



# Seanachai

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Largest Irish Organization  
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## President's Message



Dear Members,

This is my last letter to you as President and it is bittersweet. I have done the best that I could and although I may have fallen short in some areas I hope in

those areas that count that I was able to step up. I want to thank the officers for the work that they have done this year, Secretary Megan Dempsey with the website and VP Nancy Murphy for mostly keeping me sane; the Board of Directors have been great and without all of them this year would not have been the success that it has been. Thank you, Past President Jim Casey, for taking on the Seanachai. I hope for your sake that Nancy is better at getting her letter to you on time. I would also like to thank Past President Richie Clemons for taking over the Irish Family Reunion; what a great time we had with a near sell out.

At times during this year, there have been some accusing the officers of not following the Club's By-Laws and Standing Rules. They have used word of mouth and social media to defame the Club and its officers. The following is an excerpt from the Shamrock Club Standing Rules:

"Under no circumstances will a sub-organization or unit of the Shamrock Club make statements or undertake actions that cause it to be in conflict

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## Chaplain's Comments



I think we can agree that this celebration of St. Patrick's Day was a huge success! Even in spite of the rain. President Karen and all the officers, as well as all of those who headed up committees or worked in any capacity are to be congratulated on a wonderful celebration! We have much for which to be thankful.

The Season of Lent continues, and Holy week is coming fast upon us with the services of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. I suggest we all make time in our busy schedules to attend any and all of these services. Easter Sunday is the Premier Christian celebration. Each Sunday is like a little Easter, because the Sunday is the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As we reflect on the celebrations of Holy Week, we are given the opportunity to step aside from our busy lives and take some time for God. It will be time well spent.

Coming up fast is election of new officers for the Shamrock Club. It's very important that voting members take time to come down to the club and vote. Information on how to do this is contained in this issue of the Seanachai. These members will lead our club in the coming Club Year, so it's important to take this responsibility very seriously.

Spring is coming – my crocuses came up very early and even stayed through the snow! The daffodils

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**President’s Message, cont.**

with the priorities or goals of the Shamrock Club, or cause injury to the good name and reputation of the Shamrock Club.”

It is everyone’s right to express their opinions or to question the actions of their nominated representative, but it is not their right to defame the officers or the club especially without all of the facts. When misinformation is spread it does not matter how much the words or actions are retracted; the damage is done. Please everyone do not make assumptions. Words are powerful when used properly but when misused they can cause irreparable harm and pain.

The Club is entering into a very important time with elections being held on April 16. On pages 5, 6 and 7 are the articles presented by the nominees; please review them carefully and make your decisions on fact and who you believe will serve the club best.

I won’t say goodbye because I will continue to serve the Club where needed. I have been humbled and privileged that you trusted me to serve you and the club. I know the Club will continue to move forward with the new leadership.

Karen



**Chaplain’s Comments, cont.**

are up in their yellow glory, Hyacinths are poking their flowers slowly through their leaves, trees are beginning to blossom and the rebirth of nature is everywhere apparent! Springtime should remind us that the cycle of life continues, and the beauties of nature are a testimony to the goodness of God who delights us each Spring with colorful flowers and blossoms; the greening of the grass and the leaves on trees serve as a reminder of the importance of renewal in our lives and especially in our spiritual lives. With all of this taking place in nature it would

be good for us to turn our attention to prayer, to thank God for the goodness in creation, and to renew our appreciation of our important place in that creation, and our responsibility to care for our common earthly home.

Springtime blessings,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, Chaplain



**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Hunt will be on Saturday, April 8 with gates opening at 11:00. Bring a basket or bag, money for the great raffles (pay for party). We provide lunch to all, goody bags, stuffed animals and the Shamrock Club's beautiful grounds to hide all those eggs.

If you would like to donate anything for the raffle you can bring it that morning or drop off at the club anytime.

