



American Irish Club of West Citrus

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Renew Now

Membership renewal begins **January 1st** and is \$20 per member.

Dues must be paid by February 1 to be eligible to vote in the March election. If dues aren't paid by March 1st, you will be dropped from the membership roles. To be reinstated you shall be required to update your membership and dues, as well as pay a reinstatement fee of \$10.00. Dues can be paid to any Officer, or mailed to the Club at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760.

Your Help is Needed?

I will be selling tickets for this years Irish Show (March 10) at January's general meeting on Jan 17th.

I will also be looking for help selling tickets for the show at the club starting Jan 30th from 10am to 2pm. If you can spare a few hours for this, please contact Carol at 341-3603 or Peggy at 726-7745

This years Super Bowl will be celebrated on February 5, 2012 at the Clubhouse. Doors open at 5:30pm and the game will begin around 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 per person will be *limited to the first 60 members who sign up*. Admission will include hot and cold appetizers, dessert and door prizes. With the purchase of a ticket you will be entered into a football pool for chances to win prizes. Sign-up by Feb. 2, or call Milt Peters at 628-4224

Note:

The following members still have club shirts ready for pickup. They will be available at the Jan meeting. If you won't be there, please call Bob (746-3947) or Linda (527-7049) for other arrangements.

Don & Pat Brophy Tommy & Annette Doyle
Gary & Brenda Lyons Mike & Denise Kennard
Bob & Marilyn Foley

The Blarney Corner

What significance does Ireland play in the New Years celebration in Times Square?

- The use of confetti is a Celtic tradition
 - The Irish first started it in 1843
 - The ball that drops is made by Waterford Crystal
 - Ireland's Prime Minister attends
- Answer on page 3**



From the President's Desk



Hi everyone and again Happy New Year! We had a wonderful Christmas party and a large attendance along with a great meal by Cody's.

The Board served the food and I thank you all. Thanks also to Dick Connell for his music and singing. We also found new talent as Mary Beth O'Connor sang for us too.

Now while I'm in the thanking mood, I want to mention three guys who re-stripped the asphalt lines in our parking area, Ray Spratt, John Foye and Bill Nebraska. Now there was just one small problem as white paint was spilled and I don't want to mention who did it, but this I know, it wasn't Ray or John!!! We had a tough year with some of our dear members passing and my wish for the New Year is that it doesn't happen in 2012! God Bless and a Happier New Year!Ron

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Upcoming events

- Game Night - 1st & 3rd Thursday, 4:30
- Bunco - 2nd Friday
- Bocce Ball - Tuesdays, 9:30
- Bingo - Jan 9 & 23, 11:30
- Membership Meeting - Jan 17, 12:00
- Super Bowl - Feb 5, 5:30
- Irish Show - March 10, 2:00

It's an old Irish custom, on New Year's Day, to go through the Christmas cards you've received and choose one card which illustrated the Three Wise Men the best. Then that card would hang over the front door for the next year. It was said to bring health and harmony to your family during the new year.

Thank You!

Thank you for your donation this year to the Citrus United Basket. Your generosity was again overwhelming. This is what makes our Club so great.

Remember this month's meeting will be Tuesday, Jan 17th at 12pm

AMERICAN IRISH CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ron Davis	(352) 527-2209
Vice President	Jim O'Comor	(231) 622-1835
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2 Year Director	Jan Cody Foye	527-6757
1 Year Director	Carol Hayes	341-3603

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House	Vernon Budd	382-2109
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Newsletter	Bob Bianculli	746-3947
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Phone - Citrus	Theresa Stimpfl	341-1116
	Kathy Hoey	341-2417
Sergeant at Arms	Ray Spratt	621-3895
Sunshine	Trudy Wenzel	746-5382

AMERICAN IRISH CLUB MEETING SITE

The American Irish Club of West Citrus County meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month (except Jun, Jul, and Aug) at the American Irish Cultural Center, 4342 Homosassa Tr (CR 490), Lecanto, FL. (It is located across from Pope John Paul II RC School)

For information, call the Club on Wednesdays at (352) 527-4890, or Ron Davis at (352) 527-2209. You can write to us at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760.

Our website is <http://www.americanirishclub.com> check it out. You can Email us at AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com.

If anyone would like to submit an article, photo, or other information for consideration, to be included in your newsletter, send it to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com

Golf League

The AIC Golf group plays at Seven Rivers Country Club in Crystal River, on the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. Tee off is at 8:30 a.m. Please call Dave Horsman 352-897-1398 or 602-881-8389, Russ Doring 795-4548, or Phil Griffith 746-0612 and let one of them know that you intend to play so we can plan the groups and advise Seven Rivers. Please bring your friends to join in the fun. Watch posting's in the Club for the schedule.

