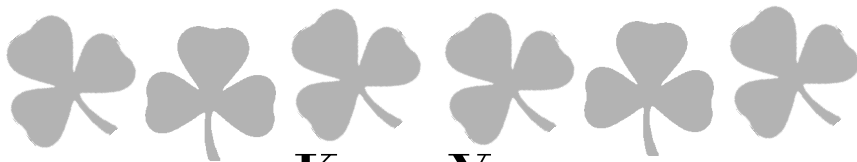


Log onto: www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org
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Cookbook Update

Many recently contributed recipes for a Detroit Irish Community Cookbook. This cookbook is now at the printer. Anticipated date of availability is December 12th. It will make a great Christmas gift. Cost is \$10. Thanks to all who submitted recipes. Proceeds will benefit the Irish Radio Show. To order your copy call 313-964-7474 or email gaelicleague.com.

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Winter 2008-2009

Mark Your Calendar !

December, 2008

- 6 Saturday Set Dance Ceili – 8:00 pm
7 Sunday Christmas Party – 2pm, Santa will attend!
Raffle drawing of Red Wings Afghan
25 Thursday Merry Christmas – Nollaig Shona Dhiobh Go Léir –
Gaelic League CLOSED
31 Wednesday New Year's Eve Party – Featuring Arronmore –\$10
8pm Pot Luck

January, 2009

- 10 Saturday Euchre Party – 6:45 pm, \$10
18 Sunday Harp Classes – 1-3pm
18 Sunday Pub Quiz – 3:30pm registration, \$5, Pot Luck
24 Staruday Irish Genealogy Society of MI – 12-4pm

Remember to tune in every Sunday from 1:30- 3:00pm on WNZK 690am for all latest in Irish music, news, and announcements. The studio number is 248-557-3300. Also, you can now listen to the show, at your convenience by visiting our radio link at www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Jesse Anaya

Kathleen Finley

Newsletter Editor

Kevi Chapman

Club Hours

Sunday

12 Noon-11pm

Monday-Thursday

2-9:00pm

Friday & Saturday

12 Noon-2:00am

Entertainment

begins at

9pm-2am on

Fridays,

&

8pm-1am on

Saturdays

Celtic Christmas Saturday

December 20th, 2008 8pm

Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall 19801 Farmington Rd. Livonia
(between 7 and 8 mile rds.)

An Irish Christmas with Wallace Hood, Ray Maguire, Mick Gavin and

The Crossroads Ceili Band,

The Heinzman Dancers and more.

\$10 cover

Children under 12 free

Cash Bar, Dinners and snacks available

From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

It is now November. The giving months have arrived. November is known as the month of giving thanks. December is associated with the giving of gifts. Fortunately for us, here at the Gaelic League, the giving of time and talent is a yearlong gift given by many of our members. A huge thank you is extended to all of you who give so willing. This Club could not function and prosper without you!

Despite the poor 2008 economy, we have been fortunate. Some very noticeable and very much needed projects have been completed. The lounge restrooms, entire roof, and exterior painting are part of these improvements. Thanks to all who oversaw or participated in these projects.

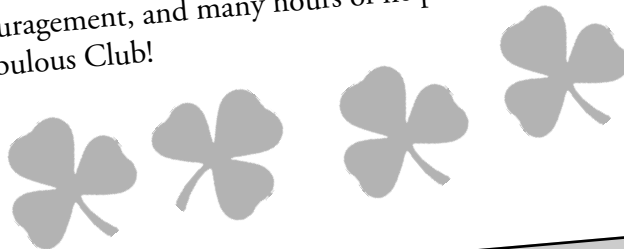
Musically, once again, we enjoyed some of Ireland's and Detroit's best entertainment. Many thanks to our weekend entertainers, Detroit Irish Musicians and Heinzman dancers for their performances. We, also, have enjoyed special events with tunes from Fr. McGoldrick, Matt Cunningham, Bobby Winslow, Paddy Homan, Sean Gavin, and, most recently, The Echoes of Erin. We are so fortunate to have individuals and a venue to aid in our goal of preserving our rich, Irish heritage.

With two months remaining in 2008, we continue to provide activities to meet our diversified membership. Please, take a look at the calendar of events, listen to the radio show, and checkout our website. Hopefully, you will find something of interest for you. Help support our special events; the tin can raffle, Varley fundraiser, pre-Thanksgiving Party with the Codgers, Thanksgiving celebration with Stephen's Green, Children's Christmas Party, and New Year's Eve Party.

