



The Irish Impressionist – Walter Osborne

A number of years ago, while in New York, I stopped at the IBM Gallery. There was a traveling exhibit from the National Gallery of Ireland.

There were paintings showing scenes of Irish rural life and seascapes. The biography tag said the artist was W. F. Osborne, an Irish painter. I had never heard of him. I tucked the name into my mind, and walked on.

Many years later, I found myself encountering the same artist. But who was he?

Walter Frederick Osborne was an Irish impressionist landscape and portrait painter. Most of his paintings featured women, children, and the elderly as well as rural scenes.

Osborne was born in Rathmines, Dublin on June 17, 1859, the second of three sons of William Osborne, a successful animal painter. He was educated at Rathmines School and at the Royal Hibernian Academy school. This was Ireland's most prestigious art school.

The Royal Hibernian Academy was founded as the result of thirty Irish artists petitioning the government for a charter of incorporation. According to the letters patent of August 5, 1823, The Royal Hibernian Academy of Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture was established, which included a National School of Art. The first elected president was the landscape painter, William Ashford. In 1824 architect Francis Johnston was made president. He had provided headquarters for the RHA at Academy House in Lower Abbey Street at his own expense.

The first exhibitions took place in May 1825 and were held annually from then on. To encourage interest in the arts works displayed at the RHA were distributed by lot as prizes among subscribers. Works by

Frederick William Burton, Daniel Maclise, J. M. W. Turner and David Wilkie, among others, were presented in this way. The exhibitions and school prospered and by the end of the 19th century the RHA was the leading Irish institution involved in promoting visual arts. Academy House was destroyed by fire in 1916 during the Easter Rising.



Walter Frederick Osbourne

Osborne won the Taylor Prize in 1881 and 1882, the highest student honor in Ireland of the time, while studying at the Koninklijke Academie voor Schone Kunsten in Antwerp. He was influenced by the Flemish painter, Rubens, and the French realist, plein-air painter, Jules Bastien-Lepage. In 1883, Osborne moved from Antwerp to Brittany where he

painted his famous Apple Gathering, Quimperlé, now in the National Gallery of Ireland. It shows two girls in traditional Breton costume gathering apples, against a background of Quimperle roofs. Its atmospheric palette of rich greens, grays and slate blues, with touches of pink and white, and the subtle shadows beneath the trees.

After two years in Brittany, Osborne moved to England in 1884, where he worked alongside Nathaniel Hill and Augustus Burke at Walberswick. He continued with his plein air painting. Returning to Dublin in the early 1890s, his landscape painting and figurative scenes began to show a marked Impressionistic influence. His dark palette gave way to brighter colours and he demonstrated an increasing interest in sunlight and shadow.

In 1886 he was elected to the Royal Hibernian Academy and received many commissions for portraits. This was an important source of income, as he had no private means of his own. After his sister died he was involved in looking after her daughter, and his own parents became increasingly financially dependent on him.

In 1892 Osborne returned to Ireland to live in the family residence, and he also had a studio at No. 7 St. Stephen's Green. He spent a considerable amount of time painting outdoors, in Dublin around St. Patrick's Cathedral or in the country.

After three years, his Dublin painting
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JUNE 4, 2015 • 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 or dessert.

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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JUNE

- 2 Celtic Women International Book Club; Field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago and Old St. Patrick's Church
- 3 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 4 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting**; ICHC; 7 pm
- 5 ICHC Ceili; Music by Wise Maids; ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; 7:30 pm
- 6 Milwaukee Highland Games; Hart Park, 70 and State Street; 9 am
- 10 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 13 Derek Byrne; Clarke Hotel, 250 Main Street, Waukesha; 8:30 pm
- 17 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 24 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 27 Set Dancing; ICHC; Music by Maria Terres; Merchant Set

JULY

- 1 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 2 **Shamrock Club Installation Dinner**; Meyer's Restaurant, 4260 S. 76th St., Milwaukee; Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30
- 8 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 14 Celtic Women International Book Club; *Of Irish Blood*, by Ian Rankin; Hostess: Maureen Garry; ICHC; 1 pm
- 15 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 18 Badger State Feis; Pettit National Ice Center, 500 South 84th Street; 8 am
- 19 Cream City Feis; Pettit National Ice Center, 500 South 84th Street; 8 am
- 22 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
- 29 Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm

AUGUST

- 6 **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, 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 ☘

Color Guard Pipes and Drums

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It's the start of the summer parade season for the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes, and Drums, with our first summer parade in Elm Grove on Memorial Day - a fun time to be had by all. Keep watching the Emerald Reflections for upcoming parade information - we love it when members are on the side lines, cheering us on!

