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Irish Primer 2007

by Brian Witt

It is March again, the month where we honor St Patrick and all things Irish are brought to the fore. So, here again is a fact filled Irish primer, where you can amaze and beguile your family and friends. Onwards to the basics of many things Irish.

The Irish tricolor flag, created in 1848, was designed to reflect the country's political realities. Orange stands for Irish Protestants, green for Irish Catholics and the white stripe for the hope that peace might eventually be reached between them.

Fade to white: "Beyond the pale," an expression used to describe outrageous behavior, originated in Ireland in the 14th century. The Pale was the area of Ireland under heavy British control. People living in areas outside it were considered wild, outlandish, and Gaelic speakers, to boot.

Jak sie masz: Currently, there are eight times as many people who speak Polish in Ireland as people who speak Gaelic. There are predictions that The Republic of Ireland's population, which only recently hit 4 million, will go above 5 million by 2030. Over one quarter of the residents at that time are expected to be non Irish-born. The irony is that the Republic was exporting its young into the 1990s. Most of the new Irish are the result of the effects of the European Union open-door policy on the country. The arrival of Poles in Ireland also brought a resurgence of the Catholic Church, and the introduction of Polish priests into old Irish churches.

To Wit: Oscar Wilde, the Irish born playwright and bon vivant, is considered one of the wittiest purveyors of the English language ever. Here are a few of his comments on life, and more: "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance." "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." "As yet, Bernard Shaw hasn't become prominent enough to have any enemies, but none of his friends like him." "A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything but the value of nothing." "A man's face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction." "A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it." "A woman begins by resisting a man's advances, and ends by blocking his retreat." "Rich bachelors should be

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heavily taxed. It is not fair that some men should be happier than others.”
“When the gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers.” “Bigamy is
having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.” “Always forgive your
enemies. Nothing annoys them so much.”

Land Mass Surrounded By Water on All Sides: The Emerald Isle is one
of the largest islands in the world. Heavy rain creates the lush, fertile, green
landscape. Several lakes and rivers reside in Ireland. The longest river in all
the British Isles is the Shannon.

Slainte Mhaith: The original Guinness Brewery in Dublin has a 6,000 year
lease. A full seven percent of the Irish barley crop is used solely for the
production of Guinness beer.

Hail to the Chief: The President of Ireland (Irish: Uachtarán na hÉireann) is
the head of state of the Republic of Ireland. The President is usually directly
elected by the people. The presidency is largely a ceremonial office, but the
President does exercise certain reserve powers. The office was established
by the Constitution of Ireland in 1937. The official residence of the President
of Ireland is Áras an Uachtaráin, located in the Phoenix Park in Dublin.

Strangely Perverse Golf Story: One of the propellers of The Lusitania,
sunk off The Old Head of Kinsale in 1915 by a German submarine, was
melted down and turned into sets of golf clubs that sold for \$900 each. The
sinking helped bring the United States into World War One.

Irish Travellers are a nomadic or itinerant people of Irish origin living in
Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. They refer to themselves as the
Pavee. It is estimated 23,000 Travellers live in Ireland, 15,000 in Great
Britain and 7,000 in the United States. Irish Travellers distinguish themselves
from the settled communities of the countries in which they live by their own
language and customs. Shelta (also known as Cant) is the traditional language
of Travellers.

The Great White Irish Whale. Director John Huston filmed the New
Bedford, Massachusetts scenes in his 1956 movie Moby Dick in Youghal,
County Cork. He would later make his home in Ireland, as would his daughter,
Angelica Huston. The film's Captain Ahab was portrayed by Gregory Peck,
whose grandmother, Catherine Ashe, came from West Kerry, near Dingle.
Peck's father, also Gregory, would live in Ireland before his return to
America. (The Irish patriot Thomas Ashe was a relative of Catherine's.) In
2000, Peck was made a Doctor of Letters by the National University of
Ireland. He was also a founding patron of the University College Dublin
School of Film.

