

# American Irish Club of West Citrus County

Incorporated as a non-profit Social, Fraternal, Cultural, Historical, Philanthropic and Charitable Organization

## November Newsletter

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### From the President's Desk

My thanks go to all the people who kept the club going during the summer months. I have been back for only a couple of weeks as of this writing and some great things have been happening. First everyone should take a look at the beautiful job Charles and Marge Mattingly did in the cottage. They constructed a bar that replaces the old one. It is without question a superior job. It was finished off with a brass rail, which was installed by Jack Kennelly. The Buildings were recently power washed by the Wednesday group, namely Jack Kennelly, Red Holleran, Ray Spratt and John Foye. The Wednesday group also took down a huge tree near the pavilion. Thanks to all those who helped do these jobs,

Now to tell you about my summer vacation, as all good students do, coming back to school. The first big event was a tri-athalone, which I entered. It was a 5-mile run up part of Mount Washington; a 5 miles swim in Lake Winnepesaukee; and bicycle race for 5 miles. I came in last. I was not too good on a bicycle. In late August, on Old Hometown, in Belmont, N.H., I entered a foot race for those seniors 55 years and older, covering 5 miles. This race, I came in second to last. The last big event was a deep-sea fishing trip. This was my first time fishing. I hooked a fish and started to reel it in, I could tell it was a big one. As I was reeling it in, I could feel someone poking me in the arm, saying Jim! Jim! wake up your coffee is ready! I'm telling you, I was exhausted from that dream, and was looking forward to getting back to the American Irish Club. In all sincerity, I hope everyone had a good summer. God bless the Irish Club, and all the members.

Jim Foye



### Show Palace Trip

Our trip to see "MAME" is this month on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves club at 10:30am. Be there no later than 10:15am. Payment of \$55 includes transportation, show, and buffet meal. The bus is full but if you would like to meet us there and join us, contact Herb or Joan at 352-794-7465

### Day Star Donations

Donations for the Day Star Holiday Fund will continue through the November meeting. Be generous and bring your wallets to the November meeting, or contact Jim Hynes at 352-527-7049.

### Chef's Night Out

Don't forget, that on Monday Oct. 30 we will have our *Chef's Nite Out* at La Casa De Norma beginning at 5 pm with Hors d'oeuvres. For those that have already signed up, we anticipate a great meal and lots of fun. We also encourage our guests to wear their most creative costumes. Prizes will be awarded. Have a howling good time.

### Halloween

I guess it never ceases to amaze me how much our modern day world is impacted by the Irish culture. No wonder people are so proud of their Irish heritage! For yet again, we have Ireland to thank for one of the most fun holiday's around!

"Samhain" (pronounced SEW- en) was the Celts ancient fire festival at the end of October to celebrate the last day of summer and the beginning of the winter season.

The Catholic Church adopted the holiday in the 8th century by naming November 1 "All Saints Day". It was a holy day of obligation for any Saint that had no specific day of worship already. Hence "All Hallows Eve", which shortened over time to "Halloween".

Halloween was brought to America by none other than Irish immigrants fleeing the havoc caused the Potato Famine of the 1840's.

Did you know that the **Jack O'Lantern** also has Irish roots?? Well, it seems that Jack, an Irish blacksmith from the 18th century, signed some sort of pact with the Devil and therefore was denied entrance in Heaven's Pearly Gates. He was condemned to wander the Earth in darkness. So he carried with him a carved out turnip lit with a candle to light his way. When the Irish brought this tradition to the States, they found pumpkins much more available than turnips & therefore the tradition of carving out Jack O'Lanterns' was born!

So remember your Irish roots this Halloween holiday season & tell all your friends & neighbors that they have the Irish, yet again, to thank for one of our modern day traditions!

### 2006 Annual Raffle

This month at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting we will hold our raffle. There are five prizes this year. All those donating toward the \$300+ First Prize Basket, please give item to Herb or Joan by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Those that have tickets turn in all ticket lists and money by November 1<sup>st</sup>. For those members who have questions or donations, please contact Herb or Joan at (352) 794-7465.

Remember the next monthly meeting is **November 21<sup>st</sup>**



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**AMERICAN IRISH CLUB MEETING SITE**

The American Irish Club of West Citrus County meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Jim Foye at (352) 527-0147. Email us at AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com. You can write to us at P.O. Box 760, Lecanto, FL 34460-0760.

Our website is <http://www.americanirishclub.com> check it out.

