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March Back Through The Emerald Reflections

by Brian Witt

We are going to be celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2010. March remains an important month to the Shamrock Club. Our founding date is listed as March 17, 1960. And each year we have a slate of events that highlights our Irish heritage.

We are going to give you some snapshots of the past 34 years from the *Reflections*. For some, these bits are a reminder of where we were. For others, these snippets are completely new. Start up the time machine, and jump in for a trip to the past.

MARCH 1975 – DONN GOODWIN, EDITOR

Irish Film Festival – Sunday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. UWM Cinema. Major Film: “Young Cassidy” Sean O’Casey’s life dramatized. Filmed in Dublin. Short films – 1. Irish Hurling Championships. 2. “See you at the Pillar.” 3. “Prospects of Ireland.” – Bob Harkins

Remember – Shake your inner doldrums. Meet your friends at our next Shamrock Club meeting on March 6th. St. Rose’s School, 514 N. 30th. 8 p.m. sharp. As usual, there will be an entertainment presentation, plus the mystery contest, bingo, and refreshments. Mae Feeney, Vice Pres.

President’s Comments – March is here and we have activities all over the place. Plan on being at the big parade on Saturday, the 15th. John Emmett Walton, president.

MARCH 1977 - DONN GOODWIN, EDITOR

The Shamrock Club of Milwaukee will meet on Thursday, March 3rd, at St. Rose’s School, 514 N 30 St. Milwaukee, 8 p.m. The Blarney, with Ed Ward, Bernie McCarten, John Maher and John Testin will perform.

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Presidents comments – This is your week. Only you can make it a big success. Let us go out and do this the Irish Way! Leo McLaughlin, president

Irishman of the Year – Gareth Dunleavy.

**MARCH 1978 –
DONN GOODWIN, EDITOR**

President's comments – We hope all members will take time to the great Irish week activities advertised in the special "Irish Week" mailing. Ed Ward, president.

Flight News – Probably the most important statement I can make is "If you are even only considering going to Ireland on the Club flight, get your reservation and deposit in now." Our flight leaves Friday, the 16th of June. Bill O'Boyle, Flight Chairman

Irishman of the Year – John Emmett Walton, DDS.

**MARCH 1982 –
NANCY MADDEN WALCZYK, EDITOR**

Parade Raffle Tickets – At our February meeting, many people took tickets to sell for our parade support raffle. To them, many thanks! More tickets will be available at the March meeting. Please sell tickets. Parades cost the club a lot of money. Earl Powell, Ticket Chairman

President's comments – There are so many events scheduled for this month that special notices are scattered throughout the *Reflections*. Please take time to jot down the times and places of these events, and if you have any questions, please call the chairperson. Irish Week – Chuck Ward; Parade – Cathy Harris; Marine Bank Craft Exhibit – Gen Farley; Dinner-Dance – Kathy Ferrell, Ed Ward; Rovers Concert – Dennis Murphy; Parade Raffle tickets – Earl Powell; Rovers Reception – Joan Brenk. Kathy Ferrell, president.

Irish Needlework Needed – We are looking for Irish lace, linens, and all needlework, preferably old, to enhance our "Irish Crafts" display on March 11 and 12 during Irish Cultural Week. Genevieve Farley.

It's Parade Time – Put on your green and show the community how the Irish put on a parade. Join us on the route if so choose, but join us. Who do you know wants to be in a parade? Cathy Harris

**MARCH 1999 –
ROBERT HIGGINS, EDITOR**

Milwaukee Parade Day Events

The Milwaukee chapter of the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin will be holding its annual St. Patrick's Celebrations in 1999 on March

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The Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Church at 8:30 a.m. It will be followed by a pancake breakfast at the United Community Center, 9th and Washington. Proceeds from the Mass and the breakfast will go to St. Patrick's Parish. Our 34th annual St. Patrick's Parade will take place at noon, running from 53 and North in Milwaukee to 74 and North in Wauwatosa. The parade promises to be one of the largest yet in our history. Honorees: Parade Marshal Mike Boyle, Irish Rose Susan Dundon, and Irishman of the Year Tom Blaha.

Following the parade will be the Post Parade Party, at the ICHC. Entertainers for the 1999 edition of the party will include Blarney; Leahy's Luck; Frogwater; Great Outdoors; Anam Ri; Trinity and Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers; the Silent Singers; Belfast actress Frances Quinn, and more.

Rock County – The Shamrock Club of Rock County held its annual January "Chili Dump" supper on January 19. Everyone prepares their own recipe of chili and dumps it into a large pot. We are very honored to have newly elected Congressman Paul Ryan as our Grand Marshal. Jane Vilbrandt is also making plans to take a bus trip to Chicago on May 17 to see Ireland's most popular and most honored entertainer, Daniel O'Donnell.

We will be taking more trips back in time as the Shamrock Club readies itself for its 50th anniversary. Slainte!

