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for current events and news
at the Gaelic League.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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New Member Renewal

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
&
JOIN US FOR
OUR
SAINT
PATRICK'S
DAY
CELEBRATIONS
LOOK
INSIDE FOR
DETAILS
DON'T FORGET
TO VOLUNTEER!**

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March/April 2008

Mark Your Calendar !

March, 2008

- 7 Friday Lenten Fish Fry – Every Friday During Lent, 5-8pm, \$6
- 8 Saturday Euchre Tournament – Register at 6:45pm, Play 7:00pm, \$10
-  5th Annual St. Patrick Dinner/Dance & Show – Blossom Heath Inn, St. Clair Shores, Traditional Irish Dinner, Step Dance Show, Music with Mick Gavin, \$35 dinner and show, \$20 Show only. Call 313-824-2537 for info. (HSID Booster Club)
- 10 Monday GL Board Meeting – 7:30pm 
- 13 Thursday United Irish Societies Meeting – GL Hall 7:30pm
- 14 Friday Painting of the Shamrocks – Open at 11am, Free Admission Live Music from 2pm-2am , Food available
- 15 Saturday Pre Parade Party with Arranmore – Members Free with card \$5 non-members
- 23rd Annual Irish Fest – Hellenic Center at 2pm, \$10 Mick Gavin and Friends Entertain 
- 16 Sunday St. Patrick's Parade – 2:00pm Continuous entertainment begins at Noon. Food and Cash bar available. **Members enter free with membership card** \$5 one day membership.
- 17 Monday St. Patrick's Day – Continuous entertainment at Noon. Food and Cash bar available. **Members enter free with membership card** \$10 one day membership
- 22 Saturday Irish Genealogy Society – Program: “Googling for Books” Research begins at Noon, Speaker at 1:30
- 23 Sunday Easter Commemorative Mass – 4pm, Pot Luck Dinner
- 24 Monday GL General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm 
- 30 Sunday Pub Quiz – 3:30pm, \$5, bring a dish to pass

April, 2008

- 4 Friday Seamus Tansy in Concert – 8pm, Legendary Irish flute player
- 5 Saturday The Prodigals in Concert – Doors open at 8pm begins 9pm Tickets: Members – Advance \$15, \$20 at the door Non-Members – Advance \$20, \$25 at the door
- 13 Sunday Fr. McGoldrick's Dinner Concert – \$20, 313-964-7474
- 20 Sunday Pub Quiz – 3:30pm, \$5, bring a dish to pass

Officers 2007

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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

From the President

Dear Members,

There is no better place to meet friends, coworkers, family, and even strangers than at the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club. In March, many parties are planned here. It is a busy, fun month with all the St. Patrick's Celebrations and Easter, too! Check our calendar of events, our website, www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org, and listen to the radio show for a listing of these special activities.

Go raibh maith agat to all who have signed the volunteer sheets. Many are needed to make these events a success. Any time you can give is most appreciated. Never hesitate to lend a hand if you notice assistance needed. This is a volunteer organization and we are dependent on our members. These busy March days help the Club to exist comfortably the rest of the year.

Also, remember, we are not "once a year Irish". The Gaelic League/Irish-American Club members provide a variety of Irish cultural activities regularly for our pleasure. In addition, special events are offered. All are encouraged to participate.

Some special events are already planned for beyond March. In April, the Prodigals, a Celtic rock band, will perform in concert in the Gaelic League Hall. Back by popular demand, is Fr. Bill McGoldrick. He is organizing another special Sunday dinner/concert with entertainment provided by him and some of his friends. In May, Matt Cunningham, direct from Ireland and world renowned for his dance music, will be featured.

Membership dues are being accepted now. It is important to possess a current card. As a member, you are supporting the future of Detroit's oldest and best Irish social center..

La Fheile Padraig shona agus La Casca shona.