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

**Geographical shenanigans**

By **Lester Haines**

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**Ireland exits British Isles**

Irish publisher Folens has announced that in the future, Ireland will not be included in the British Isles, The Evening Standard reports. The decision apparently came as a result of a complaint to Ireland's Education Minister Mary Hanafin from one disgruntled parent that the Emerald Isle was still effectively classified in a Folens' tome as part of the happy union of British nations. Hanafin then duly advised the parent to "bring the matter to the attention of the teacher, the school's management board and publishers Folens".

However, The Irish Times reports that John O'Connor of Folens said he had not received a complaint from a parent, but claimed "the decision was taken after it was brought to his attention by a geography teacher".

O'Connor said: "I have a policy that if I see a potential problem I'll act on it immediately instead of waiting to see if a problem arises. So from January 2007 the reference will be removed."

Argentinian geography teachers are hereby alerted to the fact that you have until Xmas to pitch your "Malvinas" claims and we reckon Kurds are in with a chance of securing some Irish textbook territory if you can get your email in sharpish. ®

Bootnote: Yes, we know Ireland has been a sovereign state since 1922, but, for the love of all that's Holy, is there no-one who can put a stop to PC geography teachers lighting up their pipes and pontificating? Get back to sewing patches on your tweed jackets, the lot of you.

**The Blarney Corner**

What famous novelist penned the following verse:

*"This lovely land that has always sent  
Her writers and artists to banishment  
And in a spirit fun  
Betrayed her own leaders one by one...  
Oh Ireland my first and only love  
Where Christ and Ceasar are hand in glove!  
Oh lovely land where the shamrock grows!  
(Allow me, ladies, to blow my nose)"?*

- a) John O'Hara
- b) Brendan Behan
- c) Brian Moore
- d) James Joyce

[Answer on page 3]

**LADIES BUNCO**

(Bunco is a game played with dice.)

Ladies Bunco was started and meets at the clubhouse at 1:00 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. We are looking for more substitute players. If we can get enough additional members interested, we can start up a second group. A group would require 12 members. If you're interested or need more information contact Carol Hayes 341 3603

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

## NOVEMBER

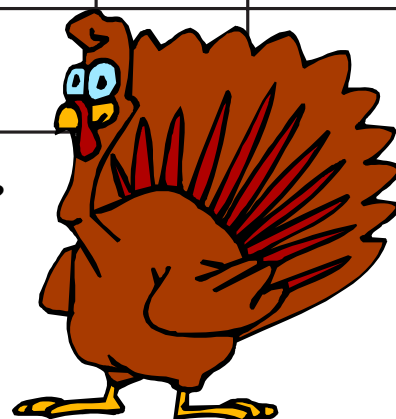
### Bring Your Aluminum Cans and Newspapers to the Clubhouse

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 Bingo

The Bingo wheel generally spins on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, however there are changes for November and December. These dates are Nov 7 & 28 and Dec 5. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.. The first number is called at 12:45 p.m. A lite lunch is available before the game or at the break for a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends for a fun time

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board Meeting Bingo 12pm	8	9 MAME 10:15am	10	11
12 Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Membership Meeting & Raffle 12pm	22	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	24	25
26 Breakfast	27	28 Bingo 12pm	29	30		



### Do You Like To Cook?

There are many talented cooks in the club. Would some of you like to try a recipe out on the club? We need your help with cooking for the membership meetings. 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 any other ingredients you purchase yourself will be reimbursed with receipts. Don't be afraid. There will be lot's of assistance for you.

### American Irish Sunday Breakfast



Breakfast is served on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.30 + tax. Members and guests are encouraged to join us for one of four entrees, including either eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, potatoes and sausage gravy with biscuits.

### 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.

The following members have kindly contributed during the last month: **Mary Dorsey**

The American Irish Club will now offer the option, for you to receive the Newsletter by way of e-mail. This will provide you with the ability to receive the Newsletter even before the printer does and at the same time reduce some of the costs of printing or mailing. If you would like to sign up and join a number of members already using this option, send an e-mail with your name and e-mail address to [AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:AICeditor@tampabay.rr.com) This option will also allow us to let you know of last minute changes or corrections.

### DUBLIN, Oct. 20 (Agence France-Presse)

— The town of Dingle, one of Ireland's most famous tourist destinations, voted overwhelmingly on Friday against a government edict to adopt the Irish-language version of its name. After a 90 percent turnout, 1,005 of the town's 1,222 residents opted for a bilingual name, "Dingle Daingean Uí Chuis," according to the vote's organizers.

But according to the government, the exercise in local democracy has created a legal quandary.

The town, part of County Kerry in Ireland's southwest, is in a Gaeltacht area — a district where Irish, as most people here call the Gaelic language, is commonly spoken. Gaeltacht dwellers receive extra grants and allowances for schools, homes, clubs and festivals to encourage the speaking of Irish.

Answer: (d) Joyce, in his poem "Gas from a Burner"