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## EDITOR'S CORNER

By John O'Brien, Jr.



# Goodbyes and Hellos

It's so hard to say goodbye, and yet, within a few seconds, a few thoughts, or a few pages, we say hello to the cycle of life, with engagements and births, anniversaries, hearing old songs, as if for the first time. Fare Thee Well James Mangan and Mary Anne McIlwee. Congratulations to Karen O'Malley and all the gang at The Harp, celebrating TWENTY years as a Cleveland fixture, and to one of my favorite Bluesmen, Colin Dussalt, celebrating THIRTY years on stage. They are masters at entertaining, being a place and a friend where everybody knows your name, and yes, even educating, those generous souls lucky enough to show up at The Harp or at one of Colin's shows. Both, and others, are profiled within.

Mother's Day is an opportunity to show great love; I am especially blessed to have one of the truly great ones. I love you is never said enough. Yet for those who have loved and lost, it is a day of

ache, even if they have families of their own. Have a read of Sue Mangan's 'Blowin' in: A Reciprocal Gift column on pages 16 and 17, for a very poignant look, and perhaps a different perspective.

I was so very honored to introduce Marilyn Madigan, our Madigan Mus-es Columnist, and a great friend to so many, like those of Catholic faith, nurses, children, and of course, the Irish, not just in Cleveland, but across the Diaspora, and in Ireland itself, as she was inducted into the Cleveland Hall of Fame on April 16th. I thought long and hard about what I wanted to say, and how do I do justice to one of my mentors, who is a source of great wisdom about the Irish in Cleveland, and about life: perspective, and what really matters.

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Nuair a stadann an ceol,  
stadann an rince.

(When the music stops,  
so does the dance.)

John

## MILESTONE



**Congratulations to Anna & Sean Lawry** on the birth of the beautiful **Grace Catherine** on March 23rd. 7 lbs, 9oz.!



**Congratulations to Grace Quinn and Ryan Smith**, who got engaged on April 6th.



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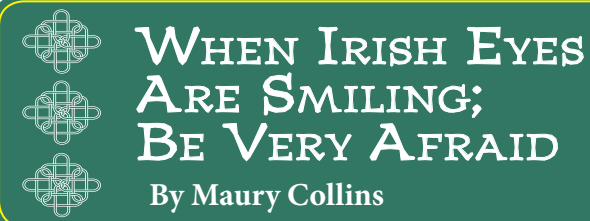
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# Smile and Be Happy

Paddy goes to see the priest. "Father, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Priest asked, "What's wrong?" Paddy replied, "My wife is poisoning me."

The Priest, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?" The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?" The Priest then offers, "Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know."

A week later the Priest calls Paddy and says, "Well, I spoke to your wife. I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" Paddy said yes. The Priest replied, "Take the poison."

Finnegan: My wife has a terrible habit of staying up til two o'clock in the morning. I can't break her of it. Keenan: What on earth is she doing at that time? Finnegan replied: Waiting for me to come home.

A man called the maternity ward at the hospital. "Quick!" he said "Send an ambulance, my wife is going to have a baby!" "Tell me, is this her first baby?" The Intern asked.

"No this is her husband, Kevin."

In a literature class in Dublin some years back, students were given an assignment to write a short story involving all the important literary ingredients — Nobility, Emotion, Sex, Religion and Mystery. The winner was: "My God!" cried the Duchess. "I'm pregnant. Who did it?"

The American tourist in Dublin had been complaining a great deal about the food. "Here," he said to the waitress holding out a piece of meat for inspection, "do you call that pig?" "Which end of the fork, sir?" the waitress asked sweetly.

Mick told his doctor that he could no longer do as much around the house as he used to. He didn't seem to have the energy for any chores. The doctor gave him a thorough examination and at the end Mick said: "OK, doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English, what's wrong with me?" "Well" said the doctor, "in plain English, you're just lazy." "OK," said Mick, "now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife."

She didn't approve of smoking, so when the gentleman lit up his pipe, she said, "Do you know that my husband is sixty and he never put a pipe in his mouth?" Ma'am, I'm sixty-five and never put it anywhere else.

Paddy went into a store and asked the saleslady for help picking out a birthday present for his girlfriend. The saleslady shows him a \$100 bracelet. Paddy says; "Way too much. Show me something else." She walked over to the cosmetic counter and shows him a \$25 dollar bottle of perfume. "How about this?" "Nah, still too expensive. Can you

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show me something really cheap?" She handed him a mirror.

A man goes to a Podiatrist's office and says to the doctor; "You have to help me Doc. I think that I am a moth." The Podiatrist looks at him and says; "You need a psychiatrist. "Yeh, I know." So why did you come to my office?" "Your light was on."

An 8-year-old girl asked; "Daddy, what is sex?" The surprised father decides that if she is old enough to ask the question, she was old enough to get an answer. After telling her all about the birds and the bees, he said "Why

do you ask?" The wide eyed little girl replied; "Mom told me to tell you that dinner would be ready in just a couple of secs."

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## ILLUMINATIONS

By J. Michael Finn



### Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty

Many Irish, convicted of felonies against the Crown and exiled from Ireland, turned out to lead very interesting lives after their exile. This was the case with the members of the Young Ireland Movement (1848) who suffered transportation or fled abroad. Many of them went on to notable careers in politics, the law, medicine, and journalism in Australia, the United States, and elsewhere. One of these Young Irelanders was Kevin Izod O'Doherty.

O'Doherty was born in Dublin on September 7, 1823. He was the son of William and Ann (McEvoy) O'Doherty. His father was a Catholic attorney. Kevin was educated in parochial schools, and in 1842 he began the study of medicine at the Ledwich School of Surgery and Medicine, a medical school in Dublin. As a student he worked in the fever wards at St Vincent's Hospital. Before taking his final medical exams at the Royal College of Surgeons, O'Doherty joined the Young Ireland Party.

The Young Ireland Party had split from Daniel O'Connell's



Repeal Association in July 1846. The Young Irelanders refused to pledge themselves never, under any circumstances, to resort to physical force and armed rebellion to free Ireland from England. It was not that they supported armed rebellion, at the time; they just didn't want physical force to be ruled out completely as an option.

By 1848 the group had decided physical force was their only option. Following the failure of a small skirmish in County Tipperary, the British began rounding up the leaders and putting them on trial for treason-felony. The guilty sentences obtained from packed juries often were transportation to Van Diemen's Land (now the island of Tasmania, off the southern coast of Australia).

In June 1848, Kevin O'Doherty, together with Richard Williams, established the nationalist newspaper Irish Tribune. Only five editions of the Irish Tribune were issued. On July 10, 1848, when the fifth edition was issued, the newspaper was suppressed

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### O'Doherty

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by the authorities and O'Doherty was arrested. During his period in prison he was visited by Mary Eva Kelly, a writer of patriotic verses published in The Nation newspaper. Her poems were published under the name "Eva of the Nation." The two fell in love and became engaged to be married.

At his trial, two separate juries were unable to convict O'Doherty. At the third trial, a packed jury found him guilty of treason-felony. He was sentenced to transportation to Van Diemen's Land for 10 years. Despite this long sentence of exile, Eva promised to wait for him.

He arrived at the Port Arthur penal settlement in November 1849. O'Doherty wrote of his experiences at the prison, "I am treated as a common convict, obliged to sleep with every species of scoundrel, and forced to work in a gang from six in the morning till six in the evening - being all the while next to starved. I bear it all with what patience here is in my nature, thanks to my good Thomas à Kempis." While in prison, O'Doherty was given the nickname "St. Kevin" by Young Ireland leader, William Smith O'Brien, because of his pious devotion to emulate the patience of St. Thomas à Kempis.

After serving several years in prison, O'Doherty received parole, provided that he did not leave the island. He lived at Oatlands and his medical skills were utilized at St. Mary's Hospital in Hobart. In 1854 he received a pardon under the condition that he not live in Britain or Ireland.

O'Doherty relocated to mainland Australia for a while to work in the goldfields in Victoria, possibly to earn some money before his marriage.

In March 1855, O'Doherty travelled illegally to Britain. From there he was secretly able to reach Ireland, where he picked up his inheritance and planned his marriage to Eva Kelly. Eva's parents helped the young couple travel back to London and then to Liverpool, where they were married on August 23, 1855 (some sources also claim they were married in Ireland). The pair then moved to Paris. In Paris, O'Doherty

resumed his medical studies.

In 1856 O'Doherty received an unconditional pardon from the British, and in 1857 he returned to Dublin, where, in 1859 he completed his studies and was admitted to the Fellowship of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons (FRCS). This was a professional qualification that allowed him to practice as a senior surgeon in Ireland or the United Kingdom.

He practiced in Dublin for some time and with much success. When a friend, Father James Quinn, was appointed as the first Bishop of Brisbane, Australia, O'Doherty decided that he too would set out for an adventure in Australia. In 1862 O'Doherty, his three sons and Eva, pregnant with their fourth child, arrived in Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, on the east coast of Australia. There he became well known as one of its leading physicians. Among other honors he became president of the Queensland Medical Society and a member of the Central Board of Health.

In 1867 O'Doherty was elected a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. In 1872 he was responsible for passage of the first public health act, and also spoke out as one of the early opponents of the trafficking and exploitation of Pacific Islanders. In 1877 he transferred to the Queensland Legislative Council, and in 1885 resigned his position to return to Ireland to support Charles Stewart Parnell. He was welcomed home with open arms by the Irish people and

received the Freedom of Dublin.

In Ireland, O'Doherty was elected to the House of Commons as the Irish Parliamentary Party MP for North Meath in the November 1885 general election; but he did not seek re-election in 1886, and returned to Brisbane in that year. He attempted to take up his medical practice again but was not very successful as he was slowly losing his eyesight. He was fortunate enough to be supported by three young doctors, who took on his cases and gave him the fees. This provided him with a small amount of income.

By 1900 O'Doherty was completely blind and unable to earn a living. The times were financially very hard for the O'Dohertys and were made even harder to bear by the tragic deaths of their four sons between 1890 and 1900. Only their daughter, Gertrude, survived out of eight children.

Eva published a book of her poems in 1909 - the year before her death. It was published by Gill and Son, LTD. The poems were edited by Seumas MacManus.

On July 15, 1905, Kevin Izod O'Doherty passed away at the age of 81. He is buried in the Catholic section of Toowong Cemetery, Queensland. Mary Eva Kelly O'Doherty died at Brisbane on May 21, 1910 and she was buried with her husband.

In 1912, a Celtic cross monument was erected by the Brisbane Irish community marking the O'Doherty's graves. A plaque on the monument reads: "This monument is erected by admirers of the late Doctor O'Doherty and his wife, as a mark of appreciation of their unsullied patriotism and exalted devotion to the cause of Irish freedom." ■

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## Genesis of the Irish Network

The homily this week referenced Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Father compared the short comings of the winners of the golden ticket and sin, forgiveness and redemption. A few summers back, when we were leaving the Hershey factory, my son was asked, "Why would you build a chocolate factory there?" Without hesitation, he stated, "If Willy Wonka has taught me anything, it is, build the chocolate factory on the chocolate river."

That is what I recalled this morning when we were standing, but it felt like we should be kneeling. The Cleveland Irish had no chocolate river to build on. They were building a community in three main areas of the city: Superior Avenue east to 55th, Newburgh Heights, and the near Westside. Irish men and women formed and built neighborhoods, businesses and churches in these areas.

But the Irish were not confined to these areas of the city. The Irish who maintained leadership positions in the Cleveland Irish community transcended these localities.

Owen Kane was one of the Cleveland

Irish who did just that. Owen was born to Francis and Ann in Ireland on July 19th, 1846. Francis, Ann, Owen and Margaret immigrated to New Jersey in 1849. The Kanes were there long enough to add Michael, Ann and Mary to the family, and relocated to Cleveland in 1854. The twins Catherine and Francis, Jr., were born in Cleveland, followed by Peter, Rose and Hugh. The Kanes first settled near West 44th and Detroit Avenue, walking distance to St. Malachi.

It would appear that Owen fought with the 11th Ohio Calvary in the Civil War. When he returned to Cleveland, he worked with his father; they were huxters and were pretty good at it. Major William Gleason, whom we discussed last month, mentions their success in the Plain Dealer. Owen and his father Frank were active in the Fenian movement in Cleveland in the late 1860s.

In 1874 he was elected as recording secretary for the Irish Benevolent and Literary Association, along with fellow Civil War veterans Gleason, Martin Foran and P.K. Walsh. Foran was head

Name	Relationship	Sex	W	H	VA	Age	Notes
Owen	Son	M	W	64	S	109	the first
Mary	Daughter	F	W	55	S		New Jersey
Frank	Son	M	W	53	S		Ohio
Peter	Son	M	W	50	S		Ohio
Rose	Daughter	F	W	52	S		New Jersey
Hugh	Son	M	W	40	S		Ohio

of the Cooper's Union and started the Emmett Guards in 1874. PK Walsh was a leader of the Hibernian Guards and national recruiter for Clan na Gael. Owen was just getting started in 1874.

In 1880 Owen was in the saloon business, and then took a job with the City of Cleveland Street Department. In 1883 he was the 1st vice president of the Young Men's Democratic League of the Westside. Owen continued his work in the Irish community as a member and vice president of the Irish National League and an organizer for the Irish American Civil League. In 1886 he attended the national convention of Irish National League in Chicago with Major Gleason. Owen Kane was a Hibernian, as were Gleason, Foran and Walsh.

