



## Did The Irish Ride an Early Immigration Wave?

Tim Severin wrote a book about the journey of St. Brendan the Navigator from County Kerry to the New World, in which he used the words of St. Brendan in his Navigatio, an amazingly descriptive document, to recreate his trip. Severin's book was called, The Brendan Voyage. Severin and his crew took two years to sail over to Canada, using a boat made from oxen skins, and using the maps and words of Brendan to complete the trip.

With that, it was shown how somewhat easy it was for the Irish to find their way to this continent. Brendan's trip went to modern day Virginia, before he returned. Now, the thing is, the Kerryman said he was following the journeys of others, and utilizing that which previously had been done. He mentioned other monks who had made the voyages to what would be referred to as the New World.

There were other tracts and stories related to the travels of Irish to other lands. The Voyage of Bran and The Voyage of Mael Duin both have elements of the Brendan travels. It was known that Iceland and the Faroe Islands were settled by Irish religious, and both are described by Brendan. Brendan also came across a colony of Irish monks on what might have been Greenland.

Leif Erickson founded a colony in North America he called Vinland, named as such when his Irish foster-father, Tyrker, found grapes in the area they landed on. (It was reported that Erickson's mother was all or partially Irish, as well. Many of the peoples brought by the Vikings to populate Iceland were Irish slaves they captured.) Erickson also acknowledged that he was following the directions of another, Bjarni, whose boat

he purchased to make the trip west.

Colonies of Welsh have been reported in Virginia, as well. And in the late 1700's, Irish fishermen moved their families to the Canadian Outer Banks after being refused the right to sell their catch in British markets, or anywhere else.

What all this leads up to is another report on the Duhare peoples of South Carolina. Recently released Spanish documents talk of Spanish explorers finding a tribe of Indians that were obviously European in origin.

In 1521, the Spanish sailed up to what is now South Carolina and captured seventy members of the Chicora tribe, to be used as slaves, and to help them establish new colonies in the area. However, the ship sunk, killing all aboard.

However, there was a tribe just north of the Chicora. In 1520 Peter Martyr d'Anghiera, a historian and professor, was appointed by Carlos V to be chronicler for the new Council of the Indies. Martyr died in 1526, but his report was published posthumously in a book named "De Orbe Novo" (About the New World.) The book has been published and translated numerous times in the centuries since then.

The inhabitants of Duhare were described as being Europeans, who seemed to possess few metal tools. They

had red to brown hair, tan skin and gray eyes. The men wore full beards and were much taller than the Spanish. Spanish accounts clearly labeled the Duhare Caucasians, even though their houses and pottery were apparently similar to those of American Indians. Their leader was named Datha, a tattooed man of immense height, with an equally tall wife.

In many respects, the Duhare had similar lifestyles to neighboring American Indian provinces, for one exception, they raised many types of livestock including chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese and deer. According to all Spanish sources, the Duhare maintained large herds of domesticated deer and made cheese from deer milk! The excess male deer population was fattened with corn for butchering. The deer stayed in corrals within the villages at night, but grazed in herds in the day time, accompanied by "deer-herders" and herd dogs. Neighboring peoples knew not to hunt them.

Native American historian Richard Thornton, who wondered about these residents of the mid-coastal area, noted that the Irish raised dairy deer, up until the Norman Invasion.

Duhare is Early Medieval Gaelic. It can either be translated as "place of the Clan Hare" . . . or if the Duhare came from  
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**JUNE 5, 2014 • 7:00 PM**

**MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

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



We will having turkey to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day..

Please bring a salad, side dish or a dessert to pass.

## ☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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

### JUNE

- 5 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting;** ICHC; 7 pm
- 6 ICHC Ceili; Music by Cream City Ceili; ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; 7:30 pm
- 7 Milwaukee Highland Games; Hart Park, 70 and State; 8 am; Heavy games, ceilidh, more
- 10 Celtic Women International Book Club; *The Outlander*; by Diana Gabaldon; Hostess: Sharon Walsh; ICHC; 1 pm
- 13 Celtic Women Lecture; "Scottish Customs in Milwaukee"; Speaker- Dave Berger; ICHC; 5.30 pm
- 20 Paddygrass; Starry Nights; Sharon Lynne Wilson Center; Gerlach Outdoor Theater, 19805 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield
- 28 Monthly Set Dance; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.; music TBA; Moy Cullen Set; 7:30 pm

### JULY

- 8 Celtic Women International Book Club; *The Woman of the House*, by Alice Taylor; Hostess: Gail McAleese; ICHC; 1 pm
- 10 **Shamrock Club Installation Dinner;** The Patio; 1421 E. Howard Ave.; Cocktails 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm. Ceremony following dinner.
- 19 Badger State Feis; Pettit National Ice Center; 8 am
- 20 Cream City Feis; Pettit National Ice Center; 8 am
- 26 Monthly Set Dance; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.; music TBA; 7:30 pm

### AUGUST

- 7 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting;** ICHC; 7 pm
- 9 Milwaukee Feis; UWM Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.
- 10 McMenamin Feis; UWM Student Union, 2200 E Kenwood Blvd.
- 12-16 Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School; Milwaukee School of Engineering
- 15-18 Milwaukee Irish Fest; Maier Festival Grounds;

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

*Ní thagann ciall roimh aois.*

Irish Proverb

*Sense does not  
come before age.*



## Celtic Women Lecture

June 13, 2014

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Please join the Celtic Women First Friday lecture on the SECOND Friday of June as we wind down the spring section of the lectures. The Scottish community will be celebrating Scottish Games on our usual lecture date, thus we will enjoy Mr. Berger's talk the following week. He is a true leader in all things Scottish in the Milwaukee area; there is a very strong contingent of Scots and a number of clubs active in keeping Scottish traditions alive. The very beautiful Wisconsin Tartan is officially recognized due to Mr. Berger's leadership and guidance through the lengthy approval process.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy the lecture, tartans and kilts at the ICHC from 5:30 - 7 p.m. with \$7 admission, tea and homemade treats for all.

**June 13, 2014**

**Topic:** "Scottish Customs in Milwaukee"

**Speaker:** Dave Berger



David Berger has served in the Wisconsin Assembly and the Senate for 17 years; drawing on that important experience he led the effort by the Saint Andrews Society to establish the Scottish memorial to Robert Burns on Milwaukee's east side. He also prepared the legislation and successfully lobbied the state legislature to approve the Wisconsin tartan as an official state symbol. His annual visits to Scotland, and his involvement with local Scottish organizations provides him with first hand knowledge of what goes on in Milwaukee in the Scottish community and the wealth of Scottish activities here.

- Jean Bills

## Word of the Month

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**Bui** - (Bwee) Yellow

Is bláthanna buí iad seo.

(Is bla hanna bwee ee-yad show.)

*These are yellow flowers.*

## Milwaukee President's Message

Hi everyone,

I can not believe two years have come and gone. It has been my pleasure serving you as your Shamrock Club President. I would like to thank some of our long time past board members who have guided me and shared their valuable wealth of knowledge with me. I have learned a lot and I'm truly blessed.

Thanks to those board members who are completing their time on the board. I would like to welcome and congratulate Brian Witt Vice-President; Mary Moze Trustee and Ron Danielson Sergeant-of-Arms to the board, as incoming Past President I'm looking forward in working with them. They will be bring to the table many years of knowledge and dedication that I know will help move this club forward in the right direction.

I have had an interesting and sometimes trying two years. Some accomplishments were made and some have not, but I will still be involved and hope we will still implement some important goals and policies. I received an e-mail recently thanking me for pursuing the goals of the Irish American Community with a smile on my face. That meant the world to me and I will keep on trucking.

Before I end I would like to thank Veronica and Brian for another beautiful Easter Rising Mass and Brunch. I would like to thank Father and everyone else from music coordinators, cantors, decorators, and even our two Easter Bunnies. Thank You all so much. It is always wonderful to see everyone there.

Memorial Day is fast approaching, please remember all those who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. Let us thank those Veterans who have served our country both past and present. Do not forget our local Heroes, both Police and Fire who serve and protect us everyday. Let us thank and bless them all.

