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# **President's Message**



We have had an eventful summer at the Shamrock Club. The Golf Outing in late July was well attended. Thank you, PP Brian O'Reilly and committee, for another successful outing. We had

beautiful weather, great food and great music for the Corn Roast, thank you to all who attended. Mike and I want to thank all those who volunteered for the Corn Roast this year and over the past several years. We appreciate each and every volunteer. We could not have done it without you.

I want to say a HUGE Thank You to everyone who came out and worked on the beautification of our Club grounds. I think we picked two of the hottest days of summer for this project but it did not stop these volunteers: Christina McConahay, VP Megan Dempsey, Tom & Beth Motika, Doug Eakins, Treasurer Doug Dempsey, Scott Gordon, Matt Quinn, John & Tracy Collins, Kathy Price, Doris Dawson, Tim Becker, Julie Fulton, Secretary Pat Conley, Director Molly McCandless and Gary Rundio. If you have not been to the Club to see their work, you need to come down and walk around outside. More work is planned. We would love to have your help!

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# **Chaplain's Comments**



September is a month for new beginnings! High School and grade schools are back in session, and we all move into the post-summer familiar march of life. How comforting! This past summer was entirely too hot—I welcome the days

of good weather, reminding us that the Season of Autumn is on the way!

On September 8th we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin, and on Sept. 14 the Triumph of the Cross; on Sept. 15, Our Lady of Sorrows. These two feasts remind us of the price Jesus paid for us on the cross. His triumph over death and sin through his death and resurrection. This feast of Mary is a reminder to all of us that Jesus was her son, and as a mother would, she was in deep mourning after his death on the cross. Easter Sunday was a joy for her and the apostles and disciples. Tradition says that the first person Jesus appeared to In his risen glory was his mother. However, the scriptures do not contain this. So this is a pious tradition.

There is much happening in our world and in our country. Our brothers and sisters in Hawaii are doing their best to recover from the devastating wild fire. If you're able, there are ways to contribute to the needs of so many displaced people. The political season is fast coming, which

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# President's Message, cont.

The Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Party is on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun celebration with the Pipes & Drums, Dancers and the Drowsy Lads on the outdoor stage. The Car Show will be on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Both events will need volunteers, please lend a hand at one or both events. All the details for both events are in this Seanachai.

As summer turns into fall we will be bringing back Queen of Hearts on Friday nights, the start date will be announced soon. Also, starting in October, Quiz Night is back on the second Friday of each month. Get a team together or come down and join a team. It is always a fun night. Have a safe month, I look forward to seeing you soon.

Nancy



# Chaplain's Comments, cont.

is something I do not look forward to. The amount of money spent on campaigning is a terrible waste. There should be some limits to campaigning, spending and a limited time for campaigning. Some European countries do this, and we would do well to urge our representatives in congress and the senate to correct this terrible waste of money and time.

Personally, I'll be celebrating my 50th Anniversary as a priest on September 28th, the Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. As a son of St. Michael parish in Worthington, this Feast of St. Michael was always a great day of celebration for the parish. Although invitations are going out, I hope that everyone would feel free to come to the Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm on September 28th at St. Michael Church. I was thinking of not celebrating it, but then I thought that the best way to thank the many people who have supported and befriended me through the years is to celebrate a mass for them and their intentions. So many of them have left this world for the Kingdom. May they rest in peace.

As I reflect on the past 50 years what I chiefly feel is gratitude. Gratitude to God for calling me to the priesthood, and to the many people, clerical, lay and religious who have inspired me and encouraged me with their friendship and prayers through the years. Offering a Mass for their intentions is the best way for me to say thanks to God and to all of them. Yourselves included! Any more celebrations in the future (I never thought I'd live this long!) will be celebrated with family and close associates.

You might be interested that I'm now a weekend assistant at St Catharine parish in Bexley! I've been there now for several months. The parishioners have been very welcoming and friendly! I really feel at home helping out there and am thankful to Fr. Matt Morris for allowing me to help him in his role as Pastor. Let's continue to treasure our Irish heritage and keep one another in prayer.

