

# THE GAELIC LEAGUE, INC. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

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May/June 2007

## Mark Your Calendar !

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### 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*

### May, 2007

- 5 Saturday Ulster Project Céili Workshop – Ann Poppe
- 12 Saturday Euchre Party – Register at 6:45pm, Play 7:00pm, \$10
- 14 Monday GL Board Meeting – 7:30pm  
NOTE: CHANGED TO 2ND MONDAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- 15 Tuesday “Changes in Irish Culture” – Irish Cultural Forum  
Call 313-861-5760 for info
- 19 Saturday Irish Genealogy Society – Roberta Estes  
“Genealogy and DNA” Research begins at Noon, Speaker at 1:30  
Radio Show Fundraiser featuring “Bohola” –
- 20 Sunday St. Patrick’s Senior Center Spring Festival
- 21 Monday GL General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm  
NOTE: CHANGED TO 3RD MONDAY DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
- 22 Tuesday Holy Trinity Smelt Fry

### June, 2007

- 2 Saturday Céili with Ann McCallum – 8pm, call 519-944-1549
- 9 Saturday Euchre Party – Register at 6:45pm, Play 7:00pm, \$10
- 14 Thursday Bloomsday – Irish Cultural Forum, 4:30-9:30pm
- 16 Saturday GL Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 21 Saturday Irish Genealogy Society – Tom Barrett,  
“Understanding Land Records – Just What the \*&%!  
Does “N1/2,S ?,NW1/4, Sec,Tn8S,Rn 14W Really Mean?”  
Research begins at Noon, Speaker at 1:30
- 19 Monday GL Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 25 Monday GL General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm  
Irish American Club Members Invited  
See article inside.

## Bohola Concert: Supports Irish Radio Show

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 8pm, to financially support the Gaelic League's ninety minute radio show, a concert and session are planned. The very talented and popular group Bohola will be featured in concert. Afterwards, Mick Gavin, family and friends will host a session. Find out more by visiting [www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org](http://www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org). Be sure to tune in every Sunday to hear the latest in Irish music, news, and announcements. Admission \$12.

## Gaelic League Irish Radio Show

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

Advertisements, Announcements  
and Donations are gladly accepted.

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

To listen on-line go to: [www.birach.com](http://www.birach.com)  
and click on: WNZK Live  
during show hours

## 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 &  
Saturday at 9:00 pm

(Events subject to  
change.)

**TOO NICE**

**AN INQUISITION  
SHOULD NOT BE  
MADE INTO  
OPINIONS THAT  
ARE DYING AWAY  
BY THEMSELVES**

EDMUND BURKE-  
LETTER TO SAMUEL SPAN

## Visit Our New Web Site!

Log onto:  
[www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org](http://www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org)

## Remember! the 50 Year Golden Jubilee Dinner

The year 2008 will be the 50th for Detroit's St. Patrick Parade! Save the date: January 12, 2008 for the Golden Jubilee Dinner Dance.

The Anniversary Committee will be meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month at the League, please submit your ideas to Bridie & Tom Flynn at 734-464-8556 or Catherine & Michael Clyne at 313-885-740, [cj.associates@comcast.net](mailto:cj.associates@comcast.net)

*The deadline for the Next Issue is*  
**June 1, 2007**

Fax your information to 313-821-3243 or e-mail to [catgeocat@aol.com](mailto:catgeocat@aol.com).

## Changes in Irish Culture Over the Past 25 Years: This Isn't Your Grandparents' Ireland!

We have all heard about the "Celtic Tiger" which is the new Ireland. Evidenced by unparalleled economic prosperity – Ireland actually importing people after centuries of sending Irish men and women abroad in the world.

But what has been happening to Irish Culture since the 1980s? Join us on May 15th to hear from three true Detroit area experts:

**John Heinzman – Champion Irish dancer and dance-master:** "Irish Dance steps forward into "Riverdance"

**Tony Johnston – Interpreter of Irish authors from Joyce to Heaney:** "Dramatic changes on Ireland's new literary stage".

