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



Keep Your Membership Current!

IRISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

PLEASE PRINT NEW MEMBER RENEWAL Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____ NEWSLETTER TO BE:

E-mail Address _____ U.S.Mail Internet

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.

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Application Taken By: _____ Total \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CASH CHARGE CHECK# _____

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THE GAELIC LEAGUE, INC. IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

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Fall 2008

Mark Your Calendar !

September, 2008

- 3 Wednesday Irish Step Classes Begin – call 734-762-0997 for information
- 5 Friday Kitty's Ceili Classes Begin – 8-10pm, \$10, beginners welcome
- 8 Monday Set Dancing Begins – 8-10pm
- 13 Saturday Euchre Party – 6:45pm, \$10
- 15 Monday Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 20 Saturday Irish Genealogy Society of MI – 10:30-1:30pm Open session followed by field trip tour to Mt. Elliott Cemetery at 2pm
- 21 Sunday Harp Classes Begin – 1-3pm
Pub Quiz – 3:30pm registration, \$5, bring a dish to pass
- 22 Monday General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm

October, 2008

- 4 Saturday Euchre Party – 6:45pm, \$10
- 11 Saturday Balladeer Paddy Homan – Radio Show Fundraiser
Wallace Hood, Ray Maguire, Gavin Family and more: 8pm, \$15
- 18 Saturday Irish Genealogy Society of MI – 12-4pm
- 19 Sunday Pub Quiz – 3:30pm registration, \$5, bring a dish to pass
- 20 Monday Board Meeting – 7:30pm
- 25 Saturday Tailgate Party, Michigan vs State – Food, snacks, raffle
See the game on our Big Screen, Time TBA
- 27 Monday General Membership Meeting – 7:30pm
- 31 Friday Irish Theme Halloween Party – 8:00pm

November, 2008

- 15 Saturday Euchre Party – 6:45pm, \$10

Officers 2007

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

9pm-2am on

Fridays,

&

8pm-1am on

Saturdays

WELCOME BACK !!!

Classes Resume: Irish Language, Music, Dance

From the President

Dear Members and Friends,

Faillte! Welcome back! Hope your summer was safe and enjoyable despite the cost of everything. September is here and that means many of the Irish cultural and social activities have resumed at the Club. In keeping with our original Gaelic League objectives our intent is to provide a clean, safe, welcoming venue while promoting and preserving our rich Irish heritage.

There are many different ways to support our Club. Throughout this newsletter many who coordinate activities such as dance, language, and musical classes will provide detailed information on how you too can participate. These Irish cultural classes and social activities are open to all. There are also opportunities to participate on committees or as a delegate to the United Irish Societies. Other Irish organizations meet regularly at the Club who welcome new members.

Note the special events planned for this Fall including a night with Irish entertainers sponsored by DIMA, a radio fundraiser concert and ceili, an Irish Character costumed Halloween Party, and a Sunday afternoon with Stephen's Green in November. We are also making a time change for our Saturday night live entertainment.

There is something here for everyone's interest so help keep the Club strong by being supportive. The more involved you, our member becomes, the more activities of interest we can provide. Remember, the Gaelic League/Irish-American Club belongs to all of us.

Make sure you read this informative newsletter for all the details. Also, check our website www.gaelicleagueofdetroit.org which is updated often. The weekly radio show also is a good source for the latest in news and announcements.

Hope to see you soon,
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 September 25.
Fax your information to 313-821-3243 or e-mail to kgchapman@comcast.net

Set Dancing Resumes September 8

If you've ever felt the desire to dance to the wonderful music of reels, jigs, polkas, slides and hornpipes then join us at the Gaelic League on Monday evenings from 8-10:00pm beginning September 8 for Irish Set Dancing.

This extremely popular form of traditional, social dancing is now danced throughout Europe, North America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Sets are usually danced in groups of four couples, forming a square, a set. Each dance or set is made up of different parts or figures with some figures danced to different types of music. In addition to learning the figures of each set, the classes will also focus on the step and style of the set.