Siochain,

Kathleen



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
 7:30 pm
 Membership Meeting
 4th Monday of Month
 7:30 pm
- Wednesdays —
 Irish Language
 7:00 pm
- Thursdays —
 Detroit Irish Musicians
 7:00 pm
- Fridays —
 Céili Dancing
 8-10:00 pm
 Larry Larson, 9pm
- Saturdays —
 Entertainment, 9pm
 (Events subject to change.)

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.

YOU MUST Bring Your Membership Card to the Gaelic League



Per our Liquor License, alcoholic beverages are sold only to **MEMBERS. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD available at all times.** This is especially important on Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day, as it will be checked upon admission. All paid-up members may enter free. **ALL Non-members/non-card holders will be charged \$5 on Parade Sunday and \$10 on St. Patrick's Day for a one-day membership.**

NO PERMANENT MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SOLD OVER THE ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND.

Use the enclosed form to join or renew your membership to the Irish-American Club. Gaelic League members send in your dues by check marked Gaelic League Membership.

Erin & Dave Keem:

Volunteers of the Year!

Gaelic League president 2007, Frank Quinlivan, honored Erin and Dave Keem as Gaelic League Volunteers Of The Year at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Both the Keem's have worked tirelessly in and around the League over the past several years including: in the kitchen, with repairs and updates and on the GL Board (Dave's special talents supporting Dr. Mary at the GL Bar are also appreciated). Congratulations and thank you for your, dedication, hard work and service to our Gaelic League / Irish American Club.



*Lucky stars above you,
Sunshine on your way,
Many friends
to love you,
Joy in work and play,
Laughter to outweigh
each care,
In you heart a song
And gladness
waiting everywhere
All your whole life long!*

Irish Blessing



Euchre Night

at the Gaelic League

Saturday Evening
March 8

Register at 6:45pm, \$10

Game begins at 7pm

Contact Theresa for details
313-278-3552

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.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.



Visit
**YOUR
Website**

www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org

St. Patrick's Activities Begin on March 14

The Gaelic League has always been the best place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This year is no exception. And since the Gaelic League is the place to be in February and March it is important for you to renew your membership prior to the St. Patrick's Day Festivities. **All members must show their membership card to enter free.** All non-members will pay a nominal fee. Four days of celebrations are planned. Everyone is welcomed.

On Friday, March 14th the festivities begin at 2pm with the "House Party", Lenten Fish Fry will begin early at 3pm. Arranmore will entertain at the League's pre-parade party on Saturday, March 15th.

On Parade Sunday, March 16th and St. Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17th activities begin at noon. Plenty of food, Irish music, fun, and drink will be available in the lounge, hall and tent areas. **Admission for nonmembers is \$5 on Parade Sunday and \$10 on St.**



Patrick's Day. Members may enter free of charge.

Plan on partaking in the activities the Gaelic League is offering. Also, don't hesitate to assist in any of these events. Plenty of volunteers will be needed.

Pub Quiz

February 17, 2008 was the 14th anniversary of the Gaelic League's monthly pub quiz. In that time over 14,000 questions have been asked by founder Sheila Maloney and Ellen Quinlivan.



50th Anniversary Gala

The United Irish Societies recently sponsored a St. Patrick's Parade Gala at the Dearborn Inn. This event celebrated the existence of the annual St. Patrick Parade for the past fifty years in the Detroit area. The celebration was a huge success.

50th Anniversary Gala Committee members are to be commended for organizing this memorable, grand evening. Many dignitaries including the Irish Consulate General, Bishop Quinn, and 2008 Grand Marshal, Patrick O'Hara were present.

The 50th Anniversary Gala Committee thanks all in attendance and those who supported this project. Special recognition is given to Gaelic League bartender, Eddie Landaw and 2007 President, Frank Quinlivan for accommodating the Committee with their frequent meetings. Also, a special thanks to the radio team under the direction of Kathleen O'Neill, website master, Jim Dewan, and Gaelic League newsletter editor, Kevi Chapman, for assisting in promoting this Gala event.