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Milwaukee President's Message

It's March! Yes I know there are 11 other months, but this is the month we all look forward to for a hundred thousand reasons. The Shamrock Club welcomes any and all to our March meeting at the ICHC. The meeting is on March 5, and begins at 7 p.m. We would like to see as many people there as possible to congratulate our new honorees. The selections for 2009 are three people who are great representatives of the Irish community. Be there to applaud our Parade Marshal Bill Sherry, and our Irish Rose Kathy Donovan, and our Irishman Chuck Ward. I know they will be great ambassadors for our parade and other events during the year. We also have our award winning Color Guard Pipe and Drum Band, providing us with a recital to add even more to the evening. If that weren't enough, please come into the parlor for our 49th anniversary cake and other treats for the night.

We had announced previously that Paula Harrold will chair our mass at St. Patrick's Church and Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin's

retirement. Chuck has come forward to co-chair the mass. This beautiful mass is the best way to begin a day honoring St. Patrick. You will also have the opportunity to donate money for the floral tributes to your family in memory of a loved one. Each Irish group in the city will have a pew reserved just for them. Bishop Callahan is the celebrant, and the Shamrock Club Choir led by Bob Harrold and coordinated by Gratta Comiskey will provide the finest music possible.

The St. Patrick's Parade will kick off at noon at N. 3rd St. and W. Wisconsin Ave. Once again our co-sponsor is the Westowne Association headed by Executive Director Stacie Callies. Parade Director Mike O'Leary has worked tirelessly to bring us the state's largest parade with over 100 units. Mike Boyle will be seen once again at the reviewing stand to introduce all the units, celebrities, and provide all the information the viewers need. John and Mary Fisher return as the parade judges, and bring their expertise in choosing each winning category. Take great pride in knowing with so many parades' being cancelled this year, we are bringing Milwaukee an opportunity to celebrate. We can't promise a warm sunny day, but the smile on your faces will light up the day for all the world to see. There will be a trolley for club members to ride in, or walk if you like. Show your Irish pride at the parade.

The post parade party begins at 1 p.m. at the ICHC and presents the best Irish entertainment anywhere in the city. Many thanks to Barry Stapleton in selecting these groups for the day. This year we offer the public free admission. This change has been made to try to increase the number of families able to attend, and with the current economic conditions, we know it will be popular. There are so many venues that day, remember the Shamrock Club brings you the parade and the party, I hope you will support our decision. Al Moss has stepped forward to chair the event, and will need volunteers as usual. Please stop at our retail sales to see the selection Linda Tuescher has made for your purchases. Great food choices and keeping prices as reasonable as possible will help make it a nice day. Food will be available on both floors, as well as beverages. While it's great to enjoy the day, these events need staffing to make them work. Come on, a couple hours, and you'll be glad you did. Our congratulations to Noreen Barclay for being chosen as the ICHC volunteer of the year, look for Noreen's photo in the dictionary under the word volunteer. She's deserving of every accolade.

I looked to see if you were in attendance last month, maybe this month?

– Julie Smith, President

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John McGivern In ICHC Benefit Concert

March 17, 2009

John McGivern, Milwaukee's much-loved comedian and storyteller, will bring his humor and tales of growing up Irish Catholic to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. The exciting Irish band *Athas* and dancers from the award-winning *Kinsella School of Irish Dance* will join McGivern for this special family St. Patrick's Day event. The show is a benefit for the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center.

A traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the ICHC prior to the show from 4-7 p.m.

McGivern brings his sidesplitting and often poignant personal monologues to his hometown audiences on stage as well as television and radio, where he is a regular guest on the Dave & Carole morning show of WKLH-FM. This is the second year that the nationally known McGivern has performed a St. Patrick's Day concert to benefit the ICHC.

Reserved seat tickets for the McGivern performance are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Tickets for the traditional Irish dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 12 and younger. To order tickets for either or both events online and also view the Hallamor concert series, visit [www.ichc.net]. Tickets may also be ordered by calling (414) 345-8800.

– **Kathy Schultz**

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Post Parade Party March 14, 1-6 p.m

The party runs 1 – 6 p.m. at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 West Wisconsin. The party is a part of the Shamrock Club's events on March 14, including Downtown Saint Patricks Parade Milwaukee. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Al Moss at [mossjr.alton@millercoors.com] or call (414) 234-9811.

FREE ADMISSION

- **Hallamor**
2:15 S.C. Pipes & Drums
2:30 Rince Nia

3:00 Trinity Irish Dance School
4:00 Green Tea
5:10 Cashel Dennehy Irish Dancers

• **Parlor B**

1:00 Athas
2:15 Ian Gould
3:30 Celtic Keep
4:45 Steel Bonnets

• **Upper Level**

2:15 and 3:45 Blarney
3:15 Caledonian Scottish Dancers
3:45 Blarney

• **Childrens Area**

1:00 Children's activities
3:00 and 4:15 Eileen O'Rourke: Leprechaun Stories

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Nomination of Milwaukee Officers

Nominations for officers of the Milwaukee chapter will take place at the March and April meetings. Persons nominated must be members in good standing of the Shamrock Club, with dues paid in full, and must be present for their nominations. Elections will take place at the May 7, 2009 meeting.

