseanna in July. The first is the Badger State Feis, on July 20, sponsored by Glencastle Irish Dancers. It will be held at the Pettit National Ice Center. There will also be a Mass at the Pettit Center at 5 pm on Saturday.

<http://www.badgerstatefeis.com/index.html>

The second is the Cream City Feis, held to benefit Kinsella Academy of Dance. It will also be held at the Pettit National Ice Center, on Sunday, July 21. The Pettit Center is at 500 South 84th Street, Milwaukee.

<http://www.thecreamcityfeis.com>

In August, the 24th annual Milwaukee Feis takes place on Saturday, August 10, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee – Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, WI.

<http://www.milwaukeeifeis.com>

And the Fourth Annual McMenamin Academy Feis will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the UWM Union. <http://midadance.mcmenaminacademy.com>



Just for Fun!

At an Irish wedding reception someone yelled . . .

“Would all the married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living.”

The bartender was almost crushed to death.



Milwaukee President's Message

Welcome to a new year. I am hoping for a exciting and productive year. Please join us on July 11th at The Patio for cocktails at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) and dinner at 7:00 followed by the Installation of Officers. The Honorable Judge Dan Konkol will once again preside over the swearing-in ceremony. Thank you Dan for taking time out of your busy schedule to do this for us. It is always appreciated. This is an opportunity to meet your Board of Directors. We welcome Jackie Konkol to the board and say thank you to those who are leaving us. Please see details elsewhere in the *Reflections*.

Have you seen the Hallamor lately? At last month's general meeting Tim O'Brien graciously highlighted some exciting news about the renovation of the ICHC. The replastering and painting of the ceiling of the Hallamor and yes, soon to be new carpeting, is breathtaking. With the help of our donations and others, seeing these improvements become a reality is beyond words.

We are once again sponsoring a hurling team, so if you do not have anything to do on a given Sunday, come cheer on our team. They play at Brown Deer Park so check their web-site for the schedule. Or, check out the Color Guard Pipes and Drums in a local parade. Rand and Noel are doing an awesome job. We have many new and young individuals who have joined us this past year.

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 our local heroes, the men and women on our police and fire departments who risk their lives daily for our safety. Keep them all in your prayers.

Don't forget Irish Fest will be upon us shortly. Consider signing up to work in our retail or membership booths. We can use all the help we can get.

See you at the Installation Dinner,
God Bless,

- Kathy Donovan, President



Milwaukee Home to New Folk Band

A Big Thing for Hickoryville

In 1975, Billboard announced that the folk boom of the 1950's and 1960's was over. However, in 2013, folk music is still alive and well. With folk revival bands like *Mumford and Sons* and *The Lumineers* leading the way in America as a new folk revival begins.

In the spring of 2013, Rory Modlinski, a Milwaukee native, decided to bring traditional folk back to Milwaukee. With a guitar and banjo in hand, Modlinski leads *A Big Thing for Hickoryville*. The support players will change throughout the course of its run. "The idea is that when you come and see *A Big Thing for Hickoryville*, you have a new experience each time," says Modlinski. Bouzouki player, Christopher Chan from Milwaukee based *Blackthorn Folly*, joined Rory for the debut show at Paddy's Pub in Milwaukee. They performed American folk music from the folk revival of the 50's and 60's. Songs from *The Kingston Trio* and John Prine were among the countless songs the duo performed.



Rory Modlinski

"American folk music never left the popular conscious," says Modlinski, "It just was not on mainstream radio. *Mumford and Sons* is a British folk group that 'invaded' America singing original songs deeply rooted in American folk music. When *The Beatles* came to America, America did not realize that the music that they were listening to was based off of the Delta blues legends Muddy Waters and Son House among many other legendary American folk musicians. "My intent is to bring America, traditional music along with Irish music of which I grew up on."

Modlinski grew up at the feet of such Irish music legends as Tommy Makem and Liam Clancy. From an early age, he realized that he want to carry on the traditional ballads from Ireland. Later, in his teenage years, he added Appalachian and Bluegrass to his repertoire to preserve for future generations. Modlinski is heavily influenced by the late old-timey player Doc Watson. With the combination of Makem, Watson, a little Pete Seeger, and adding a little Neil Young, Bob Dylan, and Jack White, Modlinski gives a unique look into American folk music. He brings this unique look into the repertoire for *A Big Thing for Hickoryville*.

