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IRISH AMERICAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$20 per person annual membership dues payable to:
Irish American Club • 2068 Michigan Avenue • Detroit, MI 48216

Name(s) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____ Date _____

New Member Renewal

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Log onto: www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org
for current events and news
at the Gaelic League.



GAELIC LEAGUE, INC.
IRISH AMERICAN CLUB
2068 Michigan Avenue • Detroit, Michigan, 48216

Gaelic League Membership Requirements

To become a Gaelic League member, according to our Constitution, an individual must be:

- Of Irish birth or descent
- Proposed by a Gaelic League member in good standing
- 21 years of age or older
- An active Irish-American Club member for the past two years

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in becoming a Gaelic League member, ask a member to sponsor you and complete an application form. Names are submitted by sponsors at a monthly meeting and then voted on the following month.

THE GAELIC LEAGUE, INC. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

2068 Michigan Avenue • Detroit, Michigan, 48216 • Phone: 313-964-8700 or www.GaelicLeagueofDetroit.org

May-June, 2009

Mark Your Calendar !

May, 2009

- 1 Friday Terry Murphy - 8pm -1am, no cover charge
- 2 Saturday Kentucky Derby Party, 4:00pm
Wear your hat and bring a dish to pass! Contests and Prizes
- 8 Friday  Codgers, 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
Charlie Taylor – 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancing, 8pm
- 9 Saturday Euchre – 6:45 registration, \$10
Inis Ceol, 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
- 14 Thursday Matt Cunningham in Concert – 7:30pm
\$15 in advance, \$17 at the door
- 15 Friday Terry Murphy – 8pm-1am, no cover charge
Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancing, 8pm
- 16 Saturday Irish Genealogical Society – 12Noon-4
Codgers, 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
- 17 Sunday Pub Quiz – 3:45pm, \$5, Pot Luck
- 22 Friday Charlie Taylor – 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancing, 8pm
- 23 Saturday DJ Pat Johnson, 8pm-1 am, no cover charge
- 25 Monday Closed for Memorial Day Observances
- 29 Friday Larry Larson RETURNS – 8pm-1am, Welcome back Larry!
Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancing, 8pm
- 30 Saturday Brian Bonner – 8pm-1 am, no cover charge

June, 2009

- 5 Friday Larry Larson – 8pm-1am, no cover charge
Kitty Heinzman Ceili Dancing, 8pm
- 6 Saturday Codgers, 8pm - 1am, no cover charge
- 7 Sunday Corktown Home Tour
- 12 Friday Larry Larson – 8pm-1am, no cover charge
- 13 Saturday 4th Annual Golf Outing – See entry form inside
Inis Ceol, 8pm-1 am, no cover charge

Officers 2009

Theresa Anaya
President
Mary Bongiorno
Vice-President
Erin Keem
Financial Secretary
Marilyn Couture
Treasurer
Jesse Anaya
Recording Secretary

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Mary Bongiorno
Eddie Landaw
Sheila Maloney
David Keem
Howard Kelley
Roxanne LaPuma
Patrick McParland
Daniel O'Neill
Susan Waisanen

Board of Auditors

Margaret Kenny
Ann Aldridge
Jim Dewan

Newsletter Editor

Kevi Chapman

Club Hours

Sunday
12 Noon-11pm
Monday-Thursday
2-9:00pm
Friday & Saturday
12 Noon-2:00am
*Entertainment
begins at
8:00 p.m.
on
Friday & Saturday*

From the President

Whew – the hard part is over . . .

Or so they tell me! It takes teamwork to pull something like Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day off and for all the bumps & bruises along the way it was a great success because of the support and hard work of our dedicated volunteers.

Thanks again!!

2009 Fish Frys were "awesome". I would like to thank Dave Keem, Susan Waisanen, Kathleen Partyka, Ellen Waisanen, Erin Bongiorno, Tessa Anaya, Erin Keem, Sheila Maloney and George Chapman for all the hard work they put in. Susan even managed to "recruit" her family members and put them to work. You all make a fantastic team!

