

## Ireland's First Minister for the Diaspora Visits Milwaukee

On Saint Patrick's Eve, March 16th, Jimmy Deenihan TD, Ireland's first ever Minister for the Diaspora, honored Milwaukee with a visit to the city. The day began with a breakfast with local business leaders. The Minister then made his way to the ICHC to view the LABOR AND DIGNITY: James Connolly in America exhibition, currently on display there. He was shown around the exhibit by John Gleeson from UWM Center for Celtic Studies, one of the sponsors of the exhibit.

Mr. Deenihan then sat down for a chat with board members of the ICHC, Genealogical Society, Milwaukee Irish Arts, and Celtic Women Lectures. He introduced Milwaukee to the major theme of his visit, the recent launch of his government's GLOBAL IRISH, a new and exciting policy document on Ireland and the Irish abroad.

This is the first clear statement of Government of Ireland policy on the diaspora which recognizes that Ireland has a unique and important relationship with its diaspora that must be nurtured and developed. It seeks to connect, in an inclusive way, with those of all ages around the World who are Irish, of Irish descent or have a tangible connection to Ireland, and wish to maintain a connection to Ireland and each other.

Then it was off to City Hall for a meeting with Mayor Tom Barrett, City Council President Michael Murphy and other political leaders.

Irish Fest hosted a lunch at their Center in Wauwatosa for the Minister and a gathering of representatives from a number of local Irish organizations. He was introduced by Alderman Murphy and



**Jimmy Deenihan TD  
Minister for Diaspora Affairs**

spoke eloquently of the transatlantic relationship. He was fulsome in his praise for Irish Fest and its tremendous contribution to Irish-American culture. There was time for a tour of the world renowned Ward Archives before he was on the move again, this time for a meeting at UWM to see the Center for Celtic Studies and meet Chancellor Mark Mone and Celtic Studies Faculty. His day in our city ended with a visit to the UWM library where he was impressed with the wealth of Irish holdings including rare maps, books and manuscripts.

The Minister, who was accompanied by Irish Consul General Aidan Cronin and officials from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs is very popular in Ireland. He represents North Kerry in the Dail (parliament) and is an accomplished Gaelic Footballer, holding five All-Ireland medals, won as a player for his county.

He left Milwaukee clearly impressed that the wealth and strength of Irish culture in this corner of the diaspora is immensely vibrant, varied, rich and lasting and something we all can be proud of.

**- John Gleeson**



**Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister for  
Diaspora Affairs speaks to  
members of the Irish community  
at the ICHC this past March.**

**MAY 7, 2015 • ANNUAL ELECTIONS 6:30-7:30 PM  
MILWAUKEE MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7 PM**  
Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue)



Sloppy Joes served at 6:30 • Please bring a side dish or dessert.

## ♣ Milwaukee Calendar of Events ♣

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

### MAY

- 1 ICHC Ceili; Music by RiRá; ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; 7:30 pm
- 1 Celtic Women First Friday Lecture; ICHC; *Leabharlann Iasachtai/Lending Library*; Mary McAndrews, Speaker; ICHC; 5:30-7 pm
- 2 Wisconsin Spring Feis; Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.; 8:30 am
- 3 Celtic Spirit Feis; Wisconsin Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.; 8:30 am
- 5 The Waterboys; Pabst Theatre; 8 pm
- 7 **Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting and Annual Elections**; ICHC; 6:30 pm
- 7-11 Milwaukee Irish Arts play, *MOMENT*; ICHC
- 9 Cashel Dennehy's Rhapsody in Blue; Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 19805 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield; 2 pm and 7 pm
- 12 Celtic Women International Book Club; *Through the Eyes of a Belfast Child*, by Greg McVicker; Hostess: Rosemary Walsh; ICHC; 1 pm
- 16 Kinsella Academy Dancer Presentation; Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin; 6 pm
- 23 Set Dancing; ICHC; Music by Brett Lipshutz & Randy Gosa; Moycullen Set

### JUNE

- 2 Celtic Women International Book Club; Field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago and Old St. Patrick's Church
- 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
- 13 Derek Byrne; Clarke Hotel, 250 Main Street, Waukesha; 8:30 pm
- 27 Set Dancing; ICHC; Music by Maria Terres; Merchant Set

### JULY

**TBD Shamrock Club Installation Dinner**; Location TBA

**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 ♣

## Milwaukee Membership News

A reminder that voting for the 2015-2016 Board will take place at the May 7th, 2015 General Meeting. Voting will take place from 6:30-7:30 in Parlour C. Please take time to read the bios for those running and vote for the candidate that will best carry out the duties of the position they are running for. Your membership status will be checked prior to voting and can be renewed at that time.