Mr. Kane was appointed to the Customs House in 1887 as a deputy collector, while he was also chair of the Knights of Labor and President of the 8th Ward Democratic Club. Owen helped form the Grocery Clerks Union in 1888, who happened to have their meetings at Parnell Hall when the Irish National League did not have it reserved.

He was a founding member of the Irish American Club in 1890 and was elected secretary. At that time, he was also treasurer of the Knights of Labor District #47. He was a member of the Tilden Club and the Jackson Club, both Cleveland Democratic clubs. Owen served with Mayor John Farley on the executive committee of the Tilden Club and was a delegate for the Jackson Club.

He was captain of the 1st Regiment of the 1st Brigade of the Cleveland and Hendricks Guards.

Owen Kane stood with Major Gleason in denying that was a Clan na Gael presence in Cleveland. The Plain Dealer advertised Clan na Gael meetings at Parnell Hall, just putting that out there. Kane was known by this time as a man, "who is acquainted with all prominent Irishmen inside and outside of organizations."

His Irish affiliations and belief in Irish freedom did not appear to ostracize him in his professional or political careers. Although he never held an elected government position, he was elected President of the Ohio Liquor League in 1900. Liquor commission positions are exclusive.

Tom Johnson was Mayor of Cleveland from 1901 to 1909. He saved the land that Browns Stadium and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame sits on from being sold to the railroads. Johnson also started work on the Westside Market. Owen Kane was his City Sealer.

Kane petitioned City Council to change the weights and measures ordinance so that food dealers could sell only items sealed by the city measures or weighted on tested scales. The majority of the city's elite called these reforms and the Johnson administration socialist. That would include by this point, Major Gleason, who lived in what could have been called a mansion on the Eastside and had joined the

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**FIRM FOUNDATION**  
By Ken Callahan  
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## Judge John P. O'Donnell

The Irish Diaspora is perhaps unique among nations, whose sons and daughters have scattered like the head of a dandelion to the four corners of the world. It is so in their deep sense of belonging to a distinct people, a loyalty codified in Article 2 of the Irish Constitution, amended in 1999 as part of the peace process to state: "the Irish nation cherishes its special affinity with people of Irish ancestry living abroad who share its cultural identity and heritage."

This special affinity is manifest in the person and family of Judge John (Jack) P. O'Donnell of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Jack's grandfather, Owen "Red" O'Donnell, was born in the village of Islandeady in County Mayo, near Westport (retired Judge Bill Coyne's family was from the same town). One of eight children; he went to work in a Welsh coal mine at age 13, thence to Canada, and finally to Cleveland, where

he worked for Local Laborers 310. Red married Margaret Keaveney, from Ballintube, who he met here. The couple had four children: the famous Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Eugene Owen (Jack's dad), Eileen Hansen O'Donnell and the late Joseph.

Eugene O'Donnell attended Cathedral Latin High School and John Carroll University. After graduating he worked as a salesman for a small flooring company, whose owner died suddenly. Eugene bought the business from the decedent's estate and it continues to operate as Owens Flooring, located in Willoughby, under the leadership of two of Jack's brothers.

Eugene O'Donnell married Donna Clifford, the daughter of the Cleveland Press's City Editor during the Sam Sheppard homicide trial. The O'Donnell family grew roots in Holy Cross Parish (now Our Lady of the Lake) on Lakeshore

### Cleveland Irish *Continued from previous page*

Republican Party. That being said, the working relationship of Kane and Gleason and others the Irish community did not suffer when their politics evolved in different trajectories. That is to say, their American politics. Kane did note at the Knights of Labor national convention in 1887 that labor would support any party that supports labor. He even suggested that labor form its own party.

In the Irish community, they were all Irish Republicans. American politics or profession did not affect the common goal of a free Ireland. They were Fenians, they were Clan na Gael, they were the Irish National League, they were Irish Benevolent and Literary Society, they were Emmet Guards, they were Hibernian Guards and they were Hibernians. Regardless of the moniker,

their goal was the same: they devoted their lives to Irish freedom.

Owen Kane had no golden ticket. He was born in Ireland during the Famine and made his way to Cleveland. Owen lived with his nine siblings and when his father passed, he took care of his Ma. In his will he left everything to his sister Mary, so that she could take care of their Ma. His funeral was at St. Patrick's on Bridge Ave on April 17th, 1910.

Reverend Moran and Fathers Lamb, O'Malley and Reilly conducted the services. His pallbearers were William Colter, William Fitzgerald, JP Madigan, Thomas Commerford, John Vavelle, Timothy McDonough, Edward Brennan and Patrick Finucan - all members of the Irish Community that Owen Kane helped to create. He passed before his homeland would become the Irish Republic that he helped to create too. ■



Boulevard in Euclid. Jack is one of seven children.

He later attended St. Joseph High School, which allowed him to walk to both to grade school and later to high school. Jack obtained his B.A. from Miami University of Ohio; through the late Bill Sweeney, he found work as an insurance adjuster with Aetna and later obtained his J.D. from Cleveland Marshall Law, one

of the brave souls who, after a full work day, went to school at night. Jack was hired by the insurance defense firm of Meyers Hentemann, later moved to Gallagher Sharp, and did a stint as in-house counsel at Cincinnati Insurance. These experiences provided trial and procedural background that contributed to his decision to seek judi-

cial office. Judge O'Donnell's parents taught these values: "Persistence, honesty, integrity and self-confidence," attributes that have served Judge O'Donnell well on the trial court, including cases that have been the subject of national attention and editorial praise. He and retired Judge Richard McMonagle were selected by then Chief Justice Moyer to lead the Commercial Docket, a pilot project launched in select Ohio counties. It has been well received by the litigation bar and continues, with changes and new faces, until this day.

Jack O'Donnell married Tessa Finnan, a product of Lakewood High School, the city where the couple continue to reside. They have five children: Fiona, Kathleen, Owen, Sean and James. The family are members of St. Malachi Parish. Like others in our community, Judge Jack O'Donnell weaves his Irish heritage and values into the mosaic of Greater Cleveland. ■

*Callahan is a retired judge and a partner at Collins Scanlon LLP. Jack's dad, Eugene, played Gaelic football for the west side IA (even though they lived east) and played against the County Down team at Lakewood High in the 1950s*

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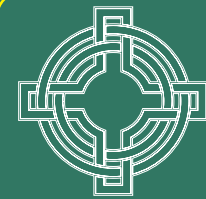
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## No, the Country isn't Going Out of Business, it's a Siesta

I like to avoid tourists when I'm visiting other countries, which I know is a little ironic and without a doubt physically impossible, but I'll do you one better: I don't want to be recognized as a tourist. I know I'm not unique in this. Admit it, you're the same way, you want the locals to see you as one of them.

It's easy as duck soup when I'm in Ireland. I can stand on a sidewalk and gaze slack jawed at a parked car like some seedless grape and locals will ask if I've tried the prawns at such and such restaurant.

No fibbing, I had one woman who was convinced I had the "worst fake American accent" she'd ever heard, and she saw me on the number three bus to Ballywalter regularly.

Not so much in Spain, from where I've recently returned. And do you know how I know I looked like a tourist in Spain? Because several people introduced themselves to me in English, which I have read in reputable publications is not how the Spanish greet each other. It made me seriously question my Spanish pedigree.

Now I should clarify that of the three billion letter pairs in my DNA code, not a single entry has an iota of resistance to the effects of the sun or the allure of a pint of Guinness. Which is to say my genealogy is essentially 100 percent Irish.

But I do like Bikini sandwiches, those being Barcelona's answer to grilled ham and cheeses, and I took Spanish for three years, which means that two weeks was enough time to figure out how to order a cup of tea (tell the inquiring Spaniard, "Té negro, con leche y azucarera, por favor" and after they reply with something you don't understand, say "sí," and then you'll get a nice cuppa). (Caveat: I realized in the airport on the way out of the country that they might have been

asking if I wanted cold or hot milk with my tea, so the answer to that shouldn't have been "yes").

Anyway, figuring out how to order tea in Spain was a treat and only one of several things I learned while spending a couple sun-drenched late winter weeks there. I can tell you, for example, that Barcelona only has about 600 or so residents. The rest of the people you see are American or Japanese. (That's admittedly a rough estimate based on visits to popular tourist sites). Also, the parakeet is a bird that lives in the wild, and not just in cages at the mall.

They're majestic, fond of palm trees and louder than a businessman from New Jersey on his phone in a nice restaurant, which is to say loud.

Libby and I had two weeks in which to immerse ourselves in Spain. As you might expect, it was nowhere near the amount of time someone would want to really experience a country, but seeing as how there's a deadline for the Ohio Irish American News and the editor always overemphasizes the syllable "dead" when pronouncing the word deadline to me, it seemed a smart move to limit our stay.

Now you can always read about Spain in flashy, trendy books and travel websites, but I'm here to give you the real lowdown, which can only be gleaned with at least two full weeks in the country. So here goes.

When someone tells you that the Spanish like their siestas, they're not kidding. I'm not saying that everyone heads home to take a nap; it's not like that. There are two siestas: one for most people in the afternoon, when they close up shops and head out to bars and restaurants for socializing, and another for the bar and restaurant workers who don't get to take a break



Do yourself a favor and take in a Flamenco show if you're ever in southern Spain.

with everyone else.

So, if you're wandering aimlessly through Barcelona and most of the shops around you are closed, don't jump to the conclusion that the city is on the brink of going out of business. Just check your watch, or your phone (if you can see it on the end of your selfie stick). It's probably somewhere in the 3-5 p.m. range.

Don't panic. Go to a bar and wait it out. That leather handbag will still be there and you'll be feeling a few glasses of wine better.

What's next? Let's see. Remember when your father told you that when he was growing up, he had to walk to school and it was eight miles, all uphill, both ways? I'm here to tell you that according to the laws of physics, that's

impossible ... unless he went to school in Granada. Known worldwide for the Alhambra (an ancient sprawling, walled-in metropolis, atop a breathtaking mound) this scenic and historical town has puzzled physicists for centuries. You see, no matter where you go in Granada, it's uphill.

Going from your bed and breakfast lodgings to a highly rated Tripadvisor restaurant? I have news for you. It'll be a climb. Returning from a highly rated Tripadvisor restaurant to your bed and breakfast lodgings? Yes, that's right, onward and upward.

How is this possible? I don't know. I seriously don't know. Granada is where physics goes to die.

Okay, what else isn't in the cookie cutter travelogue? Flamenco shows are

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### Eejit Abroad

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undoubtedly focused on luring in tourists. And despite this, you need to go see one. First of all, it really is part of Spain's Andalusian gypsy culture, but second of all, it's a great way to spend an evening, especially if you're in the Andalusia region, and that's coming from someone who thinks that every night should begin and end at a pub (it still can). The guitar playing alone will keep most people with a heartbeat satisfied, but the dancing is quintessential Spain.

I know, I know. You're going to tell me that a show set up for tourists might bear only a passing resemblance to authentic culture and a first-time visitor can be easily fooled. So, skip the Flamenco show, see if I care. But know that you're a stick-in-the-mud.

And there you have it. Everything you need to know about Spain. Oh, and the capital is Madrid. There, now that's truly everything. ■

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**Above:** I took this photo of a Spanish farmhouse out of the window of a high-speed train traveling at 186 miles per hour.

**Right:** Construction for Barcelona's La Sagrada Familia began in 1882 and isn't scheduled for completion until 2026. It's one of Spain's most photographed sites, though I haven't figured out why.







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## MADIGAN MUSES

By Marilyn Madigan



### Remembering Our Irish Patriots

May is a sad month in Irish History. In 1916, the Leaders of the 1916 Rising were executed. The first of the 10 Hunger Strikers died on May 5, 1981. I was honored to meet family members of our Irish Patriots: Muriel McCauley, granddaughter of Thomas MacDonagh, and Tony O'Hara brother of Patsy, one of the Hunger Strikers.

In February, I was privileged to travel with the AOH Freedom for All Ireland Tour. Last month, I shared most of this wonderful experience in my article. A few days before the trip started, I experienced a very special tour of the escape route from the GPO in 1916 lead by a granddaughter of one of the Leaders of 1916, Muriel McCauley.

Muriel and I have been Facebook friends since 2016, thanks to our mutual friend, Sandi Swift. Sandi tried to connect us during my Easter Rising Tour in 2016. For the past three years, a love of Irish History has been shared. The highlight of our shared interest in Irish History was this special tour.

Muriel was aware of my focus on the Women of 1916, so she showed us first the escape route the women took helping the wounded to the hospital.

We visited Moore Street and then the actual site of the surrender. Following the walking tour, Muriel spoke of her

family and their roles during the Rising and the tragic death of her grandmother Muriel Gifford MacDonagh in 1917. She showed us her grandfather's 1916 Medal, a locket with her grandparent's hair and an original Cumann na mBhan pin.

I was thrilled to hold Thomas MacDonagh's medal. The song Grace was written about her great aunt, but now, when I hear the song, I think of my friend Muriel and the sacrifices of her family. At the conclusion of our visit, we joined the Irish Nurses in their march down O'Connell Street to let the concerns of Nurses and the care of their patients be known. How proud I was to join my fellow nurses in this important march.

Tony O'Hara spoke to the FFAI Tour about his brother Patsy and Bobby Sands. We had the honor to visit the Republican Graves in Milltown Cemetery. This area is sacred ground to all who have a quest for Freedom. I am proud that the AOH and LAOH donations help the National Graves maintain this sacred ground.

