As 2015 flows into the observances of 1916, many of the prominent people of the Easter Rising are again becoming familiar to people in the Irish-American communities. Padraig Pearse, Thomas McDonagh, John MacBride, Maud Gonne, Eamonn Ceannt and James Connolly all readily spring to mind when thinking about the ill-fated rising in Dublin. None, however, is more colorful than Constance Markievicz.

Constance Georgine Markievicz, (née Gore-Booth; 1868–1927) the elder daughter of Sir Henry Gore-Booth, 5th Baronet, an Anglo-Irish landlord, and Georgina, Lady Gore-Booth. During the famine of 1879–80, Sir Henry provided free food for the tenants on his estate at Lissadell House in the north of County Sligo. Their father’s example inspired in Gore-Booth and her younger sister, Eva Gore-Booth, a deep concern for working people and the poor. The sisters, childhood friends of W. B. Yeats, were influenced by his artistic and political ideas. In 1892, Gore-Booth went to study at the Slade school of Art in London. She became politically active and joined the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies. She moved to Paris and enrolled at the prestigious Académie Julian where she met her future husband, Count Casimir Markievicz, an artist from a wealthy Polish family. He and Gore-Booth married in September 1900, making her Countess Markievicz.

In 1901, she gave birth to daughter, Maeve, who was raised by Gore-Booth’s parents. Gore-Booth undertook the role of mother to Stanislas, Casimir’s son from his first marriage.

In 1908, Markievicz became involved in nationalist politics in Ireland. She joined Sinn Féin and Inghinidhe na hÉireann (‘Daughters of Ireland’), a revolutionary women’s movement founded by Maud Gonne. Markievicz played a major role in the women’s suffrage campaigners’ tactic of opposing Winston Churchill’s election to Parliament. Churchill lost the election to Conservative candidate William Joynson-Hicks, in part as a result of the suffragists’ dedicated opposition.

In 1909 she founded Fianna Éireann, a para-military nationalist scouts’ organization that instructed teenage boys and girls in the use of firearms. Patrick Pearse said that the creation of Fianna Éireann was as important as the creation of the Irish Volunteers in 1913. She was jailed for the first time in 1911 for speaking at an Irish Republican Brotherhood demonstration attended by 30,000 people, organized to protest against George V’s visit to Ireland. James McArdle was imprisoned for one month for the incident, despite Markievicz testifying in court that she was responsible.

Markievicz also joined James Connolly’s socialist Irish Citizen Army (ICA), a small volunteer force formed in response to the lock-out of 1913, to defend the demonstrating workers from the police. Markievicz recruited volunteers to prepare and distribute food, which she paid for. That same year, with Inghinidhe na hÉireann, she ran a soup kitchen to feed poor school children.

As a member of the ICA and deeply inspired by its founder, James Connolly, Markievicz took part in the 1916 Easter Rising. During the Rising, Lieutenant Markievicz was appointed second in command to Michael Mallin in St. Stephen's Green. She supervised the setting-up of barricades as the Rising began and was in the middle of the fighting. Markievicz, Mallin, and their men and women held out for six days, ending the engagement when English officer, Captain Wheeler (married to Markievicz's cousin) brought them a copy of Pearse's surrender order.

Taken first to Dublin Castle, Markievicz was transported to Kilmainham Jail. She was the only one of 70 women prisoners who was put into solitary confinement. At her court martial, Markievicz pleaded not guilty to "taking part in an armed rebellion...for the purpose of assisting the enemy," but proudly pleaded guilty to continued on page 5
Milwaukee Calendar of Events

