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Irish Fest 2008 Celebrates the Spirit of Galway On the Shores of Lake Michigan

Summer is in full swing as the 28th annual Milwaukee Irish Fest returns this August, bringing the art, culture and music of Galway to Henry W. Maier Festival Park. Galway, Milwaukee's sister city, will be highlighted as the festival's largest themed showcase to date, featuring spectacular entertainment and several cultural exhibits displaying Galway's rich heritage. From the traditional to the contemporary, Irish Fest, August 14-17, is sure to be another spirited destination for those seeking the premier Irish experience.

Highlights of musicians participating in the Showcase and hailing from Galway include:

- Trad on the Prom – Featuring the talents of Mairin Fahy, soloist with Riverdance and The Chieftains, and her brother Gerard Fahy, multi-instrumentalist and director of Michael Flatley's Lord of the Dance.
- Furry Village – Gerard Fahy of Trad on the Prom leads this driving rock band, also the live score behind the Irish musical Tara, an ancient story told through acting, singing and dancing.
- Marc Roberts – One of Ireland's most talented singer/songwriters will celebrate his musical influence at Irish Fest in his concert tribute to John Denver.
- The Saw Doctors – Who bring variety and refreshing unpredictability to their sound, as they continue to hold the record for Ireland's biggest selling single of all time, I Useta Lover.
- The Kane Sisters – two sisters regarded for their unique brand of unison fiddle playing, whose second album, Under the Diamond, has been praised as "a must for anyone with the slightest interest in fiddle music and is a prime candidate for traditional music's top shelf," by The Irish Examiner.
- The Maimin Cajun Band – whose English, swing, waltz and two-step

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influences flow through the band's set flawlessly, playing a diverse mix of honky-tonk classics and original material.

To further enhance the Celtic entertainment experience for festival-goers, Irish Fest will also present a Scottish Sampler featuring new musicians as well as talented artists from Nova Scotia, many of whom are making their U.S. debut. This is in addition to the numerous returning acts, who promise equally exciting performances.

The Galway theme will also be prominent in Irish Fest's Cultural Village. Highlights include: The History of the 14 Tribes of Galway which exhibits wealthy merchant families from Galway that led the city to a golden age of prosperity and international recognition between the 13th and 16th centuries; Claddagh, a neighborhood in Galway that once thrived as a fishing village but is most famous for its Claddagh ring, an Irish wedding tradition symbolizing love, friendship and loyalty; and the Galway Arts Festival (1978 – 2007) photographic display that will follow the evolution of this Irish arts event spanning nearly 30 years.

The Cultural Village will also host a variety of additional exhibits that illustrate Irish and Celtic culture including a new display on the history of the Ulster-Scots; the Gaeltacht gives guests a chance to speak and listen to the Gaelic language. A series of miniature landscapes of historic and prehistoric Ireland, from Celtic Revival's Joseph Keane, will be on display in the Cultural Pavilion.

The Literary Corner is a great way to learn what's new in Irish and Irish-American publications. Artist and writer Cindy Matyi will feature her new children's book, Little Town of Spirals.

The Ward Irish Music Archives will present an exhibit titled History of Irish Traditional Music, exploring its beginnings and offering information about the music of Ireland and Irish-America.

Additional featured and returning areas of the Cultural Village include the Genealogy Pavilion, Village Pub, Dance Tent, Hurling, Tug-of-War, Currach races, Hedge School, Harp Stage, Waltons Shop and Theatre Tent, now in its 24th year. Also new this year is Belleek aficionado, Tony Hearty's Auld Beleek Roadshow. Thursday night only, Hearty will appraise antique Belleek pieces near the festival's Main gate and throughout the weekend, visitors can purchase his collectibles in the Moore Street Marketplace.

Other new and returning programs of note include:

- The Family Passport to Irish Fest that helps parents and children navigate the grounds with ease for a lasting Irish cultural experience that is an adventure for the whole family.
- College Day enables students enrolled in colleges and universities to attend Irish Fest on Sunday, August 17 and receive \$2 off the daily ticket price. Those who present a valid college student ID at the Main Gate from 3–9 p.m. will receive this one-day- only discount.
- Irish Fest's new Jameson Lounge will host a relaxing atmosphere and select marks of Jameson Irish Whiskey at the Paddy O west deck located on the

south end of the grounds. Guests can sign-up at the festival to experience an authentic Irish whiskey tasting led by an official Jameson Irish Whiskey Ambassador from Ireland. Visit [irishfest.com] for more details.

