



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

January 8th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Smoked pulled pork sandwiches, pork burnt ends, baked beans, pasta salad, dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting February 12th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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As a time honored tradition to Mr. Ed Kelly, Happy New Year.

This game is real...

Each of us is already a winner of this prize and the prize is TIME.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time...without warning.

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds each day?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Remember

to enjoy every second of your life because time races by so much quicker than you think.

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful year...

Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Start "spending!"

[The author is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant after he died in 1982.]

BOARD NEWS

Mr. Soliday says we have money which is always a good thing, we sent off a nice donation for Mentor Iowa, and paid for our annual Christmas party.

DUES - DUES - DUES - DUES - DUES - DUES ...are due now! We've delayed all charity donations as we refill our coffers. Help us out. About 20% are paid and if that doesn't include YOU...then next Monday, 'eh?

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, as well as the date, which is Saturday March 16th. Also, we have begun our search for a Queen, 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.

The board is also still looking for an Irishman of the Year for 2024. If you know of a deserving Irishman, please let President Schuck know.

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 is saddened to announce the passing of Gene Clerkin, brother of Pat Clerkin. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family at this time.

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

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

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



Presidents Pint of View'

Happy New Year to all! I know you will get this after the New Year, however, did you know that the world-famous Times Square New Year's Eve ball is actually Irish? That's right, the small crystal triangles that make up that geodesic sphere are made by the Irish company Waterford.

Waterford Crystal has been in business since 1783 and is located in ...Waterford, Ireland which also happens to be Ireland's oldest city, founded in 914 by the Vikings.

I encourage you to take a bit of time to look this up and learn more; it is rather interesting. So, take pride in knowing that one of the most-viewed and enjoyed traditions on the planet on New Year's Eve is indeed Irish. And I suppose it is fitting; after all, we do enjoy a good celebration!

Speaking of great Irish things, we are looking for Queen candidates for the 2024 year, so if you have a friend, niece, daughter, sister, granddaughter, acquaintance, etc. that meets the qualifications to be the Queen, please let her know about this wonderful opportunity. We are holding the Queen selection interviews on February 18, so time is running out. Let's get the word out!

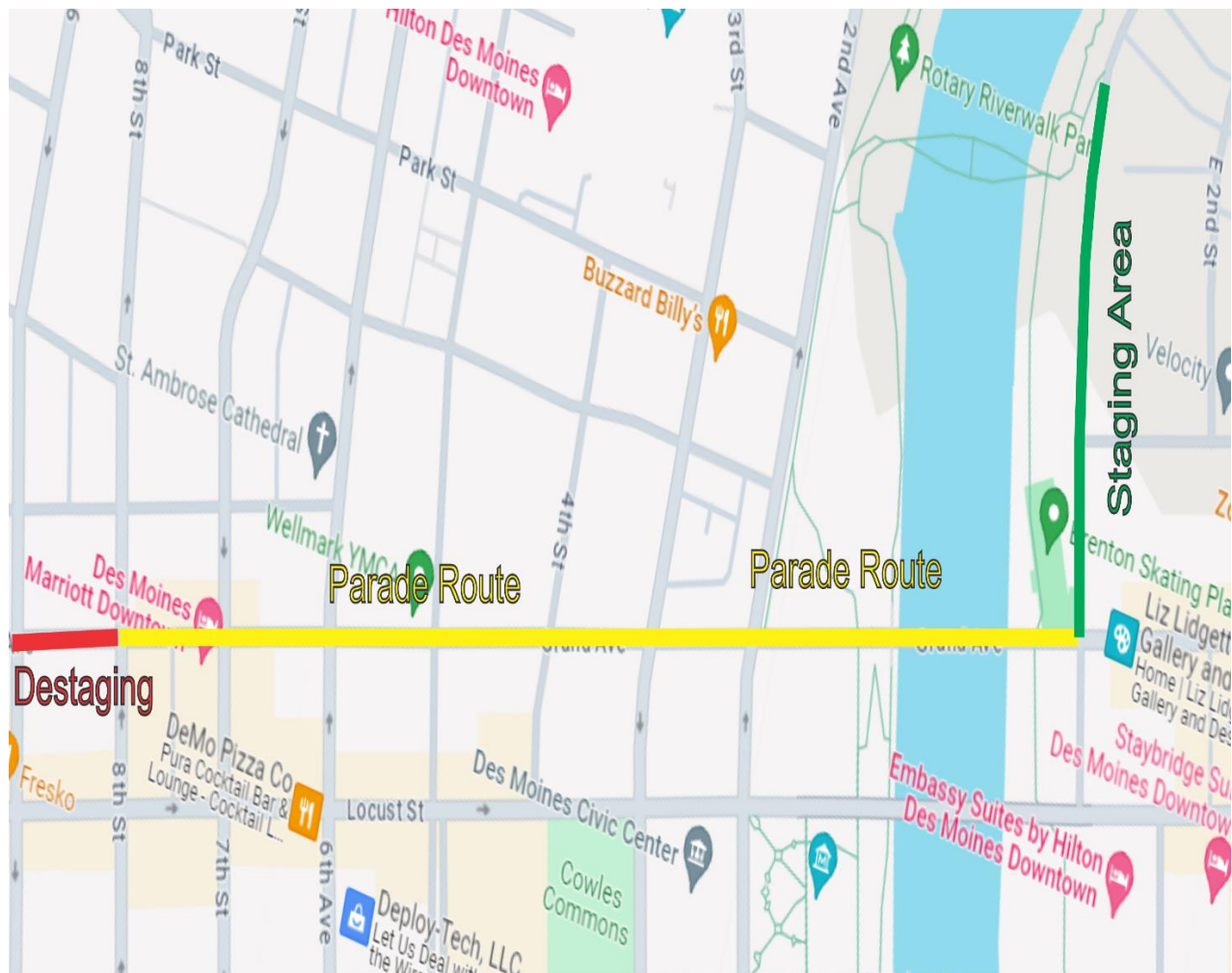
I hope your New Year's was safe & memorable.