A Big Thing for Hickoryville will be playing at Milwaukee Irish Fest on Sunday, August 18th on the Milwaukee Pub Garden Stage at 11:30am, just after the Mass for Peace and Justice. The Milwaukee Pub Garden Stage is located just inside of the South Gate off of Harbor Drive.

For more information on *A Big Thing for Hickoryville*, please "like" the page on Facebook for updates on other shows. A link for a website will be available on the Facebook page, in the near future.

Word of the Month

Sú Oráiste - Orange Juice (Sue Or-esh- tah)
Ba mhaith liom sú oráiste a ól. (Ba wey lum su or esh-tah)
I want an orange juice.

Pete Fleming

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Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

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

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

The July 15th meeting will be hosted by Maureen Garry. The book will be *Lake of Sorrows*, by Erin Hart.

There will be no meeting in August. The hostess for the September meeting will be Rosemary Baumann. The topic is TBA.

- Rosemary Walsh
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Facebook and Social Media

If you haven't seen us on **Facebook**, like us! 1200 people have already. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shamrock-Club-of-Wisconsin/102023943184>



You can also find us on **Twitter** at <http://twitter.com/shamrockclubwis> or on **LinkedIn** at www.linkedin.com/company/shamrock-club-of-wisconsin



Milwaukee Membership News

Please welcome our new members Susan Holle and Terrence Donohue, Deborah L. Valdovinos, and Sharon Murawski, who joined our club last month. We had a total of 9 renewals and re-joins for the May. However, we no longer have our the Celtic Soccer Team as members as they have disbanded for the year. At present, the Milwaukee Chapter as of April is at 290 Memberships with 133 families, 121 single, and 36 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

Please be sure to have your memberships renewals in before July 31st for those who expire on or before then and have not renewed yet.

Unfortunately, this will be my last Membership article as I leave the Board due to my expanded job requirements. I will remain on the State Advisory Board, and with my wife, Karen, I will still be dropping by the monthly meetings and helping out in other volunteering functions when time prevails. It has been a pleasure to work with the Board and other Club positions but I will still look forward to many future events.

- Denis Donohoe
Membership Chair



Installation Dinner

Thursday, July 11, 2013

The Patio, 1421 E. Howard Avenue, Milwaukee

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple

Buffet dinner of roast beef, broasted chicken and Polish sausage with salad, assorted sides and dessert.

Tickets can be ordered at the June meeting or by mailing or emailing John Fisher at jefisher1949@gmail.com by June 30th.

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Did I mention Julie has served as Shamrock Club President, on the bylaws committee, as a Folk Fair volunteer, on the St. Patrick's Day parade committee, and on the fund raising committee? Just to name a few of the areas in which she has served the Club.

Current and former Shamrock Club members that have also received this award are: Bernice Reilly, Pat Sadowski, Dick and Rosemary Quinlan, Brian Witt, Mary Otto, Betty Mikush, and the entire Reidy family, Cathy Crowley Ward, Carol Clark, Maureen Murphy Modlinski, Jeanie Cissne, Maureen Tyler and Barbara Tyler.

- Bridget Smith Jaskulski



Vinny Moloney of the Shamrock Club Griffins

Shamrock Club Griffins Hurling Team

The Milwaukee Hurling Club's Shamrock Club Griffins are off to a great start for the 2013 season. We are two and one through the first four weeks of the season. We have a new captain this year, Vinny Moloney, a native of County Tipperary, and one of the most experienced players in the league.

The MHC has had a lot of interest from Ireland this year. Members of the Gaelic Athletic Association and Aer Lingus visited on June 4, and a film crew from TG4, the Irish Gaelic television network, stopped by on June 20, to show the rise of hurling in the United States.

All of the games are at Brown Deer Park. Enter on Range Line Road from either Good Hope or Bradley Roads. There is a lot of parking available.

