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DIAMONDS ARE A GAL'S BEST FRIEND

By Bree Gurry

Join the Padraic Pearse Center for our annual ladies-only raffle on
Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 1 to 4 pm
 at the Irish American Club East Side's Main Hall.

Enjoy an afternoon filled with prizes, raffle baskets,
 special raffles, 50/50s, and more — all while supporting the
 mission and programs of the Padraic Pearse Center.

Tickets are \$50 per person and include luncheon and cocktails
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The luncheon features chicken, potatoes, vegetables,
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A perfect way to gather friends, enjoy great food, and spend a sparkling spring afternoon together.

Book Buzz

Bonnie Easton

Author of the bestseller *The Lost Bookshop*, Evie Woods, offers her newest book, *The Violin Maker's Secret* about three people who unite to discover the origins of a violin. Devlin works at Heathrow Airport and finds a violin in the lost and found. He takes it home for his girlfriend, but she isn't interested. He shows it to his former history teacher. Together, they make inquiries of a violin appraiser. The story breaks into two timelines of past and present and is told with Evie Woods' usual sprinkling of magical realism.

Saoirse: A Novel by Charleen Hurtubise is the author's first book published in America and has been mentioned in many reviewing sources lately. Saoirse was born Sarah Roy and grew up in Michigan to a dope-taking mother and a criminal stepfather who used her to move drugs across state lines. She escapes to Ireland where she meets Paul Byrne. He renames her Saoirse and manipulates her into doing his bidding. Pregnant with Paul's child, she falls in love with Daithi, but her secrets haunt her. Can she trust Daithi and find happiness?

Let Me Go Mad in My Own Way by Eileen Feeney is the story of a young college professor, Claire O'Connor, who left Western Ireland to work in London, but her mother's death and her father's illness draws her back home to become his caretaker. Her former partner has moved in down the road from her family home, and they draw close once again. The author uses her story to show Ireland's history and its effects on the present—the famine and the atrocities of the Black and Tans—as well as more current issues like climate change and the environment. Perhaps, in today's world, we may all be going a little mad right now.

The Sword and the Light: A Novel by Heather Graham is fantasy fiction that takes place in ancient Ireland when the Tuatha De Danaan walked the earth before the first Kings of Ireland ruled. When invaders arrive from the North, teenagers Deirdre, a king's daughter, and Kylin, the son of a Northman, receive the gift of visions. The teenagers see a traitor in their midst and use their shared powers to defend the homeland they love and find themselves drawn to each other.

Mary Costello (*Academy Street*) has returned with her new book, *A Beautiful Loan: A Novel*. In 1985, a nineteen-year-old girl named

Anna Harris marries a thirty-year-old man named Peter Gallagher. They endure two failed pregnancies which might be attributed to the chlamydia that he gave her. After eight years of marriage, he wants a divorce. A few years later, she meets a Muslim Algerian named Karim in a bar, but he becomes more devout in his faith and condemns her western ways. Anna struggles to grow and sees a therapist who uses the therapeutic method of Carl Jung. He encourages her to leave Karim. She questions what it means to be a woman and endure the control that she has experienced in her relationships.

My Irish Kitchen Table by Eunice Power offers recipes for everyday cooking. Some of the recipes included are rhubarb cake, fruit crumbles, fresh-baked bread, and a brunch for friends. Home-cooked meals around a table still play a role in our daily relationships.

Irish Times list of Best Books of the 21st Century countdown 50-46: *Dinosaurs on Other Planets* by Danielle McLaughlin, *The Wren, The Wren* by Anne Enright, *Asking for It* by Louise O'Neill, *Exciting Times* by Naoise Dolan, *The End of the World Is a Cul de Sac* by Louise Kennedy.

A website for the complete list is: <https://746books.com/2025/03/17/the-100-best-irish-books-of-the-21st-century/> (or <https://tinyurl.com/3dpy5389>). For more reading suggestions: www.padraicpearsecenter.weebly.com. Happy Reading!

HE SAID. . .SHE SAID. . .

Donna Baioni and The Membership

Happy April showers to **Karoline Ferencak**, April 1; **Sheila Joyce Byrne, Alex Cavelli, John Cousineau, Bruce Greig & Celia Brewer** all share an April 2 birthday; **Bella Behm & Chris Halley**, April 4; **Gerry Quinn and Carolynn Evers**, April; **5 Dorothy Gallagher, Jim Nugent, and Bridget Piotrowski**, April 6; **Fiona Cavelli, Joe Ward and Wes Feathers**, April 8; **Nolan Waite**, April 12; **Dave Baioni**, April 14; **Sean Fitzgerald**, April 15; **Michaella Pingstock**, April 17; **Erin Homan, Alissa Cosgriff and Sue Guzik**, April 18; **Jack Carroll**, April 19; **Maureen Dowd**, April 20; **Amelia Carroll**, April 22; **Ann Corrigan**, April 22; **Ann Campbell Dunham, and Patty Baroni**, April 24; **Brandan Cosgriff, Judy Sullivan and Duffy Wagner**, April 25; **John Homan**, April 26; **Heather O'Brien and Connor Gallagher Stringer**, April 28; **Liam Piotrowski, Peggy Bennett and Kelly Perko**, April 29.

