

## 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade First Place Float!



A huge shoutout and heartfelt thanks to our talented and dedicated Float Committee contributors who made this masterpiece possible: Bob Henry, Wes Feathers, Bob Spinks, Micael Costello, Matt Bowen, Mike Stanton, Linda Finch, Chris Mahaffey, Donna Baioni, Kathy Foster, Tera Linehan and Kevin McGreal! Your hard work and creativity have truly brought our vision to life! This was a parade to remember!

## 2024 St. Patrick's Day Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all our winners! \$5,000 – Bob Henry; \$2,500 – Amy Levon; \$1,700 – Debbie Novish; \$317 – Ryan Barker; \$317 – Helen Hadden. Thank you to all who sold raffle tickets this season and thank you to our Raffle Chairwoman Anne Bowen.

## Executive Board Election 2024-2025

*Bruce Greig*

Nominations for club officers, the Executive Board, will be May 13 at the General Membership meeting. The officers to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary for one year terms. In addition there are two Member at Large two year open positions.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the May general membership meeting. Any member in good standing, who has paid dues and attended five meetings in the past 12 months is eligible to run for office. Any member in good standing who has paid dues and attended three meetings in the past 12 months is eligible to nominate and vote for candidates for the above offices. Nominating members must show their current membership card and will have two minutes to nominate their candidate. Nominated

members must show their current membership card and will have one minute to accept their nomination.

The election will be held June 10 at the General Membership meeting. Members in good standing must show a current membership card to receive a ballot. Absentee ballots will be available and issued when requested in writing from members in good standing. Write in ballots will be accepted. Write in candidates must also be members in good standing, having paid dues and attended five meetings from July 2023-May 2024.

The votes will be counted and verified on June 10 at the General Membership meeting. Good luck to all seeking these important positions.



## Padraic Pearse Center

### BOOK BUZZ

Bonnie Easton

To start us off this month, here are a couple of nonfiction books about two of the most significant events in Irish history.

***The 1981 Irish Hunger Strike: An Account from Declassified British Documents*** is a new book by Ohio 6th District Appellate Court Judge Michael C. Mentel of Columbus. Ten men died in 217 days in the H Block of Long Kesh Prison. For centuries, the Irish had suffered from persecution and imprisonment without trial. The British government gave them special status as political prisoners in 1971 but rescinded it in 1976. By 1981, the prisoners acted by starting a hunger strike. Mentel analyzes the history that eventually led to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

***Plentiful Country: The Great Potato Famine and the Making of Irish New York*** is offered by historian Tyler Anbinder. In 1845, a fungus devastated Ireland's potato crop and left millions starving. By 1855, about a third of all adults living in New York City were Irish immigrants who were facing discrimination in finding work and in living their daily lives. Anbinder tells the stories of these immigrants and how they eventually succeeded and thrived in their new home.

And a couple new fiction books which, coincidentally, both involve nuns.

***Sisters of Belfast: A Novel*** by Melanie Maure tells the story of twin sisters who are orphaned in 1941 by the bombing of Belfast in World War II. As teenagers, the McGuire twins take different paths—Isabel rebels and leaves Ireland for Newfoundland where she marries Declan Kelly, while Aelish takes vows to become a nun. They have no contact with each other until 1955 when Aelish hears from Isabel's husband that her sister is ill and has twins of her own. She needs help. They return to Ireland together to face the pain of their past where unwed mothers and their babies were treated cruelly under the care of the Sisters of Bethlehem.

The seventeenth installment of Ken Bruen's Jack Taylor thriller series is ***Galway Confidential***. Jack Taylor awakes from his coma after eighteen months to a different world. His city was drastically hit by the pandemic. He is still recovering from the injuries of his assault, but he learns of vicious attacks on nuns and homeless people by different perpetrators and feels the need to assist in the investigations. As usual, he is bolstered by regular shots of Jameson's.

Oldies but goodies for this month: ***Circle of Friends*** by Maeve Binchy, ***Irish Country Doctor*** by Patrick Taylor, ***Born In*** trilogy (***Born in Fire***, ***Born in Ice***, ***Born in Shame***) by Nora Roberts, ***1916*** by Morgan Llywelyn, and ***Princes of Ireland*** and ***Rebels of Ireland*** by Edward Rutherfurd.

More reading suggestions can be found at PadraicPearseCenter.weebly.com. Happy Reading!

## May Communion Breakfast

Ladies Ancient of Hibernians Deirfiur of Charity Division will be hosting Mass and May Crowning on Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Hall. Following Mass, the kind gentlemen of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Bluestone Division will serve breakfast. All are welcome! More information to follow. Save the date! Questions? Contact Division President, Sarah O'Brien (216-337-9004) or Mass Chairwoman, Patricia Homan (440-655-6494).