See all of you at our next general meeting.  
God Bless,

- Kathy Donovan, President



## Scottish Fest The Milwaukee Highland Games June 7, 2014



Come down to the Milwaukee Highland Games on June 7 for Scottish Fest, the Milwaukee Highland Games. The games are at Hart Park, 70th and State Streets. The gates open at 9 AM.

There will be a number of attractions. These include: Axe Throwing and Longbow Demonstrations; a Childrens Area; Solo Piping; Archaeology; Highland Dancing; Heavy Athletics; Parade of Tartans; Band Competition; Sheepdog Demonstrations; Haggis Taco Eating Contest; and the Ceilidh. The Céilidh begins at 6 p.m. Throughout the day the Céilidh Tent will feature music by Dublin O'Shea, Steel Bonnets, and The Finn MacCool's.

Adults: \$10.00; Children 12 and under: Free; Active Military in Uniform: Free. \$3.00 off before 10:00 AM with a per person donation of non-perishable food item to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Milwaukee. (Collection container is at admission gate.)

If you would like to make a donation towards the operation of this competition, please make your checks (any size) payable to Scottish Festivals, Inc. If you would like to sponsor a silver plate trophy, the cost is \$40.00. If you would like to donate a medal set, the cost is \$20.00.

For more information, contact Scottish Festivals, Inc., W167 S6827 Oakhill Dr., Muskego, WI 53150. 414-422-9235. Email dberger1408@yahoo.com

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## State Advisory Board Meeting

The Shamrock Club held its Quarterly State Advisory Board meeting on May 3rd in Appleton at the B J Clancy's Restaurant. The Chapters that were in attendance were from Fox Valley, La Crosse, Milwaukee, and Green Bay.

Besides the good discussions and Chapter reports during the luncheon meeting, the group decided to construct an Advisory Board Survey for gathering and sharing among all Chapters, what activities and events they do throughout the year plus build a list of individuals who are available to do presentations at other club meetings from other chapters.

I hope that we will be able to complete this and share by our next meeting being held on August 16th (Irish Fest - Milwaukee). Kate Harris has been so kind to offer a morning brunch and venue at her home for this meeting and I will be working on arranging transportation from/to the Irish Fest grounds, for those chapters who will be able to attend. I will have more information to follow.

Sincerely,

- Denis Donohoe  
President  
SC State Advisory Board

### Pete Fleming



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## Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

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## 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!

At our June 10th meeting we will be discussing *The Outlander*, by Diana Galbaldon. The hostess will be Cate Harris. The hostesses will be Sharon Walsh, and we will discuss parts IV to the end.

The July 8th meeting will be hosted by Gail McAleese. The topic will be *The Woman of the House*, by Alice Taylor.

There will be no meeting in August due to Irish Fest.

- Rosemary Walsh  
rowalsh@wi.rr.com

## Color Guard Pipes and Drums

It was a beautiful Easter Sunday for the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums, our last official performance. While we were not our usual numbers, we were pleased to be a part of the annual Easter Rising Mass. We're coming up on the busy season, where some are preparing for competition, others for pipe school, and the rest for the fantastic parade season. We're pulling back a little on our parades this summer, aiming for about two solid ones a month. And as we know the dates and times, we'll let you know the same. One thing's for sure, you can definitely catch us at this year's Irish Fest! For those of you who have spent the winter months wondering if the kilted lifestyle is for you, let me assure you that it is! We are looking for members, always, and are willing to teach you. We have need of pipers, drummers, and color guard. If you have any questions, please contact our pipe major Noel Tylla. This is an exciting month for us as well, since we'll be voting for our new director. More information to follow in June!

- Christine Krzyzewski

## Shamrock Club Election Results

Elections for officers and other board members were held at the May meeting, as required in the by-laws. Members who will be serving newly elected terms beginning on July 1, 2014, are as follows:

President - Mary Culver  
Vice-President - Brian Witt  
Secretary - Lisa Cohen  
Treasurer - Ken Tehan  
Sergeant-at-Arms - Ron Danielson  
Membership - Glenn Nowak  
Trustee - Mary Moze  
Parliamentarian - Pam Canon.