- Glenn Nowak  
Membership Chair

## Post Parade Party

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who attended, and/or helped at the Post Parade Party 2015. Thank you especially to those who helped clean up on Sunday in preparation for the activities happening on Monday for the Connelly Exhibit.

A full report of the day's activities is being prepared and will be presented at the next General Meeting.

- Glenn Nowak  
Pre/Post Parade Party Co-Chair

## Milwaukee Irish Arts (MIA)

May 7th - 11th

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Milwaukee Irish Arts (MIA) presents *MOMENT*, a play by Deirdre Kinahan at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center (ICHC), May 7th through 11th, 2015.

The impact of a crime is rarely confined to the initial events experienced by its immediate victims. What of the impact on the families of the perpetrators? How difficult can it be for loved ones to forgive, let alone understand, terrible acts committed by their own kin? How does a family live and cope with the pain of a conflicted love?

This is the emotional landscape that Deirdre Kinahan has mined for her acclaimed play *MOMENT*. You can almost hear the Greek Chorus warming up. But Kinahan passes on that bait. Her triumph with this new play lies in her extraordinary lightness of touch and her ability to bed her drama down in the almost mundane details of family life. Here, ordinary actions - preparing of tea, setting of a table, the small talk of a family meal - are laced with hidden drama and unspoken hurt. It is drama of a most personal kind, and its sheer, simple truth resonates with us the more for it.

*"MOMENT is a nuanced study in compassion that moves, troubles, but lives long in the memory."*

(Irish Theatre Magazine)

The MIA production of *MOMENT* will be staged at the ICHC Thursday, May 7 through Monday, May 11, Thursday, Friday, Saturday @ 8:00 pm; Sunday @ 2:00 and 8:00 pm; Monday @ 8:00 pm. Admission at your discretion! The production will then travel to Cincinnati, Ohio for the 22nd annual Acting Irish International Theatre Festival where, perhaps, its unprecedented third-in-a-row Best Production Award awaits.

- Brian Witt



## Milwaukee President's Message

May is upon us and I want to see everyone come to the May meeting and cast your ballots on who you would like to see on the Board. It is very important for the Club to have a good showing of voting members.

Our Easter Rising Mass was a wonderful celebration of our Irish history with music, humor, and camaraderie. Father Terry Brennan once again shared his beautiful Irish tenor voice that tugs at the heart strings, Christine Kierzek and Derek Byrne filled the ICHC with lovely voices and Mary Jo Kaufmann was as always the talented musician. A huge thank you goes out to all that made the mass an intimate destination to worship together and remember those that have gone before us in history to fight for our freedoms. We are truly lucky to have such a wealth of talent in our Irish community. Please mark your calendars for next years Easter Rising Mass. It will be the 100th anniversary of the uprising and we like to have a full house!

I want to give a big pat on the back to Malkin Wallace for stepping up and taking on the job of SCCGPD Director. She has been furiously setting up parade dates and recruiting new band members. Please actively talk up our Club and band to anyone that would like to carry a flag, wear a kilt, learn to play drums or bagpipes. We appreciate any help in recruitment!

Happy Spring and I'll see you at the meeting!

- Mary Culver, President



## Feiseanna in Milwaukee in May

There will be two feiseanna in Milwaukee in May. Both will be held at the Wisconsin Center, 400 West Wisconsin Avenue. The first is Wisconsin Spring Feis on May 2. A list of trophies to be issued during the Feis includes many named for past members of the Shamrock Club. These Perpetual Trophies include the Chuck Ward Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U17 OC girls competition; The Mary Eileen Geary Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U16 OC girls competition; the Mickey Finn Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U10 PC competition; the Dennis Dennehy Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U12 PC competition; the John E. McNamara Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U14 PC competition, and the Nina Nash Perpetual Trophy, awarded to first place winner of U15 OC girls competition. This feis is sponsored by the Trinity Booster Club. For more information, go to <http://www.wisconsinsspringfeis.com>.