Guest Starring The Dingle Peninsula: A number of movies have been
filmed in Kerry, on the Dingle peninsula. Ryan's Daughter, Far and Away,
The Playboy of the Western World, The Islandman / Eileen Aroon and The
Field all had starring roles in the locale. When making these movies, some of
the most picturesque sights on the Peninsula were used as backdrops and
locations. To take a trip around these locations, follow the list to see exactly
why they were used. Ryan's Daughter had Inch Beach on main Killarney to
Dingle Road, Coumineole Beach, and Ceathru-Schoolhouse near Dunquin
village. Far and Away used: Sleah Head and Clogher Head. The Field used
Peddlar's Lake situated on the Conor Pass and The Playboy of the Western

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World used Inch Strand. The Islandman / Eileen Aroon was filmed on The Blasket Islands, on the Dingle Peninsula.

And so, it goes. So much information, and so little space to include it all. We hope that this primer was useful for you. Happy Saint Patrick's Day.

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Milwaukee President's Message

Faillte an Marta. Dia Duit. Dia Mhaire's Duit, agus Phadraig. March is here. Finally. The Shamrock Club turns 47 this month, the parade turns 41, and the Mass is 22. All with a great deal of history, but at the same time, timeless. This organization has a lot of history, as well as pomp and circumstance, and still a lot of oomph.

We are multi generational, as well. Our Irishman, Kevin Quinlan, and Irish Rose, Patti Hogan, are the children of an Irish Rose and Irishman, Rosemary and Dick Quinlan. There is also a third generation of the Quinlan family in the SC ranks, bartending for our meetings, and piping for us.

We should never take the past for granted. It took a lot of hard work, and hard times, to have what we do today in Milwaukee and Wisconsin, with the thriving Irish cultural and music community here. But, a bigger mistake would be to take the future for granted. We have elections in May, and we have a need for strong leadership to carry us into the future. If you think you can serve in an office, please come forward.

Speaking of history, in Parlor B at the ICHC there are a couple of signs that were donated by Richard Stover two years ago. This gracious gift listed all the presidents, and the Irish honorees. It is a step back in time to see the people listed. It also makes one realize how far we have come in a half century.

But into the future we go. Our 47th birthday party is March 1 at the ICHC, Cake, honorees, and a concert by the Color Guard Pipes and Drums will make this a wonderful night. Then, the March 10 events, our Mass in honor of St. Patrick at St. Patrick's Church will take place at 8:30 a.m., with Archbishop Timothy Dolan celebrating the Mass. There will be a continental breakfast at the ICHC for \$3 after the Mass, in both the upper hall and Parlor B. Bus service to the Mass and the Parade is also available. The Parade will step off at noon, at 3rd and Wisconsin, running to Water and Highland. With over 150 units, it will be the largest parade in Wisconsin. We are also going to have a large number of New York City police officers visiting the week of the parade, and they asked to be a part of our parade this year. We stole them from Chicago's downtown celebration, no less. Our Post Parade Party, with four stages, a children's area, three Irish dance schools, a Scottish one, and music all day long, at least from 1 until 6 p.m., is the largest St. Patrick's Day party in the state under one roof.

Our parade partner, Westown, is also setting up a number of events from

March 7 through 9 at The Grand Avenue. On March 9, we will be co-sponsoring the annual "Shamrock Westown" at the Miller Time Pub in the Milwaukee Hilton. Other events in March include the Ulster Fun Night at Mount Mary on March 2, the Irish Fest Music Archives Green Tie Affair at the MAC on March 3, the Brendan Heart Benefit on March 4 at Derry's, as well as a whole number of other activities throughout the month. At the ICHC, March will have the conclusion of "St. Brigid's to St. Patrick's Day" celebrations, where each weekend there is an event going on. Call the ICHC for more information at (414) 345-8800. Check the Reflections Calendar for the most complete March events listings. Just think, with the parade a week early, we get to rest up and have the community serve us on The Day. What a deal.

On March 17, the Color Guard Pipes and Drums will be marching in Savannah, Georgia, for the second year in a row. It was an honor to be invited to the city again, and the group will show the colors of all of Irish Wisconsin when they go through the Georgia's city streets.

In April, we will have the Easter Rising Mass on April 8 at 9:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will follow. Also in April, we will have our trip to Green Bay. There is room for 47 people on the bus, and plans to visit the Packer Hall of Fame or Oneida Casino, patron's choice, with a dinner at St. Brendan's Inn to cap the day. Call Julie Smith for more details.

