

American Irish Club of West Citrus County

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

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Cead Mile Failte

Welcome Back everyone. Club activities are starting up again. We have had our first meeting and the breakfasts have begun. Don't forget to stop by Sunday morning and join your friends for a great breakfast prepared by Chef Lou and associates, and served by our singing waiters John and Jim Foye.

Our other events planned for this year are:

Bingo

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday's of the month beginning again this month, October 10th (future dates will be announced) doors open 11:30 am

Halloween Chef's Night Out

At La Casa Di Norma (Crystal River) on October 30th, COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL!! This may be booked up but contact Herb or Joan at 794-7465 to verify, or to be put on a waiting list

Show Palace Trip

"MAME" is the feature attraction for this matinee on November 9th. Bus leaves club at 10:30am. Be there no later than 10:15am. Payment of \$55 includes transportation, show, and buffet meal. *This is sold out but there is a waiting list.*

2006 Annual Raffle

To be drawn at the November 21st meeting There are five prizes this year. All those donating toward the \$300+ First Prize Basket, please give item to Herb or Joan by November 19th. Those that have tickets turn in all ticket lists and money by November 1st. For those members who have not picked up their tickets to sell yet, please contact Herb or Joan at (860) 292-1044 and we will send them to you.

Superbowl XLI Party

Will be held at the club on February 4th, 2007. Tickets will be \$9.00 per person and will include a Happy Hour followed by Dinner and the game. Doors open at 5pm. Get in the football pools early

Annual Irish Show

Our club under the direction of Carol-Lee & Owen Shevlin, will host an Irish Variety Show at Curtis Peterson Auditorium on March 3 at 4pm. Entertainers include Michael Funge, Harriet Earis, Bernard McHugh, Sandie Hartford, and Barry Collins.

Soup-A-Thon

Will be held at the club in March. Can we beat the selection of 28 soups that we had last year?? A donation list will be circulated in January. Soup-A-Thon hours will be from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Cost will be \$6.00 and for those that donate soup it will be \$3.00. Soup, French bread, dessert, iced tea/lemonade/coffee included.

The American Irish Club Golf Invitational

Will be held at the Spruce Creek Preserve Golf Course on Rt. 200 on Saturday, April 14th, 2007. Proceeds will go to club projects, charities, and programs that our club supports. Cost of \$60.00 per person includes cart, round of golf, and dinner. The cost for "dinner only" guests will be \$25.00.

The Leprechaun

The name leprechaun may have derived from the Irish leath bhrogan (shoemaker), although its origins may lie in luacharma'n (Irish for pygmy). These apparently aged, diminutive men are frequently to be found in an intoxicated state, caused by home-brew poteen. However they never become so drunk that the hand which holds the hammer becomes unsteady and their shoemaker's work affected.

Leprechauns have also become self-appointed guardians of ancient treasure (left by the Danes when they marauded through Ireland), burying it in crocks or pots. This may be one reason why leprechauns tend to avoid contact with humans whom they regard as foolish, flighty (and greedy?) creatures. If caught by a mortal, he will promise great wealth if allowed to go free. He carries two leather pouches. In one there is a silver shilling, a magical coin that returns to the purse each time it is paid out. In the other he carries a gold coin which he uses to try and

bribe his way out of difficult situations. This coin usually turns to leaves or ashes once the leprechaun has parted with it. However, you must never take your eye off him, for he can vanish in an instant.

The leprechaun 'family' appears in two distinct groups - leprechaun and cluricaun. Cluricauns may steal or borrow almost anything, creating mayhem in houses during the hours of darkness, raiding wine cellars and larders. They will also harness sheep, goats, dogs and even domestic fowl and ride them throughout the country at night.

Although the leprechaun has been described as Ireland's national fairy, this name was originally only used in the north Leinster area. Variants include lurachmain, lurican, lurgadhan.

The Blarney Corner

What Dublin born composer wrote the operetta *Babes in Toyland*?

- George M Cohan
- Edward Harrigan
- Gilbert O'Sullivan
- Victor Herbert

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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 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

NEW FEATURE

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

This option will also allow us to let you know of last minute changes or corrections.

Hain warns over N.Ireland political deadlock

MANCHESTER, England (AFP) - Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Hain has warned the region faces political deadlock if the parties miss a November deadline to agree power-sharing in the province.

Hain told the Labour Party's annual conference that Catholic and Protestant parties have a historic choice between the past and the future.

"If the deadline passes without agreement to restore an inclusive power sharing executive, the consequences are serious," he told delegates, adding that the "groundhog day" of politics there had to end.

Britain and Ireland have given the parties until November 24 to put aside their differences and form an executive for the assembly at Stormont in Belfast or risk it being dissolved indefinitely a week after the deadline.

"Assembly members will no longer be paid. They will have to make their staff redundant. Party funding will be stopped immediately. Stormont will shut down.

"Even more serious, if there is no deal by the 24th, the assembly will be dissolved the following week — and that is the real moment of truth for Northern Ireland's politicians because they all know that the opportunity to try again may not come around for years."

Discussions are deadlocked because the largest Protestant party, the Democratic Unionists (DUP), refuses to share power with Catholic Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA).

The DUP is not convinced the IRA has given up its weapons and criminality, despite the paramilitaries' declaration that they had last year.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his Irish counterpart Bertie Ahern will host multiparty talks on October 11-13 in St Andrews, Scotland.

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

*Remember the next monthly meeting is **October 17th***

OCTOBER

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 spins on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month and resumes on October 10th. 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 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8 Breakfast	9	10 Bingo 12pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Membership Meeting 12pm	18	19	20	21
22 Breakfast	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Chef's Nite Out -5pm	31				

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.

Keep those sugarless treats out of Fido's reach.

Veterinarians warned on Friday that a commonly used sweetener might cause liver failure in dogs, and perhaps even kill them. Their report in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association appears to strengthen the suspected link between the sugar substitute xylitol, thought to make dogs sick, and possible liver failure.

Xylitol, a naturally occurring product, is found in many sugar-free chewing gums, candies, baked goods and toothpastes.

Researchers Sharon Gwaltney-Brant and Eric Dunayer with staff at a poison unit of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Urbana, Illinois, gathered information on eight dogs

treated between 2003 and 2005 after eating products containing xylitol.

Each dog became ill, and five died or had to be put down because of liver failure, possibly from ingesting xylitol.

One dog who had to be euthanized had eaten four large, chocolate-frosted muffins containing about 1 pound (0.45 kg) of xylitol.

"People don't think sugar-free gum can kill their dog. I didn't before I got into this. But this is something people should be aware of," Gwaltney-Brant, who co-authored the study with Dunayer, said in a statement.

Gwaltney-Brant said for dogs, ingesting even a small amount of xylitol can trigger significant insulin release, which drops their blood sugar and can be fatal.

"A 22-pound (10-kg) dog who consumes one gram (0.03 ounces) of xylitol should be treated," she said, adding that further studies were needed to definitely establish a cause-and-effect relationship.

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.

Special thanks this month go to Jimmie Barnes for a great job maintaining our club website at <http://www.americanirishclub.com> and also to Jeannette Kollar for her generous contribution to the club.