On Sunday, May 3, the Celtic Spirit Feis takes places. Preregistration takes place on Saturday, May 2nd, at the Wisconsin Center from 2:30pm-4:30pm. On Sunday, May 3rd, registration starts at 7:30am. The Feis starts promptly at 8:30am. It is sponsored by Badger State Feis, Inc. For more information, go to <http://www.celticspiritfeis.com>.



## Sunshine Report

John and Mary Fisher's oldest son published his first book titled "Networking in the 21st Century," subtitled "Why Your Network Sucks and What to Do about It." The book is available on Amazon. They also welcomed a new grandson, Conor Seamus McCormick.

Tom McAleese is home recuperating from his stint in the hospital for heart issues.

Bridget O'Brien is recovering from back problems.

Jack Suit had surgery this past Tuesday.

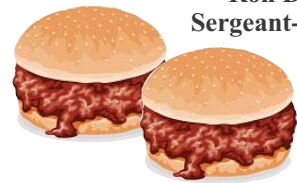
If you have Sunshine news, please email it to: [slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com](mailto:slainte4142-shamrock@yahoo.com).

- Maggie Blaha, Sunshine Chair

## Ron's Corner Cupboard

I will be making sloppy joes for the May general membership meeting. The club will furnish the meat and buns and also ice cream, something we haven't had at a meeting in my memory. If you have a particular ice cream topping you like, bring it along! I did notice an increase from prior months in the amount donated in the jar. It is most appreciated and it helps defray the cost of the meals. If each attendee donated only a dollar, it makes a big difference. Thanks to all who bring the side dishes and desserts. It all helps to make our meetings a success!

- Ron Danielson  
Sergeant-at-Arms



## Word of the Month

Cat - (Cot) The Cat.

Tá an cat ina shuí ag an bhfuinneog mhór.  
(Ta an cot eena shoo-ee agh an ween-og more).

The cat is sitting by the big window.



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## Kinsella Academy Spring Recitals May 16 and May 17



The Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance will hold two Spring Recitals in May. The first will be held in Milwaukee at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 West Wisconsin Avenue. It will take place at 5.30 pm on May 16.

On May 17, the Kinsella Academy Spring Recital moves to the Fox Cities. This recital will take place at the University of Wisconsin - Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Road, Menasha.

For ticket information, go to Kinsella's website, <http://www.kinsellaacademy.com>.

## Cashel Dennehy's Rhapsody In Blue Saturday, May 9, 2015



Cashel Dennehy's "Rhapsody in Blue" will take place on May 9 at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, Brookfield.

This is the largest fundraiser for Cashel Dennehy. Join them for their all-school recital, "Rhapsody in Blue." This year, the event will be held at the beautiful Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, 19805 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045.

There are two performances, 2 pm and 7 pm. All ticket sales will go through the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts. <http://www.casheldennehy.org>.

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## Color Guard Pipes and Drums

This month began with a small, but good, sound at the annual Easter Rising Mass. It was the 45th anniversary for the mass, and while not everyone could be with us on that Easter Day, those who were there did a fantastic job!

April also saw the departure of three of our pipers, Luanne Andrews, Kathy Irwin, and Laura Fisher, due to personal and professional reasons. We hope that it will be a brief time away from the band and wish all of you well in your endeavors. That leaves very big holes in our line up, combined with the absence of our tenor drummer for the season. So now, more than ever, we ask that the Shamrock Club, which supports our group so well, helps us to recruit new members. We would love to have members from within the club, as well as anyone who wants to join, and we will teach anyone how to play either the drums or the pipes for free. The cost of a kilt is also included, and band supplies are subsidized to some extent based on our performances.