Here is the Griffins schedule for the rest of the season:

- June 30 - Slim McGinnis v Griffins - 3:30pm
- July 14 - Irish Pub v SC Griffins - 2 pm
- July 21 - SC Griffins v McBob's - 3:30 pm
- July 28 - Milw. Ale House v Griffins - 2pm
- August 4 - Playoffs
- August 11 - Semi-finals
- August 18 - Irish Fest
- August 25 - Finals

The 2013 Griffins: Vinny Moloney and Adam (AJ) Varelas – Captains. Nick Anderson; Eric Burant; Tom Doers; Joe Gaar; Kevin Griffin; Douglas Guehrer; Valaria Herrera; Trent Kielly; Ryan Koppa; Noah Leydel; Brian Marsolek; John McCarville; Kathleen Moloney; Christopher Patrick; Tim Russell; Troy St. Martin; Austin Thornton; Michelle Varelas.

- Brian Witt

Retail Report

Please sign up at the installation dinner or at the August meeting to help out at Irish Fest 2013. Or contact us at retail.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com or call 414-466-8060.

We need help on all days, and shifts are only 2 hours. We need 2-3 people each shift.

- Glenn and Kim Nowak, Retail Chairs
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Glenn's Corner Cupboard

- July: Installation Dinner. See details elsewhere in this issue.
- August: Stay tuned for a message from our newly installed Sergeant-at-Arms.



- Glenn Nowak
Sergeant-at-Arms



Wrapping Jane in Our Love

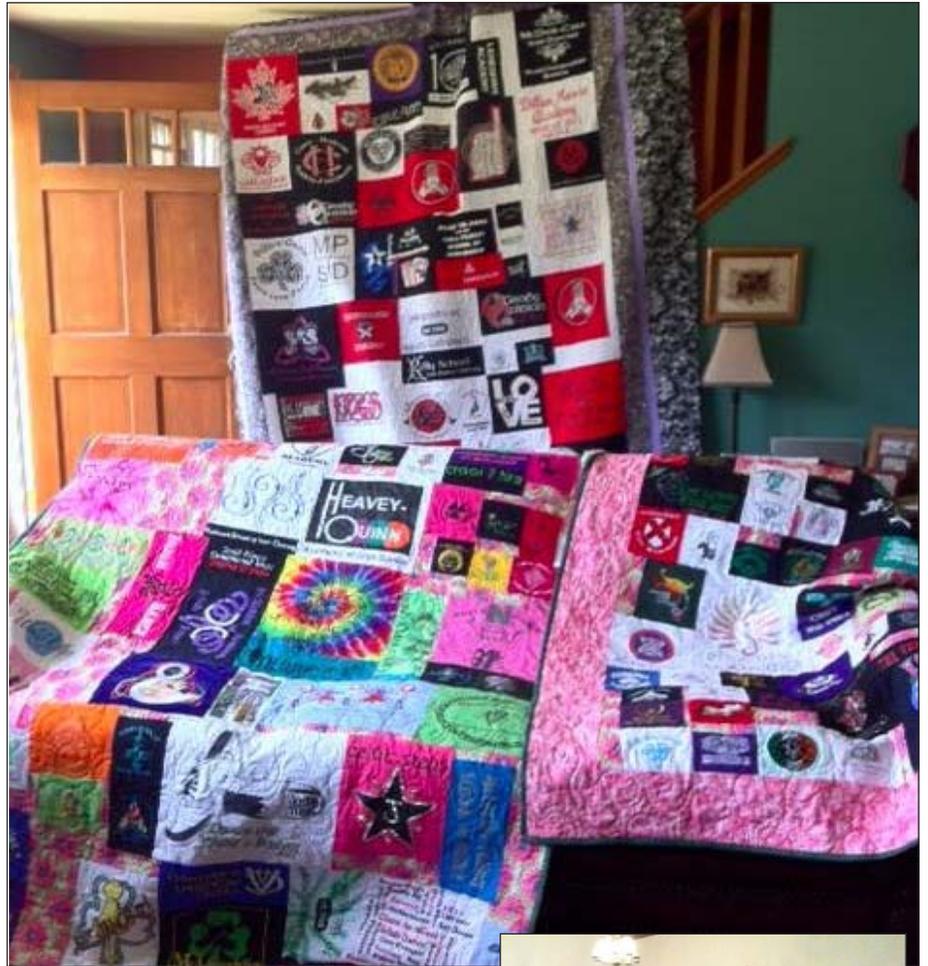
Trish and Bree Johnson have now returned from Boston. They enjoyed each minute of the trip, and the hospitality of the Boston community. After their arrival, they were invited to spend their visit with Michael and Noreen Smith. The Smiths are well known teachers in the Irish dance world, and always step forward to help where needed. They were told to use the Smiths' car if they would like to do some tourist activities. The Johnsons were able to see some of the historic areas, but the focus was always on the quilts.

