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A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows
and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it,
as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people
and
their causes need you most,
and
by making you anxious to be there
to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy
to you for the year ahead.

The Wee Fellahs

SAVE THE DATE

February 7, 2021 - Super Bowl Party

Club Units for the 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade

As difficult as this is, the Executive Board and Unit Leaders feel that for the safety of our marching units, we will suspend practices which typically begin the first Sunday in January and weeknight practices for all parade units.

Should the parade take place in 2021, we will consider other ways for the Irish American Club East Side, Inc. to participate in a safe way. We know this decision is disappointing, especially for the children as they have already been through so much this year. Rest assured we will be back again next year bigger and better.

We will send out our usual email blasts, keep you up to date on Facebook, and in *The Schanachie*. Please stay safe and healthy.

Wishing you all the best,
The Executive Board

ST. PATRICK'S DAY RAFFLE 2021

It's that time of year again. We will have raffle tickets ready for sale at the January Membership Meeting.

We will also have tickets ready for all members to pick up so you can assist with making our Club's fundraiser a great success. Ticket price will remain at \$20 each, with a main prize of \$5,000.

Be one of the first ones to get a chance at being a big winner on St. Patrick's Day 2021!



L to R top row: Piper Sandy Tryk (who now lives and plays in Japan and also played with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra)—tenor drummer the late Bonnie Ross—her husband side drummer Ed Ross (both from Greenville, Pa)—Lead Drummer the late Mike McBride (formerly drummer for the Raspberries now in Cle. Rock n Roll Hall of Fame)—piper A.G. Lee who became Pipe Major of the University of Seton Hall Pipe Band—News-Herald writer/piper Peter Strozniak—Neil Conway (Canadian Open Bass Drum Champion) PHD and solo piper medalist Michael McCoy—Bruce Greig (current Pipe Major of IACES Pipe Band), artist/piper Lynne Lofton, drummer Michael Crawley (professional musician with Mary’s Lane),--piper Jason Beard—drummer Andy McChesney.

Kneeling: side drummer Debbie Loach (Louisiana Symphony Orchestra), swinging tenor drummer the late Frank Vitek, piper Clarke Abercrombie (member of World Champion 78th Fraser Highlanders of Toronto), Barry Conway (Pipe Major of the Great Lakes Pipe Band), Pipe Maker Jerry Gibson (Seaforth Highlanders), Pipe Major Doug Ross (formerly of the Clan MacFarlane of St. Catharines, Ontario.)

In Memoriam: Frank Vitek and Michael McBride

Neil Conway

The IACES Pipe Band lost two of its founding members in the last several months; that is, tenor drummer Frank Vitek at age 90, and lead drummer/snare drummer and composer Michael McBride at age 71.

The band was originally founded in 1948 as the Caledonian Pipe Band, and was later renamed the North Coast Pipe Band by Pipe Major Douglas Ross, which became the official pipe band of the Irish American Club around 1988 under the leadership of then President Mickey Coyne.

Frank Vitek was known for his amazing ability to incorporate a band pulse as a “swinging tenor” with his trademark, a hand painted drum made at the band’s inception. Frank was honored at his funeral with solo piping performances by artist/piper Lynne Lofton and Pipe Major Bruce Greig of the IACES Pipe Band joining the Vitek family, with written tributes by Drum Major/piper Dan Rabkewych and piper/writer Peter Strozniak. Frank was the winner of solo recognition including a first-place medal at the Can-Am Games held in Sarnia, Ontario.

Michael was the author of the pipe band drum scores, which lead the band to unprecedented success. Both Frank

and Michael were members when the band won Best Overseas Band and first U.S. pipe band to place at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. If that wasn’t enough, they were also ranked first in the United States by defeating all four grade 1 U.S. bands at the Delco Highland Games near Philadelphia. Further, they were first place in the Cleveland St. Patrick’s Day Parade; and first place victories in contests at the Ohio Scottish Games, Chevrolet Celtic Classic in Bethlehem (PA), Virginia Scottish Games, Vail Celtic Festival (CO), Santa Rosa Highland Games (CA), Edinboro Highland Games (PA), Ligonier Highland Games (PA) where they won the challenge to grade 1 over the former North American Champions the Clan MacFarlane Pipe Band (St. Catharines, Ontario), the Canadian Championship (Cambridge, Ontario), and the U.S. Open Pipe Band Championship (Alma, MI).

Prior to pipe band drumming, Michael was the drummer for the notorious Cleveland rock and roll band the Raspberries, who are honored in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.



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BOOKBUZZ

It is finally time to say goodbye to 2020. May 2021 bring you all good health and good fortune.

Here are lots of interesting reads to start the new year.

The Shortest Day by Colm Toibin (author of the popular *Brooklyn*) offers an exclusive short story in Amazon Kindle format. Professor O'Kelley, an archeologist, is hunting for the secret of the ancient burial site at Newgrange in County Meath. He is not discouraged by the ghost stories told by local townsfolk.

Chosen as the winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction and a New York Times best book of the year, ***Hamnet*** by Northern Irish writer Maggie O'Farrell is a novel about the life of a family with 11 year-old twins in Stratford, England, in 1596. Little Judith falls ill with bubonic plague. Their mother, Agnes, is gifted in the use of healing herbs, but she sees the future in which one of her twins dies. Judith survives her illness, but Agnes' son, Hamnet, succumbs to the disease, while her husband is away in London seeking fame and fortune as a playwright. O'Farrell is telling the story of the lives of William Shakespeare and Anne Hathaway.