As we begin the month of May, let us remember our Irish Patriot dead. As Americans, we know the price of freedom, please remember all those who sacrificed for us this Memorial Day. ■

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## SPEAK IRISH

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## Beatha Teanga í a Labhairt

*It is the Life of the Language to Use It*

A rather common question that we hear from beginners at the Speak Irish Cleveland sessions is, "Other than Ireland, where can I speak Irish?" The short answer is, everywhere! We don't need to be fluent to use our cúpla focal (koo-pla foe-kal) couple of words, in just about any circumstance, nor do we have to use what we know, strictly with other speakers or students of Irish. Hello, goodbye, thank you and other words and phrases we use continually throughout our day, why not use Irish and follow it up with the English equivalent in our interactions with others? I've found that it is a very simple way to keep Irish on our tongues and a great way to share a little bit of our heritage, and if you're lucky, to learn a little of someone else's. The last few months we've been following the conversations between "Nóra and Aoife," it's time to stop following and start participating!

Most of the following list uses phrases and phonetics common in the southwest of Ireland, or the Munster or Kerry dialect. One note we've discussed before is that there is no simple yes or no in Irish. In Irish the verb in the question is repeated back in its affirmative or negative form. The words sea (shah) yes or ní hea (nee hah) no, would not be grammatically correct in answering all questions posed in Irish, but for our purpose, responding to an English speaker, they will suffice. The words sea and ní hea literally mean, it is and it is not.

### EVERYDAY IRISH:

sea (shah) yes  
ní hea (nee-hah) no

Dia duit (dee-uh gwit) hello literally, God to you  
Dia's Muire duit (dee-uss morra gwit) response to hello.  
Literally, God and Mary to you

Go raibh maith agat (guh rah mah ah-gut)  
thank you lit. May there be good at you

Go raibh míle maith agat (guh rah meela mah ah-gut) many thanks

Tá fáilte romhat (taw fahl-cha roh-it) you're welcome

Le do thoil (lay duh hull) please

*Are you where everybody knows your name?*

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Gabh mo leithscéal (guh mah lesh-scale) excuse me lit. accept my half story (I love Irish phrases!)

Maith thú (mah who) good job or the equivalent of "fair play to ya!"

An mhaith (ahn vah) very good

Fáilte (fawl-cha) welcome

Céad míle fáilte (kayd meela fawl-cha) one hundred thousand welcomes

Maidin mhaith (moh-jin wah) good morning

Oíche mhaith (ee-hah wah) good night

Tráthnóna maith (trah-no-nah mah) good evening

Ceart go leor (kyart guh lore) right enough/ok

Maith go leor (mah guh lore) good enough

An bhfuil sé ceart go leor? (ahn will shay kyart guh lore) Is it ok?

Tá se sin go maith. (taw shay shin guh mah) It's good.

Is maith liom mé. (iss mah lum ay) I like it.

Mar seo (mahr shoh) like so

Tuigim (tigg-um) I understand

Ní thuigim (nee higg-um) I don't understand

An dtuigeann tú mé? (ahn digg-enn too may) Do you understand me?

Níl a fhios agam (neel iss ah-gum) I don't know lit. there isn't knowledge at me

Tá an ceart agat (taw ahn kyart ah-gut) That's right

Conas atá tú? (koh-nass ah-taw too) How are you?

Táim go maith (thyme guh mah) I'm good

Feicfidh mé thú (fek-ay may who) I'll see you

Tá an lá go bréa (taw ahn law guh brow) It's a fine day

Dia linn (dee-uh linn) God bless us (used as a blessing when someone sneezes)

An bhfuil Gaeilge agat? (ahn will gall-ih-gay ah-gut) Do you speak Irish?

Tá beagáinín Gaeilge agam. (taw bee-uh-gon-ing gall-ih-gay ah-gum)  
I speak a little Irish

Cuir Gaeilge ar --- dom? (kuhr gall-ih-gay ar --- dum?)  
How do you say --- in Irish?

Cad is brí le ---? (kahd iss bree luh ---) What does --- mean?

Ná labhair chomh tapa san. (nah lowh-ur cohv tah-pah sahn) speak more slowly

Abair arís é. (ah-buhr ah-reesh ay) repeat it

Scríobh é (skreev ay) write it (I would add le do thoil to these phrases, it's only polite!)

Cén scéal agat? (ken shcale ah-gut) What's up? Lit. what's your story?

Cén fáth? (ken fah) why?

Slán (slawn) goodbye

Tóg go bog é (tohg guh bug ay) take it easy

This list only scratches the surface of words and phrases we use everyday in our interactions with others. In our Speak Irish Cleveland classes, we encourage everyone to add to this by translating things they say often, perhaps they tell their pet to sit or to say good dog. It's easy to use [teanglann.ie](http://teanglann.ie) to help yourself translate what phrases you want to make part of your daily use. Beatha teanga í a labhairt. It's the life of the language to use it! ■

Slán go Foill!  
Bob



## OFF THE SHELF

By Terry Kenneally  
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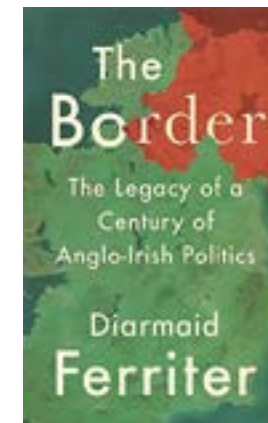
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By Diarmaid Ferriter  
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This is hard-boiled, nonstop crime fiction at its best, by the critically acclaimed

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ever, when a wealthy Frenchman hires Taylor to investigate the double-murder of his twin sons, a pair of morally bankrupt Me-nendez-like brothers who were found duct taped

together in a wheelchair and unceremoniously dumped into a river.

From that rather auspicious return to detective work, Taylor next takes a dip into the Claddah Basin to rescue a man bent on suicide. The man, Walter Tevis, feels that since Taylor saved his life, he will return the favor by becoming ■



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# AKRON IRISH

By Lisa O'Rourke



## Anam Madra

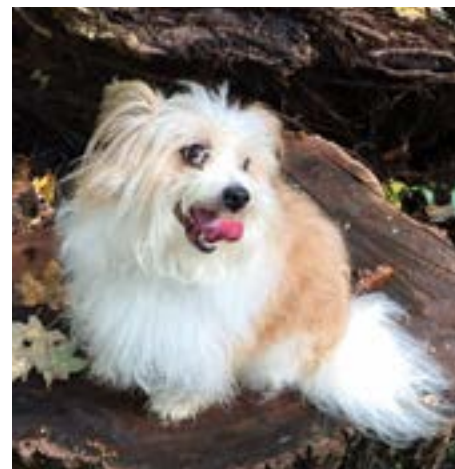
For animal lovers, there are few things sadder in this life than the death of a beloved pet, and they are all beloved in their own way. Maybe once in a lifetime, you have a pet that is just in-sync with you, everything meshes, the planets align, and you have your "one." That was the case with my dog, John Joe. He was supposed to be a family dog, but hey, not everything works out. I let my husband name him and so he got an Irish farmer name, and that name may be why he never really liked my husband. A Pomeranian-Poodle mix does not really scream Irish farmer John-Joe.

John-Joe was reticent ball of white and caramel fluff. From the minute that I saw

him on a puppy website, I had to have him. He was already about six months old when we went to look at him and he hid behind the couch the entire visit when we went to pick him up.

The over an hour ride home was another delight, since he threw up all over the car during that trip. He was shy and skittish and never lost that, except with me. I was his person.

He hid when I left for work and made himself invisible all day until I came home. At that point, he was a swirling, yelping fluffy mass that I could not disappoint. He followed me around the house giving everyone a backward, self-important glance as he pranced away with his person. He was awkward, idiosyncratic



and hopelessly cute.

The hopelessly cute part allowed him to get away with the other two traits. People approached him, purposefully to pet that fluff, only to be met with a growl. He did not embrace the public. While any non-Lisa human could receive a growl, he was a gentleman with other animals. He was never aggressive or unkind.

He was respectful to the cats he shared a home with; he never took from them or interfered with them. He was deferential in his treatment of them. He groomed them and allowed them to do the same for

him.

I once saw him try to make friends with a salty neighborhood cat who proceeded to chase poor surprised John Joe down the street. Our daily evening walks are my favorite memories. We used a leash at times but didn't need it; he would never run away from me. He would let me walk on ahead of him on the last block home, so that he could run like Lassie-with-an-urgent-message to catch up to me. It made me laugh every single time and I think he enjoyed that pleasure.

He died unexpectedly from congestive heart failure. All pets, like children, are above average and exceptional to those who love them. It felt awkward to talk about this personal tragedy. I have lost friends lately and seen friends lose parents and family members and the loss of a dog is not the same, no matter the attachment.

With family in Ireland, it was harder to discuss since my experience with dogs in Ireland was limited. In the country, animals serve a purpose. A dog's purpose is working, by chasing sheep and other animals and by minding the home. Little bits of fluff are not really a thing.

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## SAFE HOME



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(Tom); step-father of Jack Trethewey (Dawn) and Mark Trethewey (Lucy); grandfather of 21; great grandfather of 8; brother of Thomas Ledvina (Pat) and Tim Ledvina (Diane) (both deceased). Former husband of the late Mary Clare (nee McManamon); uncle and friend to many. U.S. Navy Veteran. Member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 59 years. Passed away Friday, March 15, 2019.

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## Anam Madra

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Once when he was on a visit here, my Irish country vet father-in-law gave us the long sideways glance when he saw our former family dog, a terrier mix named Bobby, given run of the house. That glance met that he thought that we were a sandwich short of a picnic for even keeping such a useless animal, let alone letting him sleep on a bed.

However, Bobby was able to earn his respect during that visit, with his efficient dispatch, i.e. murder, of a mouse under a neighbor's couch one Easter morning; it took about a minute for the deed to be done and no clean-up was required.

France is a country that I felt more sympathetic to my attitudes about dogs than Ireland. The dogs that I saw in Paris were not meant to work, but to accompany a person. Routinely in Paris, bits of doggy fluff are brought into restaurants and hand-fed morsels from the diners' plate. No one bats a French eye at that behavior.

Could Ireland be so different? I had to do a little digging to see if my observations of the Irish attitudes towards dogs were correct. I am happy to say, they were not. A recent poll conducted showed that most Irish people, close to 100 %, consider their dog "family," and a third allow their pet to sleep with them.

Over two-thirds admit to greeting their dog or cat before their human counterparts when they return home in the eve-

ning. Anyone who has ever owned a pet knows why, they are happy to see you- just you- no judgement, just in the moment happy.

The Anam cara (ahnum cahrah) means soul friend in Irish. It has proved very meaningful over time because the concept of friendship runs so deep in Irish culture that it's hard to find a proverb or story that friendship is not part of. It is part of the religion of Ireland to the extent that Catholic confession has its roots in the idea of the soul friend with whom you confide.

I think it is time to acknowledge the anam madra (mahdrah), the soul dog.

The dog that is your connection. Most of us get one at best, in a lifetime and they have lessons to teach us. One of those lessons is that unflagging loyalty to someone is not a bad thing. Everyone will know where you stand and you have the capacity to make that someone feel cherished. These connections are choices that we make and they are the sweeter for it. ■

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## Reciprocal Gift

Before my daughter was old enough to fear bugs, we sat, she and I, on our front porch watching a spider weave its web. Filled with the fragrant aftermath of early summer rain, the sky held the dim colors closely, but the slightest sliver of light shone through the clouds, illuminating the spider and her intricate work of art. Perched next to the comfort of my side, I can still see the silhouette of my daughter's pert, turned-up nose and the thickly feathered lashes that framed her blue-green eyes. I delighted in her momentary stillness and awestruck innocence, as we witnessed a moment of magic watching the spider create silk and spin a shared memory.

Artists view the world in shades of light and dark. They seek light to illuminate the darkness, but embrace the shadows to provide contour and depth to their subject. Without darkness, there would be no light. Without the ever-changing angles of the sun or the droplets of moisture that follow rain, the spider's silken web would remain invisible, its luminescence hidden in the shadows. A mother's vision is much like the light that follows rain; we need to peer through the shadows of life and the clarity of our children's eyes to envision the gifts of our world and the newness of each day.

Our vision is hereditary. At times, I become stymied by anxiety and forget



to breathe, to appreciate the moment, to remember the gift of perspective instilled in me by my mother and grandmothers before me. My grandmother Rose was an innocent. Her eyes were as wide as my daughter's with a heart as pure. She loved dogs, cats, and trips to Lincoln Park Zoo.

The dogs on our Chicago block responded to her like animals flocked to St. Francis of Assisi, their patron saint. Grandma Rose would giggle at the colorful backsides of the baboons who frolicked around concrete lagoons at the zoo. She and I would hold hands and share grape soda. Grandma Rose taught me how to tell a story and laugh when the world became too filled with worry.

My grandmother Mim encouraged my creativity and love of literature. Together, Mim, my cousin Michael, and I would pretend that her grand mahogany staircase was Captain Ahab's ship the Pequod, and we the crew, ever watchful for the giant whale Moby-Dick.

The whale was never spied, but there was always a trip to the Dairy Queen for a mid-afternoon treat. All the years Mim spent balancing life as a teacher, scholar, farmer's wife, and mother was repaid through the imaginative spirit of her grandchildren. Gifts are reciprocal.