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SEPTEMBER

2  Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
3  Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm;
4-6  Wisconsin Highland Games, Waukesha Expo Center
8  Celtic Women International Book Club; An Irish Country Village, by Patrick Taylor; Hostess: Pat Powers; ICHC; 1 pm
9  Irish Emigration Library; ICHC, 12-6 pm
9  Milwaukee Ancient Order of Hibernians meeting; Burke's Irish Castle, 5328 W. Bluemound; 7 pm
11  Celtic Women First Friday Lecture; ICHC; A Trip Through Scotland in Pictures; Kevin Hansen, Speaker; ICHC; 5:30-7 pm
17  AOH “Taste of Ireland” Fundraiser; Turner Hall, 1034 N. 4th St.; 5:30 pm

OCTOBER

1  Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
13  Celtic Women International Book Club; Tipperary, by Frank Delaney; Hostess: Nancy Vose; ICHC; 1 pm
14  Milwaukee Ancient Order of Hibernians meeting; Burke's Irish Castle, 5328 W. Bluemound; 7 pm
17  Hallamor Concert; ICHC; 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; Murphy Beds; 7:30 pm;

NOVEMBER

5  Shamrock Club Monthly Meeting; ICHC; 7 pm
14  Hallamor Concert; ICHC; 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave; Liz Carroll; 7:30 pm;
20-22  International Holiday Folk Fair; State Fair Park

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

Irish Proverb

Is buaine port ná glór na n-éan, Is buaine focal ná toice an tsaoil.
A tune is more lasting than the song of the birds, And a word more lasting than the wealth of the world.

Retail Report

Milwaukee Irish Fest

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at this year’s Irish Fest retail booth. We couldn’t have succeeded without you. The weather was probably one of the worst we’ve had in quite a while. The heat and rain kept a lot of people home. Many of you braved the weather and did multiple shifts. We even had people come back and help during the severe weather to make sure we didn’t lose any product and to help sell while people were stuck in the booths.

I want to thank Nick and Glenn Nowak as well as my sons, Eric and Ryan Dushek, for building and tearing down a fabulous booth. With this new set up, we were able to keep more product in the booth which meant it was on hand to sell.

I also want to thank some of our new members for stepping up and coming forward. Dave O’Meara, Marilyn McKnight, and Kari Glasrud. It was fun getting to know you. I hope you’ll keep coming back.

If you didn’t have a chance to come by and see our new products, you still have a chance at the Wisconsin Highland Games coming up in September.

- Sue Dushek
Retail Co-Chair

Dawn’s Corner Cupboard

TAILGATE TIME!!!!!!!!!!!! Hot-dogs, buns, and chips will be provided. Starts at 6:30 pm.

Please everyone pitch in and bring a side dish or dessert. LET’S PRETEND WE ARE ALL AT THE STADIUM. IT WILL BE FUN!!!!

- Dawn Fleming
Sergeant-at-Arms

Tailgate Party
We have a long and rich history in Milwaukee and we have the best volunteers! I am just a newbie, celebrating only 9 years as a member of the Shamrock Club and volunteer at Irish Fest (Transportation Driver), but I jumped in with my family and have never regretted a moment of service. I am honored to give service along side those seasoned volunteers that include past President and past Irishman of the Year 2010, Josh Walton (Transportation Driver) - 35 years, past Parade Marshals, Mike and Mary Moze - 35 years, past Parade Marshal and Irishman of the Year 2015 Del Canon (Cultural area) - 20 years, and his lovely wife, Pam Canon, Irish Rose 2015, and daughter, Erin both with 10 years of service at Irish Fest.

And, we cannot forget Kathy Donovan, past President and past Irish Rose 2009 (Transportation Trailer), and her handsome husband, Ald. Bob Donovan, (Transportation Driver), our very own St. Patrick and past Parade Marshals, Pete (Transportation Driver) and Dawn Fleming (Transportation Trailer) all with 10+ years of IF service, and Malkin Wallace, past parade Marshal (Transportation Driver).