## HE SAID. . .SHE SAID. . .

Donna Baioni and The Membership

Happy birthday to all our May celebrants: **Rhonda Henry, Patt Gronick, and Kay Joyce-Lardie** celebrate on May 1; **Amy Catherine Schulte and Emma Cervenik**, May 2; **Katie Cooper**, May 4; **Nancy Loren**, will celebrate her 75th on May 9; **Tommy Conkey**, May 10; **Betty Prendergast**, May 11; **Olivia Waite**, May 12; **Sue McGill**, May 13; **Jay Ryant**, celebrates his 21st birthday on May 16, **Catherine Reed**, celebrates that day also; **Jacob Drew, and Darlene McFaul**, May 18; **Bud Eppich**, May 22; **Bob Henry**, May 24; **Bridget Kropf**, May 25; **Robin Burton**, May 26; **Michelle Campbell**, May 28; **Machenzie Wachter and Carol Heiss**, May 29; **Joyce O'Brien**, May 30; **Bridget Waite**, May 31.

Happy anniversary to **Tom & Mary Kay Malone and John & Debbie Wachter**, May 2; **Nat & Dan Pajak**, May 7; **Carmen & Kay Cesa**, May 10; **Bill & Pat Homan**, May 14; **Mary & Michael Conkey**, May 20; **Jack & Suzanna Kilroy**, May 25; **Maggie & Paul Spellman** May 29.

Sending our sympathy to **Dave & Diane Radachy** on the death of his father, **Don**.

Congratulations to **Katie McCluskey** who was awarded the Thomas McManamon Directors Cup Award. Katie was selected for this honor by the United Irish Societies of Greater Cleveland Executive Director John Togher. Thank you, Katie, for all your hard work for the parade and the club.

To have your important events included in this column, please write them on the flyers found on the tables at the membership meetings, or call Ann Turk at 440.943.3088, or email [schanachie@gmail.com](mailto:schanachie@gmail.com).

## CEILI NIGHT

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## Membership Has Its Privileges

There were 83 members signed in at the April 8 meeting. If you paid your dues, but are not receiving *The Schanachie*, contact Membership Secretary, Mary Alice Curran 440.665.8110. *The Schanachie* is available online on the Club website ([eastsideirish.org](http://eastsideirish.org)) and on our Facebook page (IACES).

If you have a child 18 years of age who has come off your Family Membership, we have a membership rate of \$20 per year until s/he reaches age 21.

Welcome new members for March & April: Mike & Maria Fechner, Tract & Laura Roskey, Michael & Rose Buynack, Darrin & Beth Gafney, Kirk & Melissa Albin, John & Erin Barbish, John McDonough, Bill & Evelyn Stanoch, Debbie Gallagher, Sean Koltiska, James & Anne Smith, Joseph Tamburello, Kathleen (Katy) Hanratty, Charles & Kathleen Arth, Margaret & Duffy-Friedman & Colleen Cloherty, Julie Everett, John & Alene Payne, Sean Sutton, James Stack, Kyle Lynch, Susan Tate, Emma Dillon, Matthew & Rachel Seither, Carol Callahan and Sharon Hoppert.

## April MONTHLY DRAWING

Member Chris Halley #384 was not present at the April 8 membership meeting and did not win \$627. Attend the May 13 meeting and sign in for a chance to WIN \$756.

## Club Rental Information

The Irish American Club East Side is available for gatherings of all sizes. We can host your party, shower, luncheon, wedding, banquet, or fundraiser. The upper hall can accommodate up to 500 people depending on setup. The lower level Phil Walsh Cabaret Room can seat up to 130 guests. If you wish to rent the Phil Walsh Cabaret Room you may bring in your own food or you have the option of using one of our club caterers. To reserve either the upper hall or the Phil Walsh Cabaret Room, contact Mary McCluskey at 216.978.4926, Linnea Meaney at 216.870.9404.

## HEADLINES and DEADLINES

If you would like to submit an article for *The Schanachie*, the **deadline** for the **June** issue is **May 6**. You may continue to send your articles to the Club or you may email them to [Schanachie@gmail.com](mailto:Schanachie@gmail.com). Submission time is not the only criteria for inclusion and we reserve the right to edit due to content and space. If you have any questions call Ann Turk at 440.943.3088 or Linda Walsh at 216.538.1358.

## Monthly Membership Meetings Members are allowed to bring a dessert for the monthly meetings.

Month	Letter	Month	Letter
JANUARY	A & B	JULY	N & O
FEBRUARY	C & D	AUGUST	P, Q & R
MARCH	E & F	SEPTEMBER	S
APRIL	G, H & I	OCTOBER	T, U & V
MAY	J, K & L	NOVEMBER	W, X, Y & Z
JUNE	M	DECEMBER	All Members

## THIRSTY THURSDAYS BEGIN AGAIN

Weather permitting on June 6<sup>th</sup> we will begin Thirsty Thursdays. Watch for details in the June issue of the *Schanachie*. We are looking to do one prepared meal in June, July and August. On the other Thursday we will be grilling burgers and hot dogs and ask our members to bring a dish to share.

## “In Memoriam” Plaque

In the lower hall there is an “In Memoriam” Plaque with the names of deceased members of the Club listed. If you have a friend or loved one that was a member of the Club and has passed away and you would like their name to be included on this Plaque, you can send their name and a check for \$50 made out to the Irish American Club: or you can contact Linda Walsh at 216.538.1358.



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12 	13 Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm & Cash Drawing	14 	15 	16 Thirsty Thursday In the Pub	17 	18 
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