If you have any questions call/text Mary, 614-316-8278 or [themightymary@gmail.com](mailto:themightymary@gmail.com)



**Officers**

- President:** Karen Komatsu
- Vice-President:** Nancy Murphy
- Secretary:** Megan Dempsey
- Treasurer:** Doug Dempsey
- Chaplain:** Msgr. John K. Cody
- Director:** Christina McConahay
- Director:** Patrick Conley
- Director:** Jim McDonald
- Director:** Penny Gieseemann
- Sg-At-Arms:** Rich Finn

**Office Administrator**

Linda Teeters

**Pub Supervisor**

Penny Gieseemann

**Seanachai News**

Just a reminder. If you have information for our monthly newsletter, please send it as an attachment to an e-mail to Editor, Jim Casey at [jjcasey973@gmail.com](mailto:jjcasey973@gmail.com)

The **deadline** for articles is the **21st of the month.**

**Seanachai Information**

1. The electronic version will be delivered to the members every month by the meeting date.
2. The printed version will be delivered whenever the USPS gets around to it.
3. The **deadline for articles is the 21st** of the month preceding the month of publication.
4. The articles should be submitted as an Email, a Word attachment to email or as a jpeg.
5. The preferred font is Times New Roman, 11pt or 12pt.
6. No handwritten articles will be accepted.
7. **Seanachai ad prices are:** \$300 per year, \$175 per six months and \$50 per one month .

**Mark Your Calendars**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Shamrock Club Meetings</b>       | <b>April 2nd</b>                 |
|                                     | <b>April 16th (Elections)</b>    |
| <b>Shamrock Club Board Meetings</b> | <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> |
| <b>Coed Darts</b>                   | <b>Mondays 7:00 PM</b>           |
| <b>Mens Darts</b>                   | <b>Wednesdays 7:00 PM</b>        |
| <b>DOE Darts</b>                    | <b>Thursdays 7:00 PM</b>         |
| <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>              | <b>April 8th</b>                 |
| <b>Quiz Night</b>                   | <b>April 15th</b>                |
| <b>Officer Installation Dinner</b>  | <b>April 29th</b>                |
| <b>Flag Day</b>                     | <b>June 14th</b>                 |
| <b>Shamrock Club Music Festival</b> | <b>July 8th</b>                  |
| <b>Irish Open Golf Outing</b>       | <b>July 28th</b>                 |

**Music**

**in the Pub**

- Mad Maudlin April 21**
- Ladies / Longford May 13**
- Dogwood Road June 9**



**Shamrock Club Officers'  
Installation Dinner**

**Nancy Murphy - 82<sup>nd</sup> President  
Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 189  
1250 Kinnear Rd. Columbus, OH 43212**

**Doors open at 6:00 pm**

**Catered by Caterers Three**

**Entertainment by Shamrock Sound DJ John Curry**

**\$60 per person**

**Make your reservations today:**

**On our website, mail a check payable to the Shamrock Club of Columbus at 60 W. Castle Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43207 or contact the Shamrock Club office at 614-491-4449. Deadline April 11<sup>th</sup> (except for newly elected officer's families it is extended to April 18th):**

**Limited number of rooms available at: Springhill Inns & Suites  
1421 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43212. 614-297-9912  
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1677182213234&key=GRP&app=resvlink>**

**King Suites \$169 & Queen Suites \$179**

**Hotel reservation deadline is April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**A shuttle will be available to and from the venue until 10:00 pm**

## **Shamrock Club Elections**

Shamrock Club Elections will be held on Sunday April 16th. Voting is from Noon till 3pm. You must be a current voting Member with your Membership renewed on or before March 23, 2023 Voting Membership Levels are: Life Members (Currently only Past President's and First Ladies are Life Members) Family Members, General Members and Senior Members are all voting Membership levels. Pub, Honorary, and Junior Memberships are non-voting Members.

## **Candidate for Secretary**

### **Pat Conley**

Fellow members, My name is Pat Conley, and I am asking for your support on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

I have been a proud and active Shamrock Club member for more than 25 years and have served on the Executive Board for the last 3 years.

I have owned and operated a small insurance agency since 2002 that was started from scratch and has maintained and developed into a profitable business. Being self-employed requires me to be organized, focused, efficient and to be an effective communicator, but also provides for a flexible schedule.

I have been a member of the Charity Newsies since 1999 where I served on the board of directors for 5 years and was elected President for the years 2018 and 2019. My business background combined with having board experience and presiding over a club with similar characteristics has given me the tools to be a confident leader of the Shamrock Club.