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Annual Scholarship Raffle

During February, March and early April we will sell our tickets for the Shamrock Club Scholarship Raffle. Tickets have been mailed. Please do what you can to help us to support our scholarship fund. Grand prize is a land package to Castledaly Manor in Ireland; Other prizes include a night stay at County Clare Inn in Milwaukee; a night stay at The Irish Cottage in Galena; a Belleek vase; a Golf package, and more. Please support us when you get your tickets in the mail. Since 1972, we have given over \$25,000 to students. For more information, please call Kevin Quinlan at (414) 571-0722 or email at [kquinlan@wi.rr.com].

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ICHC Honors Noreen Barclay

The Irish Cultural and Heritage Center is proud to announce its Volunteer of the Year, Noreen Barclay. Noreen has been a loyal and devoted volunteer at the ICHC for many years, answering phones, doing mailings, and being available at the many events at the Center. Noreen will be a part of both St. Patrick's Day parades. Noreen is a past Shamrock Club Irish Rose.

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Milwaukee Proudly Announces 2009 March Honorees

Our Irish honorees for 2009 are a great mix of the old and the new about the Club. Chuck Ward is a three-time Club president, and a former St. Patrick's Day Parade director. He helped initiate many things that are a part of the Club today. He has also served as entertainment coordinator for the Milwaukee Irish Fest for many years. And along with that, he has played in Blarney for many years. He is currently assistant director of the Milwaukee County Parks. Kathy Donovan has headed up events in the years she has belonged to the Shamrock Club. She has served as installation dinner chair, and worked with the Flemings on the picnic. Bill Sherry has acquired the nickname "The Ambassador" since he joined the Shamrock Club, in part due to his intense efforts to recruit members for the Club and Color Guard. Along with his wife, Anna, Bill has become ingrained in the workings of the Milwaukee chapter.

Ironically, even though he is greatly entrenched in the history of the Club, Chuck is actually the youngest of the group.

Selection is done on the basis of service to the Shamrock Club, the Irish community in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, and service to the community. Congratulations to Chuck, Kathy and Bill. They all embody these qualities.



Left to right: Bill Sherry, Kathy Donovan, Chuck Ward.

Chuck Ward 2009 Irishman of the Year

Chuck Ward's involvement in the Shamrock Club and the Milwaukee Irish community started soon after his graduation from Marquette University in 1978. His brother Ed had started the Irish band *Blarney*, and played at several local Irish pubs, and Chuck met many of the local Irish. Ed later became President of the Shamrock Club, and Chuck joined the Board first as parliamentarian. Over the years, he held several offices and was elected President 1985, 1986, and 1989.

Many changes occurred during Chuck's leadership. The St. Patrick's Day Parade moved from Mitchell Street to North Avenue and its profitability increased. Ward served as parade director after the change. The club also started its involvement at the Bradley Center, netting even more revenue for many years. The club's membership and programming also expanded as it relocated its meetings to the Wauwatosa Civic Center.

Chuck was part of the origins of Irish Fest, another effort led by his brother. He has been the entertainment coordinator since 1985, and served on the festival board for many years, currently as vice-president.

Chuck also started the Greater Irish Open, an annual charity golf outing that has raised funds for the Ulster Project as well as the St. Patrick's Centre in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. He is a founding member of the local Friends of St. Patrick Chapter.

Chuck remains active outside the Irish community as well, serving as founder and past president of the Friends of Lakeshore State Park, as well as past president of Positively Pewaukee. In June of 2009, he will be the honorary chairman of the Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

"The Milwaukee Irish community has grown exponentially over the past two decades," Ward said. "The Shamrock Club really was the nucleus of so much of this. Now there are many Irish

organizations in Milwaukee, and that is very healthy for our continued commitment to our heritage.”

Ward’s Irish heritage can be traced to his father’s family hailing from the Kells area of County Meath, and his mother’s from County Antrim. “Growing up in our family, you knew you were Irish. We never had any doubt about our heritage.” Ward has traveled to Ireland eight times.

Ward continues to focus on his involvement with *Blarney* [www.blarneymilwaukee.com]. After joining his brother Ed in the group in 1982, Ward kept the group going strong along with Kevin Stapleton and Dennis Murphy when Ed left in the late 1980s. The band is still going strong today, 34 years later, having performed through the US, in Ireland and in Canada. “Interest in Irish music is clearly multi-generational. We are seeing the grand-kids of those who came to see us at Nash’s Irish Castle in 1975!” Yes, it’s a testimony to the band, Ward says, but more so to the resilience and significance of Irish music in America.

Ward’s wife Cathy has also been an active participant in the Irish community, serving as a former Shamrock Club board member and a long-time Irish Fest coordinator. She was the festival’s Volunteer of the Year in 1991. Chuck and Cathy are the proud parents of Bridget, 22 and Colin, 18.

