



## upcoming events

**JAN. 11**

*CMA CONCERT: LE VENT DU NORD  
@ HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL  
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION  
THECMA.ORG*

**FEB. 15**

*CMA CONCERT: HIGH TIME  
@ HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL  
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION  
THECMA.ORG*

**MAR. 14**

*CMA CONCERT: CALAN  
@ FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH  
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION  
THECMA.ORG*

**MONTHLY DES MOINES AREA  
IRISH "SESSION"  
OPEN JAMS / 7:30(?) - 10 P.M.  
1ST TUESDAY @ MICKEY'S, WAUKEE  
2ND TUESDAY @ JAVA JOE'S, DES MOINES  
3RD TUESDAY @ COONEY'S, DES MOINES  
4TH TUESDAY @ DUBLIN BAY, AMES**



# The Blarney

## upcoming:

**Monthly Meeting**  
Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.

*Menu:  
Cavatelli  
w/Meatballs & Sausage  
Salad / Bread*

*Next Meeting  
Feb. 10, 6 p.m.*

january (canair) 2020

## magee's - dedicated to the flavor of ireland

Always smashing news to find a fresh new watering-hole, 'eh?

**Magee's Irish Pub & Eatery**, located on Main St. in the heart of SW Ankeny's new District at Prairie Trail area, may become the new favorite of Des Moines' Irish contingent.

If you visit and think it the fiercest selection of Irish, Scottish and English beers & whiskey anywhere in the area, you would be bang on.

Your host, Andy Martin, proudly serves traditional Irish-inspired cuisine fare like shepherd's pie and bangers and mash, along with American favorites, in a relaxed, contemporary setting.

Prominently, the pub features five "snugs," or partitioned-off areas, that allow more privacy. Each has its own design, ranging from a traditional snug with bookshelves to a Gothic cathedral style to a southern-Ireland style featuring maritime memorabilia.

Soon you will enjoy occasional live Irish music, as well. And, to be sure, a tented party area and three nights of live music will be on tap for St. Paddy's Day.

With its "Old World" pub charm Magee's offers a little piece of Ireland right here in our hood. Should make for a grand Sons field trip! 🍀



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



**HOURS:**  
11 - 2 a.m.  
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**FULL KITCHEN**  
11 - 2 p.m.  
&  
5 - 9 p.m.

**APPETIZERS:**  
2 - 5 p.m.

**1610 SW Main  
Ankeny**



**CMA Concert**

**Le Vent du Nord performs this month for the 2020 CMA kick-off**

The award winning and highly acclaimed band **Le Vent du Nord** is a leading force in Quebec’s progressive franco- phone folk movement. The group’s vast repertoire draws from both traditional sources and original compositions, while enhancing it’s hard-driving soulful music (rooted in the Celtic diaspora) with a broad range of global influences

Featuring button accordion, guitar and fiddle, the band’s sound is defined by the hurdy-gurdy, which adds an earthy, rough-hewn flavor to even the most buoyant dance tunes.

The group exhibits great finesse and flexibility, appearing regularly on Canadian, American, French, and UK television and radio, and participating in a wide variety of special musical projects. They’ve collaborated and performed with a diverse range of artists including: Harry Manx, Väsen, Dervish, The Chieftains, Breton musical pioneer Yann-Fañch Kemener, Québécois roots legend and master storyteller Michel Faubert, the Scottish folk band Breabach, singer Julie Fowlis, and the trans-Mediterranean ensemble Constantinople.

Not content with standard approaches to tradition, Le Vent du Nord has also created a symphonic concert that, according to Voir Montreal, “puts all traditional folk naysayers to shame.”

On stage these friends create intense, joyful and dynamic live performances that expand the bounds of tradition in striking global directions. This is the modern sound of tradition, a music of the here and now.

Tickets available at:

*Celtic Music Association / 515-771-2215 ✦ Holy Trinity Parish Office / 515-255-3162  
Cooney’s Tavern / 515-255-5566 ✦ Tempo Music / 515-277-1045 ✦ Cindy’s Boutique / 515-274-0118*

To learn more, go to *leventdunord.com* and check out the musical reps of Nicolas Boulerice, Simon Beaudry, Olivier Demers and Rejean and Andre Brunet.

Come enjoy a fine time at CMA’s next concert and look for the Friendly Sons’ table. Raffle tickets are on sale and you can never get enough! 🍀

**WEARIN’ OF THE GRIN**



Two attorneys boarded a flight out of Seattle. One sat in the window seat and the other sat in the middle seat. Just before take-off, a physician got on and took the aisle seat next to the two attorneys.

The physician kicked off his shoes, wiggled his toes and was settling in when the attorney in the window seat said, “I think I’ll get up and get a Coke.”

“No problem,” said the physician, “I’ll get it for you.” While he was gone, one of the attorneys picked up the physician’s shoe and spat in it. When he returned with the Coke, the other attorney said, “That looks good, I think I’ll have one, too.”