Come on down and support the club for upcoming events. Join us on Saturday, May 2 for our second "Kentucky Derby Party". Don't forget to wear a lovely hat and get in the contest. Other surprises will be included so don't miss it.

Matt Cunningham and his band will be performing on Thursday, May 14. Tickets are only \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. So wear your dancing shoes and "Come to the Ceili". Even if you don't dance you can sit and do some toe-tapping while you enjoy the music.

The Fourth Annual Golf Outing has been set for Saturday, June 13. See details inside and if you don't golf—make sure you show up for the steak dinner.

I am looking forward to seeing you at some or all of our events. Your ideas or suggestions for the club are appreciated, please let us know. Our club is only as successful as the people involved. Let's keep it moving!!

Sonás ort,

*Theresa Anaya
President, 2009*



To Contact the Gaelic League:

Call us at: 313-964-7474 (leave a message)

E-mail us at: gaelicleague@aol.com

Fax us at: 313-96-IRISH

On-Going Events

— Sundays —

Harp Lessons, 1 pm

Radio Show

1:30-3pm

WNZK AM 690

Pub Quiz

3rd Sunday of Month

4 pm

— Mondays —

Set Dancing, 8pm

Board Meeting

3rd Monday of Month

7:00 pm

Membership

Meeting

4th Monday of Month

7:30 pm

— Wednesdays —

Irish Language

7:00 pm

— Fridays —

Céili Dancing

8-10:00 pm

Entertainment, 8pm

— Saturdays —

Entertainment, 8pm

(Events subject to change.)

Attention: Irish American Club Members

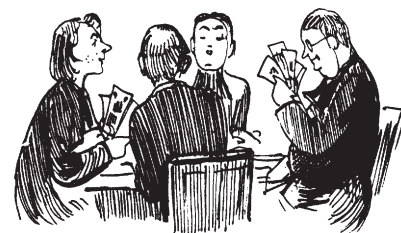
“Back-in-the-day” at the Gaelic League there were; ski clubs, dart leagues, provencal dances, Irish football sponsorships, bowling leagues and other social events that brought many people to the Gaelic League. They enriched the Detroit Irish community and kept the membership rolls healthy.

It would be nice to further expand our offerings and have that kind of community participation again.

Gaelic League members are the official "ruling" body of the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, but their membership ranks are small in number compared to those who hold Irish American (IA) membership and they are no more important in maintaining a healthy organization.

The Club is open 7 days a week to members of both groups and we welcome participation at all our social events from Irish American (IA) members — and while monthly Board Meetings are open only to Gaelic League Board Members and monthly Gaelic League General Membership meetings are open only to Gaelic League members, **Board and General Membership meetings can be a setting for the exchange of ideas between both memberships.**

If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to present to the Gaelic League please contact any of the officers by calling the League and ask for time to present your suggestions at the next Gaelic League Board Meeting.



Euchre Night
at the Gaelic League
Saturday Evening
May 9, 2009
Register at 6:45pm, \$10
Game begins at 7pm

Contact Theresa for details
313-278-3552



*Can't thank you enough for a job well done
We even managed to have some fun
From the musicians, the cooks & the clean up crew,
the door, the bartenders & officers too.*

*Your support is how we pulled it together
Oh yes & kudos for the beautiful weather
The marchers & float were a welcome addition
Thanks to all for continuing this wonderful tradition.*

Sincerely, Theresa Anaya, President



Gaelic League Irish Radio Show

Airs every Sunday,
1:30-3:00 pm
WNZK / 690 AM

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Announcements are
gladly accepted.

Call: 313-96-IRISH
Studio Number: 248-557-3300

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www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org
and click on: Radio Link
during show hours

Help sponsor the Radio show!

100% of your donation goes to
the show. Please make checks
payable to WNZK Radio and
send them to the League.

