



Your Irish Primer 2013

We at the Shamrock Club are always happy to educate with our interesting articles. Each March, we look to provide you with the information that you may have missed in your lifetime. This month we are again providing you with a primer of the obscure, but always helpful, facts about the Emerald Isle.

The Irish Prime Minister is called Taoiseach, and pronounced "Tee-Shawk," in Irish. Eamon de Valera was the first prime minister of Ireland to be called Taoiseach; the term came into use with the constitution of 1937.

Pampooties are traditional footwear made from a single piece of untanned hide folded around the foot and stitched with twine or a leather strap. They were worn on the Aran Islands until the 1950s.

Charles Stewart Parnell led the Land League in Ireland, was an Irish nationalist, and was a member of the British Parliament. His American born mother, Delia Tudor Stewart, was rabidly anti-English, and her father was a naval hero in the War of 1812, when he was awarded a gold medal after he fought the English navy. Ironically, Mrs Parnell was related to the Tudor family. Parnell was called "The Blackbird of Avondale," as he was the lord of Avondale, County Wicklow. It was a take-off on the sobriquet of Bonnie Prince Charles Stewart, who was known in code as "The Blackbird." Parnell and his party members were jailed at Kilmainham Gaol from October, 1881 to May, 1882. He died in disgrace after his affair with his wife was known. She was married to a friend of his at the time. He was also known as "The Uncrowned King of Ireland."

Four Irish authors won the Nobel Prize for Literature. They are:

William Butler Yeats in 1923, George Bernard Shaw in 1925, Samuel Beckett in 1969, and Seamus Heaney in 1995.

Bushmills is the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery still operating. Near the town of Bushmills in County Antrim, Northern Ireland you will find The Old Bushmills Distillery. It received a license to distill whiskey (Irish: Fuisce or Uisce beatha = water of life) in 1608 but did not become an officially registered company until 1784.

Sea The Stars was the Irish horse trained by John Oxx. It won the 2009 Eclipse, Epsom Derby, 2,000 Guineas, Irish Champion Stakes and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Dawn Run was an Irish trained horse that was the only animal to date to win both the Champion Hurdle and the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Irish racehorse trainer Enda Bolger won the Cheltenham Glenfarclas cross-country race three years in a row

Belfast's city airport is named after George Best, the Irish footballer. Irishman Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins was a snooker champion. Dubliner Jason 'Jacko' Barry is an international player in darts. Irish bobsledder Aoife Hoey set the record for tallest female competitor, at 6' 4 " , at the 2010 Olympics.

The Belfast's Gaeltacht Quarter is the

largest urban Gaeltacht, or Irish speaking area, on the island of Ireland.

Irishman John Boyd Dunlop developed the pneumatic tire. Harry Ferguson changed farming with his design of the modern tractor. He later teamed with Irish-American Henry Ford in further developing tractors for the world market.

Killarney's name translates as "Church of the sloes." Staying in Kerry, Kenmare won the overall national Tidy Towns Award in 2000. According to legend, the devil spat out the Rock of Cashel. The River Poddle flows under Dublin Castle. The largest and southernmost county is Cork. It is the second most populous county in the Republic. It is also the home to Blarney Castle. It is called Chorcaí in Irish. Cork gets its name from its marshy areas. It is called "The Rebel County," from its risings in the 15th and 20th centuries. Writer Brian Nolan, better known as Flann O'Brien, once suggested it be called "The Republic of Cork," and asserted that everyone was an intellectual and a poet, or at least wanted to be.

We hope that this Irish primer has helped to educate you, and maybe amuse you, for this St. Patrick's day. Agus, Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Duit! Happy St Patrick's Day.

- Brian Witt

MARCH 7, 2013 • 7 P.M.

MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



Shamrock Club 53rd Birthday Party! Entertainment by the SCCPD
Baked Potatoes & Fixings at 6:30; Birthday Cake

☘ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ☘

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

MARCH

- 1 John Doyle and Karan Casey; ICHC; 7.30 pm
- 1 Irish Cultural and Heritage Center Ceili; Music by Myserk; 7.30 pm
- 1 Conference of Celtic Women; Full Circle: Irish Tales Come Round; Speaker-Jean Andrew; ICHC; 5:30 pm
- 1 Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance; Milwaukee Theatre; 7.30 pm
- 1 Ian Gould; O'Donoghue's Irish Pub; Elm Grove; 8 pm
- 1 Ulster Project Family Fun Night; Mount Mary College; 5 pm
- 2 13th Annual Green Tie Event; Benefit for the Ward Irish Music Archives; Wisconsin Country Club (North), 6200 West Good Hope Road; 5.30 pm
- 3 Brendan Heart Fundraiser; Burke's Irish Castle; noon until 6 pm
- 7 Shamrock Club monthly meeting and 53rd Birthday Party; ICHC; 7 pm
- 7 Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 pm
- 9 Mass in Honor of St. Patrick; St. Patrick Church; 8:30 am
- 9 47th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade; Downtown Milwaukee; noon
- 9 Shamrock Club Post-Parade Party; ICHC; 1 - 6 pm
- 15 Celtic Night for Literacy 2013, featuring Jeff Ward; Racine Marriott Hotel; 6 pm
- 16 Craicmore; Schauer Center for the Arts; Hartford; 7:30 pm
- 17 Tallymoore; Irish Fest Center; 11 am
- 17 Gaelic Storm; Pabst Theatre; 8 pm
- 20 Makem and Spain Brothers; Sharon Lynne Wilson Centre, Brookfield; 7.30 pm
- 21 Barry Dodd; County Clare Inn; 10 pm
- 30 Dehli 2 Dublin; Shank Hall; 8 pm
- 31 Easter Rising Mass; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 9:30 am

APRIL

- 4 Shamrock Club monthly meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
- 4 Celtic Woman; Milwaukee Theatre; 8 pm
- 5 April Verch Band; ICHC; 7.30 pm

ON GOING ... Set dancing at the following: Set dancing Wednesdays, 7 P.M. at O'Donoghue's ☘ Craobh Curtin Conradh na Gaeilge meeting at O'Donoghue's Pub, 7 P.M., last Tuesday each month ☘ Irish Emigration Library in ICHC open every Wednesday 2-8 P.M. ☘ Irish Sing-a-long, Irish Fest Center, First Sundays, (through May) 7 P.M. ☘ Irish Fest Song Circle, O'Donoghue's 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 - áthas and Myserk; County Clare Inn; 6 P.M. ☘ Sundays: áthas; Brocach Milwaukee ☘

Easter Rising Mass Sunday, March 31, 2013

The 43rd Annual Easter Rising Mass will take place at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center of Wisconsin, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, on Sunday, March 31, 2013 at 9:30 am. The Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums will again be a part of the Mass. The Mass honors the 1916 Easter Monday Rising in Dublin that led to the Irish Revolution. We need Eucharistic ministers. Contact Betty Mikush at (414) 541-8215.

A community brunch follows Mass. A free will offering is asked to defray the costs. We need your offerings of coffee cakes, breads, spring goodies, etc. This has become a large and popular gathering, people of all ages enjoy this family Easter get together. It has become the way many can connect with their family members before going off in separate directions. We do need help with set up on Saturday (at 10 am) and with serving during the brunch. Call Veronica Cezynski at (414) 228-8621 to volunteer.

Shamrock Club Parade Day Breakfast March 9, 2013

The Shamrock Club will again be hosting breakfast upstairs at the ICHC immediately following the Mass in honor of St. Patrick. Cost for the breakfast is \$7.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the March meeting. Advance reservations can also be made by contacting Glenn Nowak at ganowak@wi.rr.com

Menu: Eggs, Bangers, Rashers, Soda Bread and Brown Bread, Oatmeal, Corned Beef Hash, Juice, Coffee.

This year breakfast will be served by members of the Pilot Club, supporting Special Olympics of Wisconsin.



Shamrock Club Post Parade Party Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with serving food, serving beverages both upstairs and in the Hallamór bars, and manning the entrances to event. (We have no Soccer club to help this year, and our sponsored Hurling team has not responded.) We will be cleaning up on Sunday, and could use help then as well.

- Glenn Nowak
Post Parade Chair

Retail Report

Retail will be selling at the Post Parade Party. We still need volunteers to work 2 hour shifts during the hours of 1-6 pm. Please contact Glenn or Kim to sign-up. ganowak@wi.rr.com or 414-466-8060.