We will also have our scholarship raffle in April, at our general meeting. We have changed things a bit this year, with more emphasis on our Irish roots. Our grand prize will be \$500 in cash. However, we will also have prizes from County Clare, Waterford, Wedgewood, and Belleek, as well as golf packages and dinner certificates. One reason we did this was to get more money for our scholarships. Whatever we gave to students came after we had funded the raffle. This was taking away from the number of grants that could be available. A listing of the prizes will be in Reflections this month and next. Buy your tickets, and help us keep students learning more about Irish life.

Speaking of the raffle, one of the new items that we will be selling is a Shamrock Club bear. They will come in both Celtic Cross and Claddagh versions, with the Shamrock Club logo and tag attached. Spiffy. We also have a new line of clothing to sell. They will be available at both the March meeting, as well as online. Go to our web site, and click on the marketplace link. Julie Smith, Dawn Fleming, Kathy Donovan, and Marianne Fisher were on the committee that chose the items for sale. RMS Promotions, a company run by Shamrock Club members Becky and Larry Sullivan, did the legwork to set things up for this new venture. Thanks to all of them.

One of the things we have tried to do in the past few years was focus on the Irish nature of the Club, with music, lectures, demonstrations, and more showcased. Let us know if you want more of this, or if you have someone you would really like to see at a meeting. We will try to set it up, if possible. And thank you to John Gleeson for his wonderful presentation at the February meeting.

And one last point. Not a big one, but both starting quarterbacks in the Super Bowl were Irish-American.

Get some rest. It promises to be one heck of a great Green Season. See you

in April.

– Brian Witt
Briangwitt@shamrockclubwis.com

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Shamrock Club of Rock County

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARCH 15** – St. Patrick's Day Party at the Janesville Senior Center. Reservations are due by Friday, March 9. Cost: \$6 per person.

Our annual St. Patrick's Party will be on Thursday, March 15 instead of March 13 as we had previously stated, due to a conflict in the schedule of the band.

The corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the entertainment will begin at 6:30 p.m. That fine Irish group from Rockford, Casey's Fancy, will be with us again to provide us with an evening of lively entertainment. The price is \$6 per person and be sure to get your reservations into the Senior Center by Friday, March 9. You can mail your paid reservations to the Senior Center at 69 S. Water St. or stop in at the front desk at the Senior Center. For more information call 755-3040.

Scribe,

– Tom Kennedy

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South Central

The South Central Shamrock Club wishes to invite members and those who wish to join us for an evening of Irish tales, pride, music, food, and friendship. Mark your calendar for March 10. The South Central Shamrock Club 2007 St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Banquet will be held at The Voyageur Inn and Conference Center in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Our Irishman for 2007 is Daniel J. Horkan of Reedsburg and our Irish Rose is Gloria Judge also of Reedsburg. Enjoy a truly wonderful evening to celebrate our favorite holiday and honor our Irish Rose and Irishman of the year both of whom are deserving of this honor.

DETAILS OF THE EVENING:

- 5:00–6:30 pm: Social Hour or so

- 6:30 pm: Dinner. menu: chicken breast and corn beef entree' and dessert
- 7:30 pm: Program begins with Joe Fish as our Master of Ceremonies honoring Gloria and Dan as our 2007 Irish Rose and Irishman. Sean Michael Dargan of Madison will provide his musical gift of the bagpipes throughout the evening. You can visit Sean's website: [www.seanmichaeldargan.com].

Cost for the evening is \$25 per person. Please call Tom Scanlon, Vice-President for your reservations at (608) 524-6549. Or send your check, made payable to "South Central Shamrock Club" to:

Tom Scanlon
1241 7th Street
Reedsburg, WI 53959

Deadline is March 6. Tickets are available at the door, but we prefer to have your reservation. However, we will not turn anyone away from a fun filled green evening!

IN MEMORY OF ...

... Donald McConaghy – former Irishman of the Year and Parliamentarian. Donald sang Danny Boy for many St. Patrick's Day Parties throughout the years. We wish to extend our sympathy to his wife, Patricia and their daughters. He will be missed greatly and we thank him for his work in our club.

... Patrick McMahon – The First Irishman of the Year for the South Central Shamrock Club, Patrick was a member of the Milwaukee Chapter and started what is now known as The South Central Shamrock Club with a few business men from Portage. Pat Malone was one of the men who helped Patrick in the beginning and to this day the club is going strong because of Patrick. Thus, we wish to convey our deepest sympathies to Helena his wife and children Sean and Bridget and families.