The Gala Committee spent considerable time capturing the sights of this historic milestone. Beautiful banners document many facets of the parade. Souvenir DVDs highlight past St. Patrick Parades. These two different DVDs can now be purchased for the nominal price of \$10 each or both DVDs for \$15. One DVD is clips of past Detroit St. Patrick parade movies. The other DVD is a compilation of photos from past parades.

Contact Catherine for more information at cj.associates@comcast.net or call 313-885-7408. All proceeds of DVD sales will be donated to Detroit's weekly Irish Radio show.



THE GAELIC LEAGUE
IRISH AMERICAN CLUB
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
CELEBRATIONS



FRIDAY, MARCH 14 - MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008

ENTERTAINMENT BEGINS

Friday, March 14 at 2pm • Fish Fry at 3pm

PRE-PARADE PARTY, ARRANMORE

Saturday, March 15, 8:30pm to Midnight

50TH ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Sunday, March 16, Noon to Midnight 2 stages till 10pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Monday, March 17, Noon to 2 am, 2 stages till 10pm

*Irish Music,
Dance, Food,
Merchandise!*



*Live Stages!
Nominal charge for
Non-Members*

Friday - House Party • Brian Bonner • Larry Larson

Saturday - Arranmore

Sunday - Brian Bonner • House Party • Codgers • Inis Ceol • Larry Larson

Monday - House Party • Inis Ceol • Codgers • Mazurs • Larry Larson

www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org

In our last newsletter, many learned of our website, www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org. Created only a year ago, in February 2007, this website has evolved into a wonderful resource for Detroit's Irish.

In the first month of availability, February 2007, three hundred and three (303) requests or "hits" were made. January 2008 saw such a dramatic increase in interest. In January 2008, sixteen thousand, three hundred twenty (16,320) requests were noted. That amount is the most requests we have received in a single month so far. As of February 18th we have already received 22,640 visitors, exceeding the January total, our current monthly high. From the website

inception, February 23, 2007 to February 18, 2008, we have received 137,846 visitors.

A huge thank you is extended to Jim Dewan for his efforts in making this website so informative. It is now possible for all to enjoy the radio program at our convenience, view the newsletter on-line, see the calendar of events at a glance, and link to many Irish sites of interest.

Also, a big thank you to Mary Bongiorno, for capturing many of the events and people in pictures. Some of her photos can be seen in the photo gallery of this website.

Mark www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org as one of your favorite sites. Other great additions will be added in 2008.

Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan

On Saturday Mar 22, 2008 the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan will present a program on "Googling for Books".

Our speaker, William J Priest, will tell us how to find, review, download and print thousands of free books. Some of the information that you will be able to find is family and county histories, Civil War pictures, locations of post offices and just about any topic of interest.

Bill is a records manager, and has advanced training in disaster prevention / recovery and methodologies of filing systems. He has been a genealogy presenter and teacher for many years, and has several magazine articles published in various genealogy magazines. He is a member of the Genealogy by Computer Society; National Genealogical Society; and a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 pm and is open to the public at no charge. For additional information, please contact Michael Brautigan at (734) 454-3495.

Easter Commemoration

On Easter Monday, 1916, Patrick Pearse led a rebellion against the British occupation of Ireland. This insurrection, although unsuccessful, set in motion a series of events which eventually led to Irish independence. The insurrection also was the culmination of a process which had been developing for generations. It especially was the product of a renewed interest in Irish culture and language in the Gaelic League.

It is therefore appropriate that the Gaelic League commemorate the sacrifice of 1916. On Easter Sunday, March 23, there will be a presentation on the Easter Uprising and the events behind and leading up to it. Music, song, poetry and story will be used to highlight these events. Mass celebrated at 4pm, program and pot luck dinner to follow. No admission fee. All are welcomed.

Mick Reid



Gaelic League Logo Items & History Book

Available at the Gaelic League

313.964.8700 or 313.96-IRISH

Volunteer Opportunities

MAINTENANCE

This involves the every day workings of the Club's upkeep, making repairs when and where needed.

KITCHEN

Food preparation and cleaning of kitchen and its equipment. There is always a need for help in the kitchen. Cooking skills are not required.