“I am humbled to be selected,” Ward said. “There are many good friends who have held this honor. Sadly many have passed on, but it’s a testimony to their commitment to their Irish lineage that we all continue to strive to keep our heritage alive, and proudly pass it on to the next generation.”

Kathy Donovan 2009 Irish Rose

It is a great honor to be named the 2009 Irish Rose for the Shamrock Club. My husband Bob and I have been members for about nine years. In that time I have helped organize the Shamrock Club picnic, volunteered at Folk Fair, and have helped in the transportation trailer for Irish Fest. I have helped work and organize the raffle for the Emerald Society fundraiser for the Brendan Heart Fund for the past couple of years. I have been a board member for the Shamrock Club for four years. Two of those years I was sergeant at arms. I am currently serving my second year as trustee.

Bob and I have been happily married for the past 22 years. We live on Milwaukee’s south side and have raised five terrific children: Stephanie, Eric, Amanda, Eileen, and Elizabeth. We also have two terrific sons in law, Pat and Chris, and a soon to be daughter in law, Alissa. We are also the proud grandparents to six beautiful grandchildren Brittany, Kaitlin, Alex, Gage, Teirnan, and Sean Michael.

Bill Sherry Parade Marshal 2009

How fortunate am I? I was born and raised in a small town in western Pennsylvania, the youngest of three boys. In my childhood neighborhood, the names on the mailboxes never changed. I broke that mold when, after high school, I joined the Air Force, which was during the Viet Nam conflict. After my military obligation, I worked throughout the Midwest, landing in Wisconsin in the early 80s.

My wife Anna and I joined the Shamrock Club as a direct result of the Cultural booth at Irish Fest six years ago. We were drawn to the CGPD after witnessing them bringing in the colors for the membership meetings, and wanted to be a part of that tradition. We are looking forward to our fifth parade season which is fast approaching.

I profess to two passions in my life, after family. One is this group and the other is the Masons. Having been raised with a strong sense of family, the CGPD is truly an extension of that. We are all like family. Good days and bad, flaws or not, we know we can always depend on one another. The Masonic Lodge has much the same philosophy which explains why I am passionate about both. As many of you know, I am known as the "Ambassador" within the CGPD (my sidekick is known as "Big Red"). I wear the moniker proudly because I am very excited to be a part of the club and the band.

I am humbled to be chosen to be this year's Parade Marshal. I was actually speechless when I received the call. THAT is not an easy thing to do!

I will strive to perform my duties with the utmost respect and zeal following in the true spirit of the position.

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Charlene Ann Terry 2009 Irish
Rose And Bill Curran 2009
Irishman of the Year**



The phrase “Curran Brothers” is not new in Juneau County. **BILL CURRAN**, the 2009 Irishman of the year, is the current example.

In 1856, Peter Curran and Maria Flynn Curran, who were both born in County Leitrim, Ireland, became the original settlers on their Juneau County land. Peter’s Brother, Felix Curran also came to Juneau County to homestead a farm as well.

In the late 1800s, Peter’s sons, William B. (Will) and Pete went into business as Curran Brothers Warehouse. They not only sold goods but also bought the farmers’ produce and transported it for sale in Chicago. They had the first grain elevator in the area and many other daring innovations. It was a lifesaver for farmers to have a market for a cash crop.

Will married Catherine Power Curran of Evanston, Ill. (Her Father, Denis Power, came from Tipperary.) Their sons Charles, William R. and Thomas, all went to law school and came back to practice in Mauston. William R. left to serve as the local Judge from 1951 to 1980. The remaining Curran brothers’ law practice brought them professional recognition, including, Thomas receiving a presidential appointment to be a Federal Court Judge in Milwaukee from 1983-2006.

Thomas married Colette Curran of Blanchardville. Of their six children, three went to law school and returned to the Mauston Law firm. William T. (Bill), his sister Catherine Orton, her husband John Orton and Brother Paul Curran all practiced in the firm together. Paul left to serve as a Juneau County Circuit Judge. The firm has grown to eight lawyers including an office in Lake Delton. It continues the tradition with recognition as an “A” rated firm; admission into the American College of Trial Lawyers; and inclusion in Super Lawyers magazine.

Bill married Joelle Curran of Sioux Falls. Their two sons, Peter J. and Alexander W. are still in school so where they will land is yet to unfold. Perhaps a fifth generation farming or in business together continuing the Curran Brothers tradition is possible. Each generation of the family has been a civic leader in church, city,

county and beyond. In addition to his Juneau County civic assignments Bill has recently been recruited to serve on the Board of Directors of the Greater Sauk County Community Foundation to further local charitable causes.



CHARLENE ANN (KOHLMEYER) TERRY was born June 24, 1938 in Reedsburg, WI to Mary (Donahue) and Fred Kohlmeier. Charlene's maternal ancestors are 100% Irish. Her Donahue great-grandparents immigrated from the Irish Free State to the U.S. in 1859, settling in Reedsburg, WI. Charlene's Hayes great-great grandparents immigrated from Ireland to the U.S. in the 1840s and settled in Dellona Township. Charlene's paternal Kohlmeier and Hoeverman ancestors immigrated from Germany to the U.S. in the 1860s and settled in Loganville, WI.

