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A Night to Remember



On Monday, March 11, 2024, we honored our Members of the Year, Mary McCluskey and Robert Fitzgerald. We were also happy to have join us the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Patrick Murphy, Irish Mother of the Year, Pat Homan, Inside Co-Chair, Dave McLaughlin and Outside Co-Chair, Father Francis Walsh. Also in attendance was the West Side Irish American Club's Man of the Year, Jim McGuirk and their Queen, Erin Mackin. We were also happy to welcome the Executive Director of the parade, John Togher.

Special thanks to Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail, Mayor of Euclid who presented proclamations to our Members of the Year, and the Honorable Judge Brendan Sheehan along with his wife the Honorable Judge Michelle Sheehan. Thank you for being part of our honoring all these great and deserving people.



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BOOK BUZZ

Bonnie Easton

Today, the largest matchmaking event is held in Lisdoonvarra, Ireland, during September and October where 400,000 people are usually in attendance. Matchmakers in Ireland were usually male because there was money involved in deciding on a dowry, etc. In the historical romance, *The Irish Matchmaker: A Novel* by Jennifer Diebel, Jimmy Daly and his partner-daughter, Catriona, join forces to help two new clients. Andrew is the handsome son of Lord Osbourne while cattle farmer, Donal Bunratty, is a widower with an eight-year-old daughter who needs a mum. Catriona is seeking a match for herself, first a leaning toward Andrew, but she is then drawn to the shy Donal. Complications arise when Donal and Andrew negotiate a risky business deal together.

The Altar Girls is the 13 entry in Patricia Gibney's DI Lottie Parker mystery series. Warning: This story involves the murder of little girls. A twisted killer has left the bodies of two little girls dressed in white robes and fingers interlaced with a rosary as if in prayer and then left frozen in the snow. Lottie suspects their parents are lying and she doesn't know who to trust. Then a choirboy is reported missing. Can she prevent another murder before it's too late?

Knock Knock Open Wide is a horror fiction novel by Neil Sharpson. On a stormy night in 1979, Etain Larkin finds a faceless corpse on the road. A few days later, she is found half-dead near a burned-out farmhouse, and she remembers nothing about what led to her injuries. Ten years later, one of her eight-year-old twin daughters, Niamh, disappears and her husband dies of an apparent suicide. Etain descends into alcoholism and is trying to raise her other twin, Ashling. Fast forward to 2023 with Ashling in college and falling in love with her girlfriend. She wants to know what happened to her family. Seemingly, it may involve a child on an old children's TV show and a goat puppet hidden in a box who would come out only if a child misbehaves. What will happen if he comes out?

Genealogist Chris Paton offers a new reference book, *Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*. He gives a short history of this Northern Irish city before veering into finding resources, both in print in the city and online.

I recently found a poll asking for readers' favorite Irish historical fiction choices. For the next few months, I'll list a

few of these oldies but goodies for your upcoming summer reading lists: *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon, *Trinity* by Leon Uris, *Angela's Ashes* (a memoir—not fiction) by Frank McCourt, *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne, and *The Yellow House* by Patricia Falvey.

More reading suggestions can be found at PadraicPearseCenter.weebly.com. Happy Reading!

May Communion Breakfast

Ladies Ancient of Hibernians Deirfiur of Charity Division will be hosting Mass and May Crowning on Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Hall. Following Mass, the kind gentlemen of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Bluestone Division will serve breakfast. All are welcome! More information to follow. Save the date! Questions? Contact Division President, Sarah O'Brien (216-337-9004) or Mass Chairwoman, Patricia Homan (440-655-6494).

HE SAID...SHE SAID...

Donna Baioni and The Membership

Happy April birthdays to **Karoline Ferencak**, April 1; **Sheila Joyce Byrne**, **Alex Cavelli**, **Bruce Greig** and **Celia Brewer** all share an April 2 birthday; **Bella Behm** and **Chris Halley**, April 4; **Gerry Quinn** and **Carolynn Evers**, April; 5 **Dorothy Gallagher**, April 6; also to **Bridget Piotrowski**, and **Jim Nugent**, on April 6; **Fiona Cavelli**, **Joe Ward** and **Wes Feathers**, on April 8; **Nolan Waite**, April 12; **Dave Baioni**, April 14; **Sean Fitzgerald**, April 15; **Michaela Pingstock**, April 17; **Erin Homan**, and **Sue Guzik**, April 18; **Jack Carroll**, April 19; **Maureen Dowd**, April 20; **Amelia Carroll**, April 22; **Ann Campbell Dunham**, and **Patty Baroni**, April 24; **Brendan Cosgriff**, **Judy Sullivan** and **Duffy Wagner**, April 25; **John Homan**, April 26; **Heather O'Brien**, April 28; **Liam Piotrowski**, **Peggy Bennett** and **Kelly Perko**, April