In ***Big Girl, Small Town: A Novel*** by Michelle Gallen, Majella O'Neill is a 20 something young woman with autism who works in a takeout restaurant in a Northern Irish town. She appears to be living a boring, predictable life, but it is more complex than that. Told with dark humor, Majella struggles to find her place in the town while living with the memory of her grandmother's murder, her mother's alcoholism, and her father's disappearance.

Little Cruelties by Liz Nugent is a dark psychological thriller about the sibling rivalry of brothers William, Brian, and Luke. The book opens with a funeral of one of the brothers, but which one isn't revealed until the plot twist at the end.

The art world is the setting of Danielle McLaughlin's debut novel, ***The Art of Falling: A Novel***. Nessa McMormack is a curator for an art gallery preparing an exhibition of the late sculptor Robert Locke's work, but the artist's wife and mistress are vying for control of the pieces. In the meantime, Nessa is trying to heal her own marriage after her husband's infidelity and to keep a secret from her past.

For those who enjoy historical novels about the Great Famine and the 1916 Rising, Irish author Marita Conlon-McKenna has written ***The Hungry Road: The Gripping and Heartbreaking Novel of the Irish Famine*** and ***Rebel Sisters: The Epic and Heartbreaking Story of Three Extraordinary Women Fighting for Ireland's Freedom***,

both available in digital and paperback formats. ***The Hungry Road*** tells the stories of a seamstress, a doctor, and a priest striving to survive the suffering of the Great Famine in 1845. ***Rebel Sisters*** is a fictional account of the three beautiful and intelligent Gifford sisters during the First World War and The Rising. Grace, an artist, married Joseph Mary Plunkett in Kilmainham Gaol the night before his execution by the British for his leadership in the Rising. Muriel was the wife of rebel Thomas MacDonagh, also executed for The Rising. Nellie joined Countess Constance Markievicz at St. Stephen's Green and helped with the distribution of provisions, an action which landed her in Kilmainham Gaol at the same time as her two brothers-in-law. Happy Reading!

PADRAIC PEARSE IS ON FACEBOOK

Follow the **Padraic Pearse Center** on our Facebook Page for suggestions on books and movies as well as genealogy tips. Keep up with all the updates on upcoming activities. We also have a website at **padraicpearsecenter.weebly.com**. Our members are working hard planning some great new events for you in 2021 as soon as we are able to present them safely.

HE SAID. . .SHE SAID. . .

Marilou Donovan and The Membership

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If a kindhearted soul would like to leave a \$3,000.00 tip, Jim Burke is ready to share with the working bartenders.

Happy belated birthday to **Kevin Scott** who celebrated on November 21. Sending birthday wishes to all our New Year's babies: **Sarah O'Brien Dirk**, January 2; **Sandi Sakenes**, January 4; **Linda Walsh**, January 7; **Sharon Spinks**, January 9; **Brian Hart**, January 12; **Martha Byrne**, January 24; **Margaret Gross** and **Grace Giancola**, January 31.

Anniversary blessings go out to **Jim & Linda Burke**, January 19; and **Jim & Carolyn Evers**, January 22.

The IACES Pipe Band lost two founding members of the original North Coast Pipe Band in the last months, tenor drummer **Frank Vitek** (husband of Jean) on August 25 at age 90 and lead drummer/snare drummer **Michael McBride** at age 71. We send thoughts and prayers to the extended McIntyre-Carey family on the loss of **Kathy Carey** on November 29. We also extend our deepest condolences to all the family and friends of **Paul Kowalski** who died December 1 and to the extended Keenan family on the death of **Kevin J. Keenan** on December 9.

Membership Has Its Privileges

There were 51 members signed in at the December 14th meeting.

New Members for December meeting:

Please Welcome New Member: Scott Taylor

If you paid your dues, but are not receiving *The Schanachie*, contact Membership Secretary, Kathy Foster 440.289.4785. 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.

December Monthly Drawing

Member Kathy Dickriede was not present at the December membership meeting and did not win \$1,157. Attend the January 11 membership meeting for a chance to WIN \$ 1,228.

Club Rental Information

The Irish American Club is available for rentals of all sizes. We can accommodate showers, graduations, banquets, receptions of all kinds, funerals and of course, weddings. We have two facilities available, the upper hall for larger parties and the Phil Walsh Cabaret room for smaller parties. Koumbaros is the exclusive caterer for the upper hall. If you wish to rent the lower hall you may bring in your own homemade food but you also have the option of using our club caterer. To reserve either the upper hall or the Phil Walsh Cabaret room, please call Rick Eberhard 216.338.3774.

HEADLINES and DEADLINES

If you would like to submit an article for *The Schanachie*, the **deadline** for the **February** issue is **January 4**. 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 Kevin McCluskey at 216.956.2653. Proofreading staff is working from home during the Covid-19 virus.

Ticket Policy

Tickets for any event at the Irish American Club East Side can be obtained by phone or mail. When mailing your ticket request, please be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check made payable to: Irish American Club East Side. If you pre-order a dinner for an event and do not show up or you do not cancel within 48 hours of the dinner, you will be billed by the Club for the price of the meal.

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Tickets for sold out events must be paid for by the Thursday prior to the event.

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 Sarah Dirk at obriendirk@gmail.com or 216.337.9004.

“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 Jean Walsh at 440.942.3207.

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Saturday	6 PM - 9:45 PM
Sunday	1 PM - 6 PM

Sunshine Club

If you know of a member who is sick or if there has been a death in the family, Mary Kay Malone, Chairperson of the Sunshine Club, will try and send a card on behalf of the Club. You can contact Mary Kay at 216.337.4356 or send her an e-mail mkm1159@yahoo.com with the member's information.

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**1pm - 3 pm: Echoes of Erin WCWA AM 1230
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**6pm - 7 pm: Song of Britain & Ireland WCPN
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