And here's a toast to you all:

"May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morning and night."

*Thank you,
President, Tim Schuck*

Parade Route



Parade staging will be on Robert D. Ray Drive north towards the Botanical Center. The Parade will go West down Grand and end at 8th street. Please remember parade meeting dates are as follows:

Tuesday February 20th @7P.M. Saturday February 24th @2P.M.

Thursday March 7th @7P.M.

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Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

of Central Iowa

2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Application YOU MUST BE NOT MARRIED AND AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Tell us about yourself (include any ties to Ireland, Irish lineage, charitable work, volunteering, etc.)

Why would you like to be the FSOSP St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen?

You will be notified about your interview with the Selection Committee. Please contact webmaster@friendlysonsiowa.com of your interest to be Queen and bring your completed application with you to the interview. Contact us for interview date and time. Contact webmaster@friendlysonsiowa.com with any questions. Thank you for your interest!

Wearin' of the Grin

- The lawyer says to the wealthy art collector tycoon, "I have some good news and I have some bad news." The tycoon says, "It's an awful day; give me the good news first." The lawyer says, "Your wife invested \$5,000 in two pictures today that she figures are worth a minimum of \$2 million." The thrilled tycoon says, "Well done, very good news, indeed! You've just made my day; now what's the bad news?" The lawyer answers, "The pictures are of you and your secretary at a hotel last night."
- Thoughts on Aging: Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!
- I recently picked a new primary care doctor. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, he said I was doing "fairly well" for my age. A little concerned about that comment, I couldn't resist asking him, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?" He asked, "Do you smoke tobacco, or drink beer, wine or hard liquor?" "Oh no," I replied. "I'm not doing drugs, either!" Then he asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?" I said, "Not much, I know all that red meat is very unhealthy!" "Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf, boating, sailing, hiking, or bicycling?" he asked. "No, I don't," I said. He asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast cars, or have a lots of sex?" "No," I said. The doctor paused, looked at me and said, "Then, why do you even give a damn?"
- Clancy feared his wife Peg wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him about a simple informal test the husband could perform to give a better idea about her hearing loss. "Here's what you do," said the doctor. "Stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response." That evening the wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner and he was in the den. He said to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens." So, in a normal tone he asks, "Honey, what's for dinner?" No response. So, Clancy moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife, and repeated, "Peg, what's for dinner?" Still no response. Next, he moved into the dining room, about 20 feet from his wife, and asked, "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, he got no response. So, he walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for dinner?" Again, there's no response. So, he walked up right behind her. "Peg, what's for dinner?" "Dammit, Clancy, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!"
- Every day, a male employee walks up very close to a female co-worker at the coffee machine. He stops, inhales quite deeply and says that her hair smells nice. After a week of putting up with this, the woman can't stand it anymore. She takes her issue to a supervisor in Human Resources and asks to file a sexual harassment grievance against the guy. The supervisor is puzzled and asks, "What's threatening about a co-worker telling you your hair smells nice?" "It's Frank, the dwarf."