



# The Blarney

## A Note From Our President

Hello Gentlemen,

I felt it was very important to give you all an extended update on the FSOSP and the unusual situation we are all currently dealing with so I hope you're ok with me taking up a bit more of our monthly newsletter than usual.

I was thinking about the health crisis that our country is dealing with and the fact that it is also currently shared by the homeland of our ancestors in Ireland and I know that we have both survived through hard times and I'm sure this will be no different.

It appears most of the world is being affected by the COVID 19 virus, not just Ireland and us. We are all trying to find some sense of normalcy, but it may be a while before we can all feel that way.

Sadly, much like Ireland, our DSM St. Paddy's celebration/parade (and our 5k run) were all sidetracked this year by this "bug". However, I believe we can pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and continue to move forward until this situation is in our rear-view mirror.

After emergency board meetings, emails, and meetings with our mayor; the decision was made to officially cancel the parade and celebration on the morning of Sunday, March 15th and we were thankfully told by the Marriott hotel that they agreed to drop the \$25k fee for cancellation.

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## Monthly Meeting

**April Meeting is cancelled due to Covid-19**

**May Meeting TBD**



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## Editor's Notes By: Jeff DeMoss



Well, as most of you can tell by reading through this; many things have changed. Not only are we on a day to day struggle with trying to find some normalcy in our lives, (not to mention a roll of toilet paper.)

But also, The Blarney has been handed over to me. (God forbid.) I want to take this opportunity to thank Ed Kelly for all of the tireless years he put into making the blarney not to mention the amount of effort he put into it. You will see some subtle changes and some not so subtle changes, Ed wanted me to make it my own and it is difficult to follow exactly in his footsteps.

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**So if you have any news, information, or ideas you would like to share with the club, please contact me.**

**As you saw in our Presidents message, we are facing some historic and difficult times right now, really with no end in sight. We will try to keep you updated as soon as we know something either by email, our Facebook page, or here in the Blarney. The board has also had trouble meeting and we are working out details to meet in April. Speaking of the Board, I would like to thank George Hedding for his many years of dedication to the board. George has stepped down as of the end of March. We have another member that has joined the board his name is Colton O'Connor. You can find his contact information on the Board Contact Info Tab on the front page.**

**I don't yet have any information about our annual run as it was held virtually. As soon as that information becomes available, I will post it.**

**Lord help us we will have our annual golf outing and Brian has it already scheduled.**

**I also want to introduce our new Queen pictures included! Her name is Elizabeth Rucker.**

**Here's to your health! Stay Safe! Slante!**

**Some guys will do anything to stand next to a pretty girl**

**Seems like even the flags knew what a solemn day lied ahead for us Irish Americans. Ed said it wouldn't be the Blarney without the Wearin of the Grin, but unfortunately there is not enough room this month. I promise to double up on that next month.**



## *A Note From Our President (continued)*

Even though our St. Paddy's events were brought to an end early and our club has taken some financial hits I still feel like we have things well in hand and are prepared to look into the future!

We are still looking forward to our other seasonal events such as our disc golf tourney, annual bike ride and golf open but with the ongoing coronavirus we may be looking at some slight changes in plans and will keep you up to date ASAP.

Your board members have been in touch through email and have had to make the tough and unfortunate decision to **CANCEL THE APRIL 13th GENERAL MEETING** due to the possibility of passing this virus to fellow members.

Also, we have decided to put our board meetings on hold temporarily. Because of this, we do not have an accurate total of what the parade has actually cost us this year. As soon as we know we will let the club know.

The parade has become a very serious discussion recently and the board is also looking into all possible options for the future of our parade, but it is slow moving until things get back to normal, so please understand.

I pray that our members and families are not affected by this virus and I hope to see all of you at the May 11th meeting. (Pending CDC and other authorities' recommendations of course.) If you have any questions regarding the club, please feel free to contact a board member or myself!

Your concerned president,

Tony "T-bone" Schmid

## Meet our New Queen

**2020 FSOSP Queen!**

**Elizabeth Rucker**



# Upcoming Events

**FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK**  
OF CENTRAL IOWA



**The Coronavirus is not the only disorder we are dealing with this time of year.**

**An annual ailment raises its ugly head every spring and causes us no shortage of discomfort. It causes our fevers to rise, discharges of guttural noises from our mouths and brings on the sweats & shakes.**

**Yes, you know of this antagonizing affliction of which I speak.... GOLF!! If the fates and powers that be allow, we will be holding our annual Leprechaun Open on Saturday, June 20 at the Copper Creek Golf Club in Altoona.**

**Our two-person best ball outing is a splendid affair, open to all – friend or foe, male or female, FSOSP member or no.**

**So, mark the date, find a partner (or three) and plan to meet this illness head on this June. I hear multiple Coronas are a sure cure.**



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