



# Seanachai

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## President's Message



As I step into the position of President of the Shamrock Club of Columbus, I am excited and honored to continue to serve the Club. I want to thank Past Presidents Shuman and Komatsu for all their guidance as I have transitioned through the offices. I also want to thank Christina McConahay for all her hard work the last four years as the outgoing Executive Board member. Her dedication to our Club is without equal. Thank you to Msgr. John K. Cody for being our chaplain this coming year; you are always a calming presence to our members.

Congratulations to our newly elected Secretary Pat Conley and Executive Board members Jaime Porter and Molly McCandless. I look forward to working with all of you and returning board members, Directors Jim McDonald and Penny Giesemann and Vice President Megan Dempsey.

We have many great events coming up this summer starting with our Flag Day ceremony on June 14<sup>th</sup>, if you have never attended this event, you are missing one of the best events we have at the club. In May we will be marching the Memorial Day Parade in Worthington. June 7<sup>th</sup> is our new event, a Beerfest Friday night before our Saturday Irish Music Festival on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Continue

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## Chaplain's Comments



Dear Shamrock Club Members and friends,

"It's May, it's May, the lusty month of May.." that's the opening line of one of the songs from the musical, Camelot! Indeed, May is a lovely month, during which nature and all its beauty come to full flower to our delight. Winter is a difficult and challenging season for all of us. It's nice to have a change in the weather. The month of May is also time for end-of-the-school-year activities, for first communions, confirmations, ordinations, weddings, outdoor activities, vacations and many other warm weather activities.

For Catholics, May is also the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rosary devotions, May crownings, processions and prayers honoring the mother of Jesus are part of our Catholic heritage, as well as occasions to indulge in catholic nostalgia. Interestingly, I've taken note of what a lot of young people say when asked about favorite memories of catholic grade school: a surprising number of them point out the beautiful May crownings of statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We can honor Mary with prayer, by recitation of the rosary, bringing flowers to her shrines and asking her intercession for our many needs and concerns, both public and private.

This month, our new Club Officers begin their terms, and it will be important for all of us to rally

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### President's Message, cont.

to check the Club calendar on the website and the Seanachai for more information about these events and more. Come out to enjoy all our events with your friends, families and fellow members.

Our Club is built around our volunteers; we are always looking for volunteers to help at our various events and to be a part of a committee. If you have not had the chance to volunteer at one of our events please do so, you will be amazed at the satisfaction you experience at having helped the Club out. I

speaking from experience; Mike and I gained a whole new perspective of the Club once we started to volunteer for club events. We have made many great memories and have made many great friends while helping out at the club. I urge you to create your own great times and memories at the Shamrock Club.

I look forward to a great year.

Nancy



### Chaplain's Comments, cont.

around President Nancy as she begins her year as leader of our club. I'm sure that our past Presidents were grateful for the support and spirit of volunteerism displayed by many of our members during their time in office. President Nancy will also be grateful if we do our best to help the club grow and prosper through attendance at meetings and volunteering to lead or work on the various activities throughout the year- we have a number of things scheduled this summer and beyond, and President Nancy needs your generous offer to help make them

a success. With the beginning of the summer season, we have the opportunity to take full advantage of time for recreation and a slower pace of life as we live day by day. Let's do our best not to neglect our spiritual growth these blessed months as we continue to walk the road of our lives together, and with the Lord Jesus. Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. John K. Cody, Chaplain



### Irwin Academy of Irish Dance

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Shamrock Club from the Irwin Academy and Aubrey Chann. We appreciate everyone who was able to donate to our world qualifier raffle! She raised over \$600 for club members alone!

Aubrey danced on the world championship stage in Montreal on her 21st birthday! During a challenging few months, she trained hard, studied hard and worked hard. She is a full time student at OSU, teaches dance and works at Jimmy Johns. She danced her heart out and learned a lot from the experience. She was only 4 placements away from making it to the final round! We are extremely proud of her!