- To help celebrate the festival theme of Galway, Irish Fest is also hosting a Galway Bay Song Contest. Interested participants are encouraged to record their own version (all arrangements welcome) of the song, Galway Bay, and submit it via e-mail to [publicrelations@irishfest.com] for the chance to have their version posted on the Irish Fest Web site from August 14 – September 30. Submissions will be accepted July 1 – August 1, 2008. More information, official rules and instructions available at [irishfest.com].

The Saint Patrick Centre exhibit, which highlights the work and accomplishments of Ireland's Patron Saint, will return to the festival hosted by Dr. Tim Campbell, Director of the Saint Patrick Centre in County Down, Northern Ireland.

Dr. Campbell will also present the Young Ambassadors Program created for young people ages 18–25 to further understand their common heritage with Northern Ireland. The Hedge School will host Dr. Campbell and the Young Ambassadors Program for a panel discussion on Saturday that will recap their work and experiences abroad.

Summer School Moves to New Location!

The week before the festival begins an unforgettable experience awaits those who want to learn more about Irish culture. The Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School runs August 11 – 15 from this year's new location at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), downtown Milwaukee. All who crave the luck of the Irish can learn Irish proverbs and blessings in a beginning language class, discover traditional carving in a hands-on workshop or practice music and dance skills in a selection of courses as rich as Ireland's history.

Now in its 22nd year, these Summer School classes are a complement to Irish Fest, presenting world-renowned Irish musicians, artists, writers and officials who bring to life the rich cultural traditions of Ireland.

Irish Fest Summer School highlights include:

- Basket Weaving taught by Vincent McCarron from the Aran Islands, County Galway, Ireland.
- A Friday Sampler class, which touches on many of the school's offerings will be available for both children and adults who want to participate but cannot dedicate a full week to courses.
- Irish Country Life taught by Dr. Seamus MacPhilib of the Country Life Museum in County Mayo, Ireland.
- The Legacy of the Scots Irish with Alister McReynolds. A course taught in two parts that will cover the history and music of the Ulster Scots from Henry VIII to present day Scots Irish.
- Songs in the Ballad Tradition will be the North American debut of Tom

Sweeney's set of eight ballads to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Flight of the Earls. Sweeney, nephew of the late Irish music legend Tommy Makem, will also teach the course, The Love Songs of Ireland.

- Music courses offered include beginning, intermediate and advanced classes in Fiddle, Bodhran, Banjo, Five Button Accordion, Guitar, Tin Whistle, and Flute.
- Many dance classes are also available, including Irish Social Dances: Ceilis, Sets, Figures and Country Dances of Ireland; Sean Nós Dance; Set Dance; and adult and beginning Step Dance.
- Beginning Irish and Irish Anthology, Sult, taught by Ray Mac Mánaís, the principal of Gael Scoil in the Dublin area and speech writer and Irish language advisor to Mary McAleese, Ireland's president.
- Born in Belfast: A Study of Four Ulster Painters will explore the varied work of famous painters William Conor, John Luke, and Coln Middleton.
- Recordings and Radio Broadcasts tells the fascinating story of the survival of early 20th century music and how it was brought to an international audience.

In past years, Irish Fest Summer School's guest lecturers have included Eamon O Cuiv, Ireland's Minister of the Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs; Tommy Graham, editor of History Ireland magazine; author/actor, Malachy McCourt; Sean Farrell, Consul General of Ireland at the Chicago Consulate; and acclaimed Riverdance performer, Jean Butler.

To register, visit [irishfest.com] or call Barb Breed-Heidt at (262) 227-6538.

Whether you are coming for an afternoon, or participating in the full week of Irish Fest offerings, there is something for everyone of all ages at Milwaukee Irish Fest.