... James P. (Patrick) and Margaret Howley also passed away. We extend our sympathies to their children and families.

Next meeting is April 15 at 4 p.m. at Longley's Restaurant-Reedsburg.

– Dana Horkan-Gant

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Irish Honorees 2007



Pictured left to right: Parade Marshals Pete and Dawn Fleming, Irish Rose Patti Hogan and Irishman of the Year Kevin Quinlan.

The 2007 honorees are a deserving group. It seems as though this is the year of the Shamrock Club family. All embody the giving spirit of the Shamrock Club, and the volunteer nature of our group.

Our Irishman and Irish Rose are a first – the children of an Irishman and Irish Rose. Kevin Quinlan and Patti Hogan are also the first brother and sister to hold this honor the same year. Kevin is one of the Quinlans who runs the bar at the ICHC, as well as the raffle. Patti also works the bar, with her husband, John. They have followed in the footsteps of their parents, Dick and Rosemary Quinlan, who were consummate volunteers, as well, for the Shamrock Club, Irish Fest, and the Irish community, as well as the community in general.

Pete and Dawn Fleming continue the husband and wife tradition of Parade Marshals, as it is often a shared burden and joy to serve. They are both on the Shamrock Club board, Pete as vice president, and Dawn as secretary. They have enlivened our picnics and Christmas parties the past few years, making them very interesting events.

The four of them have added a lot to the Shamrock Club. We would be all the poorer as an organization without their long hours of giving, both in spirit and on revenue. Thank you, Kevin, Patti, Pete and Dawn.

KEVIN QUINLAN IRISHMAN OF THE YEAR 2007

I was born and raised in Milwaukee to wonderful parents, Richard and Rosemary Quinlan. I graduated from Marquette High, and after three years in the Army, I attended and graduated from UW-Milwaukee. I have been married 22 years to my beautiful and loving wife Sandy, who is the Director of the South Milwaukee Senior Center. I have two beautiful girls, Kelly 18, and Kari 14, who are currently in the Shamrock Club Color Guard, Pipes and Drums. For the past ten years I have been the Director of Athletics at Thomas More High School. Prior to that I worked eleven years at Whitnall High School, and also coached Golf and Wrestling.

I have been privileged to serve the Irish community in many different facets. I am currently the North Area Coordinator for Irish Fest, (which means I supervise all the bars north of the main gate). This will be my 25th year with

Irish Fest, serving as a bartender, beer captain and my present position. I am currently bartending, along with my sisters, brother and spouses, at the ICHC for all of the concerts. I have worked at the Post Parade Party for the past fifteen years. I even had the honor to serve as St. Patrick one year in the parade!! I have been involved behind the scenes with the Shamrock Club Raffle for many years (as is my whole family), I have also volunteered at Folk Fair and the Bradley Center. It was an honor to even be nominated for this award, and truthfully this recognition should go to all of my sisters and brother and their spouses. They deserve this as much or more than me. My mother and father's Irish eyes are certainly smiling down on us. Thank you for this tremendous honor.

PATTI HOGAN
IRISH ROSE 2007

I am honored and proud to have been named the Shamrock Club's Irish Rose for 2007. I have been a member of the Shamrock Club over 20 years but my involvement with the Shamrock Club began long before that, helping my parents, Richard and Rosemary Quinlan, previous Irishman of the Year and Irish Rose, with various activities. Over the years I have been a member of the Shamrock Club Honor Guard, assisted with fund raisers at the Bradley Center, Holiday Folk Fair, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Post Party, a volunteer at Irish Fest for over 25 years and coordinating the annual raffle.

Participating in Shamrock Club activities has been a Quinlan family tradition begun by my parents, involves all my brothers and sisters and is now passing to the next generation. I look forward to representing the Shamrock Club as Irish Rose 2007, and doing so along with my brother, Kevin Quinlan, who has been selected as the Shamrock Club Irishman of the Year. I also want to thank my husband, John, for being there for me.