God bless always,

Msgr. John Kelly Cody, chaplain

#### **Officers**

**President:** Nancy Murphy

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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 <u>jicasey973@gmail.com</u>

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 September 3rd

October 8th (In the Pub)

614 Session in the Pub September 1st

Half Way to St. Patrick's Day September 16th

Randy Goin in the Pub September 22nd

Car Show September 24th

Shamrock Club Board Meetings Third Monday of the Month

Barktoberfest October 14th

Charity Newsies Bling November 4th
1981 Hunger Strike, Mike Mental November 9th

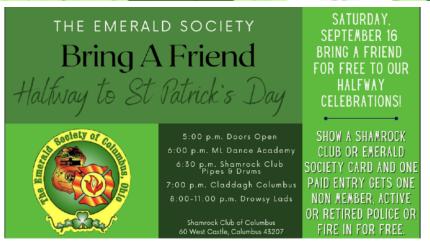
Coed Darts 2nd & 4th Mondays

Men's Darts Wednesdays

Women's Darts 1st & 3rd Thursdays
Co-Ed Corn Hole 1st & 3rd Thursdays

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#### **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 <a href="https://rcblood.org/3dGCI1w">https://rcblood.org/3dGCI1w</a> 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.



# **Sunshine Committee Report**

Please keep the O'Connor Clan in your prayers on the loss of our friend John. Also Jeanne Pulse Sloan passed away just 12 days short of her 101st birthday. You all know her baby boy Dick Pulse.

Congratulations to Teagan Henry (Bob Irwin's granddaughter) who in her first appearance at the North American National Irish dance Competition in Nashville placed 20th and she is only 9 years old. In his first appearance at the Nationals Joseph Moriarty came in second and he is only 7!!

2023 member of the year Kira Collins received the "Rising Star Award" for the State of Ohio from New Story Schools of Ohio, congratulations!

Congratulations to Joe & Jackie Leitch on their 50th wedding anniversary

Happy 91st birthday Dell Koch. Happy 93rd birthday Past President Towney Quinn. Happy Birthday Dort Byrne.

Congratulations to the Finns nephew and Godson Frankie Weirick who graduated 15th in his class of 50 and is now a Columbus Firefighter at Station #15 on the Eastside.

Remember if you have any news for our Sunshine Committee just send it to: <a href="mailto:themightymary@gmail.com">themightymary@gmail.com</a> or Kafinn1@aol.com

Mary and Karen

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# 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 - marycansbro@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 - <u>ton80bigpretty@yahoo.com</u>

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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

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# 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

Riverside Bank of Dublin

# **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.

### 2023 - 2024 C-Note Club Members

John Archibald Michael Patrick Flynn Robin Nakkula & Alan Dormire

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Robert Basbagill Brent & Reba Jones Lisa O'Connell-Paccioretti

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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 halfof 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

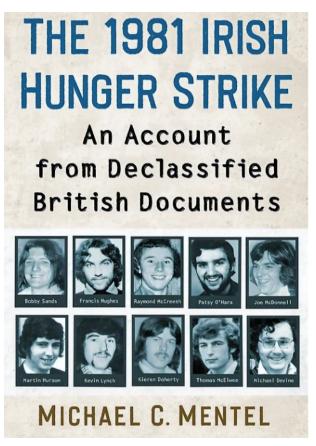
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# Irish Hunger Strike of 1981

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







# 11<sup>th</sup> 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)

#### **List of Vendors**

Ann's Door Drama
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

Reflexologist



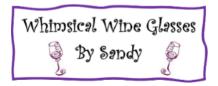




Carol's Creations Original Quilt Design



**Daughters of Erin** 







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Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 614-491-4449

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shamrockclubofcolumbus.com

# NEXT MEETINGS

All at 2 pm Sunday Sept 3rd Sunday Oct 8th Sunday Nov 5th Sunday Dec 3rd

#### **PUB HOURS**

Mondays Coed Darts
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday - Men's Darts
Thursday - Women's Darts
Friday 5pm Happy Hour
Saturday Closed
Sunday - Meeting Days only
All Subject to Change

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