Charlene graduated from Reedsburg High School in 1956. She graduated from Sauk County Teachers' College, then UW-Platteville with her lifetime license to teach elementary education. Charlene married Patrick L. Terry Feb. 27, 1965 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Reedsburg. Charlene then moved to Baraboo where she joined Pat on his dairy farm. She has been an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish since. Pat and Charlene have farmed and lived on Hogsback Road, Baraboo since they married.

Today, Charlene continues to do the bookwork for Terry Farms and devotes her life to her family and church. Pat and Charlene have three sons and one daughter: Joe (Kristine) and Jim (Kristin) both operate Terry Farms with Pat and Charlene; Annemarie (Dan) is a teacher (all of Baraboo), and Patrick (Becky) is a realtor in Sun Prairie. Charlene and Pat often get to see their children and six beloved grandchildren: Samantha 13, Mary 11, Zachary 10, Josephine 9, Jake 6, and Grace 2. Charlene is a wonderful grandmother, always willing to baby-sit and help in any way she can. Charlene regularly baby-sits her youngest grandchild while the others love to spend time at the farm and at grandma and grandpa's after school and on weekends.

Before staying home to raise her own children, Charlene taught fourth grade at Waterloo Elementary, Beaver Dam-Wilson,

Madison-Hoyt, and Reedsburg Elementary. While raising her family and doing bookwork for Terry Farms, Charlene taught CCD, served as Home and School President, room mother, and volunteer for J-Club and in many other capacities for her children at St. Joseph School, including substitute teacher. Charlene never missed a single event of any of her children from grade school through high school.

Charlene is a past President of the Sauk County Deanery, active in the Madison Deanery. She was a long-time St. Joseph Baraboo Bingo worker, Parish Council, and Liturgical Commission member. Charlene currently serves as a Minister of Hospitality/ Greeter. She is a member of the Council of Catholic Women, Daughters of Isabella, the Art and Environment Committee, and St. Martha's Circle. Charlene also continues to substitute teach at St. Joseph School. She is a member of the South Central Shamrock Club and past member of Sauk County Homemakers and the Sauk County Dairy Promoters Committee.

Charlene also served her community through working elections in the Town of Baraboo. In 1996, the Terrys hosted the Sauk County Dairy Breakfast, and they continue to host students on farm tours.

Charlene is a woman deeply devoted to her faith and family. She has lived and taught by example; she has always put others before herself. She is honored to be your 2009 Irish Rose.

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South Central Shamrock Club March News

Our St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Voyageur Inn, Reedsburg, WI. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour with *Stone Ring* playing, followed by dinner, music, honoring our 2009 Irish Rose Charlene Ann (Kohlmeyer) Terry and 2009 Irishman Bill Curran, raffle drawing, door prizes and much more?

A memorable night is a sure Irish bet! *Stone Ring* will be performing as this year's entertainment! *Stone Ring* is a four member band based in Madison, has played all over the Midwest and has played at Irish Fest for the past ten years. *Stone Ring* plays traditional Celtic music on acoustic instruments. The group has a huge repertoire of Irish and Scottish ballads, and war, rebel, and drinking songs.

Remember to purchase your Raffle tickets at Blue Heron-Home Furnishing Store, Gavin Bros. Auctioneers LLC, Gavin Bros. Real

Estate Office in Reedsburg, Scott Construction, Lake Delton, Curran Law Office in Mauston and from all members.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. You need not be present to win.

- 1st Prize: A Trip for Two to Ireland
- 2nd Prize: \$250 Getaway to The Irish Cottage in Galena, IL, County Claire in Mil-waukee or St. Brendan's Inn in Green Bay
- 3rd Prize: Golf Package – Reedsburg and Baraboo Country Clubs

Door Prizes (you must be present to win) are Gift Certificates from the following businesses:

- Blue Heron, Home Furnishing Store – Reedsburg. \$25 Gift Certificate
- Marty's Steakhouse – Reedsburg. \$50 Gift Card
- McGann Furniture – Baraboo. \$50 Gift Certificate
- Baraboo Country Club – Baraboo. Two 18 Rounds of Golf
- Tangar Outlet Mall – Lake Delton. \$25 Gift Certificate
- Fields at the Wilderness – Lake Delton. \$50 Gift Certificate
- Lake Delton Shell – Lake Delton. \$25 Gas Card

March "Green" Birthdays: Wilma Ennis 3/4, Dick Fish 3/17, our president who is straight from the sod, Tom Scanlon 3/17, Trudy Judd 3/3.

March 15th at St. Patrick's Church, Lime Ridge join us Irish in a rousing night of music from BEOGA. Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at DJ Dietz Cabinetry, Reedsburg, Kwik Trip, Plain.

