



# Seanachai

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## President's Message



By the time you read this the Installation dinner has happened and the 2024-25 Officers and Board have taken our oaths of office, learned the secret handshake and are ready to get to work. Vice President Pat Conley, Secretary Rich Finn, Directors Jim Feeney, Molly McCandless, Jamie Porter, and Kathy Redmond, Treasurer Doug Dempsey and I are at your service! Our executive board meetings are typically held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the club. Feel free to come observe or reach out to one of the officers or board members with questions or issues you want addressed by us. This is *your* club.

The Installation dinner is a celebration with our family and friends of yet another year of our club moving forward. This is our collective victory or, in Gaelic, "*bu*!" Lately, I've been thinking about our humble beginnings 88 years ago when a small group of Irish Catholic men formed the Shamrock Club to venerate St. Patrick with Mass and a parade on March 17 each year. This beautifully simple mission is still at the heart of what we do today as we strive to uphold our Irish traditions, history, music, and culture and pass them on to the next generation. Be on the lookout this year for more emphasis on delving into our

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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.

Irish history as current affairs. Judge Michael Mentel, author of *"The 1981 Irish Hunger Strike"*, Tina O'Grady (Office Manager and member), and PP Andy Shuman have all offered to assist in this important effort. Stay tuned!

On Valentine's Day this year, Nora Feeney arranged for a group of us from the club to spend a few hours making and serving dinner to the kids undergoing treatment at Nationwide Children's Hospital and their families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

Afterward, Nora and I talked about how much of an honor and how good it is for the soul to support, in a small way, families with a child going through a medically and emotionally traumatic time. So with that, we are committing to the club volunteering a few hours once a month at the Ronald McDonald House. We'll post volunteer opportunities on social media and the website once they are firmed up.

We are hitting the ground running in May. Every Thursday this month the Gardening Gnomes will meet from 5pm-7pm to spruce up our beautiful grounds. Bring your gardening tools and come out and enjoy the sunshine-or rain and dig in the dirt with your fellow members. Quiz Night is on Friday, May 10 at 7pm; grab your team and show off your smarts in the pub. As the dart teams wrap up their

year, the Cornhole League will ramp up on May 16 and Irish Horseshoes begin soon after. If you're in town on Memorial Day consider joining our contingent in the Worthington Memorial Day parade. Again, be on the lookout for details!

Thank you to Installation dinner co-chairs Celia Kinzel and Anna Vollmer along with Laurie Lapinskas, Mary Kate Dempsey, Dionicio Ortiz, Michael Kelley, John Duffy, Conor Dempsey, Lily Wszola, Doug Dempsey, James Moriarty, Tina O'Grady, and everyone else who helped transform the 4S Club to make the evening a fun and wonderful success.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to immediate Past President Nancy Murphy and outgoing executive board members Jim McDonald and Megan Kelly for giving years of your time, talent, and energy to building our club. Your efforts are appreciated!

Slainte,

Megan Dempsey

2025 Shamrock Club of Columbus President



### Chaplain's Comments, cont.

around President Megan 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 Megan 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 Megan 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

**Officers**

- President:** Megan Dempsey
- Vice-President:** Patrick Conley
- Secretary:** Rich Finn
- Treasurer:** Doug Dempsey
- Chaplain:** Msgr. John K. Cody
- Director:** Molly McCandless
- Director:** Jamie Porter
- Director:** Kathy Redmond
- Director:** James Feeney
- Sg-At-Arms:** Jay Fulton

**Office Administrator**

Tina O’Grady

**Pub Supervisor**

James Moriarty

**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**

**Shamrock Club Meetings**

- May 5th**
- June 2nd**
- Quiz Night**                      **May 10th**
- Blood Drive**                      **June 9th**
- Flag Day**                              **June 14th**
- Music Festival**                      **July 13th**