The Clifden Academy of Boston, where Jane was a student, hosted the Johnsons, and new friendships were formed. The Boston Bruins Hockey team had even sent a hockey jersey for the project. The wooden chest containing the various donated items, and the beautiful painted images will also be given to Jane.

Bree was invited to dance with Clifden students, and some of their dancers entertained Bree and Trish with their own dances. The Clifden teacher will determine when the time is right to bring the quilts, wooden chest, and other memorability.

The women in Boston that worked on this project, were as happy as the Johnsons to see this project through, and a TV station interviewed all involved. There are photos and more commentary on the Facebook page of their visit. Never one to rest on previous accomplishments, they are now selling T-Shirts on this page. They are available to the public, and that money will go to the family too.

It's always wonderful to see what can be accomplished by concerned and generous members of the Irish community.



- Julie Smith



Special Olympics Update



Special Olympics

On June 6-8, 2013 Shamrock Club members Jacob Nowak and Ryan Dushek competed in swimming at the State Special Olympics Summer Games which were held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Jacob finished 1st in the 50M Freestyle, 2nd in the 50M Back Stroke, 4th in the 4x50M Freestyle Relay, and 7th in the 4x50M Medley Relay.

Ryan finished 1st in the 50M Breaststroke, 2nd in the 4x50 Medley Relay, 4th in the 50M Freestyle, and 4th in the 4x50 Freestyle Relay.

Jacob has been nominated for the 2014 National Summer Games which will be held in September, 2014 in Princeton, New Jersey due to his 1st and 2nd place finishes. The National Summer Games are held only once every four years. We will post updates as Jacob's nomination process progresses.

As coaches for the Wauwatosa Special Olympics Swim team, we could not be prouder of ALL of our swimmers and their accomplishments at the State Games. (We were all hoarse by the end of the 2nd race, much to the athletes delight!)

- Kim & Glenn Nowak
- Sue Dushek



Jacob Nowak and Ryan Dushek

Irish Fest Summer School

Classes in all things Irish will take place during the 27th annual Irish Fest Summer School, August 12-16, at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, 1025 N. Broadway, Milwaukee.

Taught by internationally recognized experts in music, song, dance, art, language and culture, the schedule includes the return of popular classes such as Celtic design and basket weaving as well as a new lecture on Irish archaeology. Kevin Burke, one of Irish music's best known fiddlers, will make his summer school debut and all four members of the award-winning band We Banjo 3 will teach.



Kevin Burke, Irish Fiddler



Hammy Hamilton, Irish Flute

Children ages 11 and up may take adult classes with permission of the instructor. There is also an expanded schedule of children's classes in drama as well as beginning whistle, bodhran and fiddle.

For a complete schedule, instructor and class information along with a registration form, please go to <http://irishfest.com/Summer-School.htm>.

- Kathy Schultz

ICHC Organ Committee

News from the Hallamor:

The plastic shroud has been removed and our venerable Kimball organ has escaped the evil plaster dust.

Now plans are in the works for a welcome evening to celebrate Hallowe'en on Saturday, October 26th. It will be a mix of organ highlights with Dennis Jon Wolfgang at the organ, stories, food and song. Mark your calendars for this fun date.



ORGAN PRESERVATION TEAM

Left to right: Tim O'Brien; Dennis Wolfgang; Dennis Janzer; Jerry Hill; Joe Radanovich.

- Jean Bills

"Self government is our right, a thing born to us at birth, a thing no more to be doled out to us by another people than the right to life itself than the right to feel the sun or smell the flowers or to love our kind."

- Roger Casement, Irish Patriot





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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 Retail Booth at Oshkosh Irishfest.

Photo by Josh Walton