Milwaukee Irish Fest is the world's largest celebration of Irish music and culture, showcasing more than 100 entertainers annually at the four-day, 16-stage event at Henry Maier Festival Park on Lake Michigan. The festival runs August 14-17 this year and continues to do its part in America, serving as a catalyst for Irish culture and keeping the spirit of Irish music alive.

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Wisconsin Shamrock Club State Advisory Board Meeting

Next Meeting August 16 – Trinity Three Irish Pub at Water and Juneau in Milwaukee

May 4, 2008 Minutes

The Wisconsin Shamrock Club State Advisory Board met at Shamrock Heights Golf Course on May 4, 2008. Members present were Joan and Jack Kreuser (Green Bay), Carrie and Larry Katerzynski, Tom and Judy Barrington, Suzi Snyder, and Melissa Mulroy (New London), John Delmore (South Central), and Harry and Pat McCarthy (Dane County),

President John Delmore called the meeting to order. The minutes from the February 23 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Board shared their stories about their St. Patrick's Day events. The clubs had exciting and fun filled events scheduled before, on, and after St. Patrick's Day. There was lots of Irish entertainment and cheer to be found in the State of Wisconsin during the month of March!

New London now has a sister city which is Killaloe in County Clare, Ireland. They will also be celebrating their 25th anniversary next year and have started planning for the big event. If you are traveling in the New London area, start watching for the shamrocks.

Many of the clubs will be hosting book reviews for Ann O'Farrell, Irish author of *Norah's Children* and *Michael* in August. The Wisconsin tour is available online on Ann's website at [www.annofarrell.net].

The next meeting will be held Saturday, August 16 during the Milwaukee Irish Fest with the Milwaukee Shamrock Club hosting the meeting. The Advisory Board will meet at the Trinity Three Irish Pub in Milwaukee at 10 a.m. We will ask Brian Witt to notify the advisory board of the time and location of the next meeting.

Our many thanks to the Barrington's for coordinating the meeting and to the Shamrock Heights Golf Course for the delicious food!

Respectfully submitted,

– **Pat McCarthy, Secretary**
May 16, 2008

South Central Shamrock Club August News and Interests

The June 22 meeting held at Erin's Snug Pub in Reedsburg was attended by Acting President John Delmore, Treasurer-Bob Hanes, Secretary-Luanne Krohn, Mary Gavin, Jan Delmore, Pat Frederickson, Kate Horkan, Annette Baker, Pat Hanes and I.

The discussion was how to entice more members to attend monthly meetings and add new faces to our club. John Delmore led our agenda. One factor is to have guest speakers at every meeting which is and was in the past well received. A Scholarship Committee is being developed by Bob Hanes who has years of experience in developing and implementing a scholarship fund (for us the first criteria will be to Irish –who would have guessed?!?– wishing to further their education). Great ideas to enhance our appeal were flowing constructively. As Membership Chair I have been lacking in sending out meeting notices individually but have used other reading sources to spread the news (i.e. local newspapers, church bulletins). So, I apologize and hope our new approach will bring us all together monthly.

The unanimous "Ayes" welcomed the new Irishman and Irish Rose announcements to be joyfully announced at our Annual Christmas Party in December. Thus, allowing our newly crowned Rose and Irishman to enjoy the accolades, cards and gathering their friends and family from afar to attend a memorable St. Patrick's Day Party honoring their parent, friend, sister, brother, uncle, aunt.

The Butterfest Parade was cancelled due to flooding and clean-up. The Club is proud of its members who volunteered during this disaster which affected so many. God Bless.

Happy to report the annual Reedsburg Area Relay for Life- American Cancer Society fundraiser in June raised \$115,000.

No August Meeting.

Excerpt from Bird Ireland.com ...

Birding in Ireland. Ireland is undoubtedly one of the most exciting birding destinations in Europe.

Although it possesses fewer breeding species than neighboring countries, it has relatively healthy populations of some that are in serious decline elsewhere in Europe, such as Roseate Tern and Corncrake.

It also has some of the largest breeding seabird colonies in the world, huge flocks of wintering waders and wildfowl, dramatic seabird passage and a host of rare and unusual migrants.

It is uncrowded, and combined with beautiful, unspoilt scenery, will make for

an exciting and unforgettable bird watching experience.