The only thing we love more than seeing members at parades, is having members march with us! Remember, we're always looking for new members, so don't be shy!

Speaking of new members, we have four new recent additions to celebrate! Curt Hart (brother of piper Christine Albrightson) will be up on pipes soon, Dayna Danielson (daughter of Ron Danielson) is learning to play tenor drum, Lily Caldwell is already an experienced drummer and wants to learn to play pipes and her father Robb Caldwell wants to learn play pipes with her.

So if you're looking for a way to put a little more Irish into you summer, contact our Director, Malkin Wallace, at malkin218@gmail.com and find out about joining. We will teach you, for free! What better deal is there?!?

- Christine Krzyzewski

Installation Dinner

Thursday, July 2, 2015

Meyer's Restaurant, Milwaukee

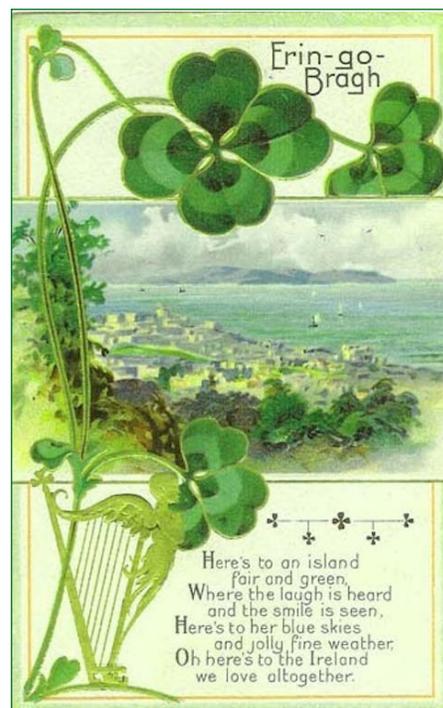
Cocktails (Cash Bar) 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Cost: \$22 per person, \$40 per couple

*Buffet dinner of chicken and beef
with salad, assorted sides and dessert.*

Tickets can be ordered at the June meeting or by emailing
Veronica Ceszynski - irishv@ameritech.net by June 26th.



Milwaukee President's Message

Happy June!

Flowers are blooming and so are my allergies but I'll use the 'Luck of the Irish' and dance a jig because the sun is shining and the warm breeze cools me and there is beauty all around.

Moving on I'd like to congratulate our new Board members and thank all that ran for office. It is a big commitment that we take very seriously and it takes a lot of consideration to want to serve. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Don't forget to make your reservations for the Installation Dinner at Meyer's Restaurant. Veronica has it all set up and we need our lovely members to make it fun and memorable for our new Board members.

A special thank you for the two years of fabulous service as Secretary to Lisa Cohen. I'm "paper challenged" and Lisa made sure all the details were correct and ready to roll meeting after meeting. Thanks Lis!!!

I'd also like to thank Brian Witt for his year as Vice-President. Brian's knowledge of Club history and members was a valuable asset to me as President and to the Board. Thank you Brian for all your support!

Memorial Day saw the SCGCPD in Elm Grove. As I'm writing this I'm hoping it will be beautiful weather! Please check the ER for parade schedules so if you fancy cheering on the folks in the stunning green kilts, you'll know where to find us. We'll be listening for, "Yay! Shamrock Club"!

Enjoy the summer and remember Irish fest is only 86 days away!