I have been married to my lovely wife Kim for 35 years and have 2 wonderful sons- Ryan age 23, and Kyle age 19. We have lived in Hilliard for 22 years where I am also involved with the school district athletic booster clubs.

I would be remiss not to mention my (older and wiser) sister, Teresa Conley who has been my lifelong friend and my "go to" for sound advice. She is a great support and always puts family first. You might know her as "the fudge lady" for her delicious homemade Irish fudge. She has been a Shamrock Club member for many years and is always one to volunteer or help when needed.

I have great respect for this club and its history. I am truly proud of our Irish heritage and am excited to take this next step in leadership for my Shamrock Club family.

I would be honored if you place your trust in me as you vote for Secretary. Patrick Conley

## Candidates for Director

### Julie Fulton

Hello fellow members, I'm Julie Fulton; I'm running for executive board director; and I'm asking for your support and your vote. I've been active in the club since I joined in 2017. I'm currently the membership chair and have served on the nominating committee several times. But really, I just try to pitch in and help out where I see a need.

And that brings me to this run for director. I want to help the club adapt, grow, and thrive. I want to be the representative on the executive board that helps shape and build the club into the future. Bringing my analytical thinking, practicality, decisiveness, and plain-speaking as a director is the best way for me to help the club. If elected as a director, I will listen, I will consider, I will collaborate, and I will act with the executive officers and my fellow directors in the best interest of the club. If you want a thoughtful and active director on the executive board, I'm your candidate.

I ask for your support and your vote. Thank you.

### Jamie Porter

Qualifications to run: Committee Member; Recommend by Chair; Continuous membership for more than two years

My name is Jamie Porter and I am running for the position of Executive Director for The Shamrock Club of Columbus. Several of my family members and good friends have served as President of The Shamrock Club. Their pride of this organization and their legacy of service inspired me to want to become more involved in Columbus' Irish community.

As many of you know, I was honored to have served as an Executive Director in the past so I know the commitment and energy it takes to be a part of the board. I am running again because I want all members of the Shamrock Club to be honestly and fully informed about anything that affects the events, operations and finances of the club. This is your club and you have an absolute right to know how it's being managed. If elected, I will ensure that there is transparency in all club business.

Thank you for your consideration.

### Robert Basbagill

Thank you for considering Robert J Basbagill as an E-Board candidate. I have been a dedicated and committed member of the Shamrock Club for well over 30 years. I am an active volunteer in virtually all activities involving the Shamrock Club. I have always supported the Officers and Board members throughout the years. I have also always supported the other Irish organizations: DOE, AOH, LOAH, Emerald,, etc.

The Club and its members have been very good to me throughout the years. I am doing all that I can to repay all their kindness and I fully intend to continue to do all that I can. I will never ever defame the Club, any of the Officers, Board or Club members.

**Candidates for Director, cont.**

**Tyler Brown**

Good Afternoon, my name is Tyler Brown and I am running for executive board. First, I would like to thank Mike Murphy, and Glenn Hagan for nominating me. For me, this community began when I became a member in 2012, and then began working here at the club in 2014 under the great leadership of Mike. I am a part of a lot of the back workings here, most of you know me as a bartender, but I also am here for clean ups, several events throughout the year, parades, and wakes. I am very proud of this Irish Community and family. Knowing what I know from the back end, I want to extend that to the executive board. I would love to get that ball rolling on membership enrollment, more with the younger, upcoming community and helping encourage them to get involved. We are nothing without future generations. I also want to introduce some new events, including a Shamrock Club bowling evening. Things to help get engagement going and help support the club. I am honored to be a member here, an employee and hopefully a board member. I hope I can count on your vote this upcoming election.

Thanks for your time,  
Tyler Brown

**Molly (Truex) McCandless**

Since joining the Shamrock Club in 2015, I have worked to support the Club by volunteering at events, as well as starting new, successful events like the Classic Car Show and the Irish Whiskey Tasting. In 2018 Karen Fahy asked me to assist with the Club’s social accounts and after serving on the Music Festival committee last year will be the chair for 2024. If elected as Director, I will continue to create, and support events and experiences at the Club. I understand the importance of these events to expand our membership and represent the Club in a positive manner in communities around Columbus. It is imperative for the Shamrock Club and our Irish heritage that we continue to preserve and promote Irish culture and history within central Ohio; I am willing and excited to work with the leadership to execute this. Getting families involved and active at the Club is one of the best ways to ensure the Shamrock Club’s continued success. Our family loves this Club and loves being a part of this amazing community. I would be honored to earn your vote on April 16.