Ireland also has three distinctive subspecies of breeding birds, Coal Tit, Jay and Dipper.

Our American Visitors. While Ireland's western geographical location is not ideal for many European migrants, it is perfect for the occurrence of many North American species swept across the Atlantic on their long migration from Northeast Canada.

Every year, waders, gulls and passerines are found in the southern and south-western counties. In autumn in County Wexford it is not unusual to encounter five species of Nearctic wader in one day. In the autumn of 1999, up to nine Buff-breasted Sandpipers were seen together in Wexford.

In the same autumn, at least five Chimney Swifts, a Common Nighthawk and a Swainson's Thrush were recorded in Ireland.

Seabird bonanza. Ireland's westerly location in Europe has also made it one of the best sea watching spots in Europe. Sites like Cape Clear Island in Cork records large movements of common seabirds like Manx Shearwater, Storm Petrel, Fulmar and Kittiwake, while scarcer species such as Skuas (Jaegers), Cory's, Sooty and Great Shearwaters are regularly encountered.

In recent times Soft-plumaged (Fea's) Petrels has become annual. Other hotspots for sea watching, including the Bridges-of-Ross and Kilcummin Head, have become Mecca's for sea watchers.

Wintering wildfowl. Dominated by the warm Gulf Stream, Ireland enjoys relatively mild and wet winters, making it ideal as a wintering ground for wildfowl and waders. The Wexford Wildfowl Reserve holds over half the world's population of Greenland White-fronted Geese, while Brent, Greylag and, on the west coast, Barnacle Geese are a common sight.

Huge flocks of ducks and waders are to be seen in and around the loughs and estuaries of Ireland, with sites such as Lough Neagh in the North, and the Shannon Estuary holding tens of thousands of Lapwing, Knot, Golden Plover and a host of others.

Gulls galore. Each winter large numbers of northern gulls arrive in northern and western counties. Perhaps Killybegs in Donegal is the most famous, with Iceland and Glaucous Gulls occurring in double figures every winter.

In recent years 'smithsonianus' Herring Gulls have been found, while Killybegs also played host to a superb adult Thayer's Gull, which attracted a very appreciative audience during its three-week stay.

Ireland holds one last superb attraction to the visiting birder - solitude.

Birding is still in its youth in Ireland and it's not unusual to spend a midweek day at one of Europe's hotspots in perfect weather conditions, at the right time of the year, and not meet another birder.

Celebrating Birthdays in August: Bob (Robert) Horkan 8/3; Mary Gavin (Mrs. James Gavin) 8/15; Margaret Marchetti 8/21. Enjoy your day, Ladies

& Gent!

Anniversary Blessings in August: Joe and Mary Lynett 8/9; Bob and Pat Hanes 8/10; Mick and Luanne Krohn 8/19; Scott and Suzanne Dischler 8/20.

Great summer reads “Big Russ & Me” and “Wisdoms of Our Fathers” by Tim Russert.

Give a call or hug to someone you love,

– Dana Horkan-Gant,
South Central Chairperson

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Milwaukee President’s Message

Here’s the month we all look forward to each year with eagerness. So much to do and see and volunteering for all of it. We can select from activities that most states couldn’t believe are possible. The Milwaukee Feis Society presents their feis on August 9 at UWM. Please feel free to stop in and see the dancers compete all day, and there’s no admission charge. That same weekend is the Irish festival in LaCrosse, celebrating festival number four. Pat Stephens continues to improve and expand, from all reports, you’ll enjoy it all. The Shamrock Club will not have a booth there this year, but perhaps another time. Then get yourself enough rest to handle the four days of Irish culture and music at our own Irish Fest. The rain can’t possibly stop the Irish from having a good time, and maybe we’ll see the sun this year. Your next effort will be to contact Ken Tehan, and join the wonderful fun at the annual golf outing. This golf outing is always great fun and just a little competitive. I’m no golfer, and those that have been there know that, but we have a great dinner, and prizes if you just want to come out with the group. There now, isn’t this all worth waiting for?

Our installation dinner at Alioto’s was a most pleasant evening, and now our new board is in place for the year. Thanks again to Judge Dennis Moroney for the swearing in ceremony rites. We appreciate his presence for this important event. It was great to see all the members dressed in their finest, and enjoying the buffet dinner.