You may remember Noel Tylla, our pipe major, saying at our Post-Parade Party performance that we have a goal of once again travelling across country to Atlanta for their phenomenal St. Patrick's Day parade. In order to do that, we need more musicians! If you would like to join, or know someone who would like to join, please send them our way, either to rehearsals on Tuesday nights at the ICHC at 6:45, or put them in contact with Malkin Wallace at 414-234-0653. We look forward to growing our numbers again, and welcoming new members into a fantastic organization!

- Christine Kierzek

## Spring Cleaning at the ICHC

Have a little extra time and an interest in helping to make the ICHC sparkle with some spring cleaning? That's what we will be doing on Sunday May 19th from 9-3. Come ready to dig in, we'll provide gloves, cleaning supplies, and lunch.

If interested get in touch with Patti Stotmeister at 414-324-3731 or email her at pstotmeister@gmail.com so that she can get an idea of how many people to expect. Hope to see you there.

## 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.

May - June 2015

- Friday, May 1 - RíRá
- 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.

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## Celtic Women Lecture May 1, 2015

Topic: "ICHC Leabharlann  
Iasachtaí/Lending Library"  
Speaker: **Mary McAndrews**

We have our very own "Marian the Librarian" in Mary Mac, aka Mary McAndrews. She has created a full-blown Irish library out of nothing, or out of whole cloth, whichever you prefer. Mary came into the ICHC with the first load of volunteers and I don't believe she has ever left since then. The need for an Irish library was obvious from the beginning and Mary was in her element. Along with donations of Irish books, Friends of the ICHC also brought in many desirable items worthy of resale and a source of needed funds. Voila! Mary took over this huge and on-going project which has evolved into "The Irish Stew" (a little bit of everything, but very good). We now have a little store in Parlor C which houses these treasures, and in which you will find Mary during every ICHC concert. This dedication since 1996 has resulted in thousands of dollars in revenue for the ICHC - 100% donated and 100% overseen by Mary McAndrews.



Mary will feature the library in her talk on May 1st for the Celtic Women Lecture Series. Her efforts have not gone unrecognized, as she was honored to be the Irish Rose in 2000 for the Shamrock Club, and the Volunteer of the Year for the ICHC in the same year. She has been coordinating volunteers for the ICHC since 1997; as she once said "and I knit a little."

Please join the 1st Friday Celtic Women on May first for a delightful and enlightening hour. We will gather in Parlor B to begin with tea and treats. Parking lot available from the 23rd street alley. \$7 admission. All lectures are held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. Special Note: Because of a schedule change there will be no lecture in June, 2015. We will resume again in September.

- Jean Bills

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# Shamrock Club of Wisconsin 2015-16 Candidates' Statements

## President Mary Culver

Thank you for allowing me to be your president for the past year. The Board and I have worked as an excellent team taking on the ongoing challenge of member recruitment and retention, volunteers, and fundraising, as well as updating operational details. I continue to strive for professionalism and enthusiasm for the Club and one another.

I have been a Personal Banker for Waukesha State Bank for 7 years; worked for Mukwonago High School as a substitute teacher specializing in behavioral disability classes; I have been a business owner and a restaurant manager. I have a degrees from Alverno College in Psychology and Business Management. I have been a member of the SCCGPD since I joined the Club 8 years ago and my most treasured memories are being in the SCCGPD with my 3 sons: Sean, Dave and Clay. I'm very proud that my older sons, Sean and Dave joined the military and that Clay is currently busy working on his Boy Scout Eagle project and continues to make time to volunteer for the Shamrock Club.

I thank you for the continued support in nominating me for president.

## President Jean Bills

I care deeply about the Shamrock Club; deeply enough that I am willing to tackle the ordeal of running for the board of directors as president. The Shamrock Club is in need of new direction and new blood. With a slate of dedicated members who also are willing to join me, I feel that we can return the Shamrock Club to some of its former glory.

I have served as treasurer and parliamentarian in the past. My qualifications for president include experience as entrepreneur with running my own business for 20 years, founding the Celtic Women International and bringing to Milwaukee the Celtic Women Conferences, which ran successfully for eleven years. I have a master's degree in management and spent

most of my working life as director of a medical technology laboratory in a local hospital.

If I am elected as your president, my plan will be to renew fiscal responsibility to the club, regain lapsed members and have entertaining meetings. I ask for your support in pursuing these honorable goals.