**Golf Outing**

**July 26th**

**E. Board Meetings**

**3rd Mondays**

**Summer Corn Hole**

**Thursdays**

**Garden Gnomes**

**Every Thursday in May**  
**Gardening Gnomes will meet from 5pm-7pm**

**Shamrock Club Officer Election Results**

- Secretary:** Rich Finn
- Directors:** Kathy Redmond, James Feeney

## Ireland's New Taoiseach

Judge Michael C. Mentel

On March 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, Leo Varadkar announced that he was stepping down as Taoiseach of Ireland and as leader of his party, Fine Gael. His announcement caught the political establishment across Ireland by surprise. Even the Tánaiste, Micheál Martin, the leader of the Fianna Fáil party, was caught off guard. The decision not to forewarn the Tánaiste is surprising given that Fine Gael and Finna Fáil operate in a coalition government, along with the Green Party, to maintain control of the Dáil Éireann, blocking Sinn Féin from forming its own government. Varadkar's resignation became official on April 8, 2024, when he presented President Michael D. Higgins his resignation at Áras an Uachtaráin, the "House of the President". The following day, Simon Harris won the nomination for Taoiseach by a vote of 88 to 69 in the Dáil Éireann. The same day, Harris would receive his appointment as Taoiseach of Ireland from President Higgins at Áras an Uachtaráin.

Simon Harris is 37 years old and is the youngest Taoiseach in the history of Ireland. He was elected in 2011 as one of three TDs for the Wicklow constituency and was the youngest TD in the Dáil during his first term. Harris's first major speech during that term came after the Fine Gael party selected him to nominate Edna Kenny for Taoiseach. He has served on several Committees in the Dáil Éireann and on Oireachtas joint committees. His rise in the Dáil Éireann began in 2014 when he was appointed as Minister of State to the Department of Finance with oversight of the Office of Public Works. In 2016, Harris was elevated to the cabinet level when he was appointed Minister of Health. Harris's tenure as Health Minister was a rocky one to say the least. Harris was accused of being a hypocrite over his stance on the Sisters of Charity's ownership of the National Maternity Hospital when he had condemned the Order for misuse of government funding several years before. The inflection points for the Sisters stemmed from the Magdalene Laundries child abuse findings and its failure to pay the remaining €3 million (euros) it owes to the survivor's fund. The Sisters would later give up ownership of three hospitals in Dublin. Harris also found himself caught up in the cervical cancer screening scandal, where over two hundred women developed cervical cancer after receiving incorrect screening test results. Several women sued the Health Service Executive over the false-negative screening results they received. Later, Harris would survive a no-confidence vote stemming from the excessive costs associated with the new National Children's Hospital that exceeded €2 billion (euros). He was appointed later in his career to Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation, and Science which he served until his appointment as Taoiseach.

Harris's nomination and appointment as Taoiseach was criticized by Sinn Féin, the Labour Party, and the Social Democrats. Sinn Féin leader Mary Lou McDonald characterized Harris's elevation to Taoiseach as "failing his way to the top of Government." She noted Harris's multiple mistakes during his tenure as Minister, describing them as the "Government's narrative that dresses up failure as progress." Ms. McDonald voiced additional criticism of the coalition government for failing to call for a general election following Varadkar's resignation. "For the third time you rearrange the Cabinet deck chairs... For the third time in four years, you pat each other on the back and tell the people what a great job you're doing." Addressing the call for a general election, McDonald said: "I believe that the people of Ireland deserve much better...If you really believe that your Government has the support of the people, then you should go before the people and get the mandate." Labour Party leader Ivana Bacik also called for a general election, saying Labour would not support a "cosmetic"

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### **Ireland's New Taoiseach, cont.**

change at the head of government. She added, “[that’s] why we have called for a general election now, not just a change in Taoiseach.” Holly Cairns, leader of the Social Democrats, echoed the call for a general election. “We are facing serious challenges as a country, and in order to address them we need new ideas; for that we need a new Government.” In response to the calls for a general election, Taoiseach Harris responded that, “I am very clear in relation to mature, responsible leadership and that means that this Government intends to go full term. It is, I think, the shared aspiration of the three party leaders [of the coalition government], and I think it is what the people expect particularly after the events of recent weeks where we are now going to see a change of Taoiseach.” The next general election in Ireland must occur no later than March 22 of next year. However, the Government may call for an election at any time before that date.