Last month I neglected to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of members Mike Stephens and Chris Mesenbrink. They’ve set a date for next year, and as the future sister-in-law, we all look forward to adding Chris officially into the family. Another story of young love, just ask them.

If you volunteered at the Celtic Spirit Feis at the Petit Ice Center on July 20, I thank you. The club will be paid by the number of volunteers we provide, and this was at the invitation of member Sharon Murphy. Watching all the competitors with the elaborate costuming and the determined looks on their

faces, reminds me that the next generation will continue this wonderful art form.

– Julie Smith, President

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Irish Author to Visit Wisconsin

Irish author Anne O'Farrell, who wrote the critically acclaimed *Norah's Children*, will be visiting Wisconsin in August, making stops at a number of cities. She is promoting her new book, *Michael*, a follow-up to *Norah's Children*. Many of her visits are being sponsored by various chapters of the Shamrock Club. For more information, go to [www.annofarrell.net/michael.html].

- Aug. 4: Darlington. Johnson Public Library, 131 E. Catherine St.
- Aug. 5: Richland Center. Ocooch Books, 145 Court St.
- Aug. 6: Waunakee Senior Center
- Aug. 7: Oregon Senior Center, 19 Park St.; 1 p.m.; Fitchburg. Fitchburg Senior Center, 5520 Lacy Rd.
- Aug. 8-10: La Crosse Irishfest. Baraboo - An Siopa Eire, 112 3rd St.; 5 p.m.
- Aug. 12: New London. Familiar Grounds Coffee and Gift Shop, 206 N Pearl St. 2 p.m.; Antiques With Inn, 1776 Division St.; 5 p.m.
- Aug. 13: Green Bay. Trulley Irish Gifts, 124 N. Broadway, De Pere; 6 p.m.
- Aug. 14: Oconomowoc. Book Talk - The Pub, 114 N. Main St., 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15-17: Milwaukee Irish Fest

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Easter Rising Mass

The Easter Rising Mass was held on March 23. Just under 200 people attended, the day after a one foot snowstorm. I wish to thank Father Michael Maher for his celebration of it. Derek Byrne was our cantor for the morning. I also want to thank Allan Lacosse and Heather Majusiak for shoveling and setup, Veronica Cesczynski for taking care of the breakfast, with help from Karen Prendergast and Patsy Tierney; Brian Witt; Marianne Fisher for preparing the Mass Pamphlets; Ed Mikush and Tim O'Brien for general maintenance; Ushers Josh Walton and Bob Towne; Maricolette and Roger Walsh, Julie Smith, and Jane Maher, Communion distributors; and Dawn and Pete Fleming for their purchasing of the beautiful lillies for the Mass. I would

also like to thank our 2008 honorees, Joe Hughes and Linda Tuescher for their participation.

– **Betty Mickush, Chair**

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Hank Aaron Trail Run-Walk August 9

- Race Start 8:30 a.m.
- Registration 7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Held each August, the Hank Aaron State Trail 5k Run / Walk is a great way to enjoy the Trail. The course starts in the shadow of Miller Park, travels through the Menomonee Valley along the newly-opened Canal Street, and winds its way on the Trail along the river finishing again near Miller Park. The run/walk is always a wonderful family event with lots of information on the trail and local organizations, raffle prizes, beautiful scenery, and a great venue for teams.

If you are interested in participating in the 2008 Hank Aaron Trail Run Walk, please contact Brian Witt at [briangwitt@shamrockclubwis.com] or (414) 423-4383. Last year, a team was fielded that set a record time. We were dead last, but we did it with panache. We will need eight people for the team in order to get participant T-shirts which include a team logo. The cost is \$19 per person.

For more info visit [www.hankaronstatetrail.org/hank-aaron-run-walk.html].