- Glenn and Kim Nowak
Retail Chairs



28th Annual Mass In Honor of

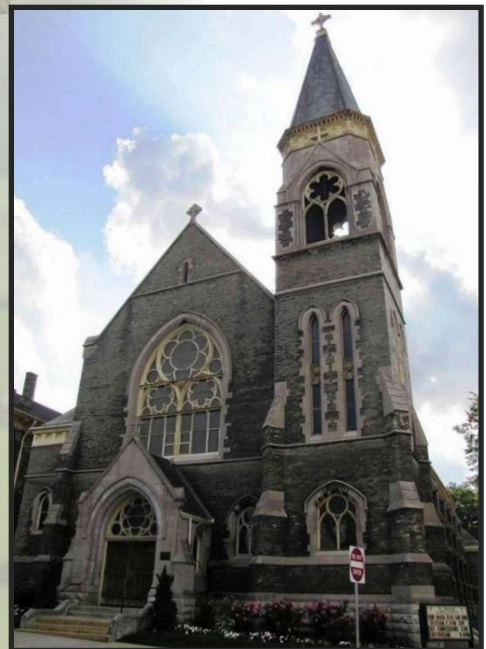
SAINT PATRICK

Saturday, March 9, 2013

**8:30 A.M. at St. Patrick's Church
723 South 7th Street, Milwaukee**

- Liturgy Sung by the Shamrock Club Choir
- Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes & Drums
- Songs and Readings in Irish and English
- Sign Reader for the Hearing Impaired
- Bus Transportation from ICHC at 7:45 am

For more information, please contact Chuck McLaughlin
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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.

Milwaukee President's Message

Hello to all our members,

Finally March is here! We kick off a month of Irish celebrations with our general meeting, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the ICHC. We will have baked potatoes with a selection of toppings and a birthday cake celebrating the Shamrock Club's 52nd year. We will also officially introduce our 2013 Honorees: Congratulations to Judge Dan Konkol and his beautiful wife Maureen as our Parade Marshals, Gail McAleese as Irish Rose and Irishman of the Year, Rand Harteau. We know that they will represent the club with honor and glory. Thanks to last year's Honorees for a job well done.

Parade Day is Saturday, March 9th. The day starts with a mass in honor of St. Patrick at St. Patrick's Church at 8:30 a.m. The mass is organized by Chuck McLaughlin with the help from Maggie Blaha, choir director and Gail Neville, who will take donations for alter flowers at this month's meeting. An Irish breakfast will be served at the ICHC following the mass. Round trip transportation will be available from the ICHC to the mass and back. Tickets are \$5 for bus only, \$10 for bus and breakfast. The bus leaves the ICHC parking lot at exactly 7:45 am.

The 47th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off from 3rd and Wisconsin at noon. Production Manager Denis Donohoe and Parade Manager Mike Boyle, in conjunction with Westown Association promises a beautiful and sunny day full of fun and surprises. Thanks to Stacy Callies, Marissa Miller and the Westown Association for their assistance and support.

Following the parade bring your family and friends back to the ICHC as the Shamrock Club hosts an afternoon of Irish entertainment, music and dancing assisted by Barry Stapleton. Food and drinks will be available. Admission is \$2 for adults, children under 10 free, with a family maximum of \$10.

On another note, as announced at the February general meeting Mary Jo Kaufmann, our club secretary, has had to step down from her position due to personal

reasons. Kim Nowak has graciously accepted the position in her absence. I'd like to extend a thank you to Mary Jo for her service to the board. She will be missed.

Nominations for officers will be taken from the floor at both the March and April general meetings. The general election will take place at the May general meeting. All members in good standing are encouraged to think about their contribution of time and talent as a board member.

It has been decided by the board to forgo the scholarship raffle for this year due to economic times. Ticket sales have been falling these past few years and it has been seemingly more difficult to obtain raffle prizes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any board member about this matter.

Please read this month's Reflections for other Irish events going on in the month of March, and again please join us at the General Meeting. See you there!

God Bless,
- Kathy Donovan, President
kay_dee@live.com



Milwaukee Membership News

The St Patrick's Day Parade is almost here and that spells SPRING !!! Everyone pray for a great warm sunny day with no wind.

Please welcome our new members in February, Lord Baron Michael Browne and John & Kristin McGowan. Please give them a wonderful Slainte' when you see them at the Parade.