Recently, I was reading through old journals and letters passed down from Mim. She always encouraged my writing. Somehow she likened my writing to the reclusive poet Emily Dickinson.

Grandmothers are subject to loving exaggeration at times. Nonetheless, Mim wrote me a letter in March of 2002, two years before she died at age 101, applauding my creative efforts and urging me to hire a housekeeper so that I could "devote time to the babies and writing." Children and academics, not housekeeping, were always at the forefront of Mim's priorities. I am still writing, but have never found the need for a housekeeper. Plenty of creative ideas lie hidden behind the cobwebs that manifest on my old bookshelves.

Overall, my greatest creative act has been the gift of my children. Humbled by my calling to be a mother, I cherish the vision of life I see through their eyes: the spider resting in the center of its web, the owls we hoped to spy on nighttime nature walks through Huntington Woods, the sand crabs that tiptoe in the tide pools that dot Irish strands. I will never forget the soft breath of my infants and the birdlike fragility of their warm bodies nestled against the curve of my neck.

My mother taught me to love. She taught me how to be a mother. When I was a little girl, she would comfort me, easing the night terrors that grow from an overactive mind. My mother would sing soft lullabies and cradle me with stories of errant gingerbread men and beanstalks that reached to the sky. As I grew, she shared with me her knowledge of birds and flowers. My mother showed me how to bake cookies and

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**YOUNG & IRISH**  
By Mary Kate Campbell



## Roisín Dubh

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rosaleen" were used as code words for Ireland when English law prohibited directly referring to Ireland as a nation.

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### Blowin' In

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how to cook a proper pot of homemade soup.

When my mother became a grandmother, she once again saw light through the eyes of her grandchildren. She rocked them as babies and settled their toddler temperaments with stories of Winnie-the-Pooh. Together they shared adventures at home and even abroad on an Irish holiday. My mother cuddled with my daughter as the wind blew off the Atlantic over the sands of Keem Beach, and watched with delight as my boys ran blithely through Irish fields.

Throughout the years, my mother played endless games of Monopoly and Clue with the children, laughing at her inadequacy as they managed to win every time. As the children grew bigger, my mother grew smaller and smaller, until she could nestle beneath the warm curve of their strong arms.

Now, I hope that they see her gentle spirit in the red of a cardinal and her joy in the freedom of the wind.

Motherhood is not without its shadows. Children grow - adolescence and early adulthood pulls them toward distractions. I hope that my children once again see the world through my eyes and the simple vision gifted to me by my grandmothers and mother. I hope that they notice the purple foxglove that grow wild in Irish fields, and the play of light on the bark of a leafless birch tree as dawn becomes day. I hope my children never lose their joyful vision, that it is only dormant for a time, until that moment when light balances the shadows and clarity is regained. ■

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By John O'Brien Jr.



## Colin Dussault, Blues Project, & More

Colin Dussault is a Bluesman, a man of soul, with influences gotten and given that range across the spectrum of music. Folk, and Blues of course, plus Scottish, Bluegrass, Appalachian, Country, Jazz, Swing, Reggae, Motown and occasional polka, and those who play it. They include, but by no means is a complete list, like Blind Willie McTell, Muddy Waters, Country Joe and the Fish, Woody Guthrie, Doc Watson, the Beatles, Bob Dylan - they are all part of the eclectic fabric and force that is Colin Dussault.

From these influences, passion and introspection, Colin has built an impressive knowledge and understanding of a plethora of music and musical styles, and moves easily from Blues, to Irish to rock or country, and most other songs too, feeding off the excitement and energy of his listeners to give them what they want, and so much more.

Colin is a legend, not just locally, but across music spectrums, for his shows, his passion and his purpose - sharing the legacy of the music in him, with and for others. His father, Artie, was a bass player, and had a vast collection of records that Colin was exposed to and mined, since he was a young boy. Colin's collection is about 15,000 records, and Colin and his daughter Sophia buy new records all the time. He has many, many more now. "I've got an eclectic collection of records from flea markets, antique malls, record stores locally and regionally. I'm always looking for new stuff."

Colin's sharing goes much further than local. Some of those he has shared the stage with include Bo Diddley, the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Bad Company, Robert Lockwood Jr., Blood Sweat & Tears, Buckwheat Zydeco, Jeff Healey ... and the list goes on, and on. These were just the one's I could write down as Colin reviewed what he most remembers and loves. In the Beginning: The 30-year music veteran had his first gig on May 13, 1989, his 19th birthday, at the Ultimate

Sports Bar, which is now Bobby O's, in Lakewood, Ohio:

"I remember it - there was a line out the door; I made some money; I thought this was cool. I can do this. I want to do this. I devoted myself to it from the very beginning. We out-work everyone. I want to stay that way."

Colin's working roots and values pervade our discussion. It is who he is, humble and funny, gifted and insightful, and Colin has both the rough road and the highlights of a life well-dedicated, and well lived, to prove it, playing 4-5 nights a week most weeks, right here in and around Cleveland. And the stories ... Oh, the stories, I can't put in print...

"Our ideal is to work four to six nights a week. We book out twelve to fourteen months ahead. Sometimes it is all that and more, other weeks might have less gigs, but it is our goal.

"Keeping the music alive and continuing the legacy of the music. It was old when I started; it is still relevant, viable. Soulful blues and thoughtful harmonica players with Celtic, bluegrass, soul, country - thirty years went quick. It has been a lot of hard work. I am blessed to be able to do this.

"Leonard Cohen said, 'success is just a matter of survival.' You give and you get so much more back when you connect. It makes it so worthwhile. Connection can be amazing, doesn't happen all the time, but when it does, Wow!

"I love the Pogues, Van Morrison, Eric Burden, since I was 15 years old. They were big influences; Joe Cocker - a huge part of 30 years of blues; the Yardbirds, Rolling Stones, Planxty, the Chieftains. Being a musician, you were often pigeonholed. I won't be, I love so many styles of music - it is all interlaced, influencing each other, and me."

"I love folk, Scottish, Bluegrass, Appalachian - it's all there. We do 150 to 200 nights a year. It is very satisfying when someone says, 'I didn't think I liked the



Colin's Family, way back when.

blues; but you guys were just great.

"My favorite complement was when Blues legend Robert Lockwood, Jr. said to me, 'Colins you are funky like a goat.'

"I am the Scottish guy who loves the blues. The English bands of the 1960s showed us what we are had right in our backyard, with the Stones etc. [Like Makem & Clancy on the Ed Sullivan show did for Irish music in Ireland].

"I had an unknown affinity for her, for the blues, for Celtic music; it's a language that we know, we are spoken to. The music of the isles spoke to my soul; it spoke to my inner most heart.

"My grandfather on my mother's side was Scottish; he wore a kilt, and really enjoyed live music. He passed away 10 years ago, and I got a lot of heirlooms, but especially the music. My great uncle was Phil Barker, from Scotland, but he lived in Cleveland. He and my grandfather were sign painters. They did it by hand.

"My great uncle Phil recorded on the Parlophone London Record Label in the 1940s. He recorded several songs and 78 rpm recordings on and for the Parlophone/London label. I converted the songs to listen to from old technology. He had a lot of sheet music too that I now have.

"My dad was a bass player in high school. He was 18 when he had a record deal with United Artists. I remember riding on the back of a motorcycle with him. I remember going to band rehearsals at the house, crawling around as they were practicing.

"I have my daughter, with a larger

than life personality. My bandmates and I are journeyman musicians who make a living. That's amazing. I have lived in my house 50 years. My dad had it before me. I am surrounded by great talent in the band. I am a PT Barnum - I'm a singer, a promoter. I have never lost sight of that."

Facilities don't last 30 years but the band has. Fine wine and Colin Dussault's Blues Project get better with time. His current passion though, is a Van Morrison Tribute, called Into the Mystic with Nitesbridge, featuring Colin Dussault and Maurice "Moss" Stanley, plus an 11-member band of immense talent, sharing their love of Van's music and more.

Vocalist Ms. Billie Mitchell; Ms. Michelle George on violin; guitar & vocals Ed Callahan; Sam Hooper on guitar; Toby Packard on drums; John Atzy on bass; Norm Tischler on flute; Dan Wenninger on saxophone; Jabril Barnes on trumpet and Nelson Orta on percussion join Colin. Each compliment and lifts the others; they feed off each other. When they are in, it is pure magic. If you don't know the names, you are missing great talent, so schedule your time wisely, and see some of the best blues, and the best Cleveland, has to offer.

Colin has 10 CD's and one video on his own Erica record label. Colin Dussault Blues Project is Colin on vocals & harmonica; Jim Feeny, guitar; John Atzberger, bass, vocals; Steve Zavesky, drus; Brent Lane, keyboards; Robbie, the roadie, Get his music, gigs list and more at colindussault.com or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/colin.dussault.1> ■

## Irish Alumni groups, bridging countries, industries, generations

By Aly Gardner-Shelby

First published on IrishCentral.com at Irish Alumni groups in USA and Canada - bridging countries, industries, and generations

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*Whether you're a summer visa-holder, planning a long-term or permanent move, or just a fan of all things Irish - don't miss out on the alumni connection with Irish people, and friends of Ireland, all over the USA and Canada.*

### THE EMIGRATION CONNECTION

People from the island of Ireland have a well-known history of leaving their home country, but that's good news for anyone wanting to make connections with Alumni from Ireland - they can be found all over the world. A search on people living in Canada whose LinkedIn profile includes any of the largest thirty third-level institutions in Ireland, will return over 3,500 profiles, while the same search on people in the USA will come back with over 16,600 - and these only go back seventeen years, to the 2002 founding of LinkedIn: there are many other Alumni who emigrated before then and got settled before LinkedIn was a "Thing." If you're one of those, there are still many benefits in connecting with your Alumni office - of which more below.

These Alumni will naturally know other people from Ireland, and Alumni can be more diverse - but have great intersections with - groups that have a more specific focus, such as Gaelic Hurling or Traditional music. Alumni groups typically include people with broad set of interests, work types and age ranges. This variety is an advantage when looking for people-who-know-people, and it provides the new arrival with a well-balanced introduction to their new home. Also, it's a fun mix for someone who is simply looking for a social circle with some shared experiences or an Irish slant.

Says Robert O'Driscoll, Consul General of Ireland for the Western United States, "Alumni organizations are an important part of the Consulate's "Team Ireland" in Western United States: in raising the profile of the exciting research developments in Ireland, the ambitions of Ireland's academic institutions, and strengthening the connection between our diaspora and



Ireland through a regular programme of Alumni events in the region. Alumni groups are a very important means of connecting with the diaspora, which includes Irish-born, those of Irish heritage, and also those with an affinity to Ireland." Consul O'Driscoll knows these benefits from his own Alumni experience too - he has an MA in International Security and Conflict Studies from Dublin City University, a BA in History and Political Science from Trinity College Dublin, and a Diploma in Economic Analysis from the National University of Ireland.

For group members, there's a sense of kinship with people from the same university, school, or area. "We feel connected with people who came over from our home country," says Andrew Pike, a graduate of Trinity College Dublin (TCD), the retired Archdeacon of Vancouver B.C., who made the city his home over 25 years ago. "This is even stronger with the additional tie of having attended the same university."

Michaela O'Shaughnessy is Social Media Manager at Teen Vogue in New York and a grad from National University of Ireland, Galway: "I think Alumni groups are a wonderful idea for networking when you first move here! I definitely stay in touch with many people I went to college with." Emigrants may need some extra support in order to be competitive. "You're up against applicants who possibly had an Ivy League education, and/or internships in the field all throughout College."

In some places, there are cross-institution organizations, possibly setup by people in an area that has fewer people from a particular group. "We started out as a small number of people who were grad-

uates of UCG - now NUIG," says Patricia Ryan of the Irish Graduates Association in Vancouver BC. "However, after about ten years we saw a need to grow, so we now include all Third Level Universities and Colleges in Ireland. We connect with people from all over the island of Ireland both north and south. We find that we speak a common language and share many common values and goals."

Even in major Irish 'hubs' such as Boston, New York or L.A., Alumni groups are keen to keep attracting more people, and they may join forces with other Alumni groups or with other Irish groups to have bigger events and attract higher-profile speakers. Serial entrepreneur Ciarán Hynes is on the Board of UCD's Michael Smurfit School of Business, and an organizer with UCD Alumni in Boston. "We have started partnering with other Irish organizations such as Boston Irish Business Association, Irish Network Boston and the Irish American Partnership. This broadens our scope and gets more attendees - we do that a few times a year on top of our other events."

### THE TECH EFFECT

Tech innovation in Ireland is a catalyst for Irish education. In October 2018, TCD announced a 100-million Euro investment in four capital developments, that will include a new \$1.1bn Technology and Innovation campus encompassing a large portion of the thriving former docklands area in Dublin, and capacity for 1,800 additional places for students of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) - a 50% increase in places over ten years. The Technological University Dublin is being formally established in January 2019, from the merger of Dublin Institute of Technology,

IT Tallaght and IT Blanchardstown - making it the country's biggest third level institution with 28,000 students.

Ireland's rapid development in the Tech sector is a factor in Irish graduates being able to find work all over the world, and especially in Tech centers such as Silicon Valley and the rapidly-developing silicon scene in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) of the USA, and the western provinces of Canada. Tech companies and Tech job-seekers are attracting one another to the Seattle area in a kind of competitive convergence that is intensifying and requiring new infrastructure - some symptoms of which are Seattle having, for a period in 2016, a larger number of construction cranes than any other US city, and the May 2018 inauguration by Port of Seattle and Aer Lingus of direct flights between Seattle and Dublin.