On March 1st of this year, Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald addressed the Irish Unity Summit in New York City where she outlined the increased support for unification of Ireland and the need for the Government to initiate planning and preparedness for a border poll within the decade. In contrast, Taoiseach Harris and the Fine Gael party have said that Irish unification is not a priority. In his first interview as Fine Gael leader, Harris was clear that unification of Ireland is “a legitimate aspiration” however, it is not a priority he will seek as Taoiseach. “That’s not where my focus and priority is right now and quite frankly, it’s not where I believe our focus and priority should be...The Good Friday Agreement provides that framework. You can [recognize] different political aspirations and a clear pathway for those to be achieved,” Harris said. While it is true that Ireland faces concerns surrounding housing and health care availability, among other critical issues, it is incumbent for a government to address multiple priorities at the same time. The issue of Irish unification is not static. The possibility of a border poll within this decade is real. As such, planning and coordination is an essential priority so that the respective governments are not caught flat footed when the border poll is called. The Irish American diaspora must convey to our elected U.S. officials that it is incumbent upon them, and the United States, to be ready to provide support when the time for unification arrives.

\*Michael C. Mentel is an appellate court Judge serving on the Ohio court of Appeals for the Tenth District.

### **Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums**



The Pipes and Drums welcome new members at any time. Practices are on Monday evenings at the Shamrock Club of Columbus at 60 West Castle Rd. Columbus, OH 43207

If you don't play but would like to come and meet with us. Lessons are free. Call Tim Becker at 614-832-8816.

### Andy's Corner <sup>1</sup>

“Let’s pick on the ladies...”

These were the words of my high school chemistry teacher as he would pace down the aisle of the classroom, arms folded, searching for the next question to throw at his bewildered pupils, who were still hurriedly trying to recall the atomic weight of cesium and speed of gravity.

The month of May seems an appropriate time to “pick on the ladies.” With May crownings, Mother’s Day (USA), and my saintly mother’s 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, there is much to remember and celebrate about the Mother of God, the keepers of our homes, and the leaders in our communities. Ireland is often personified as Cathleen ni Houlihan, heroine of a one act play with the same name written by W.B. Yates and Lady Gregory (co-founder of Dublin’s Abbey Theatre). In the play Cathleen is portrayed as “a proud auld woman” who’s four sons have been taken from her. She tells of an uprising going on and the male character leaves his family and fiancée to fight for nationalism in the 1798 Rising. This same depiction is used by Tommy Makem in his ballad “Four Green Fields.”

In the century following the 1798 Rising, Irish nuns took to the battlefield in the American Civil War to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of the soldiers. There were a dozen orders of religious women, including Mother St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Daughters of Charity, also know as the “Battlefield Angels.” Their works and bravery are immortalized in Washington D.C. with a statue near St. Matthew’s Cathedral and funded in part by contributions from the Lady’s Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Again, the women of Ireland would answer the call, and not just feeding and caring for the men of the 1916 Rising. The paramilitary Cumman na mBhan (koo-man na mahn), The Irishwomen’s Council, also acted as couriers between posts and would transport weapons from hidden depots around the city. One member showed up at the General Post Office with a typewriter and her Webley revolver ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with her male counterparts. The well-known Countess Markievicz was not only a member of the Cumman na mBhan, but she also commanded the battalion that took over St. Stephen’s Green and the College of Surgeons during the fighting. Over the years, the organization has continued to advance Irish freedoms and raise funds in for the defense of Ireland. During the Irish Civil War which followed the fight for independence members participated in 1923 hunger strikes while imprisoned without trial by the Pro-Treaty side.

Modern Irish women continue to establish themselves as leaders. In politics, Michelle O’Neill was recently seated as the first Nationalist to act as First Minister in the Northern Ireland Assembly. In business, Bushmills is blended by master blender Alex Thomas, and several of the new whiskeys introduced to Ohio in March come from JJ Corry, a brand founded by blender Louise McGuane in 2016.

