



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

November 13th

6:30 P.M.

Mickle Center

Meal: "Award-Winning"

Chili w/Corn Bread & Fixin's, plus
Dessert

Next Meeting:

General meeting December 11th

Christopher's

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NOVEMBER (SAMHAIN) 2023

The Celtic Music Association has announced its new winter concert schedule, the following four dates have been announced:

The Wee Heavies

- Saturday, November 11, 2023
- 7:30 PM-10:00 PM
- Franklin Junior High Event Center

Tallymoore

- Saturday, January 20, 2024
- 7:30 PM-10:00 PM
- Franklin Junior High Event Center

Heron Valley

- Saturday, February 24, 2024
- 7:30 PM-10:00 PM
- Holy Trinity Hall

Dàihm

- Saturday, March 23, 2024
- 7:30 PM-10:00 PM
- Franklin Junior High Event Center

Signed copies of the recently approved by-laws will be available at this month's meeting.

BOARD NEWS

Reservations for the December 11th FSOSP Christmas dinner at Christophers are due ASAP. Cost is \$30 per person which includes dinner consisting of: Prime Rib, Potatoes and gravy, Chicken Marsella, Fish, Salad, and seasonal veggies, with dessert. The upcoming November meeting would be a fine time to take care of this. Lots of fun is planned for this evening.

Speaking of food, Bill McCarthy and George Hedding promise us their award-winning chili next week. Yum!

Parade planning is on track and going well, Parade Chairman for life Mr. O'Connor has met with the city, contracts are all signed. The Marriott has been booked for our prestigious gala. Please note parade route will change this year. Also, we have begun our search for a Queen, Parade Marshall, and Irishman of the Year. If you know of anyone that fits those descriptions, and are interested, please let a board member know. Parade Float meeting dates are: **Tuesday February 20th @7P.M.** **Saturday February 24th @2P.M.** **Thursday March 7th @7P.M.** All meetings will be at Windows on 7th.

We have Board elections coming up soon. Up for re-election are the secretary, and two board positions. If you or someone you know are interested in being on the board, please let President Schuck know.

The board was contacted again this year by Mentor Iowa for Christmas Sponsorship, and we have gladly taken that on.

Our faithful treasurer Mr. Soliday says we have money, the club is in better shape than in recent times. He has however started the grant process. Keep your fingers crossed lads.

There is no smoking and/ or drinking at the front door during meetings. It must be done out by the grill area.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA





Presidents 'Pint of View'

As fall settles in, so does our "slow season." Well, not really. Even though we do not have any events in October or November, I assure you we on the board are busily working to get our parade in order, looking for a Queen, Irishman of the Year, and a Parade Marshal. If you have any suggestions, please let one of your friendly neighborhood board members know. We are always open to suggestions for any of those honors.

I would also like to say once again, we are always available and open to any discussions regarding the club, the meetings, events etc. so please reach out. I have also noticed our general meeting numbers have been low lately. So, if you could, please reach out to those we have not seen in a while and encourage them to join us this month. We miss the full house.

Also, there are some board positions opening up so if you are interested, throw your hat in the ring, or somebody else's (as long as they agree)

On a lighter note, we are also planning our annual Christmas party, a time for us to share what we do with our significant others, to prove to them that we do clean-up nice, we do good things for our community, and, of course, we most certainly have a bunch of fun doing it! That being said, if you have any photos of, or stories about, any of our events throughout the year, please get in touch with one of the board members so we can incorporate them into our show to help us prove our point.

As always,

See you at the meeting. Until then, stay safe.

President, Tim Schuck

Wearin' of the Grin

(From Mr. Kelly's file cabinet, in honor of the election season that has come to a close.)

The sayings may not be new, but they ring true today more than ever:

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us good candidates." ~Jay Leno~

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." ~Henry Cate, VII~

"We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." ~Aesop~

"If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State
of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven." ~Will Rogers~

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it."
~Clarence Darrow~

"Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the
tunnel, they go out and buy some more tunnel." ~John Quinton~

"Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising
to protect each from the other." ~Oscar Ameringer~

"I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about
us, I will stop telling the truth about them." ~Adlai Stevenson~

"A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country." ~Tex Guinan~

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter
to be left to the politicians. ~Charles de Gaulle~

"Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks."
~Doug Larson~

"There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on senators." ~Will Rogers~

The best is from Harry Truman: "If you want a real friend that you can trust in Washington, go buy a
dog!"

IRISH HISTORY NOVEMBER

1797 - Tyrone Power, actor and great-grandfather of the Hollywood movie star of the same name, is born near Kilmacthomas, Co. Waterford

1798 - Sir Benjamin Guinness, owner of the [Guinness](#) brewery from 1855, is born in Dublin

1847 - Birth in Dublin of Bram Stoker, author of Dracula

1873 - Birth of Daniel Daly, double Medal of Honor winner in Glen Cove, NY

1878 - The New York Gaelic Society is formed

1880 - Ned Kelly, Australian bushranger and son of Tipperary transportee, is hanged in Melbourne

1963 - 12 people are arrested at a Beatles concert in the Adelphi, Dublin

1976 - Crosses are planted in Belfast for lives lost in Northern Ireland since 1969 -1,662 in all

1985 - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald sign the Anglo-Irish Agreement (AIA) at Hillsborough Castle. It is considered to represent the most significant development in the relationships between Britain and Ireland since the partition settlement in 1920. The Agreement is an international treaty lodged at the United Nations and supported by the House of Commons and Dáil Éireann

1998 - Bridget Dirrane, who was imprisoned with Kevin Barry and who canvassed for John F. Kennedy in the United States, celebrates her 104th birthday with news that she is to be featured in the new edition of the Guinness Book of Records. Earlier this year, Bridget received an honorary Master of Arts degree from NUI Galway which makes her the oldest person in the world to be awarded a degree

2000 - A report on the status of the Irish language in Loughrea Co. Galway indicates there are Irish speakers in 362 of the 500 households who returned questionnaires. The report also shows 91% of the town's people want Irish language names for housing estates and 88% want more Irish used in signposts and public notices. All Irish education was also overwhelmingly accepted with 91% supporting the recently opened Gaelscoil Riabhach

2001 - Irish troops walk out of the gates of Camp Shamrock - ending more than two decades of peacekeeping duty in Lebanon. The camp is handed over to a contingent of troops from Ghana

2001 - An EU survey shows dancing is the favorite pastime of young Irish people

2002 - Sonia O'Sullivan finishes 12th in NYC marathon

2002 - Green Party TDs chain themselves to trees in Dublin's O'Connell Street in a last-ditch attempt to save landmarks from the axe