Anniversary wishes go out to **Jason & Kelly Pingstock**, April 17; **Matt & Erica Drew**, April 22; **Tom & Betty Cosgriff**, April 25; and **JJ & Erin Behm**, celebrate their 8th anniversary on April 30;

Our sympathies go out to the families of **Patricia Reilly**, age 90 who passed away February 21, **Mary Lou Gannon** who passed on March 2; **Richard Reagan**, 81, passed on March 3, and **Theresa Clark**, mother of Ann King.

Get well wishes to **Mary Kay Malone** and **Rhonda Henry**.

Congratulations to **Linda Walsh**, the rest of the **IACES board** and cast of **volunteers** for all their hard work to make the "**Green Season**" such a success. Shout out to the kitchen crew, the food was great!

To have your important events included in this column, please write them on the flyers found on the tables at the membership meetings, or call Ann Turk at 440.943.3088, or email schanachie@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Padraic Pearse Center's Ladies Only Raffle

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Membership Has Its Privileges

- ☘ There were 255 members signed in at the March 11 meeting. If you paid your dues, but are not receiving *The Schanachie*, contact Membership Secretary, Mary Alice Curran 440.665.8110. *The Schanachie* is available online on the Club website (eastsideirish.org) and on our Facebook page (IACES).
- ☘ If you have a child 18 years of age who has come off your Family Membership, we have a membership rate of \$20 per year until s/he reaches age 21.
- ☘ No new Members.

March MONTHLY DRAWING

Member Peggy Burke #8354 was not present at the March 11 membership meeting and did not win \$348. Attend the April 15 meeting and sign in for a chance to WIN \$627.

Club Rental Information

The Irish American Club East Side is available for gatherings of all sizes. We can host your party, shower, luncheon, wedding, banquet, or fundraiser. The upper hall can accommodate up to 500 people depending on setup. The lower level Phil Walsh Cabaret Room can seat up to 130 guests. If you wish to rent the Phil Walsh Cabaret Room you may bring in your own food or you have the option of using one of our club caterers. To reserve either the upper hall or the Phil Walsh Cabaret Room, contact Mary McCluskey at 216.978.4926, Linnea Meaney at 216.870.9404.

HEADLINES and DEADLINES

If you would like to submit an article for *The Schanachie*, the **deadline** for the **May** issue is **April 8**. You may continue to send your articles to the Club or you may email them to Schanachie@gmail.com. Submission time is not the only criteria for inclusion and we reserve the right to edit due to content and space. If you have any questions call Ann Turk at 440.943.3088 or Linda Walsh at 216.538.1358.

Monthly Membership Meetings

Members are allowed to bring a dessert for the monthly meetings.

Month	Letter	Month	Letter
JANUARY	A & B	JULY	N & O
FEBRUARY	C & D	AUGUST	P, Q & R
MARCH	E & F	SEPTEMBER	S
APRIL	G, H & I	OCTOBER	T, U & V
MAY	J, K & L	NOVEMBER	W, X, Y & Z
JUNE	M	DECEMBER	All Members

Keep up to date with weekly email blasts from the **IACES!** Do you know that the **IACES** sends out weekly email blasts with information on upcoming events at the **IACES**, Padraic Pearse and the greater Irish community?

If you would like your email address added to this list please contact Joe Ward at JPW7254@outlook.com

“In Memoriam” Plaque

In the lower hall there is an “In Memoriam” Plaque with the names of deceased members of the Club listed. If you have a friend or loved one that was a member of the Club and has passed away and you would like their name to be included on this Plaque, you can send their name and a check for \$50 made out to the Irish American Club: or you can contact Linda Walsh at 216.538.1358.



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Sunday	6 pm - 11 pm

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