Up-Coming Events for June 2009

Thursday, June 18
Bloomsday

Friday, June 19
Larry Larson 8-1

Saturday, June 20
Irish Genealogical Society
Noon-4pm

Friday, June 26
Larry Larson 8-1

Saturday, June 27
Brian Bonner 8-1

**Larry Larson: All Fridays
in July & August**

**No Entertainment on
Saturdays in July or
August**

Hooley in the Kithen

As I write for the May-June issue of the Gaelic League/Irish-American Newsletter, there is still one fish fry to go; Good Friday. Because of that, I can't give you the final tally on how we did for the whole season, but so far, it's been steady and we've served about the same number of dinners as last year. I can't thank the absolutely awesome crew of Tessa Anaya, Erin Bongiorno, Erin Keem, Sheila Maloney, Kathleen Partyka, Ellen Waisanen and Susan Waisanen enough. These folks cheerfully gave up their Friday nights for seven weeks, through the Lenten period, to ensure the fish fries were successful. Thanks also goes out to a number of "guests" who stopped in to help out; Kathy Drozd, Sue Duncan and guest chef, George Chapman, who expertly manned the fryer when he could get away from his day job.

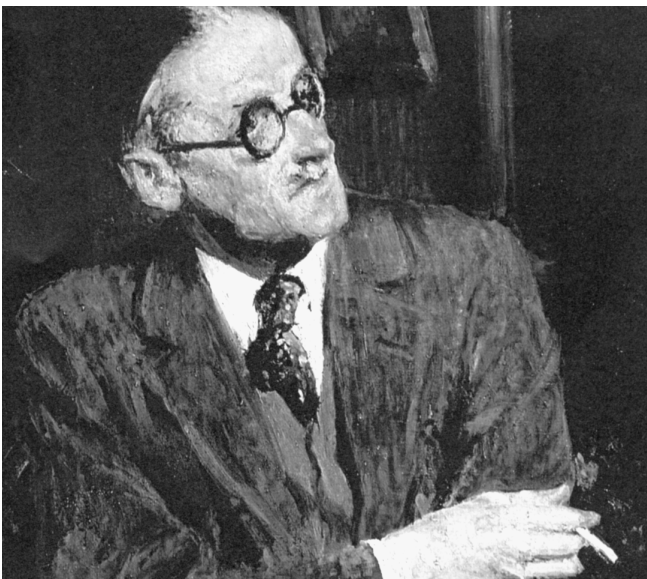
As always, the High Holy Days were a blast in the kitchen. The work there, including prep and clean-up, resulted in some pretty long days, but the great attitude and

comradery of the volunteers makes the work and the hours pass quickly. The Kitchen revenues from Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day this year actually exceeded last year, which is great considering the state of the economy. There are too many names to include here, but my heartfelt thanks go to all of you who gave their time to help out in the kitchen on these two days. A very special thanks to all the folks from the kitchen who also donated the tip money collected to the Irish Radio Hour.

One last "thank you" before I close. The Saturday night Euchre players very generously donated two new stainless steel work tables to the kitchen from their profits. I can't begin to tell you how much those tables are appreciated. For the first time in my recollection, all of the work surfaces in the kitchen are the same height, making food prep much easier on our backs. They also make clean up so much easier. Thank You Euchre Players!

Submitted by Dave Keem

22nd Annual James Joyce Bloomsday Celebration



It was on June 16th, in 1904, the Leopold Bloom, the hero of James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*, wandered around Dublin City for hours and hours, enjoying many pleasant experiences and enduring a number of unpleasant ones.

In 2009 people all over the world, Irish and others, will spend the day celebrating Bloom's odyssey, putting down pints, and honoring James Joyce and Irish literature and song.

Such an event will occur at the Gaelic League on Thursday, June 18th, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Forum of Detroit – running from 5:00 until 9:00 pm.

You may come to read a bit of Joyce for the assembled faithful. You may come to sing an Irish song or tell a story. (Some may come in Dublin c.1900 costume.) Or you may come just to sit back and enjoy. Come and bring a friend.

