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IRISH AMERICAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Irish American Club • 2068 Michigan Avenue • Detroit, MI 48216

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New Member Renewal

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313.964.8700 or 313.96-IRISH

Available at the Gaelic League

*Gaelic League Logo Items
& History Book*

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

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May/June 2008

Mark Your Calendar !

May, 2008

- 6 Tuesday Irish Cultural Forum presents James S. Rogers – Irish America in the 50's, \$12 includes lunch, 248-540-6687
- 9 Friday & 10 Saturday Midwest Fleadh Cheoil – Detroit Irish Musicians Assoc. hosts Doubletree Hotel Dearborn, Benefit Concert/Ceili Fri, 8pm, \$15 313-537-3489
- 12 Monday Gaelic League Executive Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 15 Thursday Matt Cunningham Ceili Band – Set workshop 7-8pm, Concert/dance 8pm, \$15 in adv., \$17 door
- 17 Saturday Motor City Makeover – 10am-2pm, 313 965-5853
Corktown “Boot Sale” – 11am-5pm, 313 963-6261
Irish Genealogical Society – Speaker Dick Doherty
Topic: Scots-Irish Research, 1:30pm
- 18 Sunday Pub Quiz – Bring a dish to pass, main dish provided, 4pm, \$5
- 19 Monday GL General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm
- 21 Wednesday Smelt Fry to Benefit Holy Trinity – 5-9pm, \$35 adv.

June, 2008

- 1 Sunday Corktown Home & Garden Tour – Noon til 5pm 313-965-5853, \$15
- 7 Saturday Detroit International Feis
- 13 Friday & 14 Saturday Downriver Irish-American Club Irish Festival – Yack Arena, Wyandotte – 734-283-1761
- 14 Saturday Ann MacCullum Set Dance – 8pm
- 19 Thursday Bloomsday Celebration – 5-9pm, Irish Cultural Forum 248-540-6687
- 21 Saturday Irish Genealogical Society – Tour Mt. Elliott Cemetery
- 23 Monday Gaelic League Executive Board Meeting – 6:00pm
General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

July, 2008

- 5 Saturday Touch of Scotch-Irish Music – 8:30pm
- 28 Monday Gaelic League Executive Board Meeting – 6:00pm
General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

Officers 2008

Kathleen O'Neill

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Sheila Maloney

David Keem

Howard Kelley

Roxanne LaPuma

Board of Auditors

Margaret McLaughlin

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

9:00 p.m.

on

Friday & Saturday

August Events

August, 2008

- 16 Saturday Elvis Night – 9pm
 25 Monday Gaelic League Executive Board Meeting – 6:00pm
 General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

From the President

Failte. Go raibh maith agaibh. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of many, we survived the very busy month of March and April. Our organization was founded and depends on the volunteerism of our members, families, and friends.

This year's 50th anniversary celebration of the St. Patrick's Parade was fabulous. The large crowd, both onlookers and participants reinforces the acceptance and need to preserve our wonderful Irish heritage.

Our Gaelic League/Irish-American Club members realize the importance of providing a clean, welcoming venue and the presentation of culturally enriching events therefore a variety of activities sponsored by the Gaelic League and other Irish groups are scheduled during the rest of 2008.

Your support and participation makes our efforts worthwhile. Continue to check out our website (www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org) and listen to our weekly Sunday Irish radio show (WNZK 690am) for the most up to date information.

Slainte agus siochan daoibh go leir,

Kathleen



Suggestions Welcome!

Great ideas are now being accepted in regards to improving the Gaelic League. Ideas can be submitted by email (gaelicleague@aol.com), fax (313-96-IRISH), or submitting written ideas in our "Suggestion Box" at the Club. All ideas are welcomed and will be reviewed by the Executive Board.

*The **deadline** for the Next Issue is
 July 31, 2008*

Fax your information to 313-821-3243 or e-mail to catgeocat@aol.com.

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,
 7:30-8:30 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
 every Friday
 (Larry Larson) &
 Saturday at 9:00 pm

(Events subject to change.)

UIS Delegates

The St. Patrick's Parade is an annual event sponsored by the United Irish Societies. Each Metro Detroit Irish organization is represented at the UIS monthly planning meeting. Would you like to be a delegate for the Irish-American Club? These meetings are held from September thru April on the third Thursday of the month. The UIS delegates meet at one of three locations monthly; the Gaelic League, the AOH Hall, and the Friendly Sons. The UIS decides on the parade theme, the Grand Marshal, and all the activities held in conjunction with the parade. If interested please call 313-964-7474.

Saturday Entertainment Schedule

May

3	Codgers
10	Inis Ceol
17	Bowzies
24	Jim Perkins
31	Brian Bonner

June

7	Codgers
14	Inis Ceol
21	Bill Grogan's Goat
28	Terry Murphy

July

5	Fr. McGoldrick & Cousin, *8:30pm
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Euchre Night at the Gaelic League Resumes in the Fall

Attention Gaelic League Members – The By-Laws Committee will offer the first reading of proposed By-Law changes May 19, 2008. Voting will be June 23.

Radio Show News

Once again, Fr. William McGoldrick organized a very profitable radio fundraiser. He coordinated an afternoon of music, song, dance, and stories on April 13, 2008 with all the proceeds to benefit our weekly Sunday Irish Radio Show. Many thanks are extended to all who made this a memorable afternoon. Thanks to entertainers; Fr. Bill, Brian Bonner, John Heinzman, Micheala Cosgrove, Colleen Maher, Kaitlyn Miscavish, Jo Ryan, Dorothy Ignasiak, Lynne Reid, and Mick Reid for providing a delightful program.