Stripe, an online-payment Tech company founded by Limerick brothers John and Patrick Collison and with nine global offices, opened a Seattle office in 2017. John Collison explained in a GeekWire interview that Seattle is a good fit for Stripe because of the wealth of engineering talent in the area. Today, a number of Irish accents can be heard in their offices. Microsoft in the USA has hundreds of Irish employees, forming a loose social and business network of their own. Many moved over from Microsoft offices in Ireland and represent a cross-section of educational institutions on the island.

Vancouver B.C. is a three-hour drive north from Seattle and is seeing the same kind of growth - with an even larger Irish presence. A brand-new Irish Consulate in Vancouver was opened on 30th October 2018, to help support the growing Irish population in Western Canada. Ireland's Ambassador to Canada, Jim Kelly, estimates that 15,000 Irish people live in Vancouver, with a further 5,000 or so arriving each year. This provides opportunities for new arrivals to connect, but also the same challenges to students and recent grads that are seen in other high-growth areas. "Vancouver is getting very expensive," says Ryan, "and new people in the area need a lot of help, for instance to find affordable accommodation." The new Consulate in Vancouver is working with Alumni groups, among others, to identify and connect with Irish in the region. ■





# COLUMBUS IRISH

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## A Shout Out to the Shamrock Club

Happy May, OhioIANews readers! Can you believe that we're almost halfway through 2019? It seemed like just yesterday I was ringing in the new year with \$30 worth of tacos, and a Hallmark movie marathon

with my dog. As I look back on the past few months, my heart swells with joy - 2019 has been filled with so many amazing moments - participating in a Guinness Pour Off (I didn't make it

past the first round, but I had fun!), participating in several exciting trivia nights, and floating down the Avenue with some of my wonderful Ohio Rose Centre friends. One (of many) similar factors in each of the scenarios is that they each somehow involved the Shamrock Club of Columbus.

Since before I even officially moved to Central Ohio, the Shamrock Club has been a part of my life. The week before I moved to Columbus, I attended the Dublin Irish Festival with my friends Grainne and Molly. Knowing I wanted to get involved in the Irish community here, I popped by the Club's booth and was persuaded to join (memberships were half off, and I love a good deal). It took awhile to really find my footing as a member and get involved, but since I made that plunge, my life has been

filled with quiz nights, discussions of how to connect the Irish diaspora across the Midwest, and more. From the sheer kindness I was shown since I approached the booth on that humid August Day, I knew I wanted to represent the Shamrock Club in this year's Ohio Rose Selection.

As soon as I brought the idea up at the Club, there was a swell of support and many instances of "how can we help?" I received well-wishes and kind messages from officers, fellow members, and friends throughout the entire process, and I felt proud every step of the way to say I was a part of a community that welcomed a Clevelander to Club with open arms.

At one of this year's Selection events, a judge mentioned that businesses and other organizations that sponsor Rose applicants place a lot of faith into the young women they sponsor. That got me to thinking about what groups I've represented in Rose selections the past several years... first, Casey's Irish Imports, second - the Ohio Irish American News, and now - the Shamrock Club.

Each year I've taken part in this event, I've sought out sponsors with whom I can build a relationship, a person or company who emulates what the Irish in Ohio are all about - kindness, spunk, warmth, and so much more. To this day, I stay in contact with my former sponsors,

keeping tabs on what amazing things they are up to, and conspiring about possible topics to write about in future OhioIANews articles.

This idea of forming a relationship with my Rose sponsor has stuck with me throughout the years - especially now. When I took the leap to move to Columbus, I was worried about finding a group of people like I had in Cleveland - friends with whom I could go to PJ McIntyre's with and listen to a Marys Lane or New Barleycorn set, ones who would explain different Irish dance terms to me and attempt to teach me a few moves - even if I fell on my face a few times. I did not find just that in the Shamrock Club. I found so much more.

When I wrote an article about the Club's second female President a few months back, a word that kept coming up in our interview was "family." And nearly every time I've been at the Club since then, someone else has used that term to describe the people around them.

Members lift each other up and support one another through hard times, and celebrate their successes. They make you laugh with hilarious puns at membership meetings, and they even tag along to your favorite bar in Columbus to hear one of your favorite bands from Cleveland play a set. To put it simply (and to quote Olive Garden's slogan): "when you're here, you're family." ■



Eimear Friel, Vice Consul General of Ireland, presents the Community Champion Award to John O'Brien, Jr., publisher of the Ohio Irish American News, in New York City last month.



## Lord Mayor of Dublin Launches Raidió Rí-Rá Station

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring, has launched a scheme, supported by Dublin City Council, that will give over 750 school students the opportunity to take part in Irish language radio workshops. 40 students from Trinity Comprehensive School in Ballymun and Synge Street CBS were at the Mansion House in Dublin where the launch took place.

50 workshops will take place in Dublin secondary and primary schools as part of this new scheme. The workshops will be run by Irish language youth radio station, Raidió Rí-Rá. The workshops will give students the opportunity to speak as Gaeilge in a fun, natural environment, while also developing broadcasting techniques and learning essential communication skills.

Over the past number of years, Raidió Rí-Rá has been giving radio workshops in schools right around the country. Having completed the workshops, many students go on to broadcast shows on Raidió Rí-Rá.

The workshops highlight the job opportunities in Irish language media and the importance of Irish in media in general. For many students, the classroom has been the only opportunity



they have had to speak as Gaeilge.

These workshops bring the language alive for them and also show that there are endless opportunities and benefits to keeping up your Irish after school. Lord Mayor of Dublin, Nial Ring: "The Irish language is a passion of mine and

over the years I realised that one of the best ways to learn Irish is to immerse yourself in an energetic, creative Irish language environment. These workshops are the perfect example of how students can improve their Irish, but also learn essential communication

skills and tricks of the radio trade. Dublin City Council is delighted to provide support to Raidió Rí-Rá to run these workshops and provide an exciting opportunity for Dublin schools. I am very confident that the workshops will be a stepping stone for budding Irish language broadcasters from Dublin."

Manager of Raidió Rí-Rá, Niamh Ní Chróinín said: "We are delighted to be at the Mansion House launching our Irish language radio workshop scheme.

I have been giving radio workshops for a number of years and have seen the benefits for young people. The workshops give students the confidence to speak whatever amount of Irish they have and to have fun while doing it.

"Raidió Rí-Rá aims to be the Irish first Irish language youth full time radio station broadcasting on FM so we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with so many young students and introduce them to our station. We are very thankful for the support of the Lord Mayor and Dublin City Council and are looking forward to visiting secondary and primary schools around the city in the coming weeks and months." The 50 workshops will take place between now and the end of 2019 in schools around Dublin and in Raidió Rí-Rá's Dublin studio. ■



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# CLEVELAND COMHRÁ

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## Trad Session at Plank Road Tavern

The west coast of Ireland is a beautiful place, no matter the time of year, but a visit in the fall, after the tourist season has passed, brings rewards as well. Dress for the weather and enjoy the sites, nothing is crowded this time of year and that adds to the magical feeling of many of the places along the coast.

At the end of the day a quick hot shower and a trip to the local pub for a bowl of chowder and a pint sets things right with the world. And if you're lucky, there just might be a session that evening. Some of the best music you can experience happens in some of the smaller local pubs along the coast.

Unfortunately, I can't be in Ireland as much as I'd like, but I have found some great alternatives right here in Cleveland. Partners, Mike and Sarah Pap, Chris Pap, Kevin Pap and John David opened The Plank Road Tavern in 2010.

When Mike approached Sarah about investing in the pub, she was hesitant at first, but agreed on the condition that they host an Irish music session.

A reasonable request for a talented fiddle player! Kevin runs the day to day operations along with his girlfriend Megan Roddy, who is the manager. Mike, a dentist by profession, handles the books, and Sarah, a lawyer, handles that end of



things. On a side note, Sarah's father, John William Lally, is the Westside Irish American Clubs 2019 Man of the Year.

The building itself has been around a long time. I recall being there in the 70s when it was The Riviera. That age adds to the atmosphere; the wooden floor is perfect for tapping your foot along with the music. The bar is well stocked, and they definitely know how to pour a Guinness.

The menu is varied with the burgers and fried pickles highly recommended. During football season, there is no question this is a Cleveland Brown's fan's place. The Plank is a cozy neighborhood pub, where the regulars know one another and many live within walking distance.

The Thursday night music sessions, however, have made it a destination. Started in February 2011, every Thursday, with only a couple of exceptions, the music has been the force and the focus. Sarah told me the sessions are about carrying on a legacy and keeping the tradition of the Irish music session alive. Kevin added that it's also a tribute to the brothers grandfather John Coyne, a



fiddler who's been gone over thirty years now.

Al O'Leary, who's a regular participant on Thursdays, played with John in the past. John's photograph hangs on the wall where the musicians are seated and is a great reminder of that legacy.

The music changes, depending on who comes out to play, but some are there almost every week. Michael English, who plays the flute, has been coming to the session since they started. Sarah said, "he's the rock of the sessions here." The

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### Trad Session

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last evening I was there, Al O'Leary was there with his accordion, Alec Stott did an amazing job with the uilleann pipes. Aidan Schwind, a senior at St. Ignatius High School, joined in on fiddle, along with Sarah and Samantha McNamara. Michael Brennan played the bouzou-



lot can happen in an Irish session, even romance; I recall Brian Bigley telling me he met his wife Kristen at one of the sessions here.

It is truly an amazing thing among the folks at The Plank Road Tavern, and all the other venues that host these sessions. Check the Out and About section every month and treat yourself to the experience of a true Irish

session in this far west county.

ki, Drew Anbretta and Micki Ansberry played the bodhran. George Hanna on guitar and Mike Pereira on banjo both from the trad Irish band, "Red Haired Girl" joined in too. The music flowed effortlessly from all of these talented musicians and was appreciated by all of us packed in that evening.

Even Mike and Sarah's son sat in for a couple of tunes with his tin whistle. A

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**TAKING THE FIELDS OF GLORY: GAA MONTHLY**  
By Vincent Beach



# May Midwest Gaelic Athletic Association

You might recognize a new beer at your local, but Sullivan's Maltings Irish Ale is anything but a rookie. The Kilkenny company is now shipping to Buffalo and Cleveland, with the plan to provide their iconic brews to more Great Lakes cities; making it a perfect partner with the Midwest GAA. The sponsorship by Sullivan's provides the Midwest with funds for its games' development, youth programs, and all-

star teams.

The Smithwick family (yes, those Smithwick's) have now partnered with the direct descendant of the original, 300-year-old brewing family, the Sullivan's, to provide artisan brews to Kilkenny and beyond. They families have enlisted the renowned, contemporary master-brewer Ian Hamilton, formally of Guinness, and are winning awards amongst the best breweries in the world (an International Brewing Awards Winner).

The Midwest GAA summer schedule is out for Hurling and Men's Football, with plans to have a Ladies Football schedule out before the publishing of this periodical. The hurlers are starting in May, whilst the footballers begin full sided games in June.

This year's Midwest Finals are in Akron, and the event is now marketed to be one action-packed day of hurling, men and ladies football, and youth Gaelic games, all followed by ceol agus craic! (music and ... there's really no encompassing english word for good time, party, entertainment, conversation, friendship, and hullabaloo).

Cleveland GAA. Saturday May 11th is the date to mark as Cleveland



Referee's Clinic Underway

hosts the inaugural 7-A-Side Gaelic Football Tournament at the West Side Irish American Club. Games begin at 10:30a.m. and will go until 6 p.m. on two fields. Both Ladies' and Men's football will be showcased.

Admission is reasonably priced at \$0.00 while parking may peak as high as \$0.00. Games will be fast paced and high scoring by nature. Many thanks to the participating clubs from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus, Detroit, and Pittsburgh; and to all the day's sponsors and volunteers.

Come cheer on your club and stay for the evening craic. A memorial trophy (honoring those GAA members who have gone from this life) will be presented to the winners. This year's trophy is in honor of our own George Dunne, suaimehnas síoraí tabhair dó, a Thiarna. Contact [ClevelandGAA@gmail.com](mailto:ClevelandGAA@gmail.com) with questions or to get involved.

Adults. It's official, Cleveland GAA will have two men's teams and a ladies' team competing this summer. Training sessions have just begun, so feel free to join, learn a new sport, compete against other clubs, and enjoy the athletic comradery. Men will practice Tuesday's at Impett (Warren Village area) and Thursday's at the home grounds, Páirc na Naomh (Field of the Saints), at the West Side Irish American Club. The Ladies' plan to start their training on Wednesday's at Impett field as well.

Youth. Cheers to the fantastic indoor league our 5 through 12 year old players participated in. Skills and game speed improved each session, as well as the laughter and growing friendships. We had several of our "older/experienced" players (you know about 10 and 11 years old) help coach the 5 and 6 year olds. Great kids all around, we are blessed.

For May, the Youth Club will be

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**Meet Your Cleveland GAA: Daniel Kampman Men's Player & Public Relations Officer (PRO)**  
Hometown: Birmingham, AL  
High School: St. Thomas Aquinas (Canton)  
College: John Carroll University  
Current Residence: Lakewood, Ohio  
Career: Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.