## Set Dance – Ann McCallum

Our set dance Ceili at the Gaelic League is Saturday, April 28 at 8:00pm, \$12 per person. We're all looking forward to it because it's always a great night of music, dancing and fun. This will be one of the last times to hear the members of the Detroit Ceili Band before they compete in the Fleadh in St Louis in May.

We wish them and all the other Detroit competitors all the best.

Please tell anyone you think might be interested in joining us for our Ceili. Even if they don't dance, invite them to come for the music and the craic

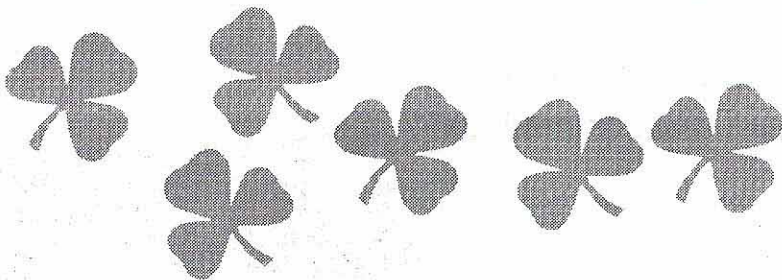
**Terence McKinney – Master and teacher of the Uilleann Pipes:** "Irish music: a living tradition in the age of the Internet and 'Gaelic Rap'"

Join us at the Gaelic League on Tuesday, May 15th from 12 Noon to 2:00 pm for a donation of \$5.

Lunch and beverage available for purchase: United Irish Societies President Dennis Hayes will present his special soup - plus sandwiches, soda bread, et al. For information call: 313-861-5760



**Euchre Night**  
at the Gaelic League  
Saturday Evenings  
May 12, 2007  
Register at 6:45pm, \$10  
Game begins at 7pm  
Contact Theresa for details  
313-278-3552



you would particularly like to dance that evening. We can also do a ceili dance and/or a couple of two hand (couple) dances if there's enough interest.

Also, keep in mind that we'll be having another Ceili at the Gaelic League on Sat, June 2. So, mark your calendar now.

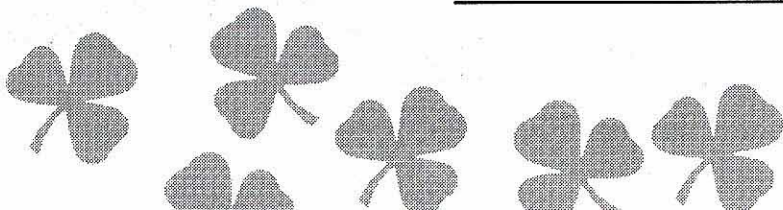
## Kitty's Céili Corner Spring 2007

Friday evenings at 8pm thru June 8.  
Beginners always welcome.

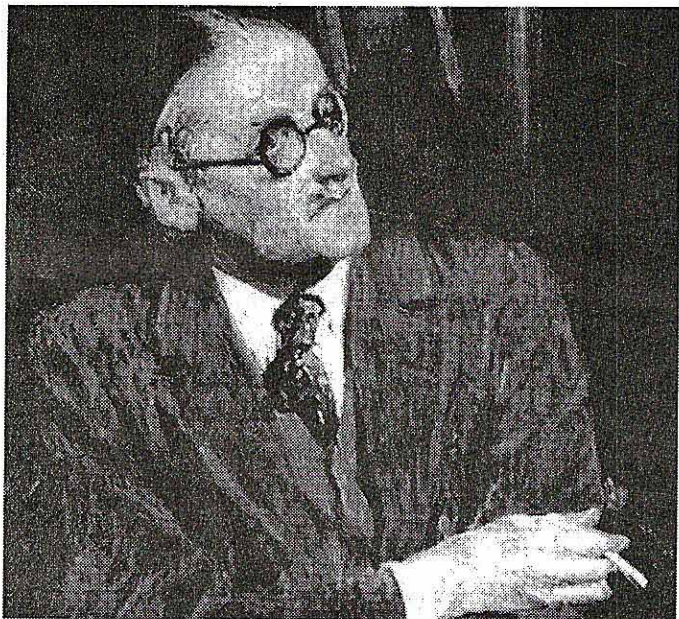
April – 6, 13, 20, 27

May – 4, 11, 18, 25

June – 1, 8



## 20th 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 2007 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 14th, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Forum of Detroit – running from 4:30 until 9:30 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