Thank you,  
Molly (Truex) McCandless



### Sunshine Committee Report

Paul Leitch 42 passed away suddenly leaving behind his wife and 3 year old son. John Mullins, Ron Horsley and Janice Dorrian passed away. Please keep the Tim McSweeney family in your prayers on the loss of his daughter Kelli after her 5 year courageous battle with brain cancer. Kelli leaves behind her husband Paul and her sisters Molly and Colleen and brothers Brian and Duffy. May her soul rest in peace.

Happy birthday Hooligan Ed Norris, Richie Clemons 02', Don Manley, Carol McConahay, Colleen McConahay and Katie Rose Grady. Franklin Tack 8 years old needed our prayers and they were answered, he is now at home.

Kim Conley's Mom Kathy has been diagnosed with cancer, please keep the family in your prayers. Pray for Elizabeth Brickey who was in a terrible car accident - she is the niece of Mike and Carol McConahay.

Saved the sunshine for last: Madeline Grace McPherson granddaughter of Bruce and Anne McPherson was born March 3rd in Louisville, Kentucky. We pray she has a wonderful, safe and healthy life. Congratulations to Monica Brown, daughter of Janell and Greg on her upcoming nuptials to Matt Zakelj on April 1st. We wish them a lifetime of happiness, love & friendship.

Thank you to everyone who attended Our two Masses at the Club in March. It was wonderful so many of you came to celebrate Our faith together at this special time. May you have love that never ends, lots of money, and lots of friends. Health be yours whatever you do, and may God send many blessings to you.

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Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine committee just send to: [themightymary@gmail.com](mailto:themightymary@gmail.com) or [Kafinn1@aol.com](mailto:Kafinn1@aol.com)

Mary & Karen

### Irish Open

This year's golf outing will be on **July 28th** with an 8:00 AM shotgun start. The cost will be the same as last year, \$90 per golfer. There will be more information coming in next month's Seanachai. And as in the past few years, I will again be asking everyone to help with sponsorships.

Thank you,

Brian O'Reilly

### Quiz Night

**The next Quiz Night is Saturday, April 15th.**

Quiz night starts at 7:00pm. The kitchen is closed so feel free to bring your own snacks/dinner. Remember if you don't have a team come on down anyways and we will find you a team!

Music Hint (carton theme songs)

Thanks for the fun and support!

Beth, Christina, Debbi, & Nancy



## St. Patrick's Day Family Reunion

Thank you all volunteers and everyone who participated in a successful Irish Family Reunion.

Clemons "02"

### Shamrock Club St. Patrick's Half n Half Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took an envelope or envelopes to sell. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for the \$5,000 give away. It was only a success because YOU helped your Club!

Daughters of Erin member Peggy Arnold sold the winning ticket! Green ticket #0800740 Ralph Dybiel was the \$5,000 winner!

The winning ticket for the half n half we sold at The Convention Center on the Big Day was worth \$1,385. Again we thank you so much for supporting this raffle as well.

Mary Grady Strickland sold the winning ticket! Blue ticket #0497908 Jeremy Mitchell was the \$1,385 winner!

On behalf of the Officers, board members, Richie & Julie Clemons we thank you for making this such a successful endeavor and we could not have done it without everyone's support.

Mary Grady Strickland

### Shamrock Club Parade

Many thanks to Dennis Moriarty and the whole Moriarty family for another fantastic Parade!! It wouldn't be the same without you.

Jim Casey 1998



## 2023 President's Club Members

### 2023 C-Note Members

Joining the President's Club or becoming a C-Note Member is one way you can help ensure your Clubs financial future for the upcoming year. Currently the President's Club and C-Note Club run on the Presidential Year which is May 1st to April 30th. The President's Club is \$1500.00 a year and the C-Note Club is \$100 a year.

