

CCCIAC OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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CLUB NEWS

We had 18 members present at our October meeting. Thank you to Linda Fitzgibbons on the enlightening talk on "The Early History of Ireland". Baseball caps in either Kelly green or white are available to club members at a cost of \$15 each. T-shirts and bumper stickers will soon be available.

Our club website recently crashed and has been rebuilt with the help of a web designer. The club agreed to merge the club's website & the fest website into one. This will lead anyone searching for an Irish fest to both fest information and info about our club. We will also be saving money. The biggest complaint in previous years was inability to find our club if using an I phone. That has been changed. Every member of the club will have the same password to log-in and will have payment link for hats and t-shirts.

Our next general meeting of the CCIAC club will take place on Thursday, November 7th. We will be meeting at the German American Social Club which is located at 2101 SW Pine Island Road. We meet in the large room. A cash bar is available. The meeting begins at 7pm. Several of our members come early and have dinner at Bubba's Restaurant which is adjacent to the GASC building. All are welcome. Our guest for the meeting will be John Harrahy & Bart Cournane who will present Life and Music of Percy French. A brief sketch of the life of the most popular composer of Irish music at the turn of the 20th Century. They will be performing several of Percy's most popular songs.

Some outside activities are available which include The Nevermind Bar which has Irish music on Thursdays (The bar is located at 927 Cape Coral Parkway); Oktoberfest at the GASC is October 25, 26, and 27; Caloosahatchee Celtic Fest will take place on Friday, Jan. 24th & Saturday Jan. 25th. Hooley sponsored by the United Irish of SWFL is February 16th at Cape Cabaret; cost is \$60; The club Annual picnic is tentatively set for Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Jay-Cee Park Shelter in the planning stages. We will keep you informed of future events.

Jenny Miller was not in attendance at the meeting when her name was called for the membership raffle. If your name is called and you are present at the November general meeting you will win \$45.

Over the past 13 years our club has offered the Richard Mahigan Scholarship and for the past 3 years the Joseph Cobb Scholarship has been awarded to a young person who has through their talents promoted Irish culture. Over the years 27 scholarships have been given out. Both scholarships are again being offered this year. A scholarship application may be obtained from our website www.capecoralirishamericanclub.org. If you know of a young person who does promote Irish culture please encourage them to apply.



CAPE CORAL IRISH FEST NEWS

Planning is already underway for the 2020 Festival. Festival committee meetings will be on the second Monday, beginning in November at the Big Blue Brewery located at 4721 SE 10th Pl, Cape Coral. The meeting begins at 6pm but all are welcome to come at 5pm for social hour. Anyone interested in participation in the planning of next year's fest is invited. Listed below are the dates of the meetings: Monday, November 11, Monday,

December 9, Monday, January 13, Monday, January 27, Monday, February 10, and Monday, February 24 and Monday March 2. PLEASE NOTE -We will be meeting twice a month in January & February. All meetings will take place at the Big Blue.

The bands already with signed contracts include the Screaming Orphans, Albannah, Jamison Celtic Rock, West of Galway & Derek Warfield and the Wolfetones. A new group-The Byrne Brothers are will also be a part of our fest. The band is comprised of the father & three young sons.

Sponsor Sub-Committee distributed sponsor letters to members with the request to get one company to donate. If you can help us by contacting individuals or companies about sponsoring the fest please contact Debbie Hicks at 323-664-2270 or debhicks@cs.com.

Mary O’Neill will coordinate the Festival’s volunteers. Deb Hicks will continue to put out the volunteer sign-ups at the General Meetings. Each person will be contacted by Mary for specific times to volunteer.

Hank O’Neill is handling the Trip to Ireland Raffle again this year. Over 240 tickets were distributed at the September meeting. Another 1600 tickets were mailed to members. We ask that each member take 10 tickets to buy or sell. Our Trip to Ireland Raffle is one of our major fund raisers for financing the cost of the fest. Along with helping to defray the cost of the festival the club also donates to local charities from proceeds of the fest. We again accomplished the purpose of our club which is to promote Irish culture in southwest Florida. Thank you to all those members who have already sent in your stubs.

We still need a captain for fest social media, an assistant bar manager for fest, and a chairman for refreshments for general meetings.

Grant me a sense of humor, Lord,
The saving grace to see a joke,
To win some happiness from life,
And pass it on to other folk. Irish Blessing

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE CAPE CORAL IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Due December 31, 2019

Type of membership:
SINGLE \$15.00 per year ☐

FAMILY/COUPLE \$25.00 per year ☐

Date_____

Name_____ Number of family members under 18_____

Local Address_____

City _____State_____ Zip_____ Phone_____

E-MAIL_____

(Please list if available)

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City_____State_____ Zip_____ Phone _____

Please make your check payable to the Cape Coral Irish American Club and mail it with this application to:
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