



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

July 8th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

Menu: Italian Grilled Chicken,
Pasta Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting August 12th

Mickle Center

6:30 P.M.

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BOARD NEWS

After the golf tourney, the club is sitting pretty with a healthy balance sheet and we are making great strides.

Next on the front burner is our annual bags tourney. This will be held at Sully's on July 13th. Get your two person teams together, this is open to members and non-members. It's a perfect chance to bring someone new to introduce them to the club. If you have any questions, contact Josh Soliday.

Our annual 'Halfway to St. Pat's' Car show will be held on September 22nd, at Charlie's Filling Station. Raffle tickets are available now, this year we will be giving away 3 whole hogs processed and ready to go. Be sure to pick up a book or three at this month's meeting. Tickets are \$10 each. Mr. Tilton has lots planned that day, including contests, prizes, and food. Though we may be approaching halfway there, but St. Pat's Day never leaves the boards agenda. Parade chairman for life, Colton O'Connor has the plans all at hand. Parade day is March 17th, 2025. The contract with the Marriott is signed, and we will be back upstairs pretty much taking over the entire hotel again. If you have any ideas about business sponsors for the parade, please speak with Colton. The idea here is that hopefully, sponsors can foot the bill for the parade.

Just to let you know the board is always planning, Mr. Soliday has secured us a spot for the annual Christmas party. This year we will be at Chicago Speakeasy. The dinner will be held on **December 2nd**, this year. More plans to follow.

Special thanks to T-Bone for a great Leprechaun Open this year. More big plans for next years open are already in progress.



Presidents Pint of View

Welcome to summer! What a great time at the golf course last month! Let's all give a big THANK YOU to T-bone and company for a great event. Great turn-out, great weather, great raffle, great fun, great amount of money raised, and, oh yeah, there was some golf in there as well.

As we wrap up the golf tournament, we look forward to our next event, the bags tournament at Sully's this month. I'm sure your summers are as busy as mine, however I hope you can manage to sneak away for a few hours that day between the baseball games, golf, grilling, pool parties, and to-do lists to come out, relax and enjoy a few pints with us, and help support our club and those that support us.

Also, this summer, don't forget about the Irish fest in Waterloo, August 2nd-4th. It looks like it will be a great event and a fun way to celebrate being almost half-way St. Patrick's Day. But if that's not your speed maybe you can idle up to our car show in September for our halfway event! Mr. Tilton promises that thanks to Fareway and Charlie's it will be a great time filled with classic cars, beverages and food cooked-up by Mr. DeMoss.

Don't forget to celebrate your / our Irish ancestor's contributions to the freedom of our country as you celebrate this Fourth of July. Have a safe, fun and festive Fourth of July!

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

President, Tim Schuck

Wearin' of the Grin

Here's an oldie but goodie from Mr. Kelly –

- Two little boys, ages 8 and 10, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble and their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually.

The mother sent the 8-year-old in the morning, with the older boy scheduled to see the preacher in the afternoon.

The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed and frozen.

So, the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer.

The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!"

The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him.

When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time!" "GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

- An engineer dies and goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next." God is horrified. "What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake, he should never have gone down there! You know all engineers go to Heaven. Send him up here!" Satan says, "No way. He's popular here and I'm keeping him." God says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue." "Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"



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The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Iowa are a merry band of gentlemen that enjoys gathering together to commune and celebrate our Irish heritage. We are also a benevolent organization. With the support of many sponsors & contributors we are able to raise money that is donated back to local organizations in need that we call our "Community of Caring."

Irish History

1868 - Death of songwriter and novelist Samuel Lover. His compositions included *Widow Machree*, *The Low Backed Car* and *Molly Bawn*.

1869 - Birth of one of Ireland's greatest ever tennis players, Joshua Prine, who won the Wimbledon singles in 1893 and 1894.

1899 - Birth of singer Cavan O'Connor.

1903 - One of the greatest motoring events is held in Ireland - the Gordon Bennett Race, sponsored by James Gordon Bennett, owner of the New York Herald.

1907 - The Irish Crown Jewels vanish from Dublin Castle, never to be found.