The contributions of women are numerous, but we would be nowhere without our mothers. As they said in The Quiet Man, “Even Father Lonergan had a mother.” Let us remember the many Shamrock Club mothers past and present, including recently deceased ladies Dort Byrne (8 children) and Mary Jane O’Brien (11 children). May God bless them all. And lastly, I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the ladies who have led the Shamrock Club, including our recently installed President, Megan Dempsey. May the sun shine bright upon our club during the ensuing year, and may we see you all “down at the pub, I suppose.” -- ANDY

1. Andy’s Corner is provided by Past President Andy Shuman (2021, 2022) whenever an article comes together.

**Membership Report**

**Membership activity through April 13, 2024**

- 1129 total members
- 685 renewed members
- 388 new members
- 56 lifetime members

747 voting eligible members (including lifetime members)

**Membership by category**

- 381 family (including children)
- 194 general
- 264 pub (102 pub\*)
- 234 senior
- 56 lifetime members

Membership cards for 2024 are here; however I'm waiting on a shipment of Family membership cards. If you have questions about yours, ask me. You can also contact the Shamrock Club office. Tina will relay the message to me and I'll get you the information you seek.

There are a number of cards behind the bar waiting for their people. If you said "pick up at the club", go to the bar and pick up your card.

Submitting your membership application online is the most efficient way for the club to process your application (new or renewal). You are at your peril asking me to decipher your hasty handwriting.

Questions about membership? Ask Julie Fulton. [julie.m.fulton@gmail.com](mailto:julie.m.fulton@gmail.com)

**Most frequent last names**

Moriarty	28
Malloy	16
Byrne	15
O'Reilly	11
Moore	10

O'Brien	10
Roberts	9
Chivington	8
Dempsey	8
Kelly	8
Murphy	8
Smith	8
Brown	7
Clemons	7
Conley	7
MacKinnon	7
Mentel	7
O'Grady	7
Quinn	7
Redmond	7
Stapleton	7

**Where we live**

Ohio	1029
Florida	10
Colorado	2
Washington	2
Co. Wexford,	1
Ireland	
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	1
West Virginia	1



# TOUR IRELAND WITH THE SHAMROCK CLUB



## A Customized Ireland Tour

*September 27 - October 7, 2024*

### Itinerary Highlights

- Guinness Storehouse
- Dublin City Bus Tour
- Jameson Midleton Distillery Tour
- Cork City Bus Tour
- Titanic Experience Guided Tour
- Blarney Castle & Gardens
- Kate Kearney's Cottage (traditional Irish night)
- Dingle Peninsula
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary
- Cliffs of Moher
- Galway City Bus Tour
- Kylemore Abbey
- National Famine Memorial & Croagh Patrick
- Knock Shrine Guided Walking Tour & Museum
- Sean's Bar in Athlone (Ireland's oldest pub)

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### New Pub Rules

We recently reached out and received clarification from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control regarding our day membership policy at the pub. Their response was, *“The D-4 statute requires “yearly dues.” Due to this, the DOLC does not believe that the D-4 can have daily memberships. Also, if a “daily” dues payment is allowed this would make you equivalent to any other retail permit holder, who doesn't have to limit their sales to members. If you would like to apply, nothing would prohibit you from holding a D-1-2-3 or a D-5 permit. Also, you must maintain their roster of members to submit to the Division upon request.”*

Therefore, while non-member guests cannot start a tab, pay with cash, or in any way purchase alcohol, they are more than welcome to purchase a yearly membership. The easiest way is through the purchase of a pub membership because that membership level does not require board approval. Obviously we would prefer that folks join as Senior, General, or Family members but they would have to wait for Board approval before enjoying pub patron benefits.

How will this look at the Pub?

- Non-member guests can purchase a Pub Membership directly from staff or through the website.
- We will have a New Pub Member roster behind the bar for those who want to join in person. They simply have to enter their name, address, email and phone number and that's it, they're a member of the Club!
- We will maintain a current list of members behind the bar for staff reference.

What about facility rentals?

- Only club members can rent the club.
- If they opt for a host tab guests do not have to have a yearly membership because they are not directly purchasing alcohol.
- If the event is a cash bar, a flat Pub Membership fee (undetermined to date) will be added to their contract and rental fee structure and guests will have to sign the Membership roster.

We will be working through the sure-to-be million variations of the above scenarios and are asking for your patience, help, and great ideas to make sure we're in compliance.

