



# The Blarney

## UPCOMING:

### Monthly Meeting:

September 12<sup>th</sup>,

The Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Fish and Chips,

baked beans, Cole slaw, Tomatoes,  
Dessert

### Next Meeting:

October 17th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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## BOARD NEWS

By now, most have you have probably already heard of the passing of past president, Gary Speck. His obituary has been added to the Blarney for anyone that missed it. Please keep Gary’s family in your prayers.

Member directory will now be electronic, Mr. Dennis has attached a copy of it to the Blarney if you receive the electronic version.

The ‘Annual Halfway to St. Pat’s’ bike ride is right around the corner, there are still raffle tickets available, so please get out there and sell a book or two. Raffle tickets will be sold for the ride with the following prizes: 1-\$500. 1-\$250. 1-\$100. 1-\$50

Mr. Soliday presented a check to the Food Bank of Central Iowa for \$4,126.73. This amount will be generously doubled by Nationwide insurance. With that being said we closed the books on our 2022 Disc Golf Tourney and it was a huge success! Special thanks to Jerry Grady and Mike O’Connell.

Likewise, our annual bags tourney was a great day and the money is still being counted as it comes in. Special thanks to Sully’s Tap for a donation of \$500, as well as hosting our tourney in the parking lot there. Special thanks to Scott Tilton and Colton O’Connor.

The board is currently researching ideas for this year’s Christmas party, if anyone has an idea, please share it with the board.

The Board wants to remind everyone that we have elections coming up in January. Up for nomination are the president, vice-president, and treasurer. As well as 2 board seats.

**\*The October BOD meeting and the regular meeting dates are being moved to 10/3 for BOD and 10/17 for the regular meeting. The December board meeting is 12/9.**

# FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

OF CENTRAL IOWA



## Presidents 'Pint of View'

Hi fellas,

I have to apologize to you! I'm sorry, but I just haven't had time to write my usual "pint of view" and the deadline is breathing down my neck SO.... I'll still raise a glass to you all and say a big "cheers" but that will have to suffice for now. I'm sure you will all be on the edge of your seat anticipating my ramblings again next month!

CHEERS! 🍀

Your honored President,  
Tony "T-bone" Schmid

## Gary Ray Speck,



age 73, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

Gary was born April 5, 1949 in Des Moines, Iowa to Ernest and Lorene (Foreman) Speck. He was known by friends and family as the “King of the Southside”. He loved music and could always be heard saying, “Play it one more time.” Gary was an avid Cubs and Hawkeyes fan. He loved watching classic movies of all types, especially The Wizard of Oz. Gary took pride in his vehicles and frequented Mr. Car Wash daily. He was a former president of Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and a member of Fraternal Order of the Eagles and Sons of the American Legion. He was an active and founding member of Southside Cares.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Robin Vinzant, Jason Speck (Bandi), Amy Walker, Tiffany Speck, and Nick Speck; grandchildren, Jordan Speck, Austin McPherson, Dylan Cataldo, AJ Speck, Alex Latcham, Maura Speck, Trever Vinzant, Noah Walker, Alexa Walker, Derek Latcham, and Lillith Speck; nine great-grandchildren; and countless other extended family and friends he considered family. Gary was a Dad and Bepa to so many.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Lorene Speck; brothers, Butch and Rollie Speck; and granddaughter, Hailey.



## *Events*

### **2022 ANNUAL DISC GOLF TOURNEY**



1st place Tom Nunez



2nd place Kent Bontrager



3rd place John Latch



1st place women's Angie Shepard

Closest to the hole - Croix Thompson

Longest Putt - Croix Thompson

Longest Putt - Josh Samuelson

Putting Contest - John Latch

### **2022 Bags tourney Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Logan and Cayden**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: The Bag Lebowski's**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jerimiah and Haris**

Once again, a Huge thanks to the chairs on this year's events

Disc Golf – Jerry Grady and Mike O'Connell

Bags Tourney – Scott Tilton and Colton O'Connor

**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**  
**Annual 'Halfway to St.Pat's'**  
**Bike Ride**  
**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**\$25. Entry**

- *Registration begins at 10 A.M. at Sully's Tap Ride starts at noon*
- *There will be a Poker Run that will cover the distance of the ride, you will have the opportunity for 5 cards with additional cards for sale for \$5.00.  
Best 5 card poker hand wins a 50/50 pot minimum \$25.00 Prize*
  - *Contest for Best Irish themed bike and rider combination*
- *Ride will follow the Great Western Trail and conclude at Cumming Tap*
  - *Contests and additional Poker Cards available at the  
Cumming Tap*
  - *Dinner for Sale at Cumming Tap from Food Vendors*
  - *Raffle tickets available for \$10 at Sully's and Cumming Tap.*
- *The Raffle ticket drawing, Best Irish Themed Bike, and the Poker Run winner will be awarded at the conclusion of the ride at Cumming Tap*
  - *Any questions contact: Jeff DeMoss – 515-771-7070*
- *All proceeds support the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick with Parade costs*
  - *Entertainment provided by Black Dirt Ramblers*



## *Wearin O' The Grin*

- The warden catches Seamus leaving the vicinity of the reservoir with a bucket of fish. "Aha! I've caught you poachin' fish red-handed," says the warden. "What do you mean, red-handed?" says Seamus. "You've got a bucket full of 'em right there. You can't talk your way out of it this time." "Oh, you don't understand," says Seamus, "I've not poached a thing. These are me pet fish. I bring 'em to the reservoir once a week for exercise. After they've had a good swim, they come back to the bucket and we go back home." "Do ya expect me to believe such an outlandish tale?" "I can prove it." say Seamus. So, they walk back to the reservoir and Seamus dips the bucket in and the fish swim away. They stand in silence for 20, 30, 40 minutes - no sign of the fish coming back to the pail. "Ha, ya lying rogue!" shouts the warden. "Where are your fish?" "What fish?"
- St. Brigid dies and goes to Heaven. God greets her at the Pearly Gates. "Be thou hungry, Brigid?" asks God. "I could eat, says she. So, God opens a can of tuna, reaches for a chunk of dry bread and they share it. While eating this humble meal, St. Brigid looks down into Hell and sees the inhabitants devouring huge steaks, lobsters, pheasants, pastries, and wines. Curious, but deeply trusting, she remains quiet. The next day God again invites her to join him for a meal. As before, it is tuna and dry bread. Once again, St. Brigid can see the denizens of Hell enjoying smoked salmon, roast lamb, Guinness and Irish whiskey cake. Still, she says nothing. The following day, mealtime arrives and another can of tuna is opened. She cannot contain herself any longer. Meekly, she says: "God, I am grateful to be in Heaven with you as a reward for my life of piety, obedience and generosity. But here in Heaven all I get to eat is tuna and bread and in the Other Place they eat like emperors and kings! I just don't understand..." God sighs. "Let's be honest," he says, "for just the two of us, does it pay to cook?"
- Father O'Malley arose one fine spring morning, walked to the window of his bedroom to take in the beauty of the day and noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the gardai. The conversation went like this: Dia Dhuit, this is Sgt. O' Flaherty and how might we be of help to you?" Good day to yourself, Sergeant. This is Father O'Malley at St. Brigid's. There's a jackass lying dead on our front lawn. Would you be a good man now and send a couple of the lads to take care of the matter?" Sgt. Flaherty considered himself to be quite a wit and the rest of the conversation proceeded: "Well now, Father, it was always my impression that you took care of the last rites!" There was dead silence on the line for a moment and then Father O'Malley replied: "Indeed, indeed, Sergeant O'Flaherty, but we're also obliged to notify the next of kin!"