## Vice President Taffy Anderson

I am excited to be nominated for the office of Vice President. I joined the Shamrock Club in 2011. In the short time I have been a member I have volunteered for the retail booth at Irish Fest and Holiday Folk Fair, the picnic, and the Post- Parade Party. I was humbled in 2013 when Kathy Donovan, then President, asked if I would fill the vacant Trustee position on the Board of Directors. It has been an honor to serve the Club in that capacity for these two years.

Most recently, in the vacancy in the office of Treasurer I have been working to get the Club's financial records balanced, entering income/expenses into Quick-Books, and getting the State filings up-to-date.

If elected, I will be present and support the Club and the elected President to the best of my abilities. I want to help provide a voice that will encourage new membership and volunteerism to augment our Club's strong foundation and culture. Most of all, I will approach every situation with one focus - what is in the best interest of the Club. I have found that doing so is a delicate balance of honoring the rich history and traditions of this organization while looking for ways to ensure the Club's place in both our local, and Irish communities moving forward.

I thank you for your vote.

## Vice President Brian Witt

I look forward to serving the membership of the Shamrock Club for a second term as vice-president in 2015 and 2016. This past year, I was pulled away from Club matters, due to work. Since the 1990s, I have served as trustee, vice-president, president, and past president on numerous occasions.

## Secretary Sue Dushek

Hello, my name is Sue Dushek and I would like to take over the office of Club Secretary. My family has been with the club for less than 5 years. When we were first asked to join, we were told what a wonderful group of people we'd meet. They were right! We also joined just so we could volunteer. I started out with the post parade party and have helped out at almost every other activity in the club. I would love to see this club grow. It has brought much joy and friendship to my family. Being a part of the board, shows I have a committed interest in this club and it's future. I have been secretary for several other committees for both professional and personal organizations. I hope I will do the Shamrock Club proud.

## Treasurer Mary Moze

I have been a Shamrock Club member for 40 years and started volunteering immediately at the Folk Fair. Over the years, I've done both the retail booth and the food booth. I have enjoyed volunteering at Irish Fest every year since its inception and have worked in the information booth and the Shamrock Club retail booth. I have also volunteered at the Post Parade party in various positions. My husband and I served as the 2014 Parade Marshals.

My other community involvements include The Girls Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast where in addition to being a troop leader for 17 years, I was a trainer of new leaders and chaired many events. For the Literacy Coalition of Southeast Wisconsin, I have served in all the officer positions, was on the board for ten years and chaired several events. As treasurer for several years, I maintained detailed records and submitted state and federal forms consistently. I am retired from MATC where I taught basic skills and computers. My teaching degree is in mathematics.

As treasurer, my goal will be to continue to keep up the club's financial records that Taffy has worked diligently to organize and update, to pay bills and renew licenses in a timely way, and to work with the Board of Directors to increase our presence in Wisconsin and the Irish community.

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**Treasurer  
John Fisher**

I am a retired USPS manager who ran the Main Office in Milwaukee for 16 years. I am also former president of the St. Joseph's Benevolent Society. My wife and I have five children who are all grown with one living in Ireland. I am also involved in other organizations and my parish.

I formerly was treasurer of the club for 4 years. I will bring my experience to the board and an outlook that will consider what's best for the club as a whole, not individual members. My office will be totally transparent.

**Sergeant at Arms  
Dawn Fleming**

I, Dawn Fleming, have been a Shamrock Member for the past 15 years. I was the Secretary of the Board for 3 years in the past. My husband and I ran the Club Picnic's in the past for 7 years. I have volunteered my time in many of the Shamrock Club Activities especially the Christmas Parties and Easter Rising. I will bring new ideas to the position of the Sgt. at Arms. I look forward to serving the club and have already things in mind. BE PREPARED.

**Membership  
Glenn Nowak**

As a member of the Shamrock Club, I have served on the board for the past 2 years as your Membership Chairman. Prior to that, I served for two years as Sergeant-at-Arms. I am very dedicated to the club and have volunteered in many areas. I have co-chaired the pre-parade breakfast as well as the Post Parade Party for the past 4 years. I have also co-chaired the retail sales of the club for the past 4 years. In addition, I have volunteered at Irish Fest as a beer captain and as a bartender for the ICHC Hallamor concerts. I was honored to be Irishman of the Year for 2012. I am a member of the Shamrock Club Color Guard.