### Pub Quiz Winners

Sunday, March 25, 2007

#### First Place Team

Maryanne Dunmire,  
Tony Johnston,  
Jane Bryans,  
Linda FitzGarcia  
and  
Maureen O'Fernandez

#### Second Place Team

J. T., Jonni Roos,  
John Roos,  
Dick Thomson and  
Judy Cartier

#### Third Place Team

Jery Halter,  
Patrick Cavanaugh,  
Bruce Smith, Kevin Smith,  
and Micky Terrian  
(not shown)



## Irish American Members:

### Attend the Gaelic League Membership Meeting on June 25

Please join the Board for a presentation by Terry Hall and Associates on valuable information regarding retirement and your financial future.

Topics will include:

Post & Pre-Retirement

How the IRS could be the main beneficiary of your Estate (especially your 401k and IRA)

Long Term Care

Avoiding Probate

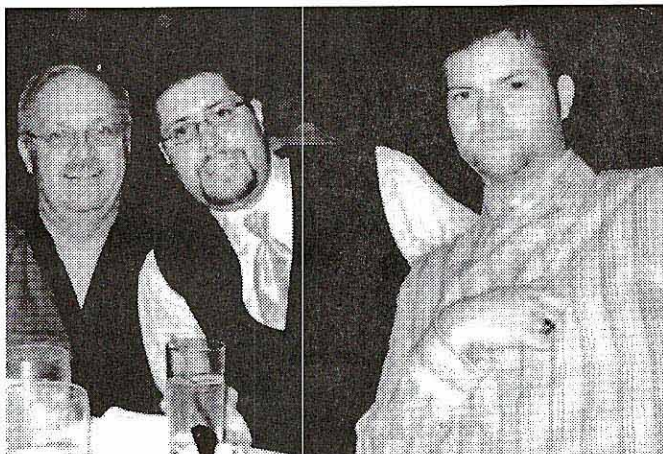
Please join us for an evening of information that could change your future. This 20-30 minute presentation will be followed by questions from the floor. There is no cost and the presenter is not trying to sell anything.

## Member Profile

Don Killion, along with sons Andrew and Chris Killion, are our featured members in what we hope will be a regular column in this newsletter.

Don Killion was led to the Gaelic League when his son Chris, who had just returned from the war in Iraq, asked his dad to help him trace his Irish heritage. Chris had earned 3 Purple Heart medals for injuries sustained to his legs during the war and wondered about his family origins during his recovery.

It's obvious to his brother, Andrew, that his injuries won't stop Chris. He volunteered, along with Don and Andrew to help move and clean furniture the day after St. Patrick's Day and again after the carpets were cleaned. This close knit family



*Don Killion and sons Andrew and Chris.*

have attended the Lenten fish fry every week and look forward to many years sharing their heritage at the League.

Please say hello if you see these guys at the League, and remember to thank Chris for his service to our Country.

How did you find the Gaelic League? If you or someone you know would like to be featured in this column, please send your info and a photo to the editor at: [catgeocat@aol.com](mailto:catgeocat@aol.com).

## Lenten Fish Fry Family!



*A big thank you to Tessa, Ellen, Dave, Erin, George and Erin (left to right) along with Susan and Kathleen (not pictured). The kitchen staff who made the Lenten Fish Fry a huge success.*

### Save the Date

The 2nd Annual Gaelic League

## Golf Tournament & Steak Dinner

### Saturday, July 28th

at Inkster Valley Golf Course  
on Middlebelt Rd in Inkster.

Proceeds to benefit our weekly Irish radio show.



## Gaelic League Logo Items & History Book

*Available at the Gaelic League*

313.964.8700 or 313.96-IRISH