Again, the physician obligingly went to fetch it and while he was gone, the other attorney picked up the other shoe and spat in it. The physician returned and they all sat back and enjoyed the flight. As the plane was landing, the physician slipped his feet into his shoes and knew immediately what had happened.

“How long must this go on?” he asked. “This fighting between our professions? This hatred? This animosity? This spitting in shoes and pissing in Cokes?”

Paddy O’Toole had been frequenting the same pub for decades. One day he discovered there was a pub across town serving beer for a shilling less. He told his friends he was switching pubs, and his friends said, “Paddy, me lad! Don’tcha understand, the beer may be a shilling less, but the bus fare is ten shillings!” Paddy was undeterred. He replied, “Ah, me good friends, don’tcha worry about that. I’ll just drink ’til I make a profit!”

A Mafia Godfather, accompanied by his attorney, walks into a room to meet with his former accountant.

The Godfather asks the accountant, “Where is the 3 million bucks you embezzled from me?” The accountant does not answer.

The Godfather asks again, “Where is the 3 million bucks you embezzled from me?”

The attorney interrupts, “Sir, the man is a deaf mute and cannot understand you, but I can interpret for you.”

The Godfather says, “Well, ask him where my damm money is!” The attorney, using sign language, asks the accountant where the 3 million dollars is.

The accountant signs back, “I don’t know what you are talking about.” The attorney interprets to the Godfather, “He doesn’t know what you are talking about.”

The Godfather pulls out a 9 millimeter pistol, puts it to the temple of the accountant, cocks the trigger and says, “Ask him again where my damn money is!”

The attorney signs to the accountant, “He wants to know where it is!” The accountant signs back,

“OK! OK! OK! The money is hidden in a brown suitcase behind the shed in my backyard!”

The Godfather says, “Well....what did he say?” The attorney interprets to the Godfather,

“He says...go to hell...that you don’t have the guts to pull the trigger!”

**board news**

We are gradually filling the financial coffers and are just under \$4K, says our **Treasurer Josh Soliday**.

The **new \$15 monthly meal/drink fee** has more realistically covered actual costs. **Annual membership fees** should be coming in as well, to make us healthier in the new year. **Dues are still \$40 until March, then \$50!**

Many thanks to the CMA for their \$2K donation! All said, we are looking forward to being able to make more community donations in 2020.

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**Jeff DeMoss** spearheaded a fundraiser at Orilla and raised \$150 for us on IA/Nebraska game day. Congrats!

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**Christmas party results** vs. last year: Attendance was 55, down from 70 last year. But the “wine grab” netted \$210 and the raffle brought in \$300. And, overall, our revamped menu saved us \$5-600.

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**Job Notice: George Hedding** is exiting the board and someone needs to fill his shoes. You? Let us know.

Many thanks to George for his years of service...Slainte!

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**Parade news:** Anyone have a nomination for **2010 Queen?** Also, got an idea for a **2020 Parade Marshal?** It’s time to let the board know!

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Like the **Blarney?** (*glad I couldn’t hear that*). Try it as a **color digital delivery** and save us some \$\$\$\$\$, OK? Get in touch with Mike Dennis and make it so, Sulu!



hello, fellow Irishmen! I’m happy to say I have heard great reviews of our 2019 Christmas party which was held in mid-December! However, I’m extremely sad to say I had to miss the joyous holiday celebration this year.

The upside was I still got to enjoy myself, just in a different way, because I was spending precious time with my family and close friends at our annual family deer hunting camp.

On the down side, my family has determined this year that the property is no longer a priority to keep so it will be sold. The sale is planned for this month, so it appears I will no longer be able to hunt on the same ground I have since I was a small child.

Much like our club, as the years have passed, people pass on and things cannot stay the same no matter how much we don’t want them to change.

But, instead of dwelling on the past, I’m trying to keep my hopes high with my glass half full and I’m trying to picture a different future for both my hunting camp AND for our club.

I want to find solutions that will allow both to thrive into many future generations and still reach the same goals we have always wanted.

So today I’ll raise my glass to a new year and a time of new beginnings!

*Your honored president, Tony “T-Bone” Schmid*



Our winter blessing for you all as you enter a bright, new year. Amid chaos, keep centered and in the moment:

*May you grow still enough to hear the small noises the earth makes  
in preparing for the long sleep of winter,  
so that you yourself may grow calm and grounded deep within.  
May you grow still enough to hear the trickling of water seeping into the ground,  
so that your soul may be softened and healed, and guided in its flow.  
May you grow still enough to hear the splintering of starlight in the winter sky  
and the roar at the earth’s fiery core.  
May you grow still enough to hear the stir of a single snowflake in the air,  
so that your inner silence may turn into hushed expectation. 🍀*