Beoga Reviews

"*Beoga* is the most exciting band to emerge from Ireland since *Lunasa* in the late 1990s. Like *Lunasa*, *Beoga* quickly established a reputation as a highly inventive all-instrumental group. During a downpour at the Compass stage on Friday night, the quintet gave a magnetic performance. (Gerry Holland, Sept. 2008)

August 2008. Cambridge Folk Festival website: It's a hat trick for *Beoga*!

Beoga is the Irish word for lively, and what a fitting name – the band is certainly that, and a whole lot more! (Earle Hitchner, Irish Echo, Sept. 2008)

August 2008. The Telegraph, Colin Irwin: "Irish band *Beoga* is going places..."

Great Reads: *An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor; *The Beautiful Sound of Silence* by Paul Charles.

Don't forget to send in your membership dues.

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Food Donations

The Friends of Saint Patrick-Milwaukee Chapter, in partnership with Hunger Task Force and in cooperation with the Shamrock Club, is spearheading an effort to collect food donations at the upcoming Shamrock Club Parade on March 14. The call is out for parade-goers to bring non-perishable food items to the parade for donation. Volunteers will walk the route with grocery carts to collect the food items.

The Friends of Saint Patrick believes the parade and food collection will bring the spirit of Saint Patrick's message of peace and reconciliation to our community.

The Friends are asking other Irish organizations to help in this worthwhile effort. If interested in participating call Tom Callen at (414) 529-5509 or email [tom.callen@callenconstruction.com].

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Young Ambassador's

The Milwaukee chapter of the Young Ambassador's Milwaukee chapter had its launch of the 2009 Young Ambassadors Program at Marquette University on Thursday, February 5.

Dr. Tim Campbell, Director of the Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, C. Down, made the presentation. It was designed to promote a greater understanding of the shared cultural heritage of Northern Ireland in North America amongst those aged 20-25. It invites those selected to travel to Downpatrick and County Down for 15 days in June 2009 to explore these shared aspects of the history and traditions. Two Shamrock Club members were selected in 2008, Caitlin Ward and Greg Long.

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin

43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Downtown Milwaukee – Noon –
Celebrate our Irish American life!

PARADE ROUTE: 3rd and Wisconsin, in front of the Grand Avenue Mall, east to Plankinton, north on Plankinton to Kilbourn, west on Kilbourn to Old World Third Street, north on Old World Third Street to Juneau, east on Juneau to Water Street, south on Water Street.

For information, call Mike O'Leary at (414) 305-1961 or go to our Parade site – [<http://www.saintpatricksaprade.org>]

Bus service available from the end of the parade route to the ICHC until 4 p.m. Look for the Shamrock Club Bus Stop Signs. Pickup at the Trinity Three Pub, Maders and Mo's Irish Pub.

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The Shamrock Club of New Dublin Celebrates Silver Anniversary
– 25 Years of St. Patrick's Day Tradition in New London

This year is a milestone year for the Shamrock Club of New Dublin. On March 21, we will celebrate 25 years of St. Patrick's Day parades in New London. This tradition actually has its roots in what began as a lark. While the local police were at the high school watching over school traffic and other juveniles, Mike Coyle, Judy McDaniel, Fluff Barrington, Dave Mulroy, Jim Clarke and others decided to take a department store dummy in an old wicker coffin and carry him from Coyle Tire to Midtown Restaurant performing an Irish Wake, in fact the first "Finnegan's Wake" in their own impromptu St. Patrick's Day parade. When it was found out, they were told if they wanted to do this the next year they needed a permit. No one imagined then that this humble beginning would grow into the largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the state of Wisconsin.

We started out small in 1984 being given only half of the street, but surprised everyone with our turnout and the next year they gave us both sides of the street! Today the streets of New London swell on

parade day with an estimated crowd of thirty thousand. The parade boasts over 130 entries including bagpipe, high school bands, and other unique musical groups, Irish dancers, business, club, organization and family floats, and many other unusual and beautiful entries. We have entrants come from miles away to perform in our parade. In the 25 years we've only had to cancel our parade once, and then we only moved it to the next weekend due to a snow and ice storm that paralyzed the area? otherwise the show goes on notwithstanding snow, wind, or rain. And yes, sometimes we even have a sunny, relatively mild March day!

The first Irish festivals were held above John's bar on South Pearl Street, and when we outgrew that space, we moved to the old American Legion on Wolf River Avenue. The Irish Fest tent when incorporated in 1991 and placed in the old F? parking lot was met by skepticism, not many thought it was a great idea or that it would work out. But each year the crowds have grown and the tent has had to grow with them. Our current structure which is erected in the Festival Foods parking lot measures 80x180 feet. It is the largest single structure we can get. Each year it provides traditional and unique Irish music. We've had headliners such as *Gaelic Storm* of the movie *Titanic* fame, *Leahy's Luck*, *Off Kilter*, and *Reilly* as well as this year's headliners *Rising Gael* from Madison, WI and the very popular *Seven Nations* from Florida. There are Irish vendors, food and beverages available all day in the Irish Fest tent. For an admission fee of only \$5 you can enjoy fine Irish fare from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's a great value.