- Mary Culver,
Shamrock Club President



Sunshine Report

It is with great sadness that we announced the death of Bridget Eileen O'Brien on May 2, 2015. She has been the loving wife of Joe Hughes for the past 13 years. Please keep her family in your prayers. When we hear laughter, we will all think of Bridget. Rest in peace.

Graeme Charles Crawford was born May 6, 2015 weighing 7# 3 oz. Cathy and Chuck (deceased) Ward are the grandparents and Muriel Crowley is the great-grandmother. We wish all the best to Bridget and her husband in this new adventure.

Robert Donovan, Sr. is receiving the Saigon Veterans' Award as a World War II veteran. Robert will be accepting this honor on May 14, 2015.

Bill Murphy is recuperating from hip replacement. Chuck McLaughlin received a pacemaker May 6th, 2015.

Good news to the Mary Culver family is that her mom is coming home from the hospital. Good healing to Marlene Goetschel.

The Quinlan family is cheering the great news of Kari Quinlan graduating Cum Laude from Notre Dame University on May 17th, 2015.

If you have Sunshine news, please email it to: slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com.

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair



Milwaukee Membership News

With the election of Board members for the 2015-2016 behind us, it is time to think about how as a club we can increase our membership. We can all start by asking ourselves a few questions:

1. Do any of my other family members belong to the club: children, grandchildren, etc.?
2. Have I asked a friend to attend a meeting with me?
3. Do you have a favorite Irish Pub that would display a Shamrock Club poster?

Recruiting members to the club is every member's responsibility. Without ongoing recruitment we will begin to lose more members than we gain.

If you need applications for membership, or a poster, or both, please contact me at 414-940-9032 or email me at membership.shamrockclubwis@wi.rr.com

- Glenn Nowak
Membership Chair
Milwaukee Chapter

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, 2015, are as follows:

President - Mary Culver
Vice-President - Taffy Anderson
Secretary - Sue Dushek
Treasurer - Mary Moze
Sergeant-at-Arms - Dawn Fleming
Membership - Glenn Nowak
Trustee - Ron Danielson
Parliamentarian - Pam Canon.

These members will serve on the 2015-16 Board of Directors along with our senior Trustee, Jackie Konkol, one additional Trustee who will be appointed, and Past President Josh Walton. Congratulations to all who participated! On behalf of all Shamrock Club members, we look forward to your leadership and appreciate your commitment to serve.

- Pam Canon, Parliamentarian

Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

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

Scottish Fest The Milwaukee Highland Games Saturday, June 6, 2015



The Milwaukee Scottish Fest will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at Hart Park, 68th and State in Wauwatosa.

What you will see and experience will be Spectacular Bagpipe Bands; Great Scottish Food; Beautiful Highland Dancing; Working Sheepdogs in Action; Unique Athletic Events; Join in the Parade of Tartans. You can also Sing and Dance at the Ceilidh.

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.

NOTICE: All events will be held rain or shine. Schedule subject to change. There will be NO REFUNDS on ticket sales. No pets are allowed at the Games. No coolers or food may be brought into the park.

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

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Contact
dpcanon@wi.rr.com for rates



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!

On June 2nd, the book club will be taking a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago and Old St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Standing in Another Man's Grave, by Ian Rankin will be the topic for our July 14th meeting. Sheila Isakson will be our host.

In August we will be taking the month off so that we can enjoy Irish Fest.

Our meetings will resume on September 8th when we will discuss *An Irish Country Village*, by Patrick Taylor. The gathering will be hosted by Pat Powers.

- Rosemary Walsh
rowalsh@wi.rr.com



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practice became so successful, he was obliged to move to a large studio at St. Stephen's Green. Moving away from landscapes, his main focus became portrait art. In his perception of women, children, old people and so on, and in his delicate handling of paint, Osborne's 'Impressionism' is closer to that of Berthe Morisot, and perhaps Renoir and Monet. In addition, he did genre-painting of the local Dublin streets and in the surrounding countryside and made occasional forays to paint in the West of Ireland.



He was well liked in social circles and counted the surgeon Sir Thornely Stoker, brother of Bram Stoker, among his best friends.

