



upcoming events

SEPT. 29

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OCT. 6

THE FITZGERALDS - CMA CONCERT

@ HOLY TRINITY HALL
8-10 P.M. / \$25 GEN. ADMISSION
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JAN. 12

CONNLA - CMA CONCERT

@ HOLY TRINITY HALL
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FEB. 8

EILEEN IVERS - CMA CONCERT

@ HOYT SHERMAN
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MAR. 9

JIGJAM - CMA CONCERT

@ HOLY TRINITY HALL
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MONTHLY IRISH "SESSION" OPEN JAMS / 7ISH-9:30 P.M.

1ST TUESDAY @ FIDDLE & WHISTLE, MARSHALLTOWN
2ND TUESDAY @ JAVA JOE'S, DES MOINES
3RD TUESDAY @ COONEY'S, DES MOINES
4TH TUESDAY @ DUBLIN BAY, AMES

Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick
The Mickie Center #241
1620 Pleasant
Des Moines, IA 50314



The Blarney

upcoming:

Monthly Meeting

Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Menu:
Fish Fry
w/ Coleslaw, Baked beans

Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride

Sept. 22

Next Meeting
October 8

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OUR BIKE RIDE WILL HELP YOU MEND YOUR FUELISH WAYS

There will be room for everyone at **Orlando's Bar & Grill** for our fall outing and fundraiser, the **2018 Friendly Sons' Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride on Sat., Sept. 22...** or the **FSHSPBR**, as we like to call it.

All Des Moines area riders, along with their families and friends, are welcome to join us for a leisurely, safe party ride down to the Cumming Tap and back. And all you FSOSP non-riders should think about making time to come to Orlando's on Park that morning to help with registration and beer tasting.

Just as important, we hope all riders and non-riders alike will fire up to sell raffle tickets in the coming weeks.

Sales are progressing nicely but only a few weeks remain, so grab some books at the upcoming meeting and reach out to family, friends and co-workers to buy some. Stress that the money raised goes to worthy charities and not to refill our beer coolers.

It will be a busy morning and volunteers should roll in about 10 a.m. to help set up our merch table in time for the start of **Registration at 11 a.m.** No advance or on-line entries are planned; it's all going to be "day of" sign-ups.

Look for a presentation of the **"Best Irish-themed Bike" Award at 12:45**, just before the pedal crowd heads down the Great Western Trail for Cumming at 1 p.m.

Along the way, plan on stopping in Orilla. Two bars will be open, **Outskirtz** and **The Chicken**, a new production of our Full Court Press friends.

Don't dally there too long, however. The Cumming Tap will offer a food truck, live music by the **Dave Zollo/Brian Cooper Duo** and teams of two can participate in **Spud & Spoon Races at 4 p.m.** A bag toss game area is planned, as well. Later in the afternoon, \$500, \$250 and four \$50 prizes will be drawn in the **Raffle at 5 p.m.**

Spread the word about the ride to one-and-all so we can get a good turnout. We've avoided the Beaver Fall Fest weekend for the first time in while and our ride may now be a focus for more folks.

One cool plus this year for the I-don't-need-any-more-stinkin'-shirts crowd is the new registration freebie that **T-Bone** has acquired, a **leather bike tool bag** (and it looks like a frosty libation might fit nicely in there, too).

The Bike Ride Committee is going to acquire a wood burner to brand a classy, artistic "FSOSP" of some kind onto the front to customize the bags and make them collectors' items.

See you at the ride! 🍀



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CMA Concert Season is Underway, including a special October surprise

CMA President Brian Smith does a commendable job leading the Celtic Music Association and kindly gave us the 2018-19 concert season lineup (listed in the events column).

Here 'tis:

"In October, The Fitzgeralds come to DM from the Ottawa Valley in Canada. They play Saturday, October 6 at Holy Trinity Hall," says Brian.

"Then 2019 starts off with Connla, a group from Northern Ireland, on January 12. This will be the most 'trad' of the concerts we hold this year.

"Our Feb. 8 offering will be another Hoyt Sherman show featuring Eileen Ivers and her band. She was one of the founding members of Cherish the Ladies and is a staple at many of the large Celtic festivals here in the United States.

"The season wraps up on March 9 back at Holy Trinity with an Irish band, JigJam. Their repertoire covers both traditional tunes and American favorites. It'll be a great way to trigger St. Pat's Day spirit!"

Foy Dancers sponsor Kelly Schulte is thrilled about the Fitzgeralds' October visit for another reason:



"Iowa Irish, Inc. and the Foy School of Irish Dance are excited that the Fitzgeralds have agreed to extend their stay in DM and share their talents with us.

"On Sun., Oct. 7 they will host an afternoon of workshops for all ages and wrap up their visit with an Irish House Party of sorts.