Yes, St. Patrick's Day has put New London on the map. In fact in 2006 we were voted by AOL on-line as the 11th best place in the United States to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Our Parade, Irish Festival, and week-long events as well as Finnegan's Wake have been featured in newspaper, magazine and media pieces around the country as well as in publications around the world. The past few years WLUK, Good Morning Wisconsin has come to Northport (or "North Dublin") to do a live show during St. Pat's week from Pup's Irish Pub promoting our events; featuring Amy Hanten and Angela Kelly.

But the Parade and Irish Festival are just the culmination of a whole week of all things Irish for our club beginning with the changing of the city's name by our own "leprechauns" to "New Dublin" on Monday of St. Patrick's week, and the city streets are lined with Irish flags and painted shamrocks. This changing of the city's name is made by official proclamation of the Mayor each year. Over the years thousands and thousands of pounds of potatoes, cabbage and corned beef have been served in local restaurants including Pup's Irish Pub, Half Nelson's and other fine establishments on Tuesday, Hooligans Day. Irish caroling is heard in local nursing homes on Wednesday night and on Thursday our 'Evening of Irish Entertainment' at the New London High School draws a large crowd to enjoy a mix of music, song, dance and variety. Admission is free. The Ceili at Crystal Falls on Friday evening is really a sight to behold and each year the crowds get

bigger. This free family event brings young and old together to learn forms of a sort of Irish square dance complete with Ceili band and a caller. A good time is had by all and the laughter is contagious. And of course who can forget poor Michael Finnegan's unusual Irish Wake also on Friday evening, complete with Father Coyle, the widow and various mourners at Pup's Irish Pub and other local establishments?

But we're truly not only about the celebration and support of our events has allowed us to give back to our community many, many times over the years in the form of charitable donations to worthy causes throughout our area. We also continue to support New London's "Sister City" partnership with Killaloe; in County Clare, Ireland.

The hard work and dedication of Shamrock Club members past and present have made this a New London tradition for the past 25 years. The Grand Parade kicks off at 1 p.m. on March 21, 2009 with former mayor Wayne Tolzman serving as Grand Marshal. We'll honor Jeanne Trauger as our Irish Rose and Bill Fleese as our Irish Man for 2009.

Yes, folks after 25 years, "Spirits are *still* Bubblin' in New Dublin". We look forward to many more years of providing St. Patrick's Day celebrations in New London. Come and help us celebrate! For more information and a complete list of events please visit our website at [www.newdublin.com], or contact the New London Area Chamber of Commerce at (920) 982-5822.

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Color Guard News and Notes

Well, as the winter doldrums pass us by, I was looking forward to sitting on a beach for a part of March. Plans change, and that tequila will have to wait.

The SCCGPD is looking forward, maybe even *marching forward*, in March. Sorry for the pun. It is going to be a month packed with events for us.

On Sunday, March 1, we will be playing at the Brendan Heart Fundraiser at Derry's Pub on Bluemound. Then on Tuesday, March 3, you can find us at the Southside Fundraiser, at the Collins-Meyer VFW Post, on 29th and Lincoln. The big guns come out at the Shamrock Club Birthday party, where we will be doing a concert at 7 p.m. We start the meeting. This is going to be a big deal. We can't wait until March 14. We will be doing a whole day of playing for our Shamrock Club events. We start at the early hour of 8.30 a.m., at the Mass in Honor of St. Patrick at

St. Patrick's Church. After yawning for a bit, we will be leading the parade in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Downtown Milwaukee, with the pipes and the drums stirring at noon. Come and see us at the Post Parade Party at the ICHC after the parade. We get to warm up, and then blow the roof off the Hallamor to start the fun in the hall.

There will be more marching for us the next day, when we travel to Chicago for the South Side Chicago Parade, always a fun time. Join us, on the ride down, or meet us along the site. Then follow us up to the New Dublin Parade on March 21. The New Dublin chapter of the Shamrock Club always gives us a warm greeting on that cold route. We are excited to go back each year. We give our feet a break until April 12, when we come back to the ICHC for the Club's Easter Rising Mass, at 10 am. That getting out of bed early part hurts at times.

Sorry to have missed Super Dave Culver's report in February. But knowing him, it was Super Dave fantastic.

Until next month, my pretties.

– Noel Tylla, 6th year piper

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43rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Raffle

Drawing: April 2, 2009 Shamrock Club Meeting

7:30 p.m. Irish Fest Center

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT
THE SHAMROCK CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ticket Cost: \$5 each, three for \$10; six for \$20 or nine for \$30

On Sale at the March Shamrock Club meeting, the Post Parade Party on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the ICHC, 2133 W. Wisconsin Avenue, and at County Clare Inn, 1234 N Astor St., Milw.