PETE AND DAWN FLEMING
PARADE MARSHALS 2007

My wife, Dawn and I are honored to have been chosen the Parade Marshals. This is any Irish person's dream come true. We have been involved in the Irish community for many years. Pete was one of the original cast that formed the Emerald Society of Wisconsin. We have been active in procuring items for the wonderful Brendan Heart Fund Grand Raffle. With John Karr of the Atlantic Wave at the helm, we have produced, two delightful CDs of Irish music with all the proceeds going to the Brendan Heart Fund at Children's Hospital. A third CD is currently in production. Dawn has been Secretary for the Shamrock Club Board the past two years and Pete is finishing his first year as Vice President of the Shamrock Club and also the Emerald Society of Wisconsin. We have lead the rebirth of the Shamrock Club Annual Summer Picnic. This event has turned into a mini-music festival with a day of food, games, a huge raffle, and fun for all. We also have brought Santa and his elf back to the Annual Shamrock Club Christmas Party. We want to thank you once again for this privilege of being your Parade Marshals.

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin Honoree Dinner

Sunday, May 20, 2007

Please join us in honoring the Irishman of the Year Kevin Quinlan, Irish Rose Patti Hogan, and Parade Marshals Pete and Dawn Fleming

Serb Hall, 5101 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee, WI

Cost: \$25 per person / \$50 per couple includes tax and tip Cocktails 5 pm
(Cash Bar) • Dinner 6 pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Sit down dinner choices:

_____ Stuffed Pork Chops

_____ Lemon Chicken

_____ Top Sirloin

Make checks payable to the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin and mail to:

Tom and Julie Smith
1107 South 26th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Scholarship Raffle

We have made changes to the scholarship raffle. One of the reasons was that we were spending over \$2200 just to break even. This year, we have had a number of prizes donated to us, so that we will be able to use more of the money raised to give away \$500 scholarships to qualifying college students. Our top prize will be \$500 in cash. Other prizes will be a night's stay at the County Clare Inn in downtown Milwaukee, a midweek stay at The Irish Cottage Boutique in Galena, Illinois, a piece of Waterford Crystal, a Belleek vase, a golf package from Milwaukee County, as well as a number of other certificates for dinners. A complete listing of prizes will be in the April Reflections, as well as online.

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Milwaukee Parade News

Our parade is March 10 at Noon. We are expecting to have about 150 units in the 2007 parade. These will include the Great Lakes Navy Band, the New York Emerald Society, and others. For an application, please go to our website at [<http://www.saintpatricksparade.org>]. There will be a special cart for past presidents, as well as a bus for Shamrock Club members to ride in. This is going to be the largest St Patrick's Day parade in Wisconsin. Mo's Irish Pub is paying for the television ads again this year.

For more information, contact Mike O'Leary at (414) 305-1961.

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Parade Day Bus Service

MARCH 10, 2007

TWO BUSES

- ARRIVE 7:30 a.m. Irish Cultural and Heritage Center; 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. (rear parking lot)
- DEPART 7:45 a.m. To St. Patrick's Church; 723 W. Washington Street
- DEPART 9:30 a.m. From St. Patrick's Church to Irish Cultural and Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. (rear parking lot)
- DEPART 11 a.m. From Irish Cultural and Heritage Center.

Both buses will leave the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center to drop off people who will be going to the parade and along the parade route. One bus will be assigned to go to the end of the parade route at Juneau and Edison. That bus will be staged just north of Edison Street.

One bus will be assigned to be in the parade for people who will not be able to walk in the parade. That bus will be near the front of the parade. Both buses will meet at the end of the parade at Juneau and Edison to take people after the parade to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center. They will continue making return trips from the end of the parade to the Irish Cultural and Heritage Center until 4 p.m.

We will have a representative of our club to direct the buses.

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Celtic Women First Fridays

DATE: March 2, 2007

TOPIC: “Day to Day: Life in Celtic Britain”

SPEAKER: Christine Hamlin

Chris Hamlin is an archaeologist whose research centers on gender and mortuary behavior in Celtic and Romano-British southwestern England. She teaches “Archaeology of the British Isles” at UWM. The first Hamlin arrived in England with William the Conqueror, fought bravely at the Battle of Hastings, and was rewarded for his service with several properties in Cornwall. These properties are recorded in The Domesday Book, compiled circa 1086.

DATE: March 30, 2007

TOPIC: “Thistle Be Great”

SPEAKER: Ian Day and Bob McWilliam

The First Friday of April is April 6, which is Tartan Day, but also Good Friday. Therefore this Scottish presentation will be held in March. Ian Day and Bob McWilliam will entertain using their Scots heritage with song, Robert Burns lore, and tartan and clan edification.

