

# American Irish Club of West Citrus County

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

## September Newsletter

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### *Cead Mile Failte*

#### **WE'RE BACK**

I trust that everyone in having a good summer. Well it's almost over and we will be back to our great activities again. Here is a list of our upcoming season of events. Remember these are tentative and may be altered. Keep posted to the future newsletters and our website at [www.americanirishclub.com](http://www.americanirishclub.com) for the latest info.

#### **Bingo**

- 2006 -October 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 14<sup>th</sup>
- December 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2007 -January 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
- February 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- March 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>
- May 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Halloween Chef's Night Out**

At La Casa Di Norma (Crystal River) on October 30<sup>th</sup>, COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL!! See Flyer at club or contact Herb or Joan for reservations at 794-7465 after October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Prizes included in dinner prices. Cash Bar.

#### **Show Palace Trip**

To see "MAME" as a matinee 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. Payment to be made no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a waiting list.

#### **2006 Annual Raffle**

To be drawn on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please turn in all ticket lists and money by November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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> (Thank You!). 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Tickets will be \$9.00 per person and will include a Happy Hour followed by Dinner and the game--get in the football pools early. Doors open at 5pm.

#### **Annual Irish Show**

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. We are also looking into having the Inisheer Dancers and An Triur perform for us again also.

#### **Soup-A-Thon**

Will be held at the club in March. We always have a good time at this event, so let's continue to support it—can we beat the selection of 28 soups 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 for soup lovers will be \$6.00 and for soup makers, \$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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Proceeds will go to club projects, charities, and programs 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.

#### **NEW FEATURE**

This is the first newsletter since June, and 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 may be especially helpful to our members who go north for some part of the year.

#### **"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"**

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

#### **Ancient Irish Cure for Freckles**

Anoint a freckled face with the blood of a bull. or of a hare, and it will put away the freckles and make the skin fair and clear. Also the distilled water of walnuts is good.

(I wonder if this *ever* worked)

*Remember the next monthly meeting is September 19*

**AMERICAN IRISH CLUB OFFICERS**

President	Jim Foye	(352) 527-0147
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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

**What's the Symbolism of the Irish Flag?**

Rarely has a flag possessed such lasting relevance as that of the "Tricolour," the national flag of the **Republic of Ireland**. Its three equal stripes illustrate the Irish political landscape as accurately today as in 1848, the year the flag was first unfurled.



- orange — standing for Irish Protestants
- green — signifying Irish Catholics and the republican cause
- white — representing the hope for peace between them

**The Blarney Corner**

[1]Dublin Bay prawns are really what?

- Prawns
- A type of Norway lobster
- Vegetables
- Galway Bay prawns

[2]How many men of Irish ancestry signed the Declaration of Independence?

- None
- Twelve
- Nine
- Two

Answers on page 3

**Irish Lace Cookies Recipe**

This recipe uses rolled oats, not "instant", or "quick-cooking." When rolled into cylinders, these make a very pleasant display.

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter or margarine (use sticks, not whipped)
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 1/4 cups old-fashioned rolled oats (not quick cooking)

**Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.**

Cream the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Stir in the flour, milk, and vanilla. Stir in the oats.

Drop the batter by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets, about 3 inches apart.

Bake until golden, 10-12 minutes.

Let them cool slightly (about 1 minute) on the cookie sheets then move with a spatula to a wire rack.

As an alternative, roll the slightly cooled cookies into cylinders then transfer them to a wire rack to cool completely.

Yield: About 40 cookies

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

## SEPTEMBER

### 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 will stop spinning for the summer, and resume again on October 10th, and every other Tuesday. We look forward to our friends returning from their summer jaunt, and join us again for this fun game.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Breakfast	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Membership Meeting 12noon	20	21	22	23
24 Breakfast	25	26	27	28	29	30

### 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. The next breakfast will be September 10, 2006.

### 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.

**“Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming “WOO HOO, What a Ride”**

### Garland Sunday

(The first Sunday in September)

This was a great festival with the people from the most ancient times, and was done by the Irish to solemn rites in honor of their dead kindred. The garland, or hoop, was decorated the night before with colored ribbons, but the flowers that encircled it were not plucked until the morning of the great day. Only unmarried girls were allowed to gather the flowers and wreath the garland, for the touch of a married woman's hand was deemed unlucky. Then all the company proceeded to the churchyard, the finest young man in the village being chosen to carry the garland. From the topmost hoop some apples were suspended by their stalks, and if one dropped off during the procession, it was a lucky omen for the garland-bearer, a prophecy of long life and success in love; but if the apple fell after the garland was set up in the graveyard, it was considered ill luck and coming evil, especially to anyone who was dancing, for a dance always closed a festival after prayers were said, and flowers were strewn, with weeping and wailing, over the recent graves. The Irish nature passes lightly from sorrow to mirth and the evening that began with tears ends with feasting and dances, and the garland of hospitality was offered to mourning strangers, who had come, perhaps a great distance to honor their dead kindred.

### Irish Law

#### A Dog's Nuisance

If a dog commits a nuisance on a neighbour's land, the dog's odor must be removed as far as its juice is found.

The ground must be pressed and stamped upon by the heel, and fine clay put there to cover it.

Compensation shall be paid in butter, dough or curds amounting to three times the size of the odor.

Answer: 1-b) A type of Norway lobster  
2-c) Nine