The roots of Set Dancing can be traced back to the Quadrille of the Napoleonic era and to its forerunner, the early 18th century Cotillion. The Quadrilles arrived in England, Scotland and Ireland around 1816 and became fashionable in the "big houses". In time these popular dances became assimilated by the country people who modified and adapted them to their own style of music and dance. Gradually the sets developed into their own particular local forms.

Country people danced their sets in their homes and at local public gatherings throughout the 19th and well into the 20th century when Set Dancing suffered a decline due, in part, to its being condemned as 'foreign' and/or 'immoral' and the notorious 1935 Public Dance Hall Act which, among other things, outlawed house dances. The old style country Set Dancing survived in the Gaeltacht area and in the isolated communities of rural Ireland. In the 1970's and 80's, a new interest in Set dancing led to its revival, not only in the Irish countryside but in all its major towns and cities.

Set Dancing is lots of fun and great exercise. It is suitable for all ages since it is danced on the foot rather than on the toes with the feet always kept low to the ground. Everyone is welcome. No experience or partner is necessary. Bring comfortable shoes preferably with leather soles for easy movement and less stress on knees and ankles. See you on Monday, September 8!

For more information: Anne McCallum 519 944 1549 or amccallum@stclaircollege.ca

Aon Focal Dhá Focal Trí Focal Eile

Anyone for a wee bit (giota Beag) of our native language Irish? Irish Language class will resume in late September. Our instructor, Justin Manning, returns from Ireland on Sept 17th and classes will most likely start on Sept 24th. All are invited to attend this class whether you are a beginner or a fluent speaker in the Irish Language. Class meets on Wednesday evening at the Gaelic League from 7-8p.m. A small charge of \$3 goes towards covering expenses.

Come down to the League and get a start – Justin

Kitty's Ceili Corner Fall Schedule 2008

Friday evenings at 8pm unless otherwise noted in bold face:

September – 5, 19 and 26
12th NO Ceili

October – 3, 10, 17 and 24
31st NO Ceili

Harp Classes

The Celtic Harpers of Detroit will resume classes on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 1:00 to 3:00. Learning is done by ear so reading music isn't necessary. All levels of ability can be accommodated. Information about obtaining a harp is available. Observers are welcome at any time. Come and hear Danny Boy, She Moved Through The Fair, as well as other pieces from the other Celtic countries. For more information, please call either Lynne Reid at (519) 973-1263 or Mary Bailey at (586) 775-5737.

*We
Welcome*

**Our Returning
Teachers &
Their Students!**

Fundraiser for
the Irish Radio Program

Direct from Cork City
Irish Tenor & Balladeer
Paddy Homan

Wallace Hood
formerly from Pat's People
& The Irish Rovers

Ray Maguire from Pat's People

The Gavin Family &
Colleen Shanks

Mick Gavin's students

All dancers welcome

Saturday,

October 11, 2008

8:00pm – \$15



Euchre Night

at the Gaelic League

Saturday Evenings

September 13, 2008

October 4, 2008

November 15, 2008

Prizes • Food • Fun

Register at 6:45pm,

Game begins at 7pm

Contact Theresa or Jesse

313-278-3552

Gaelic League Entertainment

Irish music is an important part of our Irish Culture. Live Irish entertainment is provided every Friday and Saturday night at the Gaelic League. On Fridays beginning at 9 pm until 2 am, vocalist, guitarist, artist, Larry Larson entertains. Larry is very talented and knows a vast number of Irish and American tunes.

On Saturday nights, beginning in September, live music will begin at 8 pm until 1am. Please note this time change. The first Saturday of every month, the lively, spirited group, Codgers performs. They are a young and very energetic band. The second Saturday of each month, the group Inis Ceol performs. They play traditional and ballad tunes. Inis Ceol is well known for their great harmony. The following Saturdays of each month are devoted to featuring the following individual entertainers; Brian Bonner, Terry Murphy, and Gerard Smith. Brian Bonner, a great accordionist and singer, provides plenty of Irish dance music. Gerard Smith and Terry Murphy are talented musicians, who play a variety of instruments, and are also great vocalists. Note the full entertainment schedule on the GL website.