1921 - Awaiting truce with the English, Eamon De Valera orders the American flag flown in Dublin to "emphasize the principle for which we are fighting".

1950 - Veronica Guerin, crime journalist, is born in Dublin.

1957 - Bridie Gallagher reaches no. 1 in the Irish charts with "The Boys from The County Armagh".

1970 Birth of Wayne McCullough, bantamweight boxer; Olympic silver medalist 1992; world champion (WBC)1995, in Belfast.

1979 - The Boomtown Rats featuring Bob Geldof enter the British charts at no. 13 with *I Don't Like Mondays*, and eventually reach #1.

1986 - Death in Belfast of Francie McPeake II, uilleann piper and singer. Francie, whose father wrote *Will Ye Go Lassie Go*, was a crucial figure in preserving the great Ulster piping tradition.

1990 - The Republic of Ireland plays in the World Cup Finals for the first time. They are defeated 0-1 by Italy in the quarter-finals; an estimated half a million people take to the streets of Dublin to welcome the team home.

1993 - U2 releases "Zooropa" worldwide, except in North America which will get the album a day later.

1998 - All bus services in Belfast are suspended as riots spread across the city.

2000 - The 25th anniversary of St. Oliver Plunkett's canonization is celebrated in Drogheda, Co. Armagh.

2000 - Navan-born jockey, Johnny Murtagh, rides *Sinndar* to an easy victory at the Budweiser Irish Derby.

2000 - In an effort to curb inflation, the government orders a freeze on the price of drinks; publicans consider a High Court challenge to overturn the order.

2001 - The Orange order puts new proposals to the Parades Commission in an attempt to reverse the decision to divert next Sunday's Orange Order march from the Garvaghy Road.

Irish History

Excerpts from the National parks Service and the Smithsonian.

Irish Immigrants in the American Revolution –

By the early 1600s, the English had conquered much of Ireland and begun settling there and persecuting the Irish people. The entire island was deforested to provide lumber for the British Navy, and many thousands of Irish prisoners were forcibly transported to the Caribbean and the American colonies to work.

At Valley Forge and Beyond –

Quite a few Irish immigrants to North America also served in the Continental Army during the American Revolution, including Doctor James McHenry and John Fitzgerald, both aides-de-camp to General George Washington at Valley Forge.

After the war, Doctor McHenry became the United States' third Secretary of War under President Washington. During his time as Secretary of War, Fort Whetstone at the entrance to Baltimore Harbor was expanded and renamed Fort McHenry, which later became famous for defending Baltimore Harbor from the British during the War of 1812 and for inspiring the Star-Spangled Banner, the national anthem of the United States of America. Today, Fort McHenry is preserved as Fort McHenry National Monument & Historic Shrine.

John Fitzgerald was a prominent businessman in Alexandria, Virginia both before and the war. He became a director of the Potomac Company, which worked to make the Potomac River navigable by ship, and was eventually sold to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company, which today is remembered at the site of Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Fitzgerald died just 12 days before his friend George Washington, on December 2, 1799.

Giving testimony to the British House of Commons in 1779, American politician-turned- loyalist Joseph Galloway estimated that Irishmen composed perhaps one-half of the Continental Army. Five years later, after Washington's army won the war, another expert witness told Parliament that "the Irish language was as commonly spoken in the American ranks as English" and that Irish valor "determined the contest." Those claims contained a fair degree of exaggeration, but they capture an essential truth: Men of Irish heritage played crucial roles in fighting the American Revolution.





Are you excited for the 18th annual Iowa Irish Fest? The Fest takes place in downtown Waterloo, August 2 – 4. One of the most anticipated parts of the Fest is the live music! With an extensive list of Irish musicians and bands to entertain guests all weekend, the Fest is the place to be this August! Musicians from all over the world travel to Iowa to be part of Iowa Irish Fest!

See you August 2-4 in downtown Waterloo!

***NEW TO IOWA IRISH FEST**



Make sure to check out the 2024 Iowa Irish Fest Spotify playlist by scanning the QR code to the left or by clicking the button below!

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