Everyone is welcome at the lectures. Come and join us. 5:30–7 p.m. at the ICHC, \$5 Admission. Tea and cookies served as well.

– Jean Bills

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Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at The Domes!

Community Partners Sponsor the First-of-its-Kind Family-Friendly Irish Experience

Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School, Friends of The Domes and Milwaukee County Parks are partnering to bring a family-friendly option to Milwaukee on St. Patrick’s Day, Saturday, March 17 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory (The Domes).

The whole family is invited to join in an afternoon of Irish activities. Make St. Patrick’s Day Badges; listen to Irish traditional, ballad and harp music; watch and learn Irish dance; listen to lectures on St. Patrick, the patron Saint of

Ireland; learn to play the bodhran, an Irish drum, and much more.

In addition to the activities, the event will feature traditional Irish food offerings, an Irish lace and wool and spinning wheel display, and authentic Irish items for purchase at the gift shop.

Regular Domes admission applies. Ages 18 and up are \$5. Milwaukee County seniors ages 60 and up with proof of residency are \$3.50, people with disabilities and children ages 6–7 are also \$3.50. The Domes are located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

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Color Guard News and Notes

It's here!!! The green season is here! Seems like only yesterday we were preparing for this time last year. How a year really flies. We've been so busy over the off time – outfitting the seemingly endless stream of new members (this, a very good thing), readying the new music, and raising funds for the upcoming trip and the new season.

We begin our 2007 debut as a much changed and improved unit, marching almost 40 members at press time. You'll see us beginning on March 1 with a concert in celebration of the Shamrock Club's 47th Birthday. Still looking great after all these years! Then it's on to the Milwaukee St. Patrick's Day Mass/Parade on the 10th, and the Chicago Southside Irish Parade on the 11th. Then, it's on to what we've been waiting for all year – Savannah. We've been invited back for the second year in a row to this fine city's celebration. Last year, we were lucky enough to be one of only seven units that were awarded a trophy at the end of the parade. It was a lot of hard work, but no one complained as the fun outweighed the work a thousand fold!

This celebration is the 2nd largest in the US, only smaller than Boston, and celebrates its 183rd year this year, drawing over 400,000 revelers to the streets. The SCCGPD Tunnel Rats are ready to be the favorite band once again. Join us!

Although our block of rooms is full, you're more than welcome to give me a jingle and I'll see if I can't work my travel agent expertise to help you along. Here's to us in Kevin Barry's and celebrating on River Street! (btw: a warm Happy Birthday to Gwenn Barker of the Hurling Club who will be there celebrating her 37th birthday with us!) Here are a few web sites full of information:

- www.riverstreetsavannah.com
- www.savannahnow.com
- www.savannahirish.com
- www.savannahsaintpatricksdays.com
- www.savannahmusicfestival.com

Asides: A warm Irish welcome to new members Matt, Heather and

Dominique (sorry for the spellings if incorrect). Congratulations to Neil McCafferty (and many others that I'm unsure of anniversary dates) on his one-year anniversary with us. He's made quite the contribution as a new member to our little group. Lastly, Matt Waters is almost ready to be up on the pipes after a winter of much practice on the chanter. Congrats, we can't wait to have you in the pipeline.

In the meantime, watch for a complete overhaul of our web site [www.sccgpd.org] in the coming months. This will be the best place for up to date and timely information on the band and our schedule, as well as pictures, bios, a reader forum, and schedules.

And lastly, it's never too late to join if you want to be in the band or Color Guard. No experience necessary, just a love of wearing a kilt and having fun. Contact Director Rich Pfeiffer at [Richard.Pfeiffer@sbeglobal.net] for more information.

Three weeks to go... the countdown begins.
Until April everyone,

– Noel Tylla, 4th year piper

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March Events At the ICHC

Sat., March 3: Comedy Sportz Family Show 7:30 p.m. \$19 in Advance; \$15 Seniors and Youth 13-18 years; Children under 13 free. Come and laugh with the funniest group in town. This is a 90-minute show with an intermission.

Sat., March 10: Shamrock Club Post Parade Party; Noon to 6 p.m. Adults \$7 Children \$3. Three stages of Irish Dancing and Music with local groups. Food and Beverages for purchase.