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Milw. Hurling Club

The Shamrock Club Griffins have had a slow start for the 2008 season. Through early July, the team was 1-3-1. They have played well, but just come up short in a lot of very close matches. Matches in August will be played at Brown Deer Park. The schedule is as follows:

- Aug. 3 County Clare vs. Shamrock Club
- Aug. 10 (12:30 and 2 p.m.) Playoffs
- Aug. 24 (2 p.m.) MHC Championship

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Milwaukee Feis

The 19th Annual Milwaukee Feis will take place on Saturday, August 9 at the Student Union at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2200 E. Kenwood Blvd). Preregistration will take place on August 8 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at UWM Union on Ground floor. On August 9 registration opens at 7 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m. the Feis begins promptly. This is the oldest of Milwaukee's Feiseanna. [www.milwaukeefeis.com/].

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Annual Family Best Ball Golf and Dinner Outing

Sunday August 24, 2008

Edgewater Golf Club, Grafton

1762 W. Cedar Creek Road

(I-43 north to Hwy 60, west 1.7 miles to 12th Avenue, right 1.4 miles to Cedar Creek Road, left to course)

There will be Door Prizes, a Putting Contest, and other events too numerous to mention. AWARDS to be presented during dinner

Golf will begin at 1 p.m. (Carts Included)

Cocktail Hour: 4:30–5:30 / Buffet Dinner: 5:30–7:00

For information contact Ken Tehan:

Home# (414) 762-2723 or

Cell# (414) 530-4692

[Click here for sign-up sheet in Acrobat format.](#)

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Milwaukee Shamrock Club Picnic

A Day of Food, Fun and Frolic

Brown Deer Park, Area #2

AUGUST 10, 2008 • Noon. til 6 p.m.

- Beverages • Hamburgers • Hot Dogs • Veggie Burgers and Sausages
Please bring a dessert or vegetable tray to pass
- Piping by the Shamrock Club Color Guard Pipes and Drums
- Kids Games
- Irish Dancing, Live Music

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Join the Shamrock Club

You can enjoy your Irish roots, or love of Ireland's culture, all year long with a membership in the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin. We really would like you to help us in our celebration of Irish life. You will be a part of one of the most historied and distinguished Irish organizations in this country. But we don't want to rest on our laurels. After a half century, we are just getting started. And we really want you to help us make the next half even better. Join. You know you have been putting it off, so now is the time to take the step. For the first time, or again.

___ Family \$25 ___ Single \$20

___New ___ Rejoin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Chapter: _____

Note: This membership form for the Shamrock Club is for Milwaukee and New Dublin chapters at the \$20/\$25 rate. Other chapters have higher dues structures and must be contacted seperately.

Mail to: Milwaukee Membership Chair
Shamrock Club of Wisconsin
2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

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77-Irish to Be Discontinued

The Shamrock Club's longtime Irish activity line: 77-IRISH, will be discontinued at the end of September.

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Volunteers Needed At Irish Fest

We will need volunteers at the Milwaukee Irish Fest in our sales and cultural tent areas. Our sales area will be open Thursday night, from 5 p.m. as well as Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In the Cultural tent information area we will be open Friday at 4 p.m. until 11 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. We need people for four hour shifts. We will give people participant passes, as well as food tickets. Contact Noreen Barclay at (262) 695-8563 or [nabarclay@earthlink.net] for the Sales area. Contact Brian Witt at (414) 423-4383 or [briangwitt@shamrockclubwis.com] for the Cultural information area.

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Color Guard News and Notes

I must be getting older as time sure flies past me like the speed of light these days. It's already August, and welcome to the "other" green season here in Milwaukee. Irish Fest! Can you believe eight months have passed since the dismal cold days of January and we now bask (or is it sweat) in the hot summer sun?

The band has worked really hard this year on every piece of performance and it shows. As our season unbelievably winds down this month, we look

forward to what's left on the calendar. Sheboygan Brat Days August 2 and Irish Fest!

July for the band was a lot of fun. The 4th holiday was spent in the lovely town of Bailey's Harbor. My first time there.

We received a huge warm welcome from the town and as Anna said, "I felt like a rock star there." It was true, we were treated like royalty. Two days later found us in a new parade for the band in East Troy. We had the chance to play Scotland the Brave for the famous Racine Kilties Drum corps. They reciprocated the honor and all 150 members turned to us in an arc and played the same song back to us. What a thrill. Drum Corps is huge in the midwest, and the Kilties were a large part of that history. Sadly, they disappeared from the scene for many years, but are back, and even better than ever. Our fearless leader Rich was a member of the Kilties for years, and Holly Heiden in her very young years was the Kilties mascot, and in '86-'87 I marched with the Thunderbolts Winterguard out of Cedarburg. Somehow, we all have ties to each – musicians and color guards in corps, pipe bands or marching bands. It's a small world, and one never forgotten even if you leave it behind.