Enjoy family and friends both Friday and Saturday nights at the Club and hear some great Irish music. Show the musicians your support and also help the Club by attending on these nights and at other functions at the League such as the Paddy Homan Concert October 11th.

Irish Halloween Party

The Gaelic League / Irish American Club is hosting a Halloween Party on Friday, October 31 beginning at 8pm. The costume themes will be Irish Saints, Scholars, Celebrities, Politicians, Musicians, etc... The intent is to promote and celebrate Irish culture, history and tradition. Bring a friend and join in the fun. The more creative the costume, the better. As the Great Famine is part of Irish history, we ask that you bring a canned food item or make a donation to the St. Patrick's Food Pantry. Music by: Larry Larson. Best costume contest and 50/50 Raffles. For more information: (313) 964-7474

St. Patrick's Committee

Our largest fundraiser is on Parade Sunday and St. Patrick's Day. These two important days financially help the Club all year. To have it run smoothly and successfully, many volunteers are needed. This year a St. Patrick's Committee is being formed. The purpose is to have a few extra months to prepare for these huge days, rather than leave the planning for the incoming President and officers to do in January. This committee will review the feedback reports received after this past year's events. Hopefully they will use these suggestions to make improvements for next year. Anyone interested in being on this planning committee can contact the Gaelic League by email or call 313-964-7474.

Radio News

To help defray the weekly cost of broadcasting, fundraisers are held throughout the year. Thanks to all who are supportive of these activities as well as our many individual and business sponsors. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

In July, under the leadership of Jesse Anaya, an enjoyable, profitable golf outing was held. Thanks to Jesse and his helpers, the golfers, and hole sponsors for their support. A huge thanks to Dave Keem, George Chapman, Kevin Rinna, Susan and Ellen Waisanen, the kitchen crew who prepared and served a delicious steak dinner after the golf outing. Also, thanks to the non-golfers who came and helped support this event. A great time was had by all.

Coming up in October, Mick Gavin and DIMA members will hold a concert/ceili with proceeds to benefit the radio show. It will be a great evening with County Cork native vocalist, Paddy Homan accompanied by former Pat's People entertainers and Belfast natives, Wallace Hood and Ray McGuire. They recently presented a wonderful performance together at the Fleadh. We predict an equally great show on Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 8pm in the Hall. Following their performance, Mick Gavin and his family, Colleen Shanks, and other DIMA members and dancers will play. Admission is \$15.

Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan

Saturday Sept. 20 We will begin with a "Mini Help Session" at 11:30 am until 1:30 pm, lunch will be available for purchase at 12:00 noon. At 1:30 pm all interested

in a "Tour of Mt. Elliott Cemetery" will meet at the cemetery for a 2:00 pm tour.

Oct 19 "Color your Ancestor Alive" with Professional Genealogist since 1998 Karen Krugman and co-authored The Ford Family Cemetery

Pub Quiz

What type of voice level does Luciano Pavarotti have? Which fast food chain has a red roof in its logo? What food is depicted at the bottom of a label on Heinz ketchup? If you can answer these questions or know someone who can, then the Pub Quiz* might just be for you. Come as a team (up to 5 players) join a team when you arrive (the Irish have always been known for their hospitality). The 3rd Sunday of the month, for just \$5 you'll be amazed at all the useless information you have stored in your head just waiting to come out! Registration is at 3:30pm with the game starting at 4. But wait! There's more! The quiz is followed by a tasty meal the main course is included in your admission fee and we all feel free to bring a dish to pass. All proceeds directly benefit YOUR club.