Sat. March 17: St. Patrick's Day Family Oriented Serving a Traditional Corn Beef Dinner from 3–6 p.m. in the upstairs hall. Quinlan's Pub will be open from 1 p.m. till midnight with a light sandwich fare. Come enjoy music, dancing and lots of fun.

Hallamór Concert #2

Millish

Friday, March 23

8 p.m. Opening Act: 7 p.m.

Millish is an extremely talented group of young Celtic musicians from Michigan. "The synergy created by this group of award winning musicians transcends what one might expect to hear from a Celtic oriented quartet. Millish has a wonderful ability to present serious music with a playful 'dare me not to' attitude towards arrangements and genres of their selections...."

The name Millish is a Manx word meaning sweet and luscious which is in

many ways an appropriate name for a band that plays the dulcet sound of Celtic music with the full bodied sensibilities of jazz. However defining Millish's sound is difficult. Some say the sound is similar to that of Solas or Flook while others say, "a Guinness soaked version of the Flecktones." In many ways, it is Irish traditional with a hint of jazz.

Their debut album won an International Acoustic Music award before it was officially released.

– Gwen Sisk, Publicist

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Easter Rising Mass

The Shamrock Club's Easter Rising Mass will take place on April 8 at the ICHC. The Mass will take place at 9:30 a.m. We will have a continental breakfast to follow. Betty Mikush will need eucharistic ministers for the Mass. Please contact her at (414) 541-8215.

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Member Doings

Colleen and Tom Kennedy recently spent a week in Florida, visiting family and attending a conference.

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Sunshine Club

Kay Cobb recently passed away. She is survived by husband Tom. Bill O'Boyle recently attended the funeral of his brother, Michael O'Boyle, Arizona. Our condolences to the Cobb and O'Boyle families.

Danny O'Donoghue was recently hospitalized after surgery. He is home and recovering. Pat Sadowski has moved into an assisted living center.

If you have any information about members, please contact me.

– Joe Donovan, (414) 259-8040

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St. Patrick's Help Fund

St. Patrick's Help Fund is in desperate need of non-perishable foods. Please place in container at each meeting. However, donations can be brought to the ICHC any time during the week. Questions? Call Katy Voss (414) 352-6479.

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22nd Annual Special Mass to Honor St. Patrick

Will be held prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, MARCH 10, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

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

Sign reader for hearing impaired

Shuttle Bus: from ICHC rear parking lot (2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.) to St. Patrick's Church and after Mass return to Parade Route or parking lot for just \$3 per person. Bus to leave sharply at 7:45 A.M. for the Church

Tickets for bus can be purchased by mail or at the Shamrock Club February and March General Meetings

Continental Breakfast after Mass at ICHC: Cost \$3

For Bus reservations or information contact:
Chuck and Bonnie McLaughlin
12007 W. Walker Street, West Allis, WI 53214; Phone: (414) 771-0458

Send self-addressed, stamped envelope.
Make checks payable to Shamrock Club

Mail reservations for BUS ONLY

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

Number of Reservations _____ Amount \$ _____

Bus Reservations will not be taken after March 3

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Continental Breakfast at ICHC March 10

The Shamrock Club will serve a continental breakfast March 10, after the Mass and prior to the Parade at the ICHC. It will be held in both the upper hall and Parlor B. The cost will be \$3, and will include bagels, yogurt, fresh fruit, and more. Children under 10 are free

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Flower Donations Memorials of Honor

Memorials and donations will be taken at the Milwaukee February and March meetings to help defray the costs of the flowers for the St. Patrick's Mass on March 10, 2007. Names will be printed in the Mass booklet. Mail orders can be taken up to March 3, 2007. Make checks payable to the Shamrock Club. Contact Chuck or Bonnie McLaughlin, 12007 West Walker Street, West Allis, WI 53214, (414) 771-0458

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Shamrock Club of Wisconsin 41st Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, MARCH 10, 2007

Noon – Downtown Milwaukee
(Parade will last approx. 90 minutes)

Step-off is in front of the Grand Avenue Mall
on 3rd and Wisconsin,

Proceeding east to Plankinton,
North on Plankinton to Kilbourn,
West on Kilbourn to Old World 3rd Street,
East on Juneau to Water Street,
South on Water Street

The Parade will feature 150+ units and will include local politicians and celebrities, floats, bagpipe and marching bands, Irish and Celtic organizations. The Guests of Honor will be announced in February.