Daniel (Dan) Kampman fell in love with the sport of Gaelic Football in 2018, his first season with the club. He utilized his background playing defensive tackle (American football) at John Carroll University, to help anchor St. Pat's/Jarlath's defense in a successful 2018 campaign. His solid work ethic, mixed with athleticism, paid off, and he was voted the Club's 2018 "Rookie of the Year" award at the end of the season. Due to his leadership on and off the field, Dan was elected to the Cleveland GAA Board to serve as the PRO for the 2019 calendar year.

When asked about his first season, Kampman commented, "I honestly knew very little about Gaelic (football) when I first started, but the excitement and history surrounding the sport really made me fall in love. I cannot wait to build upon the successes of last year..."

Catch Dan and the rest of the St. Pat's/St. Jarlath's Men's team in a couple of weeks at the West Side Irish American Club for the Cleveland GAA's - 7-a-side Tournament on May 11th. The first game is at 10:30 a.m. Please see [Cleveland-GAA.com](http://Cleveland-GAA.com) for more information about the club.



A break from classes, sharing the craic

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## 2019 MIDWEST DIVISION GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING SCHEDULE

Date	Competition	Home	Away
11-May	Jr. Hurling	Akron	Pittsburgh
18-May	Jr. Hurling	Akron	Rochester
1-Jun	Jr. Football	Cleveland	Detroit
1-Jun	NY Cup	Buffalo	Syracuse
8-Jun	Jr. Hurling	Rochester	Akron
15-Jun	Jr. football	Detroit	Pittsburgh
15-Jun	NY Cup	Albany	Buffalo
22-Jun	Jr. Hurling	Rochester	Pittsburgh
22-Jun	Jr. Football	Pittsburgh	Cleveland
22-Jun	NY Cup	Syracuse	Albany
29-Jun	Jr. Football	Pittsburgh	Detroit
29-Jun	NY Cup	Syracuse	Buffalo
13-Jul	Jr. Hurling	Pittsburgh	Rochester
13-Jul	Jr. Football	Detroit	Cleveland
20-Jul	Jr. Hurling	Pittsburgh	Akron
20-Jul	Jr. Football	Cleveland	Pittsburgh
3-Aug	NY Cup	Buffalo	Albany
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providing FREE FRIDAYS once again. Session 1 will be at Impett Field from 6-8p.m. The sessions will be geared towards the new players, with the chance to put the newly discovered skills to action with a scrimmage. Ages 5-12 are welcome.

Come June, the regular summer schedule will be at the WSIA on Sundays from 4-6 p.m., except when the Adult club has home games. This year we want to bring the whole club (adults, players, youth, parents, social members, and supporters) together on game days. The Youth will have their warm-ups then compete after the adults. The kiddos are encouraged to cheer-on and then warm-down with the adult team after the game, while the adult teams are encouraged to cheer on and warm-up our young 'ins.

Minors. Players under eighteen years of age on January 1, 2019 are welcome to join the Cleveland Minors squad this spring and summer. Are you or someone you know still wanting to compete in meaningful games? Do



Coed League has biggest draw yet.

you want to represent Cleveland? The Gaelic Athletic Association is looking for players of ages between the ages of 16 and 18 to compete regionally and nationally. Contact ClevelandGAA@gmail.com if interested.

The Midwest GAA will be bringing other Minors to town from Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Buffalo to train with high level coaches before the national championships. Sessions are currently planned for June 15 and July 13 before select squads will head

to the Continental Championships in Philadelphia on July 25.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh (thanks y'all) to our readers and supporters. Follow @ClevelandGaelic on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for the 2019 activities for Men, Women, and Youth. Or, visit ClevelandGAA.com.

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. Seo é ó Pháirc an Crócaigh agus breá liom é:

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*Vincent Thomas Francis Xavier Beach is a proud Greater Clevelander and emigrant of Michigan. He joined the St. Pat's Gaelic Football Club in 1999 and, with much help, is the current caretaker of the Cleveland GAA. His Irish is a cross of dialects from the University of Cincinnati and An Cheathrú Rua. With his wife, Michelle, he enjoys watching time absolutely fly by as their children, Ambrose (9), Bernadette (8), and Cedric (5), grow. His other hustles are teaching Irish at PJs, coaching CYO basketball at St. Mary of Berea, coaching soccer in Olmsted TWP, and slinging some engineering skills on local concrete and pipe projects.*

## TERRY FROM DERRY

By Terry Boyle

## A Dyslexic God

Dyslexia is a complicated thing to define. People with dyslexia find it difficult to decipher language that makes sense to the rest of us. Faced with a sentence, words may appear as nonsense and disordered even though the same sentence makes perfect sense. Conversely, those with dyslexia might write nonsense that makes sense to them but appears nonsensical to others.

I'm reminded of the old joke about the dyslexic devil worshiper who offers his soul to Santa. I think dyslexia is a great metaphor for understanding faith. For example, there are times when we wish someone reading our texts was dyslexic, especially when the auto-correct decides to play havoc with our good thoughts.

I think God must be dyslexic. How can the creator see anything good in humans, especially when we are willfully committed to destroy the planet we inhabit, and blind ourselves to poverty and injustice? Some of more sophisticated among us choose to believe in a God tailored to suit their prejudices and designed to meet their every need. I am not one of those.

Theology, as a subject, has always fascinated me. For many people, religion is anathema while for others it forms the basis of community. Billions of people in this world claim to believe in something greater than themselves; a creative force responsible for all that there is, seen and unseen. While there are just as many people who believe that such beliefs are outdated, primitive, and unscientific.

The unbeliever points to the wars fought, and continue to be fought, in the name of God. Conversely, believers have been persecuted by non-believers for believing in a God. It is easy to point the finger at the concept of faith and accuse those who find a need to believe in God as one of the primary

causes for our lack of progress. With such a lopsided view of faith, it's no wonder there is no wonder or mystery in choosing to believe.

When it comes to dismissing the possibility of a God, the usual topics are doled out; suffering, poverty, war, religious intolerance, inequities, clerical abuse etc. The list goes on and on ad infinitum. With such a large arsenal of damning evidence to negate the existence of God, why continue to believe?

It's a question that haunts me daily as I struggle to rationalize my own faith against a host of perfectly sensible arguments. There are days when it would be much easier to simply give in, give up, and accept that there is no God, but, I can't. For, to do so, would rob me of so many wonderful things; such as beauty, kindness, love, mercy etc. Do I need to have a God to enjoy these same things? No, but a belief in God magnifies each of these qualities in a way that not only satisfies my mind but also my soul.

There is no doubt that belief in God has inspired some incredible works of art, amazing architecture, trans-

formed hearts and brought comfort to countless numbers of people. When religion is purged of intolerance, power mongering, and stripped back to the essential core, it's motivated by love. True religion is about actions, not words, that inspire us to hope. You don't need to surrender your brain in order to believe in God. In my opinion, there is no absolute mantra of words or a particular creed to adhere to.

When it comes to the different religions in this world, it's best to be dyslexic. Who cares if you get the names mixed up, and read the words incorrectly. True religion advocates that the believer be just, merciful and humble. God, is probably as dyslexic as we are when it comes to the details. He/she/it has left us a huge mystery to unfold, and we can either spend our time discriminating against those who are not like us and separating ourselves from them, or we can live joyfully with our dyslexia and read everything as an advocacy towards inclusivity. Dyslexics often have to guess at the meaning of a sentence. They need to re-arrange the words in order to achieve clarity.

Faith requires us to be dyslexic. When a verse appeals to self-righteousness or sectarianism, it should not make sense.

Jumble those words around in your mind until they reflect the true nature of God. Everything makes sense when we decipher language as it is intended and reinterpret any interpretation that excludes or demeans others. Reinterpret those words that emphasize 'election' or 'chosen' and see them instead as the whole of humanity and not the select few.

God must be dyslexic. How can he not see the obvious signs of a self-destructive race of beings who are intent on destroying all that is good? Is he blind to our rampant exploitation? What does he make of our tribalism and the cruelty towards others? God has to be dyslexic.

God has to be dyslexic in order to read between the madness and see beyond the nonsense we create in order to see us as we could be rather than what we are. It takes a dyslexic God to see order in the nonsense we communicate. It's truly a wonder that God continues to believe in us. ■



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## COOKING UP A HOOLEY

By Katie Gagne



# The Versatile and Delicious Quiche

Quiches are one of my favorite dishes. They are easy to make, full of flavor, are great for any meal, and can be made with your favorite ingredients.

Here are two recipes – one for a 9” quiche and one for mini-quiches. Both use a standard 9” pie crust, which you can either make using your favorite pie crust recipe or buy one of the convenient and yummy ones already made. These are perfect for breakfast, brunch, lunch and for any special occasion. Here are two of my favorite flavor combinations. The beauty of these is that you can change up the ingredients to suite any taste or appetite.

### Ham, Potato, and Irish Cheddar Quiche

#### Ingredients:

- 1 9” pie crust
- 10 large eggs
- ½ cup whole milk
- 3 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons granulated garlic
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 10 ounces diced ham
- 4 ounces Kerrygold Reserve Cheddar Cheese - diced small
- 4 ounces shredded cheddar
- 1 cup shredded hash brown potatoes

Roll out pie crust to 1/8” thick. Place in ungreased pie dish. Prick bottom and sides of crust with fork to avoid it puffing too much during baking.

Chop ham and Kerrygold cheddar. Add other cheddar cheese and set aside.

Sauté the hash browns with a tablespoon of butter, a pinch of salt and black pepper until soft and slightly cooked. Let cool for a few minutes.

Whisk eggs, milk, garlic, pepper and nutmeg together in a bowl.

Layer ham, cheeses, and hash browns on top of crust and pour egg mixture over the top; just covering the filling.

Bake at 425° for approximately 30-35 minutes, until golden brown and the filling is set. Let rest for 20 minutes before serving.



### Mini Quiches with Spinach, Red Pepper, Mushroom, and Green Onion

Makes 24 Mini Quiches

#### Ingredients:

- 1 9” pie crust
- 10 large eggs
- ½ cup whole milk
- 3 teaspoons black pepper
- 2 teaspoons granulated garlic
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped spinach
- 1 cup diced button mushrooms
- 1 red bell pepper – diced small
- 2 stalks of green onions (scallions) – chopped – both white and green parts
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 4 ounces shredded Asiago Cheese
- 4 ounces shredded Greyer or Swiss Cheese



Roll out pie crust and using 1 ½ - 2” round cookie cutter, cut out rounds from the crust. Place those in a mini muffin tin that has been sprayed with cookie spray.

Sauté the mushrooms, onions, red pepper, and spinach with the tablespoon of butter and garlic clove until soft and heated through.

Whisk eggs, milk, granulated garlic, pepper and nutmeg together.

Place one spoonful of the veggie mixture into each muffin cup and top with a sprinkle of each cheese. Fill each 2/3 of way up with egg mixture. The best way to do this is use a measuring cup.

Bake at 425° for approximately 15 minutes, until golden brown and set. Let them rest for 20 minutes before serving.

Both types of quiches can be made ahead and reheated. They freeze great. They also taste great at room temperature as well as hot. ■

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## TOLEDO IRISH

By Maury Collins

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# The Police Altar at the Historic Church of St. Patrick

Peace Officers Memorial Day is held annually in the United States on May 15, in honor of federal, state and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week.

The idea of a Peace Officers Memorial Day came into effect on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor law enforcement officers. President John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962. Each year, the president of the United States proclaims May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week of each year during which such May 15 occurs as Police Week.

According to the Legal Information Institute, the president is requested to issue a proclamation to: designate May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day; to direct government officials to display the United States flag at half-staff on all government buildings; and to invite state and local governments and the people to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Many people in the United States will pay tribute to officers who lost their lives or were injured in their jobs. According to Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), about 150 officers are killed in the line of duty each year, and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss.

The Police memorial service in Toledo is scheduled for May 16th at the police memorial garden behind municipal court. The Toledo Police Memorial Garden was dedicated May 13, 1981 - In memory of those City of Toledo policemen who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The Police Mass at Historic St. Patrick's Church is on Sunday May 19th.

After the annual Blue Mass last year, the following was placed on the official Toledo Police twitter account: "Today we celebrated the annual Blue Mass at the Historic Church of St. Patrick in downtown Toledo. Thank you to all that made this possible. This church holds a special place in the hearts of your local police officers and firefighters."

The Police Altar at the Historic Church of St. Patrick came about in 2009; a year after the Firefighter's Altar was dedicated. Rev. Dennis P. Hartigan, pastor at the time, felt that there should be an altar dedicated to police. He asked Retired Toledo Policeman Dave Smith to set up the altar. Dave, now a Deacon at the Church, asked Dave Meegan and Gabriel Edwards for advice. Dave and Gabriel are retired Firefighters, who started the Firefighter's altar.

Just as the Firefighter's Altar is unique and probably the only one of its kind in the country, so too is the Police Altar. The Firefighter's altar is dedicated to St. Florian, patron saint of Firefighters. The Police Altar is dedicated to the patron saint of police officers, St. Michael the Archangel. Deacon Smith told me, "Even though the Firefighter's Altar has a first class relic of St. Florian, he doesn't think he will find a relic of the Police Patron Saint."

The Altar contains three Police hats. One is the hat worn by Sergeant Dave Smith, the second, a Sheriff's hat from Lucas County Sheriff John Sharp, and the third, a hat from Bryan Smith, a policeman in New Zealand.