Katie Henry, TCRG, Owner [irwinacademy.com](http://irwinacademy.com)



**Officers**

- President:** Nancy Murphy
- Vice-President:** Megan Dempsey
- Secretary:** Patrick Conley
- Treasurer:** Doug Dempsey
- Chaplain:** Msgr. John K. Cody
- Director:** Penny Gieseemann
- Director:** Jim McDonald
- Director:** Molly McCandless
- Director:** Jamie Porter
- Sg-At-Arms:** Rich Finn

**Office Administrator**

Tina O’Grady

**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 .

**MarkYour Calendars**

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Shamrock Club Meetings</b>       | <b>May 7th</b>                   |
|                                     | <b>June 4th</b>                  |
| <b>Shamrock Club Board Meetings</b> | <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> |
| <b>Cornhole League</b>              | <b>Thursdays 7:00 PM</b>         |
| <b>Quiz Night</b>                   | <b>May 19th</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**

- Ladies of Longford May 13**
- Dogwood Road June 9**
- Dennis Smith June 23**



# Irish

2023

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PLEASE EMAIL ANY LOGOS, ART FILES TO [BRIANOREILLY44@YAHOO.COM](mailto:BRIANOREILLY44@YAHOO.COM)



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# GOLF CLASSIC

**FRIDAY, JULY 28 \* WESTCHESTER GOLF CLUB**

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18 HOLES WITH RIDING CART \* SCRAMBLE FORMAT  
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### Sunshine Committee Report

Ron Horsley passed away please keep Billie Kirby & all the Horsley 's in your prayers. Janice Dorrian, wife of Hugh passed away. Kelli McSweeney Wade passed away after a courageous 5 year battle with brain cancer. Patricia Knight, Past President Jim Casey's sister, passed away in Des Moines, Iowa on Holy Thursday.

George & Jeri Burton health issues please keep them in your prayers. Alan Dormire had open heart surgery on Monday, March 27 he is at Grant hospital recovering Surgery went well, he will have a long & slow recovery. Mike McConahay is asking for prayers as Carol had some hand surgery and will not be able to do anything for awhile so we know she'll be relying on uhm....who needs prayers!!! Please keep Suzy Lehmann & Janet McGue in your prayers. Prayers also needed for Jim Dempsey some as he has some issues

Congratulations to Greg & Janell Brown's daughter Monica who married Matt Zakelj on April 1st. Congratulations to Shanna & Nash Geismann on the birth of their daughter Harper June. Bob Irwin's granddaughter Teegan placed 1st in irish dance in Pittsburgh, dancing against 11 years olds. Congratulations to Caitlin Dean on being Dorothy in her High School's production of The Wizard of Oz.

Happy Anniversary to Mike & Carol McConahay & Dick & Kathy Pulse! 56 years is a very long time and to be married that long is even more remarkable.

Welcome to the world Olive and Kolbie who both weighed 6lbs. & 11 ounces, these girls are cousins and are the granddaughters of Tom & Dana Byrne.

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

### Shamrock Club Elections

Shamrock Club Elections were held on Sunday April 16th. Many thanks to all the members who stepped up and ran for the position of Director. Congratulations to Molly McCandless and Jamie Porter who were elected. Congratulations also to Patrick Conley who was elected Secretary.

### Cornhole League

The Shamrock Club of Columbus will once again host a Cornhole League this summer. The league will take place on Thursday nights at 7 pm and will start May 19, 2023. We will play through the end of August. A match shall consist of three games (play all three games). Cost to play is \$10 per player (please pay at the start of the season). We will have two cookouts during the season – one around July 4th and the other at season end. There will be a season ending seeded tournament to determine the league champion. Seeding is based regular season standings.

If interested please e-mail [shamrockclub1936@shamrockclub.com](mailto:shamrockclub1936@shamrockclub.com) or Mike Murphy at [murph\\_2014@yahoo.com](mailto:murph_2014@yahoo.com)

Mike Murphy League Chairman

## Membership Report

Membership stood as follows for the April 16 election:

- 649 total members
- 511 voting members

You can read all the details from the membership reports provided at the meetings in the meeting minutes ([www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com/by-laws-standing-rules](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com/by-laws-standing-rules))

We have resumed processing membership applications following the election, so if you joined or renewed on or after March 24, 2023, you should be receiving your membership card soon.

