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President's Message



As summer comes to a close and the season changes to fall, we can look back at our summer events and call them successful. It was great to see so many members in attendance and new members signed up.

As always, our chairpersons led our volunteers effectively to make our events a success. Thank you all for supporting your club.

One constant in our world is change. Most people do not like change but, it is going to happen. Just like the change of seasons it is inevitable in our Club too. There have been some changes at the Shamrock Club over the past few months. Changes in personnel and operating procedures. There is no way everyone is going to be happy with these changes but, can we at least try to understand why they are happening. This isn't the first time we have experience changes at the Club and it won't be the last. I welcome everyone to talk to me or one of the other Executive Board members about their concerns. Sharing them with us can result in action, sharing them with other members and friends and not us can not result in action.

We have many things going on at the Club in October. Our monthly membership meeting will be Sunday the 8th, there is also a Blood Drive that day, so the meeting will be held in the Pub. Other

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Chaplain's Comments



The month of October is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Rosary. A good way to celebrate this month is by reciting the rosary daily! At most it takes about 15 or 20 minutes – not too strenuous for any of us and a source of much comfort, consolation and grace. As we pray the rosary, it is as if we place ourselves in Our Lady's arms and experience the peace she can give us, her children. Try it – you'll like it!

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, probably the most well-known saint (after Mary and Joseph) by people in the present and past. His example of poverty, simplicity and radical faith is admired by all. St. Francis reminds us that it is possible to live a radical Christian life in love with God, his creation and all humanity. His love for animals is well known – I've officiated at many, many blessings of animals over the 49 years of my ministry! I have some great photos too! Francis understood that we are all important members of God's creation and that we should have a special care for our environment and all creatures, human, animal and vegetable. He taught us through his remarkable life to have joy in God's love for us and to reverence all people as our brothers and sisters. A suggestion – take some time on Oct. 4 to thank God for our many blessings.

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President’s Message, cont.

events are happening like Quiz Night and Barktoberfest/Chili Cook – off. All the information for these events can be found in this Seanachai. Also, Queen of Hearts will be happening Friday evenings when the club is open. There is likely to be

more volunteer opportunities for work around the outside of the club before winter, keep an eye out for that information.

Have a safe month, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Nancy

Chaplain’s Comments, cont.

Later on in the month we celebrate Halloween, the evening before the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st. I usually become somewhat shocked and surprised that some of our more fundamentalist brothers and sisters believe that Halloween is a celebration of satanism. As one who dressed up in costumes and went out on trick or treat night, I can safely say that the devil was never on any of our minds as we had parties, parades and went trick or treating. It was always for us a night of fun and a way to celebrate the coming of the Autumn Season.

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons. I love the golden light in the evenings, the smell of leaves burning (however illegal), the colorful leaves, and the cool weather that reminds us that winter is coming. Isn’t it ironic that nature is so beautiful as it is dying? There’s a lesson for us in that, I think. Fall is a time for planting and it’s a time for harvest,

the harvesting of fruit (apple cider!) of all kinds and of course, the coming of the Season of Advent. The Church gives us such wonderful ways to practice and to celebrate our faith in God’s ever-loving presence, something we need to remember and appreciate.

Finally, I ask you to keep me in your prayers! On September 28, I turned 77! Also, our Bishop, Bishop Earl Fernandes recently celebrated his 51st birthday. It’s kind of cool to have a bishop younger than me! All told, I’ve lived through 8 Bishops of Columbus and 7 popes! I mention this because it’s important for us to pray for our Popes and Bishops. They have a serious, and stressful job that is so necessary in the Church. And pray for us priests and deacons, too, that all of us will have what we need to continue to be missionary disciples.

In Christ,

Msgr. John K. Cody, Chaplain

Shamrock Club Blood Drive

Our October blood drive, Sunday October 8th, is now open for scheduling. This will be the same day as the October General Meeting. The blood drive will be upstairs in the main hall while the meeting will be downstairs in the pub.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Please take a moment to schedule your appointment to give the gift of life today. You can click on the link <https://rcblood.org/3dGC11w> or use the QR code below to schedule your appointment. If you are not able to donate, please help our blood drive be successful by sharing this information with friends and family.