Sept. – Building Fund

Oct. – Children's Christmas Party

Nov. – Irish Radio Show

(answers: tenor, Pizza Hut, pickle)

*Need not be Irish to play

May Pub Quiz First Place Team

Jane Bryans

Maryanne Dunmire

Maureen Fernandez

Linda Garcia

Tony Johnston

**Michigan
vs
Michigan State
Tailgate Party
Sat., Oct 25, 2008
Time TBA**

Hóigh

I would like to welcome everyone back to the Gaelic League from summer vacation. I was asked to write a little about the FOUIs. While many of you may not know who we are by name, we are highly visible in the Irish community.

The Fraternal Order of United Irishmen or FOUIs as we are known, is a small group of men that meet once a month and get together to raise money for some of our local Irish Charities. We donate to local charities including; the Irish Radio Show, St. Patrick Senior Center, St. Patrick Church and the Irish Pallottine fathers. We sponsor the Corktown Races and we are also responsible for the maintenance and hanging of the shamrocks along the St. Patrick's Parade route. We are proud that several of our members have been chosen as Parade Grand Marshals.

We are always looking for new members and typically meet on the Third Tuesday of the month. If you would like more information on the FOUIs or are interested in joining please contact: collom@excite.com.

Paul M. Collom, President
Fraternal Order of United Irishmen

FREE TRIP FOR TWO TO IRELAND for volunteering at the Gaelic League! NOT! But we got your attention didn't we!?!

General UP KEEP - MAINTENANCE items need attention

Contact: 248-854-7347

or kfinley@smz.com to sign up for these and other
volunteer items.

Exterior scraping & painting

Deep Cleaning of Ice Machine

Kitchen cleaning & maintenance

Work dates for these jobs
to be determined once volunteer roster is formed

It's your Club, please play an active part in it!

WWW.GAELICLEAGUEOFDETROIT.ORG is the address of the Gaelic League/ Irish American Club of Detroit's website. Since the site's inception in February of 2007, over 300,000 visitors been able to gain information about many metro Detroit Irish activities listed on the frequently updated website. We usually average 15,000 - 20,000 visitors a month. Although, we had over 72,000 for the month of March this year. As of this article we have had 199,893 since January 2008.

The site strives to provide accurate and up to date information about events and items of interest for all the metro Irish organizations in addition to those of the Gaelic League. In addition to listings of ongoing and upcoming events,

there is an online version of the "Green Pages", a directory of supporters of the Irish Community who provide goods and services ranging from Art Services, Construction, Financial, Home Maintenance, Legal, Medical, Printing, Real Estate, Rental Equipment, to and including, Irish Dance and Music lessons, Entertainers, Pubs and Restaurants, and Irish Gift Shops.

Anyone with a computer and Internet access can visit the website. Many visitors from all over the United States and the World, including Ireland and Iraq, have emailed the Gaelic League to comment on how they have enjoyed learning what is going on at "home"

in metro Detroit thru the information provided on the website, the Irish Radio programs, which they can listen to at their convenience via the "Past Radio Programs" link on the website, and Newsletters. We usually archive a month of previous radio broadcasts. We also archive our Newsletters online.

Visit our place in cyberspace to see all that is available online. Let us know by email what you think of it. We welcome your input and any information you would like posted

United Irish Societies

The UIS is the planning committee for the annual Detroit St. Patrick's Parade. Delegates select a grand marshal, parade theme and sponsor the Maid of Erin Pageant, Painting of Shamrocks and parade fundraiser. Each member Irish Organization is allowed five delegates and two alternates who attend monthly meetings held the third Thursday alternating at the Gaelic League hall, AOH hall, and Friendly Sons hall. We are in need of individuals to serve as delegates for this coming year. If interested email gaelicleague@aol.com or call 313-96-Irish.

*Gaelic League Logo Items &
History Book*



Available at the Gaelic League

313.964.8700 or 313.96-IRISH

Heinzman School of Irish Dance

Beginner Classes Start in September

Michigan

- Brighton
- Detroit
- Grand Rapids
- Lansing
- Redford
- Madison Heights
- Grosse Pointe Woods
- Taylor
- Warren
- Wixom

Ohio

- Toledo

Classes Resuming at
the Gaelic League on
September 3rd

Call Today for
enrollment info
734-762-0997