CLEANING TEAMS

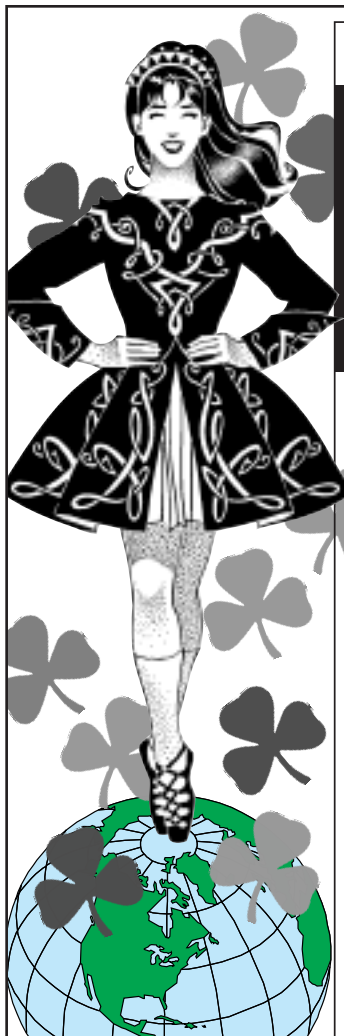
These teams help to maintain the Club's fine appearance. Once a month each team will concentrate on a thorough cleaning of the Hall, Lounge, Washrooms and Kitchen.

NEWSLETTER

This entails gathering news of interest to the Irish community for articles and /or the labeling and stamping the newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas, Please call: (313) 964-7474 and leave your name and contact number or email us at gaelicleague@aol.com.

NOTE: If you are registered to work on St. Patrick's Weekend you are encouraged to attend a one hour meeting on **MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008** to receive your assignment. Procedures will be reviewed, meeting will start promptly at 6:30pm.



THE HEINZMAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE BOOSTERS PRESENT THEIR

5TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE SHOW & PARTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER, 7:00 PM
SHOW BEGINS, 8:00 PM
 AT
BLOSSOM HEATH INN
 24800 JEFFERSON AVENUE
 ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080
FOR TICKETS, INFO CALL
313-884-3552

IRISH DINNER, SHOW & PARTY
\$35 PER PERSON
 DINNER TICKETS ADVANCE ONLY
SHOW & PARTY - \$20 PER PERSON
 PARTY TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

All proceeds to benefit the Heinzman School of Irish Dance Booster Club World Competitor Fund.

Show features Championship Dancing by World Competition Qualifiers and Local Step Dance Students
A Great Family Event in Honor of St. Patrick!
 Irish Step & Ceili Dancing to Live Irish Music with Mick Gavin, Dancing to Irish and popular tunes with DJ after the show • Traditional Irish Dinner (advance tickets), Cash Bar available

SAW DOCTORS

March 9, 2008
 Tickets on sale Friday, November 30 at 5pm!
 ROMTLIVE.COM / 248-369-2980
 Tickets available at all Ticket.com outlets or the Royal Oak Music Theatre box office
 Charge at 800-935-6272

GAELIC STORM BRING YER WELLIES

MARCH 13
 ROMTLIVE.COM
 Tickets available at the Royal Oak Music Theatre Box Office
 Charge at 800-935-6272

Listen to the Gaelic League Irish Radio Show for more info on these and other Irish Groups! Airs every Sunday, 1:30pm, WNZK - 690 AM

Back By Popular Demand!! Father McGoldrick's Dinner Concert

Please join Father McGoldrick and friends for a dinner concert in support of the Gaelic League's Irish Radio Show. Dinner will be served and guests treated to a wonderful evening of music, story and dance.

Sunday, April 13, 2008

Tickets are \$20 per person.

313-964-7474



Irish Holiday Raffle

Win a holiday for two to Ireland in August 2008. Two lucky people will fly to Ireland with Irish Pallottine priest, Fr. Michael Cremin and friends. This trip celebrates Fr. Mike's 25 years of priesthood.

Raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 tickets for \$100. Winning ticket prize includes flight and accommodation for two individuals. The ticket will be drawn on Saturday, March 15, 2008 at St. Joseph Parish in Wyandotte. The prize cannot be redeemed for cash. You do not need to be present to win. For more information call 734-285-9840.

Something Irish to Know About & Boast About

Ireland, beginning circa 450 c.e., experienced three periods of religious zeal that had a positive impact on religion, art, literature and learning that extending well into Europe.

The "Green Monks" were part of this zeal leading austere lives that required deprivation, deep meditation and prayer bringing them closer to God. They lived in isolation on mountain tops, deep within forests and well beyond any clan jurisdiction, eventually becoming local gurus or holy men. The monks established pilgrimage locations which evolved into monasteries and population centers and then hubs for learning and prosperity.

One such monastery was presided over by Kevin of Glenlough, who stood nude in lake water in winter and threw himself on nettles in warm weather to prove his faith.

Some monasteries became learning centers of great renown attracting students, not only from Ireland, but from many parts of Europe. The Christian generosity of the monks extended to any who had a

sincere desire to learn, commoner and nobleman alike, providing food, supplies and shelter.

The monks taught accepted Church literature as well as Greek and Pagan literature. Their Gaelic form of Catholicism valued learning from all cultures, causing shock among their conventional European counterparts. They saw no value in self imposed censorship and taught adjacent lands their Celtic oral stories and converted people to Christianity throughout Europe. Many formed monasteries, never to returning to Ireland, that evolved into major European cities including: Linisfren, Glastonbury, Ghent, Cologne, Reims, Paris, Berne, Vienna, Salzburg, Milan and more.

They were among the Red and White Martyrs and brought forth St. Columba of Iona, St. Kilian (patron saint of Bavaria) and St. Virgil (patron saint of Salzburg, Austria). The contributions of these men and Mother Ireland have greatly enriched the world!

Contributed by FTPC Shier

Proinsas Tomas Padraig O'Cullain-O'Siar



Seamus Tansy at the League



Legendary Irish Flute Player

Mick Gavin and friends will host this concert with an
Open Session to follow.

Call Mick for more information at 313-537-3489

Friday, April 4, 2008

Tickets are \$15 per person.



The Prodigals

In Concert At The Gaelic League

"The Prodigals", from Ireland and New York City, have gained great acclaim throughout the world. Their music is traditional Irish combined with various rhythmic styles. Bring family and friends and enjoy these fabulous Celtic Rockers.



The Prodigals will be here to entertain us on . . .

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Doors Open at 8pm, Concert Begins at 9pm

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

\$5 discount given with GL membership card

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Deadline for the Next Issue is
MARCH 24, 2008

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

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

Elements of Gaelic:

Google "Blas" then "BBC NI"— Thomas Davis is quoted: "A people without a language of its own is only half a nation. A nation should guard its language more than its territories: 'tis a surer barrier, and a more important frontier than fortress or river:"

He wrote in Gaelic, of course and was expressing his frustration with the assault on The Irish spoken Language of the day.

There is no excuse these days as courses in the various Celtic languages are now promulgated by Radio/TV/CD/ the internet and many books.

Included this time are a few "Greetings From Blas", a BBC Northern Ireland series of 15 lessons called, "Giota Beag" (little bit or wee bit):

Is Mise Róisin, (iss mish-eh Roseen) I am Rose

Cad é mar atá tú?, (Cojay mawr a tawe two) How are you?

Tá mé go maith, (tawe may goh mah) I am well (good)

Go raibh maith agat, (goh rah mah aug uth) Thank you

Agus tú féin?, (Aug us too fayne) and yourself?

Go Maith, (Goh Mah) good or well

Slán go fóill, (islawn guh foal) Bye for now or for a while

"Mise le Meas" – Justin

(sounds – misha leh mass)

Join Justin at the Gaelic League on Wednesdays from 7 to 9 pm to learn more "Elements of Gaelic"