At present, the Milwaukee Chapter as of January 10th is at 330 Memberships with 148 Families, 160 single, and 32 complimentary (libraries, businesses, etc.) memberships.

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

I hope you are looking forward another warm St Patrick's Day like last year.

- Denis Donohoe
Membership Chair

Milwaukee Proudly Announces 2013 Honorees

The Shamrock Club honorees have been selected. These four people embody the spirit of volunteerism that we ask of those that we choose each year.

Irish Rose Gail McAleese works at many of the events we hold. If her face looks familiar, it is because she is always at the ready to work, no matter what. In addition, she is also involved with Celtic Women International. She also helps get St. Patrick dressed for parades and appearances. Of course, it is her husband, Tom, who has led our parades for many years. And she is also the mother-in-law of the 2012 Irishman, Glenn Nowak, whom she pulled into working for the Club.

Rand Harteau is often a few steps behind Tom McAleese at many parades, as the director of the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. But he has been involved for a while longer than that, and is also an active part of his parish volunteering.

Our Parade Marshals are Maureen (McGarry) and Judge Daniel Konkol. They are both active in the Shamrock Club, working Folk Fair, Post Parade Party, and many of the other events we hold each year. Dan has assumed the duties of swearing in the board each year at our installation dinners. He has also driven honorees in the parade in the past, and a couple of years back was the lead pedaler for the pedal bar that the Shamrock Club had in the parade. He was also honored as the Polish Man of the Year a few years back. (We are ecumenical in our honors.)

Congratulations to all four. You make us proud, and you make the Shamrock Club a richer organization.

I look forward to representing the Shamrock Club and the Irish Community for the coming year and hope to uphold the high standard of the long list of former Irish Roses.



**DAN & MAUREEN KONKOL
2013 Parade Marshals**

We are very honored and thrilled to be selected as the 2013 Parade Marshals. We have been members of the Shamrock Club since 1990. At an early stage we learned from Tom and Maggie Blaha how volunteering with the Shamrock Club could be fun.

We've worked at post parade parties from when they were still at the old Pius roller rink, to the Wauwatosa Civic Center, to the early years at the ICHC. We've enjoyed the fast pace of the Bradley Center booth under the direction of Cate Harris. We've worked the sales booth at Irishfest all of our years. We've been working at the Folk Fair sales booth and food booth starting at MECCA and right up to the current time at State Fair. We've marched with the Club in the parade both up and down North Avenue, the year on Bluemound, and continue to participate in the Parade downtown. It will be exciting to participate in the parade in this special way this way.

We've enjoyed the opportunity to work with so many nice people who make the Shamrock Club such a great group. During our years with the Shamrock Club, we have also been active in other organizations including St. Gregory the Great, Polish Heritage Alliance, Polish National Alliance, and Knights of Columbus. We thank the club for our selection. We're also looking forward to a great parade.



**RAND HARTEAU
2013 Irishman of the Year**

I was an altar boy, Eagle Scout, and co-captain of High School swim team. I served for two years as a US Marine, married my beautiful high school sweetheart and will celebrate forty years of marriage this June. I graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a business degree, have a wonderful sister, four awesome children and five magical grandchildren. I was a basketball coach for many years, was a Trustee for a local parish, currently run my own insurance agency, volunteer at Zilber Hospice and serve as the Director of the Shamrock Color Guard Pipes and Drums.

Although my last name is not Irish, I have ancestors from Cootehill, Ireland. I am honored and humbled to be this year's Irishman of the Year. I am looking forward to representing the Shamrock Club and the Irish community this next season.



**GAIL MUELLER MCALEESE
2013 Irish Rose**

I have been honored to be chosen as the Shamrock Club Irish Rose for 2013. While I have no Irish ancestry, I did marry an Irishman 54 years ago and have five mostly Irish children and eight partly Irish grandchildren.

I traveled to Ireland for the first time in 1985 and instantly became Irish. I joined the Shamrock Club at the same time and started volunteering, first at the Holiday Folk Fair sales booth and later in the food booth. I joined Cate Harris's team at the Bradley Center when that building opened. I worked at the Post Parade Party, ushered at the ICHC concerts, and staffed the ICHC on Wednesdays.

I have been a member of the Irish Genealogical Society since its beginning, and have served on the Board of Directors of Celtic Women International as Membership Chairperson.