He died prematurely at the age of 43 from pneumonia and was buried in Mount Jerome Cemetery. At the time of his death, many of the critics of the time, and today, as well, felt he was just maturing as an artist. His final work *Tea in the Garden*, a beautiful combination of naturalism and impressionism, remained unfinished at his death. He remains a major influence in the visual art of Ireland.

Over a century later, Walter Osborne remains one of the most sought after artists by Irish collectors. The auction record for a work by Osborne was set in 2001, when his genre painting, entitled *In the Garden, Castlewood Avenue* (1901), was sold at James Adams, in Dublin, for €825,330. In 2008, Osborne's *Portrait of Dorothy And Irene Falkiner* sold at Sotheby's for £580,500.

Now, you know a bit more of this Irish artist, as well.

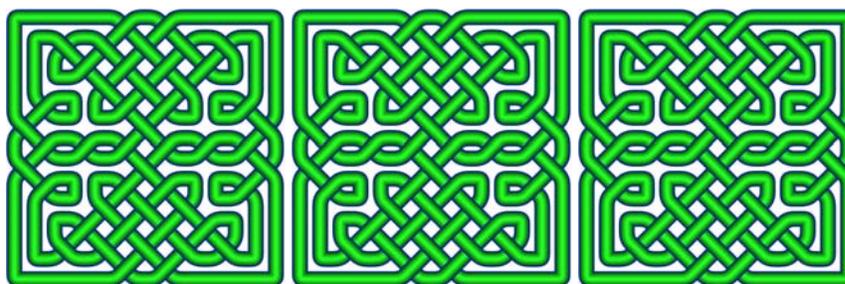
- Brian Witt

Ron's Corner Cupboard

The menu for the June meeting will be sub sandwiches. We will have turkey, ham, salami, and beef with tomatoes, onions, pickles, and mayo available. I would ask the members to continue bringing side dishes and desserts. There will be a raffle for baskets, and a 50-50 raffle as well. Any donations of raffle items would be appreciated, also.

This will be my last meeting as the Sergeant-at-Arms. The duties of this office will be handled by Dawn Fleming. I urge the members to give her as much support as was given me.

- Ron Danielson
Sergeant-at-Arms



State Advisory Board Meeting

The Shamrock Club held its Quarterly State Advisory Board meeting on May 9th in Madison WI at the Erin Snug Pub & Restaurant.

The Chapters that were in attendance were from La Crosse, Milwaukee and New Dublin.

Besides the good discussions and Chapter reports during the luncheon meeting, focus on Chapter organization and Board issues were discussed regarding Charter Bylaws and state-wide compliance.

Our next meeting will be held on August 15th in Milwaukee at Sobelman's Restaurant on St. Paul Avenue.

Sincerely,

- Denis Donohoe
President
SC State Advisory Board

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Thank You!

I just wanted to thank the group of people who worked with me Sunday, May 17th, helping the ICHC to look her "Spring Best." A big "Shout Out" goes to Julie Smith, Terri Dineen, Julie Murray and her daughter Brie Murray, and Dan Stotmeister. What a great, hard working group! And thanks to Tim O'Brien for setting up all the equipment and materials we needed.

- Patti Stotmeister



Celtic Women Lecture

The Celtic Women Lecture series will return in September.

- Jean Bills

new e-mail address: JeanKBills@aol.com

First Friday 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 pm. and continues all evening. Music and dancing begin at 8 pm.

The dances are called and direction is given by one of the Midwest's best ceili instructors, Gail McElroy.

June 2015

• Friday, June 5 - Wise Maids

Entrance is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for students, seniors, and children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

Irish Trivia

Test your knowledge of things Irish with these trivia questions:

1. In 1951 which film was shot on location in Cong, County Mayo and directed by John Ford?
2. By what other name is the Liffey Bridge in Dublin known as?
3. In the legend of the Fianna, what was the Land of Eternal Youth?
4. What are the Twelve Bens?
5. Which Irish city is also known as "the city of the tribes"?
6. In which museum is the Tara Brooch?
7. Which Irish Saint is said to have discovered America a thousand years before Columbus?
8. What does the circle in the centre of the celtic cross represent?
9. What type of timber is used to make hurleys for camogie and hurling?
10. Which old Irish legend had four children turned into swans by their wicked stepmother?