Also on the altar are pictures of the previous "Blue Masses," showing an increase in numbers each year. A picture titled, "Lonely Night," dedicated to the families of police officers, and one ti-



Deacon Dave Smith at the Police Altar

bled, "Sign of Peace" from the National Sheriffs Association. The current pastor, Father Denny, found a mosaic of St. Michael the Archangel by Tom Cullen; it was purchased with donations from Police officers.

As word spread about the Police Altar, patches from many areas of the USA, Canada and even New Zealand came in. The front of the altar is covered, and a display on the wall beside the altar has the overflow. There is a bell donated by Cheri Bryer, which is rung at the Blue Mass for fallen Police officers.

There are two flags beside the altar; the Police flag and a special United States of America flag with the names of the Police and Firefighters killed during the 911 attack in New York City. There is a book of pictures from Deacon Smith's visit to New York City to honor those who gave their lives on that September morning.

The last item I found was a book of pictures, which was on display at the funeral of Keith Dressel. Det. Dressel was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 21, 2007, when he and two other officers

attempted to approach two young men who were violating the city's curfew ordinance and involved in a drug transaction. He was shot in the chest at point blank range. He was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Toledo Police Chief George Kral helps to get the word out about the Special Mass each year. Deacon Dave

Smith is a proud Irish American and a Hibernian. Putting the Police Altar together and maintaining it is a labor of love. Sunday Mass is at 10:00 AM on Sunday May 12. Even if you can't make the mass, stop in to see this beautiful church with its' two unique altars, dedicated to the brave men and women who protect us from harm. ■

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By Mike O'Malley and Moira Horn

## The Emerald Jewel of Ohio City Turns 20: Celebrating Two Decades at The Harp Restaurant & Pub

Karen O'Malley opened The Harp Restaurant & Pub in Ohio City in 1999, serving traditional Irish fare to the Irish near and far. At the time, the area was rundown and crime-infested, but Karen had a vision; she saw the potential for a local institution. Through her tenacity and hard work, she transformed that dream into a reality.

Now, twenty years on, The Harp is a pillar of the community, and has been recognized repeatedly as one of the finest Irish pubs in the nation. In celebration of The Harp's 20th Anniversary on May 1st, now is the perfect time to reflect on its success.

Born and raised in Lakewood, Karen moved back to the area in

late 1998, with the aim of realizing a dream five years in the making. "I wanted to follow in my dad's footsteps and become an entrepreneur," said O'Malley, a first-generation Irish American. In order to accomplish this, she honed her craft while working in a number of highly regarded restaurants and pubs across the United States and Ireland. She developed her skills, business acumen, and most importantly, a plan of action.

She named her pub after one of the most ancient and recognizable associations of Ireland, the harp, which is the national symbol of Ireland; the only country with a musical instrument as their national symbol.



The Harp was designed by the renowned architects of Frank Ennis and Associates, of Dublin, and evoked the style of pubs in Ireland, featuring carved wooden walls, stained glass, and murals crafted by Irish artisans.

It was constructed by The O'Malley Building Company, owned by her father, who, along with her brother, donated hundreds of hours of labor to the project. Karen took a risk,

choosing to locate her pub on the 4400 block of Detroit Avenue, overlooking Lake Erie.

"At the time the neighborhood was not in the greatest shape," said O'Malley, "but I took a chance on the area and have been rewarded many times over for that, as the neighborhood has grown up around us."

The Harp opened its doors on May 1st, 1999. In its early days, The Harp faced challenges inherent to the restaurant industry, such as staffing and the difficulties of acquiring a customer base. However, these issues were eventually surmounted through dedication to service and attention to detail fostered under Karen's leadership, as well as the loyalty of her staff, some of whom have been with The Harp since its opening. Indeed, The Harp is now an institution that anchors the neighborhood, and provides excellent food for a strong base of loyal customers in an authentic pub atmosphere.

For example, Jeannie Vall has worked at The Harp for sixteen years as a server and bartender. Before joining The Harp staff, Jeannie loved going to The Harp as a guest. In reflecting on some of her fondest memories at The Harp, she said, "I love working every St. Patrick's Day and 4th of July. It's always fun



Karen O'Malley

seeing regulars bring their families and enjoying the holiday together...I've enjoyed interacting with guests over the years and forming friendships beyond the traditional bartender-customer relationship."

Vall also cited the compassionate leadership of O'Malley as one of the primary reasons that she has worked at The Harp for nearly two decades, "...because she's not like a boss, she's one of my best friends. She genuinely cares about her employees and welcomes you in as family. She views customers as guests coming into her home and treats them as such."

It wasn't until six years in, after she had developed a following amongst Clevelanders and business grew steady, that Karen felt confident in the venture. Two of The Harp's favorite regulars,

"I TOOK A CHANCE ON THE AREA AND HAVE BEEN REWARDED MANY TIMES OVER FOR THAT, AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS GROWN UP AROUND US."

Cathy Farrell and her husband, Mike, have been coming to The Harp every Friday night for fifteen years.

Mrs. Farrell looks back at some of her fond memories at The Harp, calling it a "home away from home...our second kitchen...If friends and family need to find us, we're at the Harp on Friday. We have spent so many life events with The Harp staff, and have become close, like family. We even stopped by between our son's wedding ceremony and reception."

In response to the increasing popularity of The Harp over the years, it has expanded, including three additions to the patio. The Harp has grown to become the emerald of Ohio City; beyond entrepreneurship, Karen's leadership extends into service and care for others.

The Harp is deeply ingrained



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in the local community, hosting a yearly fundraiser benefiting Father O'Donnell's Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist, a ministry for low-income and marginalized children in Cleveland, as well as funding local athletic clubs and supporting musicians and charities in the Greater Cleveland area. According to O'Malley, this endeavor has been as rewarding as it was challenging: "I am blessed and grateful for our success as well as the opportunity to serve the community as it has developed; provide employment to a staff of thirty-seven; the ability to be a part of special events," she continued. "I have had the privilege of watching generations come through; I've gotten to watch kids grow up and get married and build families of their own."

In addition to being named one of the Top Ten Irish Pubs in the United States by Fox News in 2013 and 2014, The Harp has been featured in numerous publications, including USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland Magazine, Scene Magazine (Best Irish Restaurant in 2017) and the Ohio Irish American News. O'Malley and her staff are grateful for this recognition and look forward to providing an authentic Irish pub experience for at least another twenty years to come.

Join the Harp in celebrating two decades of service and community on Saturday, May 4th, featuring music by The Portersharks at 8pm. Along with the congrats, say hello to Karen if you don't know her. There is plenty of room to join The Harp family. ■



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## St. Patrick's Day Survey Results Are In

New York, NY - The Cork Chamber of Commerce partnered with Lenox Consulting, a boutique public affairs firm with offices in the U.S. and Ireland and Publicity, a communication and strategy consultancy, to take a look at perceptions of Ireland, the Ireland-U.S. relationship, tourism, business and more amongst U.S. adults in the lead-up to St. Patrick's Day. The results of the survey have just been released.

The St. Patrick's Day spirit is ubiquitous in communities across the United States and this year, 67% reported that they plan to celebrate in some way. Celebrations

take a variety of forms. According to the survey, the most popular ways to mark the holiday, among those who plan to celebrate, are wearing green (66%), going out to a bar or restaurant (43%) and cooking Irish food at home (31%).

**"ST. PATRICK'S DAY PROVIDES AN ENTIRELY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EDUCATE AND ENGAGE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC ABOUT IRELAND, BUSINESS, CULTURAL AND CULINARY TIES."**

According to Conor Healy, CEO of Cork Chamber, "43% of survey respondents indicated that they believe that economic and business ties are the most important aspect of the Ireland-U.S. relationship."

Americans hold overwhelmingly positive views of Ireland, with 87% reporting they have a very positive or positive opinion.

## ON THIS DAY IN IRISH HISTORY MAY

- 3 May 1916** - Patrick Pearse, Thomas Clarke, and Thomas MacDonagh are executed by firing squad for their part in the Easter Rising.
- 5 May 1981** - Death of Bobby Sands, the first republican prisoner to die of a hunger strike.
- 8 May 2007** - 'Devolution Day' in Northern Ireland. DUP leader Ian Paisley and Martin McGuinness took office as first minister and deputy first minister respectively in a restored Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 9 May 1916** - Thomas Kent executed in Cork.
- 12 May 1916** - James Connolly and Sean Drarmada are executed for

- their part in the Easter Rising.
- 16 May 1926** - The Fianna Fail Party was founded by Eamon de Valera.
- 17 May 1650** - The Battle of Clonmel ends: Cromwell's forces storm the town but are beat back by Black Hugh O'Neil.
- 19 May 1798** - Arrest and mortal wounding of Lord Edward Fitzgerald, United Irishman.
- 21 May 1944** - Birth of Mary Robinson, lawyer and seventh President of Ireland.
- 24 May 1928** - William Trevor (Cox), prolific and prize-winning short story writer and novelist, is born in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork.

Likewise, 80% believe the U.S. and Ireland have a positive relationship and 91% believe it is important or very important for the U.S. to maintain that relationship. "Ireland remains extremely popular in a time where it's hard to maintain a positive image in the public eye," commented Matt Krayton.

"While St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the U.S. have taken on their own unique character, it's clear that Ireland has historically and continues to make a significant imprint on the American imagination," said Steve Lenox. "St. Patrick's Day provides an entirely unique opportunity to educate and engage the American public about Ireland, business, cultural and culinary ties," continued Lenox. Over half of respondents (58%) reported that St. Patrick's Day celebrations make them want to learn more about career or travel opportunities in Ireland.

Americans also display high interest in opportunities to travel and even relocate to Ireland. 88% reported they have an interest in taking a trip to Ireland, while 70% said they would at least consider relocating to Ireland to live and work. In terms of getting to Ireland, 72% reported that the availability of direct flights is either very important or important in deciding on which destination to travel to.

"While going to a parade, drinking a Guinness, or considering a trip to Ireland may not equate to global trade, there is undeniably a correlation between the St. Patrick's Day holiday and how Americans perceive Ireland," said Lenox. "We believe this survey provides a roadmap to future Global Irish engagement and proves again that those efforts must be year-round." ■

*Steve Lenox is the Founder of Lenox Consulting, a boutique public affairs firm with offices in Ireland and the United States. Steve also serves as President of Irish Network USA, a 501(c)3 organization launched to help grow opportunities for Irish, Irish Americans, and friends of Ireland to invest in business through culture, education, business, and sports.*

Steve Lenox, President of Irish Network USA, shared this poll with me, and graciously allowed us to run it in the OhioIANews.

Here are some of the results from a recent poll conducted on behalf of INUSA\* that proves that your support of our efforts to engage the Global Irish matter.

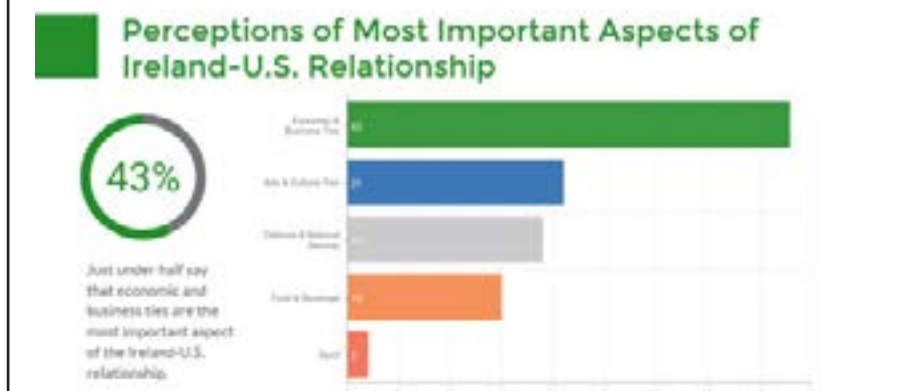
According to the results of the nationwide survey, 67% of Americans plan on celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Whether that "celebration" is as simple as wearing green or attending a parade, this staggering number shows that a majority of America is willing to be connected to Ireland in some way!



This makes even more sense when further along in the poll we learn that 87% of Americans have a favorable opinion of Ireland, and that 91% believe it's important for the US and Ireland to maintain a strong relationship.



When it comes to where the US/Ireland relationship matters most, 43% said economic and business ties. 21% believe that arts and cultural links matter most, while national security (19%), food and beverage (15%), and sports (2%) links round out the responses.



In short, these survey results prove that there are huge opportunities to continue to engage new members and supporters across the US in efforts to increase "investment in Ireland!" ■



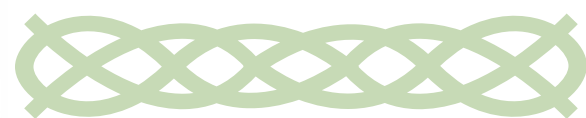
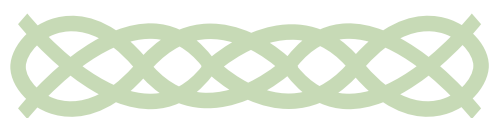
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## Milestones & Sweet Snaps



1.

1. J. Michael Finn and his wife Marion, celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary!



2.

2. Andrew and Jackie with Cian and Morrighan getting van cleaned up for the parade.

3. Hermes Joe Neroni with The Guinness World Record judicator.

4. Flannery's remodeled.

5. Chewbacka at the St. Patrick's Day parade. Photo by James Bannon.



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4.