Happy Anniversary to **Sheila and Matthew Byrne**, April 11; **Jason and Kelly Pingstock**, April 17; **Matt and Erica Drew**, April 22; **Tom and Betty Cosgriff**, celebrating their 39th anniversary April 25; and **JJ and Erin Behm**, April 30;

Get well wishes to **Sr. Maureen Burke. Dave Clements** we are so glad you are feeling better!

Our sympathy goes out to **Kathy Dietrick** on the death of her brother. We also send condolences to the families of **Mary Margaret Scott, Dolly Luskin, Carolyn McFaul, Kim Giancola and John O'Brien Sr.** (past president of the West Side Irish Club).

Congratulations to **Bob Fitzgerald** who was selected **2026 Hibernian of the Year**. To **Katie Schmitt**, who was awarded 3rd place in the Irish Echo 40 under 40. And to **Norine Hastings**, selected **2026 Woman of the Year** by the West Side Irish American Club. Norine holds membership on both sides of town.

Congratulations to **Mary Alice Curran**, and the rest of the **IACES Board** and cast of **volunteers** for all their hard work to make the "**Green Season**" such a success. Shout out to the kitchen crew, the food was great!

Membership Has Its Privileges

- There were 197 members signed in at the March 9, 2026 meeting.
- If you paid your dues, but are not receiving *The Schanachie*, contact Membership Secretary, Mandy Hill 440.694.5676. *The Schanachie* is available online on the Club website (eastsideirish.org) and on our Facebook page (IACES).
- If you have a child 18 years old coming off your membership, we have a student membership \$20 per year.
- Welcome New Members:** Marty Connell, Jason & Leslie Patterson, Thomas & Laura Sweeney, Charles Sweeney, Anthony & Sally Zehe, Michael & Patricia McSteen, Thomas & Bridget Mackin, Brenna Beachler, Michael Semler, Jordan & Moira Boreman, Ellen Freeman, Evan Prendergast, Erin Prendergast, Rich & Mary Collingwood, Kevin & Patricia Klinger, Trish Weber, Gregory & Andrea Hall, Marc & Zrinka Palmer, Jordan Stanoch, Austin Karchefsky & Alex Polasky, Chad & Heather Wojtkiewicz, David Zehe, James Peppard Jr., Brent & Kirsten McNeil, Charles Davison, Patricia McGarry, Jerry & Margaret Joyce, Ginny Frohwerk & Cheryl Morgan, Justin & Lyn Haselton, Sean & Anna Marie Murphy, Larry & Renee Booksh, Stephen & Anne Grushetsky.

March MONTHLY DRAWING

Member James Mullally #883 was not present at the March 9 membership meeting and did not win \$243. Attend the April 13 meeting and sign in for a chance to WIN \$456.

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 Meany at 216.870.9404.

HEADLINES and DEADLINES

If you would like to submit an article for *The Schanachie*, the **deadline** for the **May** issue is **April 6**. You may continue to send your articles to the Club or you may email them to 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 Mary Alice Curran at 440.665.8110.

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

“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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If you know of a member who is sick or if there has been a death in the family, Mary Kay Malone, Chairperson of the Sunshine Club, will try and send a card on behalf of the Club. You can contact Mary Kay at 216.337.4356 or send her an e-mail mkm1159@yahoo.com with the member's information.

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Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH): Bluestone Division

Upcoming Events:

SAVE THE DATE:

Robert M. Fitzgerald Golf Outing! Friday, July 17, 2026, Shotgun Start at 1PM Briardale Golf Course, Euclid A four-person scramble. It is time to pick your foursome More information will be provided in the May Schanachie.

INTERESTED IN JOINING AOH BLUESTONE DIVISION?

Monthly meetings for members only are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Irish American Club—East Side (upper hall). Annual membership dues are \$50 (free membership for college students or over the age of 70). **Contact:** Bob Mullin, President, 216-538-7035 or bobbymulls@yahoo.com

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH): Deirfiur of Charity Division

Upcoming Charitable Drive Projects include:

- Amazon wish list collection for Project Hope
- Feminine hygiene collection for The Gianna Center for Women's Health in Euclid.
- The Deirfiur of Charity Division continues to collect canned food donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (St. John of the Cross Catholic Church) in Euclid. The collection box is located at IACES.

Contact Mary Jo Gurry at 216-375-5468 for more information.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Poor Man's Raffle – Tuesday, April 21 at IACES Phil Walsh Cabaret Room.** Tickets are \$15 each. Please contact Casey Hatcher at 216-272-9973
- **Celebrity Bartender Fundraiser – Saturday, June 13 at Tradewinds Lounge**

INTERESTED IN JOINING LAOH DEIRFIUR OF CHARITY DIVISION?

Monthly LAOH meetings for members only are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Irish American Club—East Side (lower hall). Annual membership dues are \$30.

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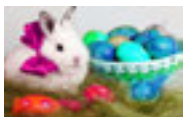

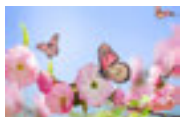





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12 	13 Membership Meeting 7:30 pm & Cash	14 	15 	16 Thirsty Thursday In the Pub	17 	18 
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