This is just a starting of those involved working tirelessly for the Club first and Irish Fest, too! Please know that if I have not mentioned you here it is not because I am forgetting you on purpose, but that I am unaware of all you do! I thank you all for the time and talents that you extend to the club especially our Board members, past and present! It seems as club members, we give the gift of ourselves to the point of exhaustion and yet are able to rise again and again with renewed strength and energy event after event! A Huge THANK YOU to the Glenn Nowak, Irishman of the Year 2012 who not only is our Membership chair but also our Retail Co-Chair, along with Sue Dushek, for managing our volunteers and working at Retail and Cultural areas all weekend, as well! I know in spite of the torrential rain on Friday night and the unbearable heat the rest of the weekend we had wonderful sales totals and signed new members also!

I could go on and on, and I hope this gives those new members a place to start in contacting folks so that you can volunteer. Remember we Irish love to have your children and grandchildren involved too!

Remember, it is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.

- Mother Theresa

Beannacht lìbh go bhfèicidh mé aris thu,
Blessings until we meet again,

- Mary Culver, President
For more information, see Bob Towne.

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

AOH “Taste of Ireland” September 17th

Join the Ancient Order of Hibernians on September 17, 2015 at Turner Hall for their second annual Taste of Ireland event celebrating half way to St. Patrick’s Day with food, music and fun the Irish way.

Highlights of the evening include: food tastings from the absolute best Irish Restaurants/Pubs in the town: Burke’s Irish Castle, County Clare Irish Pub, McGillycuddy’s, Mo’s Irish Pub, Mulligan’s Irish Pub & Grill, O’Donoghue’s Irish Pub, O’Sullivan’s Public House, Slim McGinn’s; great Irish music by Tallymoore and U2ZOO, Irish dancers and plenty of Irish hospitality!

This event supports AOH’s mission to promote Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity among its members, as well as to foster ideals and cultivate the history of the Irish throughout our community. All proceeds from the event will go to support Catholic education in Milwaukee through Saint Rose, Notre Dame Middle School and Nativity Jesuit.

The evening’s activities begin at 5:30 pm, and tickets can be ordered through the Pabst Theater website at: pabsttheater.org/show/tasteofireland2015 For more information, see Bob Towne.
having attempted "to cause disaffection among the civil population of His Majesty," and she told the court, "I did what I thought was right and I stand by it." She was sentenced to death, but General Maxwell commuted this to life in prison on "account of the prisoner's sex." It was reported that she told the court, "I do wish your lot had the decency to shoot me."

Markievicz was transferred to Mountjoy Prison and then to Aylesbury Prison in England in July 1916. She was released from prison in 1917, with others involved in the Rising, as part of an amnesty.

In 1918, Markievicz was elected one of 73 Sinn Féin MPs, making her the first woman elected to the British House of Commons. In line with abstentionist policy, she did not take her seat.

The first meeting of the First Dáil (the Parliament of the revolutionary Irish Republic) found Markievicz in prison. When her name was called, she was described, like many of those elected, as being "imprisoned by the foreign enemy" (fē ghaol ag Galláibh). She was re-elected to the Second Dáil in the elections of 1921.

Markievicz served as Minister for Labour from April 1919 to January 1922, in the Second Ministry and the Third Ministry of the Dáil. She became both the first Irish female Cabinet Minister and only the second female government minister in Europe. She was the only female cabinet minister in Irish history until 1979 when Máire Geoghegan-Quinn was appointed to the cabinet post of Minister for the Gaeltacht for Fianna Fáil.

Markievicz left government in January 1922 along with Éamon de Valera and Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington. Refused a state funeral by the Free State government, she was buried at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, and de Valera gave the funeral oration.

Seán Ó'Casey said of her: "One thing she had in abundance - physical courage; with that she was clothed as with a garment."

- Mary Crivello Witt

Celtic Women Lecture
September 11, 2015

Topic: “A Trip Through Scotland in Pictures”
Speaker: Kevin Hansen

Kevin Hansen traces his Scottish roots in North America way back to the Little Clan in mid-1700’s. They came from the Scottish Borders. Kevin is a member of Milwaukee’s Saint Andrews Society and is their Whisky Master; he is also an avid photographer who will share his photos taken in 2013 Scotland. Historic views include castles, battlefields, neolithic sites, medieval ruins, monuments, churches, and distilleries. He will give their historic background as he shows the images.