The above listed members will serve on the 2014-15 eleven-member Board of Directors with our two other Trustees, Jackie Konkol and Taffy Anderson, along with Kathy Donovan, as Past President. Congratulations to all who participated! On behalf of all Shamrock Club members, we look forward to your leadership and appreciate your commitment to serve. Ádh mór oraibh!

- Dan Stotmeister, Parliamentarian



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west of the Shannon River, it meant, "du'hEir – place of the Irish." The meaning of "aire" or "eire" in Roman Period Gaelic was "coast." So Duhare could also mean "Coastal People." Thornton also said that "Datha was a standard Roman Period or Medieval Irish Gaelic word that means 'painted.'" He also said that they would have migrated here between the early Medieval era and the 1200's. The irony of the idea that the Irish were located in the Carolinas is that the only place that British Coffin ships, whose conditions were excessively deplorable, could land during the Famine were Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, GA.

This could be a brand new area for Ancestry.com to mine. Do your relatives come from County Galway or County Carolina? And do you have a desire for really exotic forms of cheese? You may have relatives who got here from Erin sooner than many others.

- Brian Witt



## Sunshine Report

June Shanahan is at the Lutheran Manor on 92nd St. She had a heart attack and a stroke. Joe Donovan was recently hospitalized for an infection. Gail McAleese had surgery on May 5th.

John & Ashley Zartner had a baby boy, Lorcan, born on March 17, 2014. Grandparents are Bridget and Joe Hughes.

Eric Dushek will be graduating from Rufus King High School on 5/24/2014 in the International Baccalaureate Program.

Dave Culver was accepted to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Denis Donohoe reported that his daughter Shannon's fiancé Matt was promoted to Captain in the US Army, and is assigned as Personal Aide to the Brigadier General on the base

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair

## Kim's Corner Cupboard

In honor of both Mother's Day and Father's Day (and my last meal as Sergeant at Arms) we will be providing sliced turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes. Member are asked to bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.

## Hurling Club News



The Milwaukee Hurling Club had its opening day Sunday, May 18.

Here is the 2014 team: Captain: Adam Aj Varelas; Captain: Vinny Moloney; Michael Banta; Ed Callahan; Kevin Griffin; Josh Gutschow; Chad Koch; Zachary La Vallee; John Lindstrom; Andrew Martins ; Ryan Milbrath; David Morrow; Mike Morrow; Mary Muldoon; Evan O'Day; Rebecca Russell; Karen Seeliger; Eric Steinbacher; Austin Thornton; Sian Whitney.

### Milwaukee Hurling Club Schedule

Here is the Shamrock Club schedule for the 2014 season:

- June 1 – SC v All Tool - 9:30 AM
- June 8 – SC v Slim McGinns - 3:30 PM
- June 22 – SC v Milw. Ale House - 1:30 PM
- June 29 – SC v Brocach - 12:30 PM
- July 13 – SC v Burke's - 2 PM
- July 27 – SC v McBob's - 12:30 PM
- August 1 – SC v Silver Spring House - 11 AM
- August 8 – Semifinals
- August 24 – Finals

### Join the Shamrock Club at the Hurling Matches

We are looking for volunteers to staff the Shamrock Club table at the Hurling Matches each week. We wish to sign up members for the Club, pass out information, and just be a part of the day. We are the Milwaukee Hurling Club's longest term sponsor, going into our 16th year in 2014. If you would like to volunteer for a game, contact Brian Witt at 414-423-4383, or [info@shamrockclubwis.com](mailto:info@shamrockclubwis.com)



## Installation Dinner

Thursday, July 10, 2014

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 Kathy Donovan - [kay\\_dee@live.com](mailto:kay_dee@live.com) by June 30th.



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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 Advisory Board (left to right): Jane Copps (Fox Valley), Keith Long (Fox Valley), Pat Warmbrunn (Fox Valley), Jim Hyde (Fox Valley), Cate Harris (Mke), Linda Pfaff (La Crosse), Myra Kunert (La Crosse), Denis Donohoe (Mke), Joan Kreuser (Green Bay), Jack Kreuser (Green Bay) - Photo by Denis Donohoe.