For further information, call Ann Kerwin at 313-861-5760

Matt Cunningham Appearing at the Gaelic League

“Widely acclaimed as a multi-instrumentalist and master of traditional Irish music and song”, Matt Cunningham will make a return performance at the Gaelic League Hall on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:30pm. Matt hails from Headford, Co. Galway on the shores of Lough Corrib.

Matt’s recordings include “The Dance Music of Ireland Vols. 1-9” which were designed to teach the art of Irish Ceili and Set Dancing.

Come enjoy an evening of music, song, and dance from one of Ireland’s finest entertainers. Matt and his Band will play for ceili dances, set dances and waltzes. Tickets available for \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door, 7:30pm.

For tickets or more info:

The Gaelic League 313 964 7474

Anne McCallum 519-944-1549

amccallum@stclaircollege.ca

Una Bonner 313 565 4833

ujbonner@comcast.net

*Beannacht ar gach Athair
Happy Fathers Day !!
June 21*

Discover Corktown

If you are coming to the League for a meeting, dancing, language or music classes, come a little early and grab a bite at one of Corktown's eclectic eateries.

Everyone knows about Slow's, of course (Slow's BBQ on Michigan just West of the League), but have you tried the new little place on Howard St. just off Trumbull called Le Petite Zinc? They've been getting rave reviews for their crepes.

Mudgies, located on Porter and Brooklyn is now open evenings and Saturdays, in addition to their famous deli-type sandwiches they now offer dinner.

Baile Corcaigh (pronounced bally cork), Corktown's premier Irish restaurant is open Wednesday thru Sunday and offers wonderful Irish fare in a beautiful Irish setting.

For burgers there's Nemos, Caseys and of course, White Castle (who, incidently take American Express!).

So come to Corktown early and get the total experience before joining us at the League.

Quilts from Ireland

Featuring an amazing collection of over 125 quilts from both the Republic and Northern IRELAND! 20 quilters will travel from Ireland to share their culture, quilts and teach classes. The exhibit's only stop in North America.

October 19-24, 2009 at Cotton-By-Post in Ailsa Craig, Ontario (just two hours from Detroit) \$7 a ticket

Check our website for more information: www.cotton-by-post.com or call: 888-315-9882.

A Mother's Love Is A Blessing

*An Irish boy was leaving
Leaving his native home
Crossing the broad Atlantic
Once more he wished to roam
And as he was leaving his mother
Who was standing on the quay
She threw her arms around his waist
And this to him did say*

*A mother's love's a blessing
No matter where you roam
Keep her while she's living
You'll miss her when she's gone
Love her as in childhood
Though feeble, old and grey
For you'll never miss a mother's love
Till she's buried beneath the clay.*

*From the song of the same name by
Thomas P Keenan*

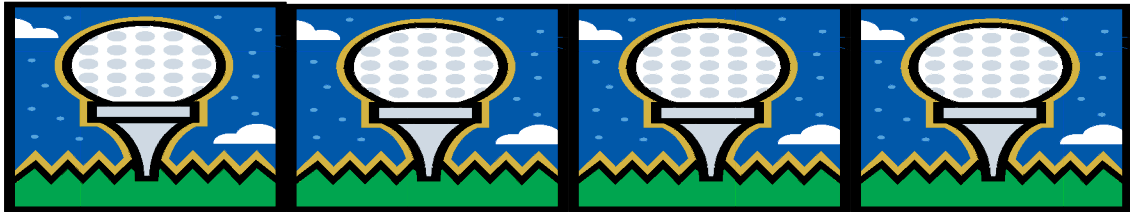
*Remember your Mum!
Sunday, May 10th.*



Gaelic League Logo Items & History Book

Available at the Gaelic League

313.964.8700 or 313.96-IRISH



Gaelic League / Irish American Club

4th Annual Golf Outing

To benefit the Gaelic League Irish Radio Show

WNZK 690 on the AM dial

Sundays 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday

June 13th, 2009

TAYLOR MEADOWS GOLF CLUB

25360 Ecorse Rd Taylor MI 48180

734-287-2100

Registration starts at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8:30am.