#### President's Club Benefits:

- Sponsorship recognition at the following Shamrock Club events – Installation Banquet, Irish Music Festival, Corn Roast, Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party, Harvest Festival, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Family Reunion and in the monthly Seanachai.
- Red Tee Sponsorship at the Irish Golf Classic held in July; a complimentary twosome with a paid twosome and 4 meals at the post outing luncheon.
- Sponsorship of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade - including a transferrable entry into the parade (walking, car or float), a reserved table for ten (10) at the 2023 Irish Family Reunion.
- Event admission to all Shamrock Club events including: two (2) tickets to the Installation Banquet, ten (10) tickets to the Irish Music Festival, ten (10) tickets to the annual Corn Roast, ten (10) tickets to the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day party.
- Newsletter recognition on the back of our monthly newsletter which is currently mailed or emailed to over 1,100 households throughout Central Ohio. The newsletter is also posted on our website, providing a hyperlink for advertisers to their websites. Please submit ad as a .jpg.

#### C-Note Club Benefits:

- Five (5) Tickets to the Shamrock Club Music Festival and five (5) Tickets to the Shamrock Club Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Party in September.
- Recognition in the Monthly Seanachai.

## 2023 President Club Members

Byrne's Pub

Davey Tile

Judge Julie M. Lynch

The Dempsey Family-In Memory of Red Dempsey, President 1964 & Mark Dempsey, President 2008

## On the Road Again

Now that you're rested up from Proclamation Day and St. Patrick's Day, we'd like to see you on the beach road for a good time and a good cause. And we'll feed and water you as well. What better way to get your Irish up for the evening's Installation. All proceeds to Freedom for All Ireland.

Sponsorships are available and appreciated. For more information contact Michael Cosgrove at 614.935.6765 or [pearseffai@gmail.com](mailto:pearseffai@gmail.com)

THIRD ANNUAL  
PATRICK PEARSE DIVISION 1  
FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND  
ROAD BOWLING FUNDRAISER

29 APRIL 2023  
REGISTRATION 10:00AM  
EVENT STARTS 11:00AM  
DEER CREEK STATE PARK BEACH ROAD  
\$40.00 PER TEAM  
4 PLAYERS PER TEAM, LIMIT OF 36 TEAMS  
\$10.00 DEPOSIT ON CANNONBALLS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FREEDOM FOR ALL IRELAND AND OTHER CHARITIES

CONTACT MIKE COSGROVE @  
[PEARSEFFAI@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PEARSEFFAI@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

**2023 C-Note Club Members**

John & Jenny Archibald	Don Manley
George & Vanessa Arnold	Glenn & Jill Mauer
Past President Bob Basbagill	Jim & Debbi McDonald
In Memory of Susan Berkemer	Julie McGhee
Rita H. Bowen	In Memory of Jeff McGowan
Kenneth H. Bowen	Mark McKernan
Rich & Elaine Broderick	Michael & Catherine Moriarty
Judge Kimberly Brown	Jim & Patty Murnane
Suzanne Butte	Tom & Christine Murphy
Thomas P. & Dana Byrne	Robin Nakkula & Alan S. Dormire
Jim & Judy Casey	Parker Lee Foundation, Inc.
In Memory of PP Joe Davis	Judge Colleen O'Donnell
Douglas L. Dempsey	Lois O'Reilly
Doug Eakins	Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter
The Feiler Family	Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan
Rodney Flanagan	Dick & Kathy Pulse
Michael & Cindy Flynn	Townsend Quinn
Garvey Family Trust	Brad Reardon
Terry Grady	Mike & Kathy Redmond
Leo & Theresa Grimes	Margaret O'Donnell Rotolo
In Memory of PP "Duke" Hinton	Daughters of Erin
Tim & Glenda Huffman	Past President Andy Shuman
Tim & Karen Jones	Dennis & Christina Smith
Jerry & Donna Keffer	Mary Grady Strickland
Brian & Barbara Rae Kelleher	Mark & Suzanne Taggart
Ed & Teri Kelly	Paul & Mary Tisdale
Bruce Kotlinski	David & Maureen Veeley
John C. Lynch	
Mike & Jeanine Malloy	



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