By Dottie Wenger

# KIDS CRAIC



THE SLIOTAR

## Hurling and Gaelic Football 101

In America, baseball season is in full "swing". But do you know what the most popular sports are in Ireland? Hurling and Gaelic Football! These sports are both run by the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), the largest sporting organization in Ireland.

What is Hurling? Hurling is a sport resembling field hockey. It's played between two teams of fifteen players each. Players used a wooden axe-shaped stick called a hurley (or simply a hurl) to hit a small ball, called a sliotar (pronounced slither). The sliotar can be hit over the opposing team's crossbar between the goalposts to score a point, or under the crossbar into a net guarded by a goalkeeper to score a goal, which is worth three points. For fun, the game is called "The Fastest Game on Grass" or "The Clash of the Ash," because the hurleys are made of wood called Ash.

Check out: "How to Play Hurling" – a kids' tutorial, on YouTube!

### What is Gaelic Football?

Called simply "Gaelic" or "Football" in Ireland, it's really more similar to what we know as soccer in America. Like Hurling, Gaelic Football is played by two teams of 15 players each. It's played on a rectangular-shaped grass field with

H-shaped goals at each end.

The object is to score by kicking or striking the ball with your hand and getting it through the goals. The team with the highest score at the end of the match wins. Players move the ball up the field by carrying, soloing (dropping and then toe-kicking the ball up into their hands), kicking and throwing it to their teammates.

### Literature Highlights

*All About Hurling* by Irene Barber. Non-fiction. Photos and text. Published by O'Brien Press. 32 pages.

*Bernie Wins the Match* by Claire and Aidan Johnston. A children's Gaelic Football rhyming storybook. ■

*Dottie taught kindergarten and second grade for a total of thirty-two years, and she now handles marketing and promotions for Yorktown Service Plaza in Parma Heights. In her spare time, Dottie is a baker extraordinaire, and also enjoys participating in 5K events in order to offset collateral damage from this hobby. She is married to John and has two sons, Daniel and Andrew Fowler, the latter of whom is very active in the Cleveland pipe band community.*



## Trivia Corner



Although Hurling and Gaelic Football are the most popular sports in Ireland, do you know which Olympic sport has been Ireland's most successful? BOXING!





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By Linda Fulton Burke



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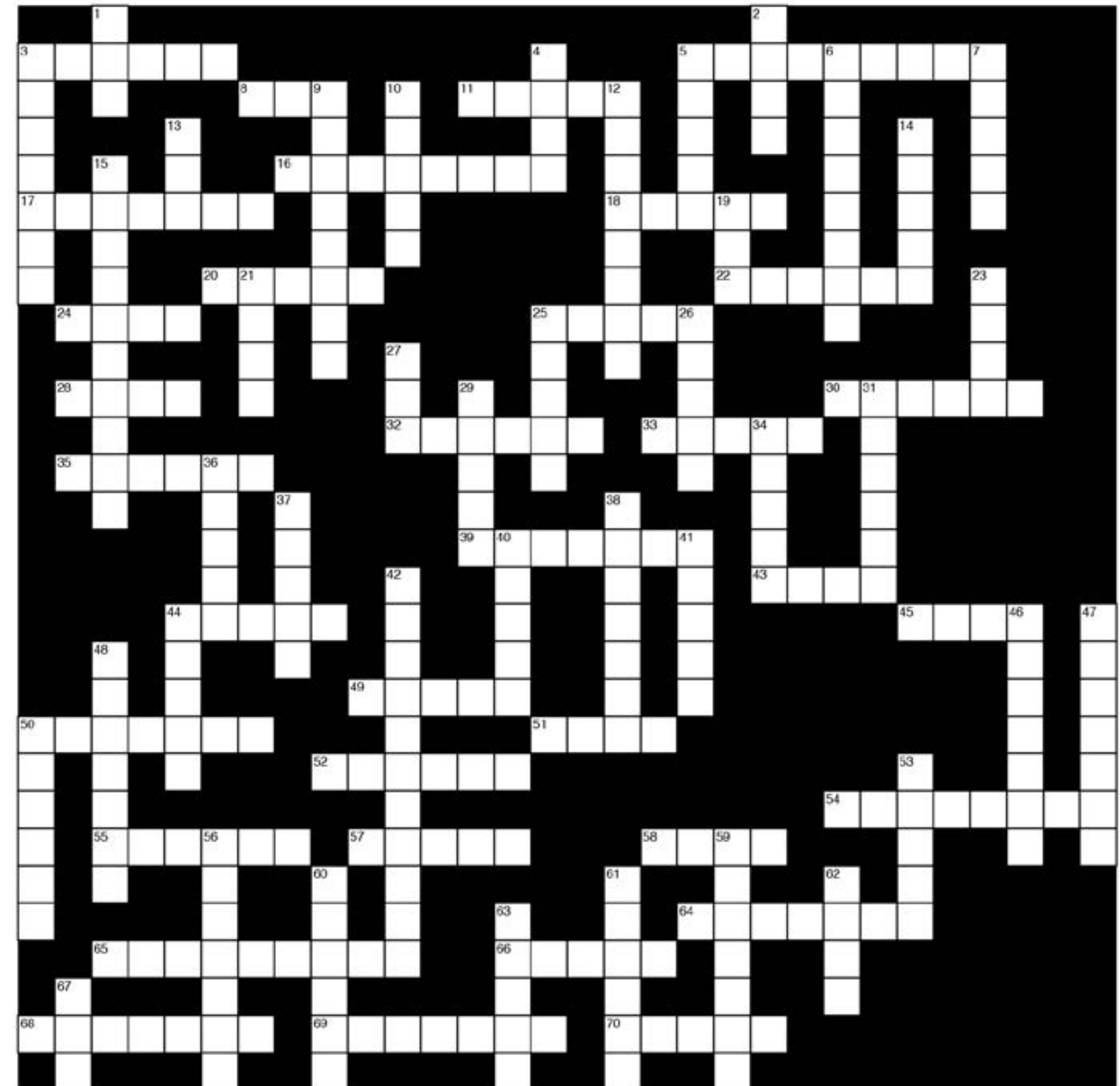
- 3 To the raven her own chick is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Do not resent growing old. Many are denied the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 As the big hound is, so will the \_\_\_\_\_ be.
- 11 A scholar's ink lasts longer than a martyr's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16 Better be quarrelling than \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 A ship often sank beside the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 18 Distant hills look \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20 Face the sun, but turn your back to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 22 Every tide has an ebb save the tide of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_ is like a cup of tea, its all in how you make it
- 25 A silent \_\_\_\_\_ is melodious.
- 28 Everyone is \_\_\_\_\_ till he speaks.
- 30 Be neither intimate nor distant with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 32 A word is more enduring than worldly \_\_\_\_\_.
- 33 It's not a matter of upper and lower \_\_\_\_\_ but of being up a while and down a while.
- 35 Mothers hold their children's hands for just a little while and their \_\_\_\_\_ forever.
- 39 Broken Irish is better than clever \_\_\_\_\_.
- 43 A hound's food is in its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 44 Do not mistake a goat's \_\_\_\_\_ for a fine stallion's tail.
- 45 \_\_\_\_\_ is a good workhorse.
- 49 It is the good \_\_\_\_\_ that draws its own cart.
- 50 A friend's eye is a good \_\_\_\_\_.
- 51 The future is not set, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ but what we make for ourselves.
- 52 He who gets a name for early \_\_\_\_\_ can stay in bed until midday.
- 54 Marry a \_\_\_\_\_ girl and you marry the whole mountain.
- 55 It is better to be a \_\_\_\_\_ for a minute than dead the rest of your life.
- 57 A \_\_\_\_\_ precedes a story.
- 58 A \_\_\_\_\_ is better than suspicion.
- 64 Every \_\_\_\_\_ is a doctor after his cure.
- 65 A windy day is not a day for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 66 God made time, but man made \_\_\_\_\_.
- 68 Hoping to recoup ruins the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 69 Two \_\_\_\_\_ the road.
- 70 An \_\_\_\_\_ sack does not stand.

## DOWN

- 1 Both your friend and your enemy think you will never \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 It's the deaf people that create the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 A \_\_\_\_\_ kettle never boils.
- 4 It's easy to halve the potato where there's \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten May you never forget what is worth remembering, or remember what is best \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 An Irishman is never at \_\_\_\_\_ except when he's fighting.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ is stronger than upbringing.
- 7 A trade not properly learned is an \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Many an Irish \_\_\_\_\_ was increased by the lace of a daughter's petticoat.
- 10 If you lie down with dogs you'll rise with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 As you ramble through life, whatever be your goal; K eep your eye upon the \_\_\_\_\_, and not upon the hole.
- 13 He who comes with a story to you brings \_\_\_\_\_ away from you.
- 14 It's for her own good that the cat \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 If you want to be \_\_\_\_\_ marry.
- 19 He'd offer you an \_\_\_\_\_ if you promised not to break the shell.
- 21 A wild goose never reared a \_\_\_\_\_ gosling.
- 23 A light heart lives \_\_\_\_\_.
- 25 It is often that a person's \_\_\_\_\_ broke his nose.
- 26 Have a mouth of ivy and a heart of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 27 If you do not \_\_\_\_\_ in the spring you will not reap \_\_\_\_\_ in the autumn.
- 29 God is good, but never \_\_\_\_\_ in a small boat.
- 31 As the old cock crows so the young cock \_\_\_\_\_.
- 34 Even a \_\_\_\_\_ thorn causes festering.
- 36 It's no use boiling your cabbage \_\_\_\_\_.
- 37 God's help is nearer than the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 38 Bad as I like ye, it's worse \_\_\_\_\_ ye.
- 40 Age is honorable and youth is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 41 A hen is \_\_\_\_\_ when carried far.
- 42 A boy's best friend is his mother and there's no spancel stronger than her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 44 An old \_\_\_\_\_ knows the dirty corners best.
- 46 Every terrier is bold in the \_\_\_\_\_ of its own house.
- 47 Its no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 48 It is a bad hen that does not \_\_\_\_\_ herself
- 50 Praise the child and you praise the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 53 It is the \_\_\_\_\_ pigs that eat the meal.
- 56 A penny gets \_\_\_\_\_ penny.
- 59 A little kinship is better than a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 60 Good as drink is, it ends in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 61 It is sweet to drink but \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for.
- 62 Your \_\_\_\_\_ will bring you where your heart is.
- 63 It is not a secret if it is known to \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- 67 It is better to exist unknown to the \_\_\_\_\_.

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# POLICE WEEK – May 11-18, 2019

## Celebrated in Cleveland with the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Memorial Commemoration

Hosted by The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society™, the commemoration recognizes all law enforcement officers for their dedicated service, and honors those who died in the line of duty serving their communities. Please consider showing your support for our Safety Forces at any of the following events open to the public:

### Saturday, May 11, 2019:

**Grave Marker Placement.** After a brief ceremony at 8:00 a.m. at the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial™ (GCPOM™) located in Huntington Park, Lakeside Avenue and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, volunteers will travel throughout the region and place markers on the graves of the officers commemorated on the GCPOM™.

### Sunday, May 12, 2019:

**Police, Fire, & EMS Memorial Mass.** 9:00AM at Our Lady of Angels Church. Breakfast served after Mass in Linus Hall. Cost \$7.00

### Monday, May 13, 2019:

**Candlelight Vigil.** 7:30 p.m. at the GCPOM™ \*Everyone is we

### Thursday, May 16, 2019:

**Cleveland Police Badge Case Ceremony.** Begins at 11:00 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cleveland Police HQ 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Justice Center

**Heroes Welcome.** 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Margaritaville, East Bank of Flats  
Live music and complimentary appetizers.

### Friday, May 17, 2019:

**Parade.** Steps off at 10:30 a.m. from Lakeside Avenue and East 12th Street, continuing along Lakeside Avenue to the GCPOM™. Parade participants include officers from local, county, state and federal agencies throughout the U.S. and Canada; and surviving family members of officers who made the supreme sacrifice.

**Memorial Service.** All are encouraged to gather at the GCPOM™ at 11:30 a.m. immediately following the parade in “**Keeping the Promise to Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes.**”™

**Luncheon.** For parade participants immediately following the Memorial Service at the FOP Lodge 8 Hall, 2249 Payne Avenue.

**Greater Cleveland Police Emerald Society.** Fellowship Event CPPA Upstairs Hall  
4:00 PM to 6:00PM

**Rib Roast.** Police fellowship at CPPA Hall, 1303 West 58th Street from 6-8p.m.  
\$25 (full slab) and \$15 (half slab) per person. For tickets contact (216) 337-3537  
or [info@policememorialsociety.org](mailto:info@policememorialsociety.org). Sponsored by **Chicago P.D. Emerald Society.**

### Saturday, May 18, 2019:

**Police Collector's Show.** 10 am – 3 pm. Double Tree Hotel 1111 Lakeside Ave. Contact Dave Tomcho (440) 821-7483.

**Cleveland International Tattoo™.** Highlighting the weekend will be the “Tattoo” at Cleveland Music Hall at 7:00 p.m. A spectacular demonstration of pageantry, music, song, drill and dance. Featured performers include the United States Coast Guard Silent Drill Team, The Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police, Ottawa Regional Pipes and Drums from Canada, and more! Tickets on sale at [www.honourourfallen.us](http://www.honourourfallen.us) all tickets \$15.00 per person, 10 years old and under free.

**After-Tattoo Party.** Follow the bands back to the Double Tree Hotel at 12<sup>th</sup> & Lakeside Ave., featuring music by “Sloppy Joe Band!”

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