Shamrock Club Honoree Dinner

The Honoree Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 8th at Meyer’s Restaurant at 4260 S. 76th Street. Cash bar will open at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30.

There are three main dish choices: Broasted Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin, and Veggie Stir-fry. Everyone will receive a fresh garden salad, bakery fresh bread, mashed potatoes, sage dressing, chef’s vegetable of the day, cranberry sauce and dessert. Milk, tea and coffee will also be offered.

The price is $22.00 per person or $40.00 per couple. Payment can be made at the general meeting or the night of the event either by check, cash or credit card. There will be a sign up sheet at this month’s general meeting or you can call or e-mail Kim Nowak at kmnowak@wi.rr.com or (414)466-8060.

Please join us as we honor our very deserving 2015 Irish honorees.
Wisconsin Highland Games
Friday, Sept. 4 - Sunday, Sept. 6
Waukesha Expo Center

The skirl of the pipes... the mighty strength of the athletes... the leaping grace of the dancers... the Wisconsin Highland Games are back, Labor Day Weekend in Waukesha! It's a weekend of affordable Celtic fun for the entire family, with a convenient location right near the interstate, plenty of easy parking, and kids 12 and under get in free. Explore your family history, hurl a battle axe, check out the kilts, play with the dogs, or have a pint at the pub with some authentic Celtic music!

Music includes 3 Pints Gone, McTavish, Dublin O'Shea, and Blackthorn Folly.

New this year, we will be hosting a feis: Wisconsin Highland Games “Celtic Fling Feis” on Sunday, September 6th, 2015

Wisconsin Scottish, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the traditional arts, crafts, culture, heritage and traditions of the British Isles through educational activities and the production of our annual Wisconsin Highland Games. The Wisconsin Highland Games and our benefit concerts provide a forum for traditional artists and athletes, both professional and amateur, to inform, educate, entertain and compete, helping create an environment where their arts and abilities may be widely appreciated.

Waukesha Expo Center: 1000 Northview Road (Highway FT); Waukesha, Wis.; (262) 548-7200.

Milwaukee Membership News

Thank you to every one of you who volunteered at Irish Fest 2015.

Whether it was at the membership table, in the club’s retail booth, or as a volunteer for Irish Fest.

It never ceases to amaze me how many hats the members of the shamrock club wear to make the Irish Community proud. I wish I could thank every one of you personally.

Several new members were signed up over the weekend, and we welcome them to the club with open arms. I hope we see you regularly at our meetings and helping out at events.

Our next event will be Wisconsin Highland Games, September 4-6, 2015.

- Glenn Nowak
  Membership Chair

SCCGPD Report

Irish Fest is like a family reunion for the Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. It’s a time when we come together to play Irish music, eat good food and visit with family and friends. And we did just that.

Friday night didn’t go quite as planned with the parade being canceled at the last minute due to the weather. But there’s always a silver lining…..most of us were under cover in the building with the FREE soda and beer taps. Mmmmm….don’t you just hate when that happens? ☺

On Saturday, we performed twice: at the main gate for the opening of the Fest and then again in the afternoon parade. We sounded great both times and I think the crowd was happy we were there.

Then, before we knew it, it was Sunday morning and we had a full day ahead of us. We performed for the morning mass and then ate a hearty breakfast compliments of band Mom Terry Mayes and Christine, owner of McBob’s Pub & Grill at 49th and North Ave. In the early afternoon we had our band performance at The Crossroads, which was our best performance all summer! And then those of us who weren’t overcome by the heat marched in the final parade of the Fest in the late afternoon. Overall, it was a wonderful weekend for the band and I give Noel Tylla, Pipe Major, credit for making us look & sound so good.

- Malkin Wallace

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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.