"Afternoon workshops will be offered in the subjects of both Ottawa Valley Step Dancing and a variety of string instruments, including the banjo and fiddle.

Expect sections for beginners and those who come with experience.

"We will celebrate traditional Irish arts and culture with an evening of song and dance. A ceili will include a meal, group dancing and fantastic music by the Fitzgeralds."

Check the event details on Facebook at [IowaIrishInc.](#) 🍀

board news

At the August board meeting treasurer **Josh Soliday** had good news for the club. Our current balance is now just over \$7G, which is very healthy.

And about \$300 in cash plus food collected at the Friends of the Friends dinner will make a fine donation for Food Bank of Iowa. Congrats, gents!

The recent successful Prairie Meadows grant will greatly help our parade efforts and we are going to restart the process in seeking a future Polk County grant.

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Many thanks to the **Schmid Family** who presented us with \$1000 from the Mary Kay Schmid funeral donations.

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The **Bike Ride committee** meets each Monday night and has been busy, busy, busy. Tool bags, banners and publicity are being prepared and dropped off at Orlando's and the Cumming Tap. There is a Facebook site, too.

Sponsorship is a must. **T-Bone** and his crew are working to get all previous years' sponsors on board. They are also checking with charities to use as a spotlight on the ride to help with donations.

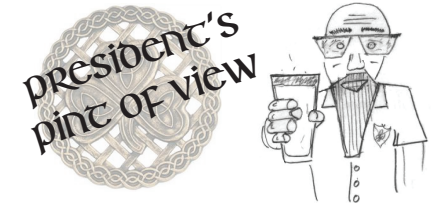
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Looking ahead, we need **pix for the Christmas slide show**. Bring any you have from our 2018 events.

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We need your help next Monday: We haven't been able to reach **two raffle winners** from the St. Pat's parade.

Maybe one of you will have a contact clue (?)



The first thing to say is a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who donated money and / or non-perishable goods at our last meeting. Your efforts will provide over 1,000 meals to feed fellow Iowans in need.

Next, I would like to thank T-bone for his ongoing efforts to take our bike ride and halfway celebration to the next level. I am looking forward to it and I would like to see as many of you there as possible.

After all, as the event name states, this is not just a bike ride, it is our half-way to St. Patrick's Day celebration! So, let's get together and celebrate all of our efforts to help better our community this year - whether or not you are riding a bike.

This is also our last fundraiser of the year, so if you have a book of tickets to *peddle, gear-up*, pedal on down to the event of which we just spoke.

Wheel-and-deal and *crank-out* some ticket sales to help the cause.

If you need to get in the right *frame* of mind, just *saddle up* and grab a pint at the nearest bar.

See you there! Thanks for *bearing* with me!

Stay classy, Sons.

President Tim Schuck

[Editor's Note: This *chain of tire*-some puns in no way represents the lame thinking of the ink-stained wretch who added it to the Blarney or the blameless company that must publish and distribute it. Though the words he *spoke* were very true!

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Two guys grow up together but after college one moves to Michigan, the other to Florida. They agree to meet every ten years in Vero Beach and play golf.

At age 30, they finish their round of golf and go to lunch.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Well, you know, they got the broods, with the big racks, and the tight shorts, and the legs ..."

"OK."

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Ten years later at age 40 they play.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Well, you know, they got cold beer and the big screen TVs and everybody has a little action on the games."

"OK."

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Ten years later at age 50 they play.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"The food is pretty good and there is plenty of parking."

"OK."

At age 60 they play.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"Wings are half price."

"OK"

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At age 70 they play.

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"They have 6 handicapped spaces right by the door."

"OK."

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At age 80 they play

"Where you wanna go?"

"Hooters."

"Why?"

"We've never been there before."

"OK!"

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And now some wisdom for you this fall:

Be decisive.

Right or wrong, make a decision.

The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

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Here's a novel idea!

This is the month we establish a **free lending library** for the members of the FSOSP.

Here are the details: When you come to the meeting next week, bring along any books that you would care to donate to the FSOSP library. Bring paperback and hard cover books; no magazines or tabloids.

"We ask that the books be in good condition (not missing the last 10 pages!). And ideally, we are looking for a variety: fiction, biographies, self-help, history, etc.," says Bob Fogarty.

Check your books in with Fogarty. Members may check out 1-2 books a month free of charge and without any accountability. No sign out, no records, just take a couple of books home, and return them at the next month's meeting. And at any time, bring along any books that you would like to donate.

"I understand that we have a donation of approx. 50 books to help us get started. We hope that many of you will have a book or two to donate to the collection," said Fogarty. "It is simple, it is free. It is cost effective, as the club will incur no cost for this service to our Members.

Let's get reading, Sons! 🍀