- *First prize: trip for two to Ireland.* This land and air package consists of a seven night stay at Castledaly Manor valid Oct. 15 thru Feb. 15, 2010.
- Golf package at Brown Deer Park
- Overnight stay at the Irish Cottage in Galena, Ill.,
- Overnight stay at County Clare, Milwaukee
- Overnight stay at St. Brendan's Inn in Green Bay.
- Silver earrings from Blarney Imports in Chicago

- Nine inch Beleek bowl
- A Waterford vase

Ticket Sellers: Raffle stubs may be returned to me at the address below, or at the March Shamrock Club meeting; or at the April Sham-rock Club meeting to be held at the Irish Fest Center. Make checks payable to the Shamrock Club.

For more information or more tickets, please contact Sandy Quinlan, 1773 Juniper Circle, South Milwaukee, WI. 53172. (414) 571-0722

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50th Anniversary Committee

The 50th anniversary committee is looking for ideas for the Shamrock Club's celebration. Our next meeting is March 30 at Josh Walton's house, 2432 N. Lefeber Avenue, Wauwatosa at 7 p.m.

At the April general meeting, we will be taking photos of our past honorees and presidents. Please come down to be shot by Allan Lacosse. We will also be scanning photos for our DVD. The commemorative book's editor, Brian Witt, is going to be looking to get biographies from our past presidents and honorees, Irish Roses, Irishmen, and Parade Marshals.

If you have any suggestions, or wish to join the committee, please contact Josh Walton at (414) 443-0446 or [joshwalton1@yahoo.com].

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24th Annual Special Mass In Honor Of Saint Patrick

Saturday March 14, 2009

At St. Patrick's Church
723 South 7th at Washington Street, Milwaukee

Sign reader for hearing impaired

The celebrant for the 2009 Mass is

Milwaukee Bishop William Callahan.

Continental breakfast at ICHC following Mass

For BUS reservations or information contact:

Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin
12007 W. Walker St., West Allis, WI 53214;
Phone (414) 771-0458
Or email cmclaughlin3@Wi.rr.com

Send self-addressed, stamped envelope. Make checks payable to Shamrock Club for \$3 each passenger.

Mail reservation for BUS ONLY

Bus: 24th Annual Mass In Honor of Saint Patrick

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Number of Reservations _____

Amount \$ _____

Bus Reservations will not be taken after March 6

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Flower Donations Needed

Please contact Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin about donating for the purchase of flowers for the St. Patrick's Mass. The flowers will also be used at the Easter Rising Mass on April 12 at the ICHC.

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Shamrock Club Upcoming Meetings

The Shamrock Club meets the first Thursday of the month, usually at the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. Upcoming meetings will include the following entertainers:

April 2 – Irish Fest School of Music; Irish Fest Center; 7 p.m.

May 7 – Shamrock Club yearly elections at 6.30 p.m. Monthly meeting at 7 p.m.; ICHC; Speaker: Mary Culver “A Year of Images of the Shamrock Club”

June 4 – One of Milwaukee’s dance schools; ICHC; 7 p.m.

– Sandy Quinlan, VP

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Brendan Heart Fundraiser March 1, 2009

The Emerald Society of Wisconsin is again going to be holding its annual Brendan Ward Heart Fund Fundraiser. The date of the Brendan Heart is March 1, 2009 at Derry Hegarty’s Pub, 5328 West Bluemound, from noon to 6 p.m. Music will be provided by *Atlantic Wave, Reilly, Glencastle Dancers, Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums*, and the *Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums*. There will also be a great raffle. The cost is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information, please go to the Emerald Society’s website at [www.emeraldsociety.us].

– Pete and Dawn Fleming

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Emerald Society Announces 2009 Irish Honorees

The Emerald Society of Wisconsin is proud to announce their 2009 Irish Honorees. They are ICHC director Kristine Carrig Pluskota and Ken Donovan. Both will be honored at the two St. Patrick’s Day parades on March 14. They will also be presented at the Emerald Society’s Brendan Heart Fundraiser on March 1. Congratulations to Ken and Kris. Kris is a past Irish Rose, Ken is also a Shamrock Club member.

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Members Doings

Julie Pruske recently sang for the Milwaukee Symphony's "Carmina Burina" production.

Murphy, the Maltese pup, found a great home when he went to live with Bob and Judy Towne. Murphy was one of the many dogs rescued from the puppy mill purchased by our local Humane Society.

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Sunshine Club

A former Irish Rose, Celeste Jalosky, died recently. Tom Callen was recently hospitalized. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

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Welcome New Members

Rosemary Mitchell; Charles Montgomery; Kate Campbell; Jerry and Ellen Dargel; Roseann Madden; Carol Doyle and Gail Bundy; John and Jan Delmore; Bill and Jolene Crowley; Bob and Pat Hanes; Patricia McConaghy; Richard and Barbara Fish; Dick and Annette Baker; Bill and Pat Wilde; Pat Frederickson; Teresa DeVault; John and Josie McGowan; Bob and Lori Gavin; Bille and Joelle Curran; Allen and Arrus Sullivan; Dan Horkan; Lucele Peterson.

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