Forget to renew your membership? No worries, we're happy to have you back. You can renew and pay securely online (with a credit card) at [www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com)

Membership levels and costs are: Junior Members \$5 (17 & under, relation of a current or former member), Pub Members \$25, Senior Members \$30 (65 & older), General Members \$50, Family Members \$90 (parent or parents and their children, 21 & under, with whom they reside, or married partners)

Has your contact information changed - address, email, phone? Call the office with changes or Email the Club at [shamrockclub1936@theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](mailto:shamrockclub1936@theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com)

Using electronic media instead of US mail saves our Club money. It currently costs the Club \$2.00 a copy to print and mail the Seanachai to members. So keep those email addresses current and use our web sites: [www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com) and [www.facebook.com/ShamrockClubCol](http://www.facebook.com/ShamrockClubCol)

Julie Fulton



## Quiz Night

April's Quiz night was a huge winning night for **Shamrock The Casbah** team! They won and once again got to sign their name to the Quiz Night Shamrock hanging behind the bar. They also won the spinner's pick (drink tickets) The 50/50 donation went to the Special Olympics with a \$149 dollar donation. **Jack Held**, our very own star, will be sure it goes to the proper place.

We would also like to say thanks to **Kevin and Tammy Kelly** for donating the Pizza

Our next Quiz night will be **Friday, May 19th** at 7:00pm. We will be sharing space with the Queen of Hearts so be sure to come early to get a table. Feel free to bring snacks or even your dinner.

Check emails and Facebook for updates.

**2023 - 2024 President's Club Members**

**2023 - 2024 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 - 2024 President Club Members**

Byrne's Pub, Judge Kim Brown

**2023 - 2024 C-Note Club Members**

Robert Basbagill	Jeanine & Mike Malloy	Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan
Jim Brown	Donald M. Manley	Richard & Kathy Pulse
Tracee & John Collins	Glenn & Jill Maurer	In Memory of Michael H. Quinn
Pat & Kim Conley	Christina McConahay	Timothy Timlin
St. Patrick & Annie Curran	Julie O'Keefe McGhee	Dave Veeley
In Memory of P.P. Davis	In Memory of Jeff McGowan	
Frances & Hilda Doyle	McSweeney Family	
The Dempsey Family	Julia Montei	
Tim & Chris Feeney	Parker Lee Foundation	
Daniel Fitzpatrick	Lisa O'Connell-Paccioretti	
Brent & Reba Pulse	Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter	



## Horsing Around

No other month contains all the beauty and joy of May. April showers brings May flowers. We bring flowers of the fairest to crown Mother Mary. Our own saintly mothers are honored on Mother's Day. Graduation marks the end of school and the beginning of summer break. In my own family we begin "cake season" with many birthdays, including my twin brother's. Perhaps no other celebration equals the Kentucky Derby. For many years, a good friend of mine ran a bus trip from Columbus to Louisville because he wanted others to enjoy what he called his Christmas. Early on, I made the mistake of asking him what day the Derby was on, expecting him to give me the date. Instead, he told me, "The first Saturday in May, the same fecking day it has been for 137 years!" I should have been more specific. Regardless, I have had the good fortune to attend several races and each one has its memories. Friends from the Club have also joined the trip. You may recognize a couple people in the pictures below.

This year, I am going with that same friend to Ireland, and we hope to see the Galway Races, perhaps the Irish equivalent of the Derby. Or maybe due to the many Scotch-Irish settlers in Kentucky, it was the model for the Derby. We shall see, but the first week of August promises to be just as grand as Churchill Downs and "the most exciting two minutes in sports." Wherever you go, in my humble opinion, there is no more exciting moment in sports than when the race announcer says those thrilling words, "And DOWN THE STRETCH they come." Everyone is on their feet with anticipation, and hope hovers in the air as spectators clutch "the winning ticket." Much like Mary Kate Danaher as she waited to see who would grab her bonnet at the finish line during the Innisfree Derby.

As I head down the stretch, I am reminded how Jim O'Connor could always tie anything to a bit of Irish trivia. When speaking of the Kentucky Derby, he told me about Shergar, the 1981 Irish Derby winner from County Kildare. In February 1983, Shergar was stolen from a stud farm. The thieves demanded £2 million for his return. The ransom was never paid, and horse was never returned. Years later, an informant said that the horse was taken by the Provisional IRA to raise money for guns. Soon after the kidnapping he said Shergar damaged his leg and was shot by the gang. His remains were supposedly disposed of somewhere in County Leitrim. (Ask one of the ROMEO's what it's like searching for a dead horse. I shared that story with them one morning at breakfast, but that's a horse of a different color.) The IRA has never admitted any role in the theft.

I've crossed the finish line and maybe a few others, but I hope you join the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for their Derby Party. I guarantee there won't be any long faces.

Andy Shuman, 2021 - 2022



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