Presidents Message

As I write this I'm looking at recipes and thinking about all the events coming up in the next few weeks many of which will feature delicious food and drinks.

One that I always look forward to is the December Membership meeting where we announce the Irish Woman of the Year, eat way too many luscious goodies and work for the charities we support each year. What more could an Irish lass wish for. More of the same, what else?

While we enjoy and give thanks for all we have don’t forget the people who don’t know the comfort and security most of us take for granted. We will be providing dinner for Thanksgiving and Christmas to several families and as usual, have several families we have “adopted” Thanks to Dawn Peterson and Patti Ardrey there will be tags noting what items are needed for each person in the families. The gifts can be brought to the December meeting, dropped off at the Shamrock Club or given directly to either Dawn or Patti. This year you will receive an IRS tax form to verify your donation. This is to help you with your taxes and us with our bookkeeping.

Recently I was “surfing” one of my favorite past times and ran across this bit of Irish culture on fantasy-Ireland.com, thought I would share. Until recently, whenever I heard or sang the popular Christmas carol “The 12 days of Christmas”, I thought the lyrics were quite peculiar. But now I know that that seemingly simple holiday carol has long been a solemn hymn in Ireland.

“The 12 Days of Christmas” was originally published as a Christmas Carol in 1780. But some say its origins go all the way back to the 16th century when Catholicism was banned in England and Ireland.

It was a time when Catholics of the British Isles needed the French Catholics to help them find ways to teach their faith to the little ones in secret. Using an old French children's song, “the 12 Days of Christmas” was born.

During the time when practicing the Catholic faith in Ireland could get you thrown in jail (or even executed!), this song was a way for people, especially youngsters, to learn and remember their faith through song, without letting English onlookers know they were singing about their faith.

The gifts in the song are symbolic of specific beliefs in the Catholic faith and “my true love” represents God.

So what did those silly-sounding Christmas gifts symbolize?

- The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle’s Creed.
- The eleven pipers piping symbolize the eleven faithful apostles.
- The ten lords a-leaping symbolize the Ten Commandments.
- The nine ladies dancing symbolize the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (sometimes also listed as the nine classifications of angels).
- The “eight maids a-milking” symbolize the eight Beatitudes.
- The “seven swans a-swimming” symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven Sacraments.
- The “six geese a-laying” symbolize the six days of creation.
- The “five golden rings” symbolize the first five books of the Old Testament, better known in the Catholic Faith as the Pentateuch.
- The “four calling birds” symbolize the four Gospels...Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The “three French hens” symbolize Faith, Hope and Charity, the three greatest theological virtues.
- The “two turtle doves” symbolize the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Bible.
- And “a partridge in a pear tree” symbolizes the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

After all the parties and food and gifts, consider this is also a time for reflection. The end of the year, so many memories. Good times and bad, new friends made and old ones lost. How many of you make New Year’s resolutions? My resolution for the coming year is to not make any resolutions since I break them almost immediately. I hope you have more success with your self-improvement plans and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Becky
Echo of Erin

**Charities – Adopt-a-Families**

Thank you for helping our adopted families to have a wonderful holiday season. Please do not wrap presents, if you have extra wrapping paper, please bring it with your gifts to the December meeting. We will be shopping and organizing the gifts at 9 a.m., Sat., Dec. 19.

**FAMILY 1**

Elderly couple with a disabled, adult daughter. Their wish list tags are on the Gift Tree at the Shamrock Club.

**FAMILY 2**

Grandmother Mary was granted custody of her two grandsons.

_Steven, Age 7_

Shirts, sweaters, boxers & pajamas, size 8; Jeans, size 7 slim; Socks, size 13-1; twin-size bedding (sports); Legos, Star Wars figurines, mask or Laser Sword.

_Logan, age 5_

Shirts, sweaters, boxers, pajamas & jeans, size 5; Socks, size 10; twin-size bedding (Spiderman); Toys, fire truck, anything Spiderman, handheld games, boy crafts or tools.

**FAMILY 3**

Mom, Amanda and three children. Alley 7, Korbin 6 and Barbara 4 months. Their wish list tags are on the Gift Tree at the Shamrock Club.

**FAMILY 4**

Alisa is a single mother and recently diagnosed with cancer, please pray for her. She has a 14-year-old daughter. Their wish list tags are on the Gift Tree at the Shamrock Club.