Reach out to Mike McConahay at (614) 354-5742 if you have any questions



Officers

- President:** Nancy Murphy
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- Secretary:** Patrick Conley
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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

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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| Shamrock Club Meetings | October 8th (In the Pub) |
| | November 5th |
| | December 3rd |
| Shamrock Club Board Meetings | Third Monday of the Month |
| Barktoberfest | October 14th |
| Ladies of Longford | October 27th |
| Charity Newsies Bling | November 4th |
| 1981 Hunger Strike, Mike Mental | November 9th |
| Coed Darts | 2nd & 4th Mondays |
| Men’s Darts | Wednesdays |
| Women’s Darts | 1st & 3rd Thursdays |
| Co-Ed Corn Hole | 1st & 3rd Thursdays |
| Quiz Nights | 2nd Fridays |

Barktoberfest

Come one, come all! Barktoberfest is Saturday, October 14, 2023. See flyer below for the line up of events. The pets in costume (owner costume optional) will all be judged by three professionals (read Club volunteers) and be prepared to register the pet name and theme of the costume. St. Francis of Assisi medals will be distributed to all parade participants (free). We have cash and a few surprise prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finishers and also People's Choice awards. We are excited this year to pair up with the Chili Cookoff! What can go wrong with chili and dogs? The bar will be open for refreshments. These are family friendly events to come and enjoy. We hope to see many of you there.

If there are any questions, please direct them to Karen Finn Kafinn1@aol.com



The flyer features a background of orange and yellow autumn leaves. At the top left is the logo for The Shamrock Club of Columbus, Ohio, which includes a shamrock and a dog. The main title 'Barktoberfest & Chili Cook-Off' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, in white, is 'PET COSTUME PARADE, BLESSING & CHILI COOKOFF' and 'Saturday, October 14'. A spiderweb and a spider are in the top right corner. The event schedule is listed in the center: 5P - Gate & Parade Registration - Free; 5P - Chili Registration - Free + 1 free drink ticket; 5:30P - Chili Judging Begins; 6P - Animal/owner Parade; 6:30P - Blessing of the Animals by Monsignor John Cody; 6:45P - Costume & Chili Cookoff Awards. There are three circular photos: a dog in a pink costume, a dog in a red costume, and a bowl of chili. A gold ribbon badge says '1st, 2nd, 3rd & People's Choice'. A white box says 'Sponsored by COLUMBUS Humane ADVANCING ANIMAL WELFARE SINCE 1982'. A starburst says 'Chili Tasting & Voting \$5 for 6 tastes OR \$7 for 6 tastes & hotdog'. A pumpkin icon contains the text 'All pets must be leashed & up to date on vaccinations'. At the bottom, it says 'The Shamrock Club of Columbus 60 W. Castle Road, Columbus, OH 43207 www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com'.

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Chili Cook-Off



If you are interested in becoming one of the **Shamrock Club's Best Chili Cookers** and win the Silver Ladle 1st prize or a Silver Spoon (2nd and 3rd place) - enter this year's Chili Cook off. This year it will be held in conjunction with **Barktoberfest (October 14th)**

You will need to have your Chili at the Club no later than 5:15 pm. Judging will start at 5:30pm. It is best to bring your chili in a crock pot to keep it hot.

2 Separate Types: Mild and Spicy

Chili will be judged according to 5 criteria.

Chili will be rated on a scale 0-5 for each of the 5 categories

1. **Color**-Chili should look appetizing
2. **Aroma**- Chili should smell good This also indicates what is in store when you taste it.
3. **Consistency**-Chili must have a good ratio between sauce and meat. It should not be dry, watery, grainy, lumpy, or greasy.
4. **Taste**-Taste above all else. Taste is the most important factor. The taste should consist of a combination of meat, species, etc. with no particular ingredient being dominant.
5. **After-taste** The after-taste or bite is the heart created by the various types of spices and or peppers.
6. **Name**-Name is unique and creative.

A People's Choice will also be awarded. Members can cast their votes for their favorite Chili. This voting will take place during the event.

To enter the cook off -Free (plus a free drink ticket).

To taste/judge- \$5 for 6 tastes (1 vote) or \$7 for 6 tastes (1 vote) plus a hot dog.