Answers: 1. *The Quiet Man* 2. Ha'penny Bridge 3. Tir Na Nóg 4. Mountains of Mourne 5. Galway 6. National History Museum, Dublin 7. Saint Brendan 8. The Sun 9. The Ash 10. The Children of Lir

Shamrock Club Installation Dinner Thursday, July 2, 2015

Shamrock Club announces its yearly installation dinner to be held on Thursday, July 2. The event will be held at Meyer's Restaurant, 4260 South 76th St., Greenfield. Social begins with cocktails (cash bar) at 5:30, followed by a family style dinner at 6:30. Formal installation follows dinner.

Reservations to Veronica Ceszynski -- via email: irishv@ameritech.net; phone call: 414 507-5935; or mail: 7224 N. Iroquois Rd., Glendale WI 53217. It is okay to make your reservation in advance and pay at the door. Checks should be made payable to: Shamrock Club of Wisconsin. Do you have any special food requirements? Tell Veronica.

The cost is \$22.00 per person: \$40.00 per couple. Deadline for reservations is June 26.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the new officers and hear what they have to offer. Perhaps it will be a good time to step up yourselves and get more involved in this great club!

- Veronica Ceszynski



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Shamrock Club Member

Michael was on a once in a lifetime trip to Europe. In a Paris church, he saw an old style phone with this sign:

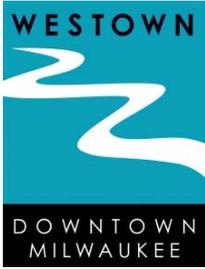
Phone Direct to Heaven- only \$5,000. He was intrigued but couldn't afford that kind of money. Unfortunately, the same price applied in churches in England, Italy and Spain.

Then he arrived in Ireland, where he found the same phone... but this time the sign said:

Phone Direct to Heaven - only \$10. Delighted, he asked the priest why the price was so low.

"Because you're in Ireland, of course, it's a local call"

Westown Summer Events



Our parade co-sponsor, Westown, has announced its schedule of shows for Westown River Rhythms at Pere Marquette Park, Kilbourn Avenue. The series starts June 10. Its August Concerts feature the Irish band, Full Set, on August 12, and the Australian band, Brother, on August 19.

In addition, the Westown Farmers' Market takes place each Wednesday at Zeidler Park, 4th and Michigan, from June 3 to October 25th. The Farmers' Market opens up at 10 am, and closes at 3 pm. There is live music from 11:45 AM to 1:45 pm. Shamrock Club member Michael "Tynkr" Tierney will perform July 1. Ian Gould will be there August 5.

Word of the Month

Doras - Door

D'oscail mé an doras ach níor tháinig siad isteach go fóill.

(D-os-kayl may an door-as ach ny-or han-ig she-ad is-tock go foil.)

I opened the door but they didn't come in yet.



Hurling Club News



The Milwaukee Hurling Club had its opening day Sunday, May 17.

The group photo shows off the 2015 Shamrock Club uniforms. Michelle Varelas is the U-15 coach. They were successful in their opening day. The Youth uniforms are solid bodied, and the Adult are vertical stripes. Shamrock Club had a bye, and its first games are May 31.

Milwaukee Hurling Club Schedule

Here is the Shamrock Club schedule for the 2015 season:

- May 31 – SC v McBob's -11 am
- June 7 – SC v Irish Pub - 2 pm
- June 14 – SC v All Integrated - 2 pm
- June 21 – SC v Slim McGinns -9:30 am
- June 28 – SC v Trinity Pubs - 12:30 pm
- July 12 – SC v Silver Spring House - 2 pm
- July 19 – SC v Burke's - 3:30 pm
- August 2 – SC v Ale House - 3:30 pm
- August 8 – Semifinals - 12:00 pm
- August 23 – Finals - 12:00 pm

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





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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 State Advisory Board

Photo by Denis Donohoe