July also saw us at South Shore Water Frolics, my favorite parade of the year. Without the huge support of some last minute sponsors, the parade would have never happened. If you missed it this year, get out and support it next year!

Irish Fest is a few short weeks away. Look for us leading off the parade through the grounds every night, 6 p.m. I believe. (check the schedule to be sure) and also the mass/performance Sunday morning and our big performance at the Crossroads. At press time, our time slot was not announced for the Crossroads, but watch for it on the website [www.irishfest.com]. We've been practicing for almost two months on the routine and even more on the music. Watch for new tunes and some new faces.

Asides, a farewell to college bound Ms. Katie Franklin who is heading to UW-Milwaukee for college, and JJ Garsombke who is heading off to UW-Madison to be a part of the famous marching band. Kelly Quinlan is headed back for her second year at college, and I hear that Bobby Hamill has spent the summer in a Washington DC internship. Good Luck guys, we'll miss you and look forward to your return.

Also in August, Katie Franklin and family (Rock and Pam Elgin) head to Scotland for Katie's performance. Have a pint for me in Auld Reekie. I miss that town everyday. Drummer Patrick Maes also heads to Europe, I believe at the end of the month. Enjoy it, and know we're all jealous!

A huge congratulations to Michelle and piper Neil McCafferty on the birth of their daughter in July. I've heard she'll be starting pipe lessons next month. Welcome to the world, wee lassie, we've been waiting for you!

Until September, my friends.

– Noel Tylla, 5th year piper

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Shamrock Club Halfway to St Patrick's Day Mass and Breakfast

The Shamrock Club will be holding a Halfway to St Patrick's Day Mass and Breakfast at the ICHC on Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. Father Terry Brennan will be the celebrant for the Mass. The Shamrock Club Choir, under the direction of Bob Harrold, will be performing. A full Irish breakfast will be served after the Mass. Also available will be an optional continental breakfast.

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AOH Sept. 17 Event

The AOH Milwaukee Division Membership Night will be Wed., September 17 at 7:15 p.m. at the ICHC. Entertainment is by Barry Dodd. Meet the members and find out about the AOH qualification: Irish by descent and Catholic. Visit [<http://www.aohmilwaukee.com>] for more information.

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Milwaukee Celtic

The Milwaukee Celtic Soccer Team will be starting its fall season in September. Check their site at [www.milwaukee_celticsc.com].

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Sunshine Club

Delores "Lorrie" Mahar died recently, the day after her 88th birthday. Lorrie was a long time ICHC volunteer, and was the widow of John Mahar. Carol Powell died recently. Carol was the widow of former Shamrock Club president Earl Powell. The father of Allan LaCosse passed away recently in Canada. Our condolences to the Mahar, Powell and LaCosse families.

Chuck Ward had surgery in late July. Noreen Barclay had eye surgery in late July. Danny O'Donoghue spent a month in the hospital. Mary and Larry Henkel, Derry Hegarty, Betty Mikush, and Jerry Hill also had hospital stints. Get well wishes to all.

If you have any information about members, please contact me, Joe Donovan, (414) 259-8040.

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Members Doings

There will be wedding bells in the Hamill family soon. Bob and Peg are happy to announce that Sean is to wed Cassie Melchoir in August, and that son Mike is to wed Mary Dohearty. Congratulations.

Joan Keenan recently took a trip to Russia.

Michelle and Neil McCafferty became parents of a baby girl. Congratulations to the new parents.

Jaclyn Kreiter, daughter of Jeff and Kay Kreiter, granddaughter of Noreen Barclay, and her fiance Dale Mallucha have set June 6, 2009 as the date for their wedding.

Michael Tierney and his band Reilly recently were signed to the label Oglio Entertainment in Los Angeles. First order of business is a Celtic Christmas Christmas record! They begin sessions just after Memorial Day with a release planned for late November.

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