Most of all enjoy the Holidays. Support our club by renewing your membership and remain active. As the year ends, I want to sincerely thank you for your support, encouragement, and many hours of help. You're the reason why we have such a fabulous Club!

Siochain,

Kathleen O'Neill



On-Going Events

Join the following classes. Beginners are always welcome.

Harp Lessons
Sundays, at 1:00 pm

Set Dancing
Mondays, 8-10 pm

Irish Language
Wednesdays,
7-8:00 pm,

Detroit Irish Musicians
Thursdays
7:00 pm

Céili Dancing
Fridays
8-10:00 pm

Pub Quiz
See Calendar of
Events

Entertainment at the Gaelic League
Fridays, 9pm-2am
Saturdays, 8pm-1am

(Events subject to change.)

The deadline for the Next Issue is December 31st.

Fax your information to 313-821-3243 or e-mail to kgchapman@comcast.net

Graysen's Health Fund

Mike (from Cong, Co. Mayo) and Kim Varley already had two beautiful children when, much to their joy, they found out that they were expecting another. After nine months with no complications, mother's intuition brought them to the hospital, where Graysen had to be delivered by emergency c-section. Within hours after her birth circumstances demanded that she be airlifted to Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Two weeks of care ensued before she could finally come home. Although the



family does have insurance, all expenses are not covered. Due to these insurance woes, doctor appointments had to be temporarily suspended. Although baby Graysen is now thriving, the long road to recovery is far from over. She will need many more doctors appointments.

Recently, members and friends in the Irish community gathered at the Gaelic League to raise funds for this family. It was a fun night of Irish music, song and dance, raffles

and some unexpected surprises. Donations are still being accepted at Charter One Bank

c/o Graysen's Health Fund.

More Info (734)578-7999

"I've learned...that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way"

Andy Rooney



Children's Christmas Party

Will be held on Sunday December 7, 2008 starting at 2PM. This is a wonderful day for families to get together in one place and relax from all the craziness that makes up the holidays. There are no lines, no rushing the child to get the next one in, just Christmas joy as Santa takes time with each child and even makes it to your family's celebration. There will be clown's, games, prizes and food. Santa brings a present to children 10 and under. Please call (313)964-8700 or leave a message at (313)964-7474 with your child's name, age and gender. Make this your family's tradition! Don't forget the camera!

SAVE This Date

Crossroads Ceili

with PADDY HOMAN

at the Ark, Ann Arbor Sat. & Sun, Dec. 27 & 28, 2008

Harp Classes

The harpers meet every Sunday at the League from 1 to 3 o'clock. You do not have to read music to learn to play and beginners and players may join at any time. If you want to find out more about the lessons, call Lynne Reid at (519) 973-1263.

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 ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF
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 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008
 AT 4 P M
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Euchre Night

at the Gaelic League

Saturday Evenings

January 10, 2009

February 7, 2009

Prizes • Food • Fun

Register at 6:45pm,

Game begins at 7pm

Contact Theresa or Jesse

313-278-3552

Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan

Monthly, interesting genealogical topics are presented at the Gaelic League. On Saturday, January 24, 2009, the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a program on the Website Footnote.com, Guest speaker, Kris Rzepczynski, from the Library of Michigan will provide some very helpful information for those in attendance. This meeting begins at 1:30pm. There is no charge. All are welcomed.

September Pub Quiz First Place Team



**Mick Cook Maureen Fernandez
Maryanne Dunmire Jim Bryans
Jane Bryans**

Second Place Team

**John Gannon Jack Gannon
Karen Gannon Ann Aldridge
Bruce Smith**



October Pub Quiz First Place Team



**Sheila Maloney, Tony Johnston
and Jane Bryans**

Octobers' Pub Quiz

Masters

First Place Winners

**Linda Garcia, Maureen
Fernandez, Marianne Dunmire
and Mike Cook**

Second Place Winners (a tie)

1. **Tom Derry, Eddi Girardin,
Matt Dudas and Joe Ranusch**
2. **Judy Cartier, Don Jones,
Dick Thomson, John Roos and
Jonnin Roos**

Gaelic League Radio Show News

In October, a wonderful radio fundraiser concert featuring Co. Cork singer Paddy Homan with backup music provided by Wallace Hood, Ray Maguire, Frank Kennedy, and Sean Gavin was held. It was another great evening with proceeds all going to Detroit's Irish Radio show. Special thanks to Mick Gavin for making all the arrangements. The night started with five of DIMA's (Detroit Irish Musicians Associations) young, champion female musicians. Kelsey and Jamie Lutz, Siobhan McKinney, Holland Rapier, and Colleen Shanks impressed the audience with their talents. After the concert, a lively session with Mick Gavin took place. Michael Gavin did a fine job of working the sound board. Thanks to all who made this night such a success!