### **2024 - 2025 President's Club Members**

### **2024- 2025 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.

### **2024 - 2025 President Club Members**

Byrne's Pub, Riverside Bank of Dublin

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**2024- 2025 C-Note Club Members** (updated 4/19/2024 by TOG)

John Archibald	Bruce Kotlinski	Michael & Margaret O’Sullivan
Kenneth H. Bowen	John Lynch	Dick & Kathy Pulse
Jim Brown	Terri Maloney-Houston	In Memory of Michael H. Quinn
James Corrigan	Donald Manley	Townsend Quinn
Joe & Charlotte Davis	Glenn & Jill Maurer	Carson & Tierney Reider
Douglas Dempsey	In Memory of Jeff McGowan	Gary Michael Rundio
Justin Flickinger	Sean & Eimile Moore	Mickie Stiers & Jason Shaw
Greg Hines	Jim & Patty Murnane	Michael Patrick Sullivan
Michael Hines	Tom & Christine Murphy	Tim & Tricia Timlin
Brian Kelleher	Kevin O’Reilly, MD	Dave & Maureen Veeley

**Sunshine Committee Report**

Trevor & Samantha Lucas of Grove City Brewing Co. welcomed their first grandson March 23. Past President Bob Irwin watched his granddaughter Teegan Henry do it again at the Pittsburgh feis -1st place and she is only 9! Congratulations to Abriella Gaighan who was inducted into The National Honor Society at Bishop Watterson

April 1st Pat Byrne celebrated another year. April 5th Pat Grady turned a big 75!

Please keep the Byrne, O'Brien and Cross families in your prayers on their recent losses. Dort Byrne who many considered the Matriarch of the Shamrock Club passed away April 8th. She was married to a leprechaun and mother to one as well. She was also a mother to an Easter bunny, not many can say that!!! She was the mother of two Shamrock Club President’s and wife to one. Her daughter-in-law was the first female president of the Shamrock Club. She was one of a kind and we will all miss this woman terribly.

Mary O’Brien passed away April 9th weeks short of her 101 birthday. She and Gene had 11 children and every St. Patrick's Day, before the procession to Mass, they greet us in the church parking lot with green carnations, coffee and donuts.

Past President John Frederick Cross out the door in 94 entered heaven’s door in 2024! John passed on April 17th he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. Our shelter house was possible because of John’s hard work and determination in getting that done and his support of the Pipe’s & Drums is unmatched to this day.

Thank you to all the candidates that stepped up to serve Our Club, we thank you for doing that and wish the incoming Officers & Executive Board a great year doing great things for the future & growth of The Shamrock Club.

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

Mary and Karen

### Summer Corn Hole 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 16, 2024. 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) or 614-202-8934

Mike Murphy League Chairman



Every Thursday in May the Gardening Gnomes will meet from 5pm-7pm to spruce up our beautiful grounds. Bring your gardening tools and come out and enjoy the sunshine-or rain and dig in the dirt with your fellow members.



To schedule an appointment visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sponsor code: Shamrock, or call Christina McConahay at 614-374-7979 or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

*Shamrock Club of Columbus*  
**BLOOD DRIVE June 9, 10 am-4 pm**

## **2024-2025 Calendar of Events**

### **May 2024**

Sunday, May 5 - General Meeting - 2pm  
Friday, May 10 - Quiz Night  
Monday, May 20 - Executive Board Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Monday, May 27 - Worthington Memorial Day Parade  
Thursdays in May - Gardening Gnomes - 5 pm - 7 pm

### **June 2024**

Sunday, June 2 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Sunday, June 9 - Blood Drive - 10 am-4 pm  
Friday, June 14 - Flag Day Ceremony - 6pm  
Monday, June 17- Executive Board Mtg.- 6:30 pm

### **July 2024**

Sunday, July 7 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Saturday, July 13 - Irish Music Festival  
Monday, July 15 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm  
Friday, July 26 - Irish Classic Golf Outing

### **August 2024**

Sunday, August 11 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Saturday, August 17 - Corn Roast  
Monday, August 19 - Executive Board Mtg, - 6:30 pm

### **September 2024**

Sunday, Sept. 8 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Saturday, Sept.14 - Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party  
Monday, Sept. 16 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm

### **October 2024**

Sunday, October 6 - General Meeting - 2pm  
Friday, October 11 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Sunday, October 13 - Blood Drive - 10am-2pm  
Monday, October 21 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm

### **November 2024**

Sunday, Nov. 3 - General Meeting 2pm  
Friday, Nov. 8 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Monday, Nov.18 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 30 - OSU vs. Michigan Watch Party

### **December 2024**

Sunday, December 1 - General Meeting & Holy Family Soup Kitchen Food Drive - 2pm  
Saturday, December 7 - Christmas Concert  
Friday, December 13 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 14 - DOE Children's Christmas Party  
Monday, Dec. 16 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm

### **January 2025**

Saturday, January 4 - Past President's Luncheon  
Sunday, January 5 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Friday, January 10 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Sunday, January 19 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Monday, January 20 -Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm

### **February 2025**

Sunday, February 2 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Friday, February 14 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Saturday, Feb.15 -Mark Dempsey Memorial Triathlon  
Sunday, February 16 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Monday, Feb. 17 - Executive Board Mtg, - 6:30 pm

### **March 2025**

Sunday, March 2 - Mass & General Meeting - 2 pm  
Friday, March 7 - Proclamation Day  
Sunday, March 9 - Mass & General Meeting - 2 pm  
**Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**  
Monday, March 24 - Executive Board Mtg. - 6:30 pm

### **April 2025**

Sunday, April 6 - General Meeting - 2 pm  
Friday, April 11 - Quiz Night in the Pub - 7 pm  
Sunday, April 13 - Election of Officers - Noon - 3 pm  
Saturday, April 19 - DOE Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
Monday, April 21 - Executive Board Meeting - 6 pm

### Quiz Night



April's Quiz night was another night of fun! Quiz Masters, Terry Hickey and Nick Hammond did an awesome job! If you haven't participated in their Quiz night be sure to attend May 10th! Jackalopes won again! They signed their name to the Quiz Night Shamrock which hangs behind the bar. Team Shamrock the Casbah won the spinner's pick (drink tickets).

The bar kitchen was open and heard nothing but great remarks about the food! Trevor did a delicious job!

**Friday, May 10th at 7:00pm** will be our last quiz night for the season.

Nick, Terry, Nancy, Christina, Debbi, and Beth

### 2024 May Crowning

The Daughters of Erin and Ladies Ancient of Order of Hibernians host the 2024 May Crowning, Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church, 584 West Broad Street. All are invited to join us for the Rosary, May Crowning and luncheon. Immediately following the Rosary and May Crowning there will be a luncheon in the Parish Center behind the church. Please RSVP to Carolyn Collins at 614-893-1700.



## DAUGHTERS OF ERIN RAFFLE Fundraiser



The Ohio State University Marching Band joins the Columbus Symphony for the annual Picnic with the Pops tailgate at Columbus Commons!

**Tickets \$10, only 500 available**



Win  
**Table of 10**  
**Friday, July 26**  
**@ 8 pm**

**Drawing 13 JULY** | At the Shamrock Club Music Festival

You need not be present to win!

### THE IRISH OPEN - Save the Date!

This year's Shamrock Club golf outing will be July 26 at Westchester Golf Course. It will be the standard 4-golfer scramble with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start and lunch following. **The cost will be \$400 per team** and must be made on The Club's web site with registration going live May 1st. The event is limited to 32 teams. At the course there will be skill holes with a bottle of Bua to the winner, Mulligans, Half and Half and, of course, Past President Bob Basbagill will be serving up hot dogs and chips. As this is a fund raiser, hole sponsorship is strongly encouraged for the financial well-being of The Shamrock Club and its future. This can also be done online May 1, and has three levels of sponsorship available:

**Blue Tee--\$1000** and includes: foursome, lunch, sign on the course, distribution of any promotional material at the event and your web link link on The Club's website.

**White Tee--\$750** and includes: foursome, lunch and a sign on the course.

**Red Tee--\$100** and includes sign on the course.

If any of you are old school and still want to pay a sponsorship with check or cash, you can contact Tina at The Club office or me ([brianoreilly44@yahoo.com](mailto:brianoreilly44@yahoo.com)) and you will be invoiced.

Thank you

Brian O'Reilly



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