Our '9 & Dine' on December 2nd at Brentwood Golf Club was a huge success. We had 35 golfers and 43 for a wonderful BBQ chicken dinner. Watch this space for our next "9 and Dine".

Our annual tournament is being planned for April 21, 2012. We have created a 9-hole mixed-group. We will begin play at Little Pines (par 3) at Pine Ridge at 1:30pm, January 6, 2012. Please arrive no later than 1pm. We have more than 20 golfers who have expressed interest. Please call Dave Horsman (#s above) if you have any interest in a 9-hole group or have questions. The intent is to keep it fun and casual. You need not participate every time.

2012 Irish Show



Direct from Dublin, this year, Sean McGinness and the *Dublin City Ramblers* will perform for us on **March 10**, at 2 P.M. at Curtis Peterson auditorium in Lecanto.

The Dublin City Ramblers have thrilled audiences worldwide with their unique blend of Ballads, Folk, Humor and foot-tapping music. Their impressive career has spanned more than 35 years, with over 30 albums, top ten hits, several awards for best Ballad/Folk Group and, 8 Gold Albums. It is certainly no wonder that they are classed as Ireland's Number One Group! Tickets will be \$25 and are expected to go on sale at our January meeting (Jan 17) and open to the public Jan 30th.

The 2011 Club Raffle is a drawing that will continue throughout the year. There will be a total of 12 prizes. A donation of \$25 for 1 ticket or \$80 for 4 gives you chances at winning a \$100 monthly prize, and your name gets returned to the pool for a chance win multiple times. The sooner you purchase a raffle the more chances you have of winning. Contact Dick or Margie Connell (352-212-0352) to purchase tickets. Our November winner was: **Margie Connell**. Congratulations.

2012 tickets are now available.



JANUARY

Bring Your Aluminum Cans and Newspapers to the Clubhouse

We save aluminum cans and dry newspapers for extra revenue. The bins are located off to the side of the clubhouse. We have made several hundred dollars by doing this. We thank the people who have saved, sorted and hauled the recycled items to the recycle center.

American Irish Club Bingo

Join us for this season of Bingo, under the direction of Dick Connell.. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.. The first number is called at 12:45 p.m. A light lunch is available before the game for a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends for a fun time.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3 Board Meeting	4 Wed Work Crew 9-1	5 Game Nite 4pm	6	7
8 Breakfast 8am - 11am	9	10 Bingo doors open 11:30	11 Wed Work Crew 9-1	12	13 Bunco 12 noon	14
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American Irish Sunday Breakfast



Breakfast will begin Sunday, Oct 23th from 8:00 a.m., until 11:00 a.m. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for eggs, pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, and potatoes. We have had to raise the price to \$5.50 to cover our increase in costs. Join us for food, friendship and music. If you want to help, contact Milt Peters or Jim O'Connor

Do You Like To Cook?

Wouldn't some of you like to try a recipe out on the club? We have the same volunteers and need some new members to step up. You would be supplied with both the food and the volunteers you need. Just advise the board what ingredients you need from our supplier and we'll have them ready. Any other ingredients you purchase yourself will be reimbursed when you present your receipts. Don't be afraid. There will be plenty of help for you. Thanks to last months cooks. Cody's Roadhouse of Crystal River, and the Board for serving, and all those that helped.

*Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad.
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.*

*Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue.
But never forget to remember
Those that have stuck by you.*

*Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away.
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day*

Back issues of the AIC Newsletter are available on our website as well as pictures and more. Go to www.americanirishclub.com to see. Thanks to Jimmie Barnes for maintaining our website

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by way of e-mail send your name and e-mail address to AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com

Newsletter Booster Club

Costs for printing, paper, ink and postage are defrayed by the generosity of our booster club members. Please be as generous as possible and mail your donations to the club or give it to one of the officers. We need your support. Thank you **Mike Fraser** for last month's donation.

Bocce

Bocce Ball will be played each Tuesday at 9:30 am, beginning Jan 10th. If you're interested, contact Sal Orifice at 527-2659

WHEN PLANNING YOUR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, KEEP THE AMERICAN IRISH CLUB IN MIND. YOUR SUPPORT WILL HELP TO ENSURE OUR FUTURE

Waterford Crystal
Answer: (c) The New Year's Eve Ball was designed and made by

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