**NURSING HOME HELP**

We are also adopting a few elderly women who reside in an Alzheimer/Dementia Unit at a local nursing home. They need warm, short- and long-sleeve flannel or fleece nightgowns.

Pauline, 2X

LaDonna, Large

Karen, XL

Julia, XL, she also needs sweaters or sweatshirts

Thank you each and everyone. May God Bless you with a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Patti and Dawn

**Nominations for the 2016 Irishwoman of the Year**

Nominations for 2016 Irishwoman of the Year are due, in writing, no later than Wednesday, Dec. 9 to Becky Ellis, P.O. Box 1912 Columbus, OH 43216-1912 or bellis.1296@yahoo.com. You can also give your letter to a Board Member to bring to the December Board Meeting.

**D.O.E. Annual Children’s Christmas Party**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 12 | 11 a.m.**

Join us for the Daughters of Erin’s Children’s Christmas Party at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Santa arrives around noon (bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name on it). Lunch is provided for all; cookie decorating, crafts, a great raffle and half & half.

**Daughters of Erin Meetings**

Sunday, Jan. 11, Junior Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Membership Meeting 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 14, Junior Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Membership Meeting 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 10, Junior Meeting, 1:30 p.m., Membership Meeting 2 p.m.
Echo of Erin

November Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Antonio Smith
Tom Musick
Mandy Runyan
Alisa Sullivan
Marti Baugus
Julie Ann Fultz
Mrs. Fowler
Zenny Ompak
Bill & Teresa Harris

Family of Mike Crisci
Family of Bob Dumbrick
Family of Mrs. Hegeman
Family of Susan Morris
Family of Kathleen Fisher
Family of Mary Ann Eberly

Continue to pray for our Military, Veterans and Seniors.

Family of Gerald O’Connell/Lisa Paccorietti
Family of Helen O’Connor/Kristi Silko
Family of Pat Munger/Annie & Alise Curran
Family of Jessie Coleman
Family of Sister Macrina Dorrian
Family of Thomas Welch
Family of Jim Wilcox

Joan Shanahan is in need of sympathy or thinking of you cards for members. If you have cards you don’t need, please bring them to the next meeting.
Thank you.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Samuel. F. Pugh

Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer;
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion.
Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Irish Christmas in America

Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 7:30 p.m.
Abbey Theater, 5600 Post Road, Dublin
Celebrating its 11th year, the hugely popular holiday show “Irish Christmas in America” brings a fascinating performance of music, song, dance and stories of seasonal Irish traditions.
http://irishchristmasinamerica.com/. Tickets are only $10 (and no service fee), call 614-410-4550 to reserve your tickets!

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

The cost for cookies is $12 per pound/container. Cookies can be preordered by contacting Lisa O’Connell-Paccioretti by e-mail at oconnellok@yahoo.com before Tuesday, Dec. 1. Lisa will bring them to the D.O.E. Christmas party.
Thank you for your continued support.
The annual dinner is $10 per person, full buffet with appetizers, main course and dessert, coffee and soft drinks. Irish coffee will be available with an assortment of other adult beverages.

Short meeting begins at 1 pm, note earlier time. Munch on appetizers at 1:30 while enjoying the
- Fabulous Rowdy Raffle
- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Drawing

St. Christopher Church, Trinity School, 2nd floor 1430 Grandview Ave. We will be collecting Adopt-A-Family donations. Volunteers are needed for the December Christmas meeting. We need a few people to help in the kitchen before, during and after the meeting. You don't have to actually cook, it's more assembly, putting food in serving dishes and keeping the buffet stocked. It would be nice to have enough people in the hour after the meeting to only have 2 people work 20-minute shifts; 6 people are needed from 2:15 to 3:15 pm. We don't want anyone to miss out on the fun, or dinner with friends and family so we'd like to keep the shifts short.

Before and during the meeting we need people get food in and out of the ovens, assemble the appetizers, stock the bar and get the initial food out to the buffet. Shifts are one hour.

We need 3-4 people after people have finished eating for cleaning and packing up.

If you can help, please contact Kathy Robbins at either 740-507-0603 (cell) or felcorkat5@embarqmail.com. Many hands make light work, please give us a little of your time so we all can enjoy the afternoon.

Thank you,
Hospitality Committee

I wish to honor Ann Richens memory for her 36 years of dedicated Irish dance instruction to central Ohio students.