For questions on the chili cook off please email Christina Motika (christina.motika@gmail.com) or Beth Motika (bmotika1963@gmail.com)

Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums

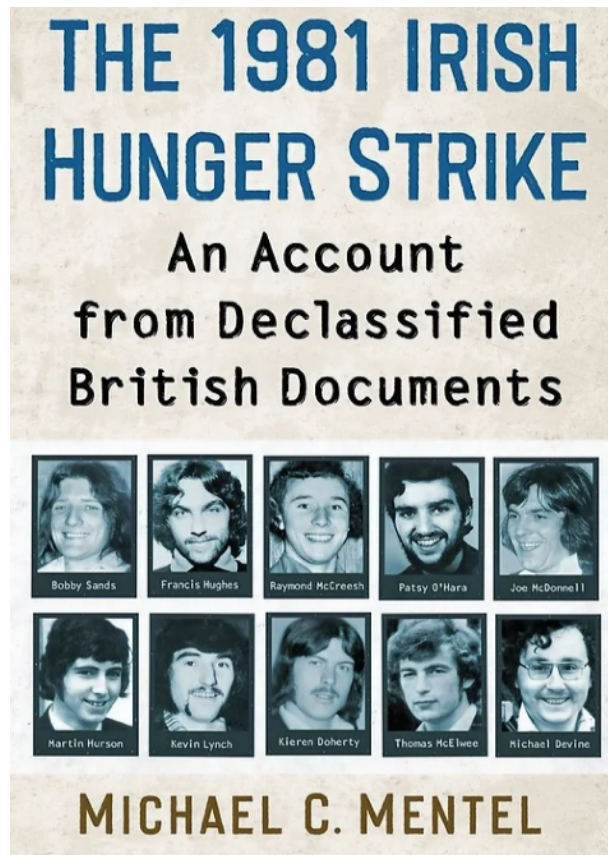
The Pipes and Drums welcome new members at any time. Practices are on Monday evenings at the Shamrock Club of Columbus at 60 West Castle Rd. Columbus, OH 43207

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

Irish Hunger Strike of 1981

The Irish hunger strike of 1981 was one of the most tragic events to occur in Irish history. Hear from Shamrock Club member and author Mike Mentel, how the declassified documents illustrate how the 1981 hunger strike, and the ten men who died on it, forced a revolutionary change in the political and governmental structure of the north, forming a road to peace that concluded with the signing of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He has written a book called “The 1981 Irish Hunger Strike: An Account from Declassified British Documents” that is due to be released in November and is available for pre-order on Amazon.

Thursday, November 9th., 7:00 PM at the Shamrock Club



Fall/Winter Dart and Corn Hole Leagues



Co-Ed Dart League - 2nd & 4th Mondays - starting Sept. 11; 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Mary Kate Ansbro - marykansbro@gmail.com

All players must be Shamrock Club of Columbus (SCOC) Members

Men's Dart League - Wednesdays (Pub & Main Hall) - starting Sept. 6; 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Stephen Stewart - ton80bigpretty@yahoo.com

All players must be SCOC members

Women's Dart League - 1st & 3rd Thursdays - starting Sept. 7; 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Nancy Murphy - nlmurphy@yahoo.com

All players must be members of LAOH, DOE or the SCOC



Co-Ed Corn Hole - 1st and 3rd Thursdays - starting Sept. 7; 7:00 p.m. -Main Hall

Contact: Mike Murphy Murph_2014@yahoo.com

All players must be SCOC members

DONATIONS NEEDED

We will be collecting toiletry items for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio.

From their website: Currently, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio has an emergent need of individual toiletry kits. Your gift of a travel size bag of toiletries allows families to stay close to their hospitalized child without having to run to a store and worry about getting simple items like deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo.

All items must be pre-packaged or store-bought. Homemade beauty items may NOT be included.

SUGGESTED ITEMS: • Deodorant • Toothpaste • Adult & Child Toothbrushes • Floss • Shampoo • Conditioner • Soap/Body Wash

There will be a collection box for your donated items outside the Pub entrance (under the officer's pictures). We will be collecting items thru October 8th.