RED WINGS AFGHAN RAFFLE

Special thanks are extended to Nancy Jackson.

Nancy made the U of M vs. MI State tailgate raffle a huge success with her beautiful afghans. The drawing took place during half-time. Maria Cimet won the MSU afghan and Fr. Bertie Flanigan won the MSU bag of goodies. The U of M bag was won by John Maher and John Murphy won the U of M bag of items. Thanks to Nancy and all who helped make this raffle a success. Enough money was raised to pay for one and an half shows.

Now, Nancy Jackson has contributed a Red Wings afghan for another radio fundraiser raffle. The red and white afghan has embroidered Red Wings emblems attached in the center and at each corner. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 7th, after the Children's Christmas Party.

Entertainment

Every Friday night live entertainment is provided by guitarist/singer Larry Larson. Music on Friday night is featured from 9pm til 2am. On Saturday night music begins at 8pm til 1am. Check our website, Gaelicleagueofdetroit.org for the most current entertainment schedule.

In December the Saturday schedule is as follows: 6th – Codgers, 13th – Inis Ceol, 20th – Gerard Smith, 27th – Terry Murphy. Special entertainment dates include the Codgers on Wednesday, Nov. 26th for a Pre-Thanksgiving Party at 8pm. The Sunday after Thanksgiving (Nov.30th), Stephen's Green will entertain beginning at 4pm. Bring your families out for some greet music and fun. Both events are free admissions.



Celebrate for Auld Lang Syne!

The Gaelic League / Irish-American Club

New Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

8:00 pm til ???

Pot Luck Dinner at 9:30pm, Cash Bar
Gaelic League provides Meats, Entertainment, Party Favors
and a Midnight Champagne Toast!

Entertainment by

Arranmore

Tickets \$10 per person

Available at the Gaelic League
2068 Michigan Avenue, Detroit 48216
313-964-8700 for information

F.Y.I.

What's the difference between Gaelic League (GL) and Irish-American Club (IAC) membership? All members belong to the IAC. The IAC is the social club. Individuals interested in preserving and promoting the Irish culture regardless of their ethnicities are welcomed to join. IAC members may serve on committees of the Gaelic League. Also, "the meetings of the IAC shall be held at the call of the board of the Gaelic League" (Art. VII, p. 13 of 14.) Any concerns of IAC members should be addressed to the Board which normally meets the 3rd Monday of each month.

Gaelic League members are the governing body. Officers and Board members are selected from Gaelic League members, in good standing. In order to become a GL member, one needs to meet certain criteria including sponsorship, be of Irish descent, and be an active IAC member for at least 24 months prior to GL application. GL members, only, regularly meet the 4th Monday of each month. The election of 2009 officers and board members will be held on Monday, December 15th.

Both groups pay annual dues. The dues for 2009 are now being accepted. Perhaps, membership in the IAC would make a great Christmas gift. Support your club!

Gaelic League's website

All the latest of Detroit's Irish news and events are posted on our website regularly. Thanks to Jim Dewan for keeping the site current. Also, the radio show can be heard up to a month later. Click on www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org and then go to the radio link.

Congratulations Pallottine Honorees Gaelic League Members:

Recently Gaelic League Members, Una Bonner and Walter Walsh were recognized for their many contributions at the Irish Pallottine Fathers 41st Annual Dinner/Dance. This fundraiser event was held on Friday, November 14, 2008 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia. Entertainment was provided by Brian Bonner and Arranmore. A great time was had by all.

The Heinzman School of Irish Dance

has a new name. This great dance school is now known as the **Ardan Academy of Irish Dance**. Recently, a fundraiser was held for many of their students who qualified for World Competitions. This event took place on Sunday, November 23rd. It was an enjoyable afternoon of Irish music, stepdancing, and raffles. Congratulations to all the Ardan instructors and dancers. For more information of this dance school call 734-762-0997.

On-line Shopping

For those who enjoy on-line shopping, there is a new site being developed by one of our members. The site, Mallofstores.com offers cash back from purchases to be donated to various charities. The Irish radio show and St. Patrick's Senior Center are being considered as possible charities. Stayed tuned for more information on this site.