The Shamrock Club of Wisconsin, Inc. has produced the Parade continuously since 1967. 2007 is the 164th anniversary of Milwaukee's 1st St. Patrick's Parade.

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Shamrock Club Post Parade Party

Saturday, MARCH 10, 2007 • 1-6 p.m.
(Doors Open at 12:20 p.m.)

Irish Cultural and Heritage Center:
2133 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee

Four stages of continuous entertainment including:
Athas, Blarney, The Gleasons, The Sandcarvers, Stone Ring, Trinity Irish Dancers, Glencastle Irish Dancers, Shamrock Club Pipes & Drums, and more

Bands, Irish Dance Schools, Scottish Dancers, Bagpipe Bands, Children's Area

Food and Beverages available for purchase!!!

Adults \$6 / Children (6-12) \$3 / Under 6 Free

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Kinsella News

Over Thanksgiving week-end, Kinsella Academy of Irish Dance sent dancers, including Shamrock Club family members Kelly Dalton and the Fehrenbach brothers, Daniel, Andrew and Michael, to compete at the Midwest Regional Championships. It was a great week-end of Irish culture! Almost 60 Irish dance schools from around the Midwest were represented.

Both Kelly and Daniel qualified, as soloists, for the World Championships

which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland, in April of 2007. Kelly and Daniel's "under 15 ceili team" won the Championship with other team members: Brendan Keyes, Shannon Touhey, Liam Alba, Taylor Luckow, Avery Emerson, and Sean Kim. This ceili team will also be competing at the World Championships.

Andrew and Michael's "under 12 ceili team" took 1st as well, with their team members: Kyra Fox, Gabby Rigden, Kevin Brauer, Katie Powers, Colm Alba and Julia Clare Liegel.

Their teachers Ryan Alba TCRG and Brigid O'Sullivan are proud of their accomplishments, as well as, the dedication and effort of all their dancers!

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Trip to Green Bay

The Milwaukee chapter is planning a trip to Green Bay on April 21. Plans are to visit the Packer Hall of Fame, or Oneida Casino. Members can decide which venue they want to attend when they arrive. There will also be a dinner at St Brendan's in Green Bay to cap the day. Contact Julie Smith for details and cost, at (414) 384-4119, or [jesmith26@sbcglobal.net]. We need at least 25 people to make the trip. The more people traveling, the lower the cost of the coach we are renting.

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Milwaukee Hurling Sign-up

The Milwaukee Hurling Club will be having its yearly sign-up day at the ICHC on Saturday, March 24, from noon until 5 p.m. The Shamrock Club is proud to sponsor a team in the MHC, the "Griffins". Opening day is May 20 at Brown Deer Park.

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Celtic Spirituality

Raise your spirits and travel to Ireland on October 26 – November 3 for "Celtic Spirituality: A Personal Journey". Learn the history and relevance of pre-Christian and early Christian sites in Kerry, Clare, Galway, Meath and

more. Spend Halloween night on the Aran Islands. Each day has a special focus, with time for reflection and prayer. Participants of all religions welcome! For further information, contact Colleen at (262) 782-5274 or cmkenned@sbcglobal.net. Commitment deadline is April 1, 2007.

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Join the Shamrock Club

Why should you join? Because we really would like you to help us in our celebration of Irish life. You will be a part of one of the most storied 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.

Join today. For the first time, or for the fifth time. We are always happy to have you as a part of us.

Yes, I want to join the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin!!

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, Rock County and New Dublin chapters at the \$20/\$25 rate. Other chapters have higher dues structures and must be contacted separately.

Mail to: Milwaukee Membership Chair

Tom Smith
1107 S. 26th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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Welcome New Members

NOTE: Please send your dues to your Membership Chairperson in your chapter. All names and addresses are listed in Emerald Reflections.

Milwaukee: Michael and Virginia Dougherty; Brenda Fay; Patrick T. McDevitt; Daniel Martin and Barbara Banes and Annalyse Martin; Dominique Martin; Larry and Becky Sullivan Family; George W. and Jane Twohig; George J. and Caroline Twohig.

MEMBERSHIP

December: 21 Due, 10 Paid, 11 will be dropped Feb. 1 for nonpayment of dues. New: four Families and seven Singles.

January: 28 Due, 13 Paid, 15 Due.

February: 41 Due, 3 Paid, 38 Due. No new members.

– Tom Smith

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