**Membership  
Maggie Blaha**

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club for almost 45 years. My previous Board position was as secretary, before computers.

It is hard to remember all the activities we have enjoyed like Holiday Folk Fair, Irish Fest, annual Club picnic, Installation Dinner, and 25 years as one of the support staff for the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums. In fact, at one point in the life of our kids, I smiled and made the comment that we didn't know how to go out for entertainment unless we were volunteering. I know many other families seem to be in that same mindset.

One of my favorite experiences has been getting to know so many people. For that reason, I decided to run for membership chair. I have thought about some former membership chairs like Bernice Reilly, Mary Stephens, and Tom Smith. They seemed to be the glue that kept the many volunteers in touch with each other. I have high hopes that I will be supportive of all the committees who provide so many activities for Shamrock Club members.

**Parliamentarian  
Pam Canon**

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club ever since moving to Milwaukee 27 years ago. During this time, I have been a very active volunteer at the Holiday Folk Fair (26 years) working in all areas including serving as the Cultural Chairperson. I am the current Publications Chairperson for the Club, producing the Emerald Reflections for you each month. I have also volunteered for the Post Parade Party, Irish Fest, been a member of the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums, and am completing my first term as Parliamentarian. I was very active in the Irish Dance community for over 13 years, serving as a board member for several Irish dance schools, volunteering for many events and fundraisers, and also working on the organizing committees for both the Cream City Feis and the Milwaukee Spring Feis.

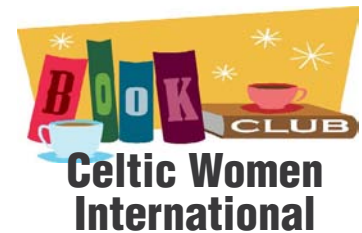
I have worked for Metro Business Publications for over 15 years as the Business Manager. I am proud to be a member of the Shamrock Club and am honored to be nominated for the office of Parliamentarian.

**Trustee  
Ron Danielson**

I have been a member of the Shamrock Club for about fifteen years. I have volunteered for the club at the Holiday Folk Fair, both in food and retail. I have volunteered for the Shamrock Club retail booth at Irish Fest. I have volunteered for Irish Fest for several years, and sing in the Irish Fest Song Circle. I had been a team leader when the club manned a food booth at the Bradley Center. I most recently have been the Club's Sergeant-at-Arms. I am seeking the open position of Trustee as I believe I can be of additional service to the club. I am a retired Waukesha County Deputy Sheriff and work part time. I have been an active member of the Shriners in Milwaukee for nineteen years.

**Trustee  
Nick Nowak**

I have been an active member of the Club for 3 years now. In that time, I've spent countless hours volunteering in both retail and membership booths at Irish Fest, Holiday Folk Fair, Post-Parade, and numerous other events. As the Grandson of former Irish Rose and Irishman of the Year, Tom and Gail McAleese, my Irish heritage is always close to my heart. As a younger member of the club, I will bring fresh ideas and different approaches to continue to evolve this club and help uphold the rich Irish traditions here in Southeastern Wisconsin. Thank you and God Bless.



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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 May 11th the group plans to attend the Milwaukee Irish Arts play, *Moment* in the ICHC Hallomar at 8 pm.

Our hostess for our regular meeting on May 12th will be Rosemary Walsh, and we will be discussing *Through the Eyes of a Belfast Child*, by Greg McVicker.

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

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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



April 18, 2015 Irish Rose Lunch Bunch

Front: Veronica Ceszynski; Jane Maher; Betty Mikush; Muriel Crowley. Back: Jean Bills; Sue Dundon; Kathy Mallon; Patsy Tierney; Pam Canon; Maggie Blaha; Mary McAndrews; Jeanne McCue; Linda Tuescher; Noreen Barclay; Gail Neville; Gail McAleese. Missing: Jean Cardwell and Gretta Comiskey; guest Maureen Murphy.