



Muskegon Irish American Society

NEWS



Winter 2018

18th Annual Pub Party, January 28



It's time for our annual pub party at Hennessy's!

Join the fun on **Sunday, January 28 at Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

It's hard to believe that this is our 18th annual pub party! Returning to entertain us with their special brand of Irish music is the Conklin Ceili Band! Mick Lane and the band has been a house favorite for years. We guarantee an afternoon of toe-tapping, knee-slapping good times! So break out of the winter blahs and get your Irish on!

The festivities will begin with a warm welcome and music by our very own *Dynamic Duo*, David McIntire and MIAS President, Kevin Donovan. As usual, a great selection of Irish victuals and libations will be available. Our annual raffle will also take place, an \$800 value! If you haven't sold or purchased your raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible! The proceeds from the raffle keeps the cost of our dues low and events at a reasonable cost!

There is no cover charge and reservations are **not** required. We hope to see you there!



Joe Doyle Named 2017 Irish Person of the Year



Joseph William Doyle grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI and attended a private Catholic school. While in high school Joe played the keyboard in a very successful band and once opened for Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band. Joe loves music of every genre and has attended Wheatland Music Festival for years.

Following high school Joe went on to attend Western Michigan University. Receiving his Bachelors degree he began a career with J.C. Penney and was eventually transferred to Muskegon. He then went on to become the Purchasing Director at Muskegon Community College, retiring as Vice President of Administrative Services.

While at MCC Joe received his Master's Degree from WMU. Following his 'retirement' he worked at Goodwill for a number of years.

In his spare time, Joe loves working on events! He started the Shoreline Spectacular, worked on Summer Celebration, the Seaway Run, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Michigan Irish Music Festival. Joe also loves the great outdoors; running, sailing, water rafting, swimming, cross-country skiing, ice skating, walks on the beach and camping.

Joe also loves to travel. He has seen most of the continental United States, as well as Alaska and Hawaii. He has been to Europe, The Netherlands and of course, Ireland!

Joe's family includes wife Kathy, two sons - Pat (Jackie) of Chicago, Tim (Jessica) of Boston, grandchildren Amelia and Ian, and step-daughter Tatum (Chad) of Norton Shores.

Congratulations Joe!

Call for Nominations to the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2018

Criteria for Nomination:

1. Nominations will be accepted for individuals of Irish American Descent, living or deceased, with substantial ties to Michigan who have made contributions in areas such as Public Service, Philanthropy, Business and Industry, Arts and Entertainment, Religion, Education, and Sports.
2. Nominees must have a meaningful connection to the state of Michigan, be of verifiable Irish ancestry, be a citizen of the United States and have made a notable contribution in one of the aforementioned areas.
3. Nomination forms are available through the Muskegon Irish American Society or can be completed online at www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org Nominations must include name of nominee, category and brief description of reason for nomination/candidate worthiness.
4. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Irish American Society will screen nominations and recommend selections to the Board for final approval.

Deadline for Nominations: The completed nomination form and any supporting materials must be emailed or posted on or before **APRIL 1, 2018**. Nominations received after this date may be considered for the following year.



Highlights From Irish Movie at the Museum



MIAS members thoroughly enjoyed a private screening of the Irish film *Noble*, a very touching and heart-warming bio-pic. Christina Noble took us on a journey through the streets of Dublin to the orphanages of Saigon where she embarked on her life's calling to care for the "throw-away" children of Vietnam. Please be sure to join us next year for a new Irish movie, selected for your viewing pleasure!

Thank you to Kathleen, Meg, Dee and the museum staff for all their assistance!



St. Patrick's Day Events

**There will not be another newsletter before St. Patrick's Day.
Please note these upcoming events.**

MIMF St. Patrick's Party March 16 & 17

Sponsored by the Michigan Irish Music Festival, **5:30 - 11:00 pm** Friday and Saturday night at Bella Maria's Event Center. There will be a great entertainment line-up, silent auction and flavorful Irish fare. Tickets available at the door. More information at www.michiganirish.org

St. Patrick's Day Parade March 17

Sponsored by Muskegon Jaycees in downtown Muskegon on Saturday morning at **11:00 am**. Line up for the parade at the corner of 4th and Clay, by Hackley Park at 10:30 am. If you are a member of our club, **please walk with our club** in the parade, we need a good turnout for our club. And here's a secret strategy...our club walks in the front of the parade, so we beat the crowd to Hennessy's! More information at www.muskegonjaycees.org

45th Annual Irish Flag Raising March 17

Friday is St. Patrick's Day itself. Following the parade, please join our club at **noon** at Hennessy's for our 45th annual Raising of the Irish Flag in downtown Muskegon. After a brief ceremony, we will gather for lunch at Hennessy's. Please join us in this longstanding tradition! More information at www.muskegonirishamerican.com

Did you know?

According to one rather obscure Irish legend, a ringing in your ears means a deceased **friend stuck in Purgatory is ringing a bell** to ask for you to pray for him/her.

Ireland's Saint Fiacre, born in the sixth century, is **the patron saint of gardeners**.

The original seven "Celtic Nations" are: Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Cornwall, Brittany (in France) and Galicia (in Spain).

Saint Brendan is said to have discovered America **1,000 years before Columbus**.

The Newgrange passage tomb in County Meath was constructed around 3200 BC, making it more than 600 years older than the Giza Pyramids in Egypt, and 1,000 years older than Stonehenge.

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade in America was hosted by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston in 1737.

Historians believe **St. Patrick's real name** was "Maewyn Succat."

"Gulliver's Travels" writer Jonathan Swift is **buried in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin**.

Dues Can Be Paid with PayPal

With this newsletter you will receive your annual dues statement for 2018. Our dues remain a bargain at \$20 per family, and are essential to support our club's programs and the newsletter. An added convenience, is the ability to pay your dues on PayPal. If you wish to use PayPal, go to our website and click on the "Members" section. There is an added service fee of \$1.50 to use PayPal. Payment by check is always welcome! It is also convenient to pay your dues during the pub party on January 28. Thank you!