St. Patrick's Mass Donations

The Shamrock Club will start accepting donations for the March 9, 2013 St. Patrick's Day Mass Book Memorials on January 1, 2013. You may give Gail Neville donations at the monthly club meeting or -

Phone - 414-354-1355 (leave a message with your name and phone number if Gail does not answer.)

Email - gailtacht@aol.com (include your name, phone number, and any short message you would like used.)

Address for mail orders - Gail Neville, 9011 N. 70th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53223

THE LAST DAY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS IS MARCH 2, 2013

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!

Tim Smit's *The Lost Gardens of Heligan* will be the topic for discussion on March 19th. Maureen Garry will be hostess.

On April 9th, Rosemary Walsh will host the discussion of *Are You Somebody?* by Nuala O'Faolain.

Sharon Walsh will be the host for the meeting on May 14th. We will be discussing the CWI Gathering in St. Charles, Il. from April 26-28.

- Rosemary Walsh
rowalsh@wi.rr.com

Glenn's Corner Cupboard

- March: Potatoes with all the Toppings, Birthday cake. (Club will supply)
- April: Sandwiches. Members bring Desserts, Sides.
- May: Ham. Men bring Salads, Sides & Desserts (In honor of Mother's Day)

-Glenn

Members' Doings

Erin Canon daughter of Pam and Del Canon, has been awarded the Founder's Scholarship at Ripon College, one of their most prestigious academic awards. Erin, a senior at Wauwatosa East High School, will begin at Ripon College this coming fall.

Shannon Donohoe, daughter of Karen and Denis Donohoe, recently became engaged to Matthew Wasilewski of Virginia, a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S Army and graduate of West Point. Their wedding will be in Milwaukee in 2014.

Ceili Dances

Join us at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, 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.

Entrance is \$8.00 Adults, and \$5.00 for Students, Seniors, and Children. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC. All proceeds benefit the work of the ICHC.

March - June 2013 Calendar:

- Fri., March 1 - **Myserk**
- Sat., March 16 - **Ceol Cairde**
- Fri., April 5 - **Frogwater**
- Sat., April 20 - **RiRa**
- Fri., May 3 - **athas**
- Sat., May 18 - **Wise Maids**
- Fri., June 7 - **Cream City Ceili**

Brendan Heart Fundraiser March 3, 2013

The Emerald Society of Wisconsin is going to be holding its annual Brendan Ward Heart Fund Fundraiser. The date of the Brendan Heart is Sunday, March 3rd at Burke's Irish Castle, 5328 W. Bluemound Road, from noon until 6 pm. Entertainment will be provided by *Atlantic Wave*, *Ian Gould*, *Glencastle Irish Dancers*, *Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums*, and the *Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums*. There will also be a raffle and silent auction. Admission is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. For more information, please go to the Emerald Society's web site: www.emeraldsociety.us.

Pete Fleming



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ANNUAL SHAMROCK CLUB

POST PARADE PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2013

1 - 6 PM • ICHC



Serving: Beer, Soda, Water.
Hot Dogs, Chips, Ruebens,
Potato Soup, Cookies.

ENTERTAINMENT:

✪ HALLAMOR ✪

- 2:00 SHAMROCK CLUB COLOR GUARD PIPES & DRUMS
- 2:30 CRONIN IRISH DANCERS
- 3:15 CASHEL DENNEHY IRISH DANCERS
- 4:00 TALLYMOORE
- 5:15 KINSELLA IRISH DANCERS

✪ UPSTAIRS ✪

- 2:00 BLARDEY
- 3:15 CALEDONIAN SCOTTISH DANCERS
- 2:00 BLARDEY

✪ QUIDLAD'S PUB ✪

- 1:00 CUIL A'LID
- 2:15 BARRY DODD
- 3:30 TIS
- 4:45 ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A SCOTSMAN?

Admission: \$2.00 person, \$10.00 Family Maximum. Under 5 Free.



SHAMROCK CLUB OF WISCONSIN

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or: www.saintpatricksparade.org

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.

Shamrock Club Mission Statement -

To promote, preserve and participate in Irish Culture of the arts, education and athletics in our community and all that is Irish.



EMERALD REFLECTIONS PHOTO OF THE MONTH



The Shamrock Club's own St. Patrick