Hot dog and soda provided at the turn.

Steak dinner and drinks included after golf at Gaelic League

\$85.00 per person. Entries close June 1, 2009

Best ball scramble will be used. Two over par maximum at any hole.

Closest to the pin on all par threes. Longest drive for men and women.

Steak Dinner only available for \$20.00. Children's meal \$3.00 Hotdog and chips.

Please RSVP dinner only to (313) 964-7474

***Any questions contact Jesse Anaya @ (734) 773-7017**

Make checks payable to:

The Gaelic League & mail to Jesse Anaya 1416 Nowlin Dearborn, MI 48124

Name: _____

Address: _____

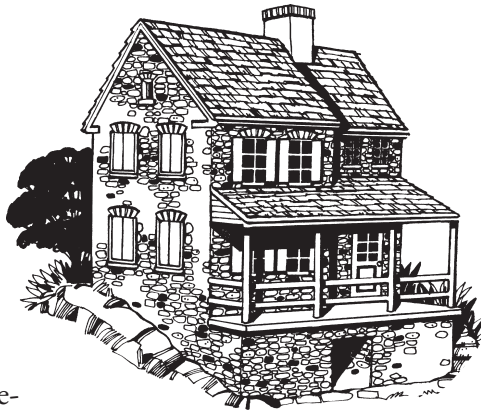
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Corktown Home Tour

This year's Home and Garden Tour is on Sunday, June 7, 2009 from noon til 5pm.

The tour route will lead visitors to North Corktown in addition to the popular Historic District. A tour bus and a horse-drawn carriage will provide transportation in style to the 15 sites. This tour sponsored by the Workers Row House Committee is an annual favorite event. Tickets are \$15; horse-drawn carriage ride \$5, 313-965-5853.

The Gaelic League's Cultural Committee will provide refreshments and information on Gaelic League activities. Plan on joining us.



Irish Tin Whistle Lessons

Taught by Colleen Shanks

- One on one and small groups (2-3 people) lessons available
- Held at locations convenient to: Lansing, Ann Arbor and Detroit

Credentials Include:

- Eight years of experience teaching Tin Whistle to children & adults
- Current Michigan teaching Certification in Elementary Education
- 7 time winner in the Senior Tin Whistle Competition at the Midwest Irish Music Competition (Fleadh)
- 7 time winner of the Senior Tin Whistle Slow Air Competition
- Active performer with a group of Irish musicians in Michigan

Rates per hour long lessons are reasonable and material covered inis adjusted to compliment individual learning styles and abilities.

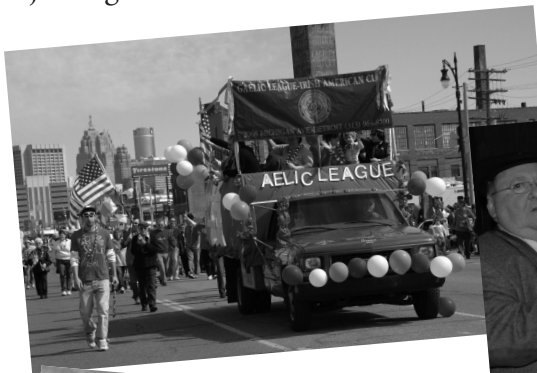
Contact: Colleen Shanks

Home: 734-475-1125

Mobile: 734-255-5310

Or, email me at
Siobhansh@aol.com

Hope to hear from you soon!



St. Pat's Pics!

Photos courtesy of:
Jennifer Watkins-Schade



*Your Contribution to the Newsletter is Welcome
e-mail to catgeocat@att.net*

All submissions are considered for publication, Gaelic League Events take precedence!