To contribute to the Ann Richens Scholarship Fund for local deserving Irish dance students, send your name or your business name and complete address to: The Columbus Foundation, Ann Richens Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Jane Landwehr, Donor Services Gifts Assistant, 1234 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205-1453. (The Columbus Foundation is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization donations may be tax deductible.)
Thank you for your interest in the Daughters of Erin. We are an Irish American women’s group established in 1978. Membership is open to all women with a genuine interest in Irish culture. We work alongside the other Central Ohio Irish groups in cultural, educational and charitable activities.

The Daughters of Erin provides its members the opportunity to strengthen their Irish cultural ties and to make lasting friendships. Members receive our monthly newsletter “Echo of Erin” which covers all Irish community events and organization news. Please visit our web site: daughtersoferin.org.

New memberships are accepted at any time. Annual membership renewals are due in January of each year. After July 1, new members may join for half-price. Please complete this form and mail it to the above address or bring it with you to one of our general meetings. Meetings are held 2:00 p.m. the second Sunday of the month (September through June). We meet at Trinity School behind St. Christopher’s Catholic Church, 1420 Grandview Avenue in Columbus, Ohio.

It is important that you fill out the form and return it with your payment. We will be printing a new roster and this will insure we have your correct information. We are requesting all Honorary Members complete and submit this form as well.

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Donations to special funds:

| Bereavement Fund | | 
| Scholarship Fund | |

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Shop at smile.amazon.com. Daughters Of Erin increase its AmazonSmile donations. Visit http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0947221. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need register to the Daughters of Erin to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.
The Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation

Invites you to the annual

Christmas Dinner at the Statehouse

Friday, Dec. 18 6:30 PM

Please RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 10

Honoring

F. James Foley
President
Cristo Rey Columbus High School
Semi-Formal attire, please

6:30 PM   Cocktails in the Rotunda (cash bar)
Enjoy the amazing acoustics with a live performance by the fabulous Shamrock Club Pipes and Drums

7:20 PM   Dinner seating in the Atrium and Welcoming remarks, followed by performance from Celtic Harpist Steve Schack, winner of 2010 National Award

7:30 PM   Benediction and Dinner

8:15 PM   Award Presentations
Ann Richens Memorial Scholarship Fund 2015 GCICF Honoree Jim Foley:
In 2011, Jim Foley decided to leave his partner position at the Vorys law firm after 29 successful years to become the first President of Cristo Rey Columbus High School.
Now in its 3rd year of operation, the school provides opportunity and motivation for economically-disadvantaged students to succeed in a rigorous college-preparatory program by means of Cristo Rey’s unique Professional Work-Study Program.

9:30 PM   After party at Dempsey’s Food and Spirits, 346 South High Street with complimentary dessert
Reservations with checks payable to GCICF should be mailed to Irene Kenney at The Shamrock Club, 60 West Castle Road, Columbus OH 43207, to be received by December 10th. Please indicate choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian dish.
$90 Individual, $172 for two or $650 for table of eight
$750 for Program Sponsor; including table of eight and full-page advertisement in Program
$1500 for Emerald Sponsor; including table of eight with full-page advertisement and Special Recognition

Other opportunities to support the Foundation include purchasing a 1/2 page ad for $50 or a full page advertisement for $100 or providing a tax-deductible donation in any amount you choose.

CONTACT: Ken Bowen, Chairman, Board of Trustees, kennybowen@sbcglobal.net (614) 570-1051.
GCICF, P.O. Box 164412, Columbus OH 43216.
The Greater Irish Cultural Foundation is a 501c-3 organization dedicated to furthering the awareness and enjoyment of Irish Culture and Arts in Central Ohio, Including music, dance, literature, history and language.
The Junior Division is currently seeking new members. This group is open to any young lady under the age of 18 or still in high school. Members will gain volunteer hours, learn to run a business meeting, raise funds for charity and gain friendships with other young ladies throughout central Ohio.

Meetings are the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at Trinity School (2nd Floor) at St. Christopher’s Catholic Church on Grandview Avenue.

Dues are $10 per year.

For more information, contact Peggy Shanahan, pshanahan@wowway.com or 614.323.6941. Visit the Junior Division/Daughters of Erin on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Junior Division Calendar Fundraiser

The Junior Division has created a 2016 calendar with photos from Ireland. The calendars are $12 each or 3 or more $10 each. Purchase calendars at the December meeting or contact Peggy Shanahan at 614.323.6941 or pshanahan@wowway.com.