If you would like to make a cash donation and we will purchase items needed please contact Nora Feeney 614-774-4461 or President Nancy Murphy 614-323-4351

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 tC-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, Riverside Bank of Dublin

Sunshine Committee Report

Continue your prayers for Dawn Peterson they are working she is getting stronger each day Please keep The George Burton (Sharon Selby's brother-in-law) family in your prayers on his passing. Please keep Tim McSweeney in your prayers, he had a stroke but is getting stronger Alan Dormire had a second cardiogram and his heart is back in rhythm and he is doing great.

Congratulations to Mary Kate Dempsey and Dionici Ortez on their engagement. Also Michaela Dempsey and Michael Kelley were engaged in August. September 28th marks 50 years our own John Kelly Cody became a priest. Happy birthday to sweet Bobby Basbagill. President Murphy celebrates another year. Happy birthday to Big Dog Julie Clemons. Happy 9th birthday to Logan Kinzel.

Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine Committee just send it to: themightymary@gmail.com or Kafinn1@aol.com, Mary and Karen

2023 - 2024 C-Note Club Members

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| John Archibald | Michael Patrick Flynn | Robin Nakkula & Alan Dormire |
| George & Vanessa Arnold | Ed & Alice Gaughan | Parker Lee Foundation |
| Robert Basbagill | Brent & Reba Jones | Lisa O'Connell-Paccioretti |
| Gregory and Janell Brown | Tim & Karen Jones | Tina O'Grady |
| Jim Brown | Jerry D. Keffer | Mollie O'Reilly & Scott Paynter |
| Thomas P. Byrne | Brian Kelleher | Lois K. O'Reilly |
| Jim & Judy Casey | Ed & Terri Kelly | Michael & Margaret O'Sullivan |
| Msgr. John K. Cody | Bruce A. Kotlinski | Richard & Kathy Pulse |
| Tracee & John Collins | Jeanine & Mike Malloy | Sandra Puskarcik & Dave McKee |
| Pat & Kim Conley | Donald M. Manley | In Memory of Michael H. Quinn |
| St. Patrick & Annie Curran | Glenn & Jill Maurer | Mike & Kathy Redmond |
| Daughters of Erin | Christina McConahay | Andrew Shuman 2021-2022 |
| Joe & Charlotte Davis | Jim & Debbi McDonald | Mark & Suzie Taggart |
| The Dempsey Family | Julie O'Keefe McGhee | Timothy Timlin |
| Francis & Hilda Doyle | In Memory of Jeff McGowan | Paul Tisdale |
| Doug Eakins | Tom & Janet McGue | Dave Veeley |
| Tim & Chris Feeney | McSweeney Family | |
| Daniel Fitzpatrick | Julia Montei | |
| Rodney & Kathy Flanagan | The Motika's | |

Shamrock Club Paddy's Half n Half Raffle 03-17-2024

Get your tickets early before we sell out!! **25 chances per sheet for only \$10.00**

Winner need not be present

Drawing at The Family Reunion 3/17/24

Our goal is a \$10,000 prize to the winner based on selling all **2,000 sheets.**

We will pay out half of what we take in if less than our goal.

You can purchase tickets at meetings, darts

or anytime you are at the club until Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Ticket sales begin at the meeting on Sunday, September 3rd,

If you want to purchase you can call/text Mary @ 614-316-8278

Mary Grady Strickland 2018

Rich Clemons 02



11th Annual Bringing the Bling for Charity Newsies

Have fun shopping while helping to clothe a child (proceeds go to Charity Newsies) To date we have raised \$13,819 and clothed 92 children.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 12:00 to 4:00 PM

Shamrock Club of Columbus, 60 W. Castle Road

(Food provided and beverages available)

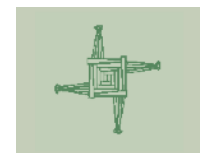
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 Carol's Creations
 Daughters of Erin
 The Fudge Lady
 Pam's Pure Products
 The Pampered Chef
 Chair Massage

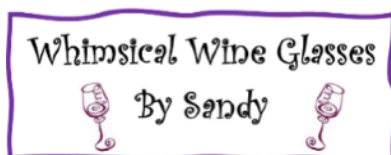
Becky Fallon Designs
 Creep Queen
 Debbi McDonald's Crafts
 Karen Komatsu Crafts
 Parker Polymer Earrings
 Whimsical Wine Glasses by Sandy
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Carol's Creations
Original Quilt Design



Daughters of Erin





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