Also, many thanks are extended to the kitchen crew; Erin Keem, Dave Keem, Ellen Quinlivan, Tammy Rinna, and Kevin Rinna. They provided a very delicious meal. Lastly, a special thanks to Mary Bongiorno for donating her time and tips to the radio show.

Gaelic League Irish Radio Show

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

Your Advertisements and Announcements are gladly accepted.

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

To listen on-line go to: www.gaelic-leagueofdetroit.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.

Corktown Citizens Patrol

The Citizens Patrol is always looking for drivers, riders, and base volunteers for both daytime and evening shifts. To volunteer, call 313-964-3113 or email corktowncbpatrol@yahoo.com.

ELVIS NIGHT

Saturday, August 16,
2008
SAVE THE DATE



Pub Quiz

March 2008

First Place Team

Dick Thomson
John Roos
Jonni Roos
Don Jones
Judy Cartier



The winning team.



Sheila and Aoife, Ellen's replacement as Pub Quiz Hostess

May Pub Quiz Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm

Register at 3:30pm,
\$5 entry fee per person.
Bring a dish or snack to
pass the League will provide
the main course for
dinner.

Matt Cunningham at the 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 15, 2008 at 8pm. Matt hails from Headford, Co. Galway on the shores of Lough Corrib.

Matt has many recordings including “The Dance Music of Ireland Vols. 1 to 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. Come for the dancing, the music, the songs and the craic. It will be a great night! Tickets are available for \$15 in advance and \$17.50 at the door, 8:30pm.

Aiden Vaughan (drummer with the band), well known and much respected set dancer and teacher, will be teaching a set dance workshop at the League prior to the Ceili from 7-8:00 pm., \$5.

For tickets or more info:

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Saturday, May 17, 2008

May 17, 2008 promises to be a very busy day in and around the Gaelic League of Detroit in Corktown. All are invited to participate in the following events:

Motor City Makeover – This year’s focus in Corktown is to clean and beautify Michigan Avenue, North Corktown, and Roosevelt Park near the old train depot. Volunteers are invited to join in the clean-up efforts from 10am to 2pm. As a member of the Corktown Business Association, the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club would like to be well represented among the volunteers. Gloves, garbage bags, and some tools will be provided. Sign up by calling Lauren at 313-965-5853.

IGSM – the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will meet at 1:30pm at the Gaelic League. Dick Doherty, founding IGSM member and past president is the featured speaker. Dick will speak about the Scots Irish. Free admission. All are welcomed.

Boot Sale – Once again Corktown residents will host a boot sale on the dirt lot next to the Gaelic League from 11 am to 5pm. Contact 313-963-6261 for more information.

Congratulations

Congrats to Fr. Bill McGoldrick as he celebrates sixty-five years of priesthood and to Fr. Mike Cremin on his twenty-fifth anniversary. May these two gifted men along with all celebrating monumental anniversaries continue to be blessed.

A Touch of Scotch

Our friend, Father Bill McGoldrick expects cousins to visit from Scotland this summer. He plans to bring them to the Gaelic League on Saturday, July 5, 2008. His cousins, Mary and Bobby Winslow hail from Coatbridge, Scotland located near Glasgow. Originally, Mary was one of the McGoldrick's from Northern Ireland.

Bobby Winslow is quite the singer. Together, he and Fr. Bill will entertain patrons with song, music and stories. It plans to be a very fun Saturday night on this holiday weekend. Entertainment is to start around 8:30pm. Come enjoy and be a part of the craic. No admission charge. As always we would like to give our guests a very warm Detroit welcome.

Happy Mother's Day

Lá na Máithreacha faoi shona dhuit

In Ireland, Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in the Christian fasting month of Lent. March 2, 2008

In the U.S., Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in the Month of May.

Corktown Home Tour

This year's Home and Garden Tour is on Sunday, June 1, 2008 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

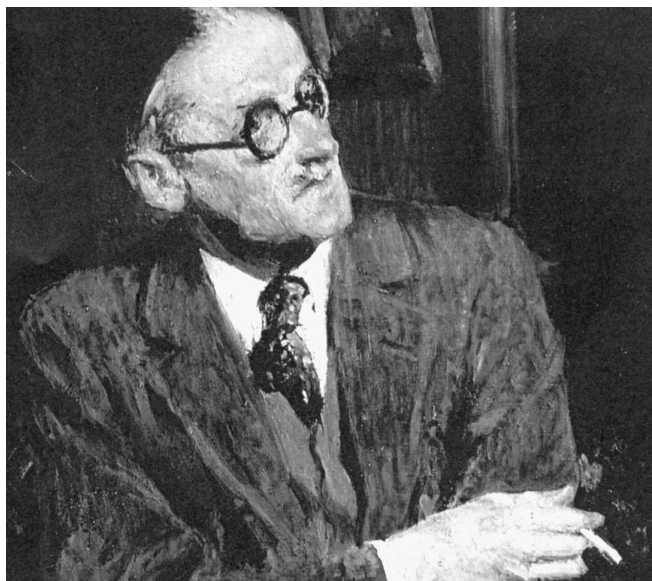


horse-drawn carriage will provide transportation in style to the 15 sites. This tour sponsored by the Workers Row House Committee is an annual favorite event. Tickets are \$15; horse-drawn carriage ride \$5, 313-965-5853. The Gaelic League's Cultural Committee will provide refreshments and information on Gaelic League activities. Plan on joining us.

Frank & Ellen Quinlivan

Members and friends gathered on Friday, April 4, 2008 to personally wish Frank and Ellen Quinlivan much happiness as they relocate to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. For the past twenty-two years, Frank and Ellen have been very hard working, loyal Gaelic League members. Their energy and knowledge as officers and board members of the Gaelic League will be greatly missed. May peace, love, and great memories follow them north.

21st 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 2008 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 19th, 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