

MARIN IRISH AMERICAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

2011 St. Pat's POTLUCK,

By: Winnie Coleman

A great time was had by all. that's "all nearly 100 Irish folk' at the 2011 Annual Marin Pot Luck dinner.

Highlights: Tom Stoddard's Corned Beef dinner, with kitchen support from Pete Doyle. Why have we not been serving Chef Tom's Irish meals all of these years? Soooo good!

Judith Cassidy's arts and crafts program for the Irish kids! What a wonderful addition to our party!

Sean O'Brien's rendition of "Danny Boy". We're so lucky to have his golden tones

to bring us all visions of The Emerald Isle!

So many hard working club members' efforts to see that such tasty salads and side dishes were served. So many wonderful decorations set out to bring the festive spirit.

So much wonderful music played by the Wednesday night Irish Players of Marin. How can we ever thank them enough?

Great service by our food servers and bar tenders and all who set up and cleaned up and just 'made it the success that it was! Oh and can't forget the very successful raffle workers!



Thanks Winnie for a very successful event this year!!!

MIAC HONORS 3 FOR 2011

On Wednesday evening, May 18th, during the annual MIAC Board / Scholarship Dinner, the Club honored three high school seniors with \$500 scholarships. Each of the deserving students received a certificate and a check toward college tuition in the fall.

The Board congratulates these winners and wishes them the best in their college careers.

The 2011 MIAC Scholarship winners are:

- COOPER MALONEY**
- KARA FLAGEOLLET**
- BRITTANY DAVIS,**
- JOHN TRIMBLE AWARD WINNER



2011 MIAC Calendar of Events

July 16th	Dixieland Jazz and Wine Cline Winery
July 17th	McNears Beach—BBQ with SF Irish Club
Aug 26th	Giants Baseball Game Irish Night
Sept—Oct	Cultural Event in San Rafael
Nov 18th	Memorial Mass & Breakfast St. Cecilia Lagunitas
Dec 9th	Christmas Party The Club at McInnis

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2011 GIANTS IRISH NIGHT AT THE PARK

Thanks to Rob Pheatt, our new Board member, we will secure 25 tickets for the Giants game on August 26th, Friday. These are club level seats and the price is still being negotiated. This is an evening game against the Houston Astros and is also Irish night. We have at-

tended Irish night in the past and it has been a lot of fun. We are almost out of tickets but please contact Rob if you need one for this game. He can be reached at:

rpheatt@stisabellaschool.org
Thanks Rob for the great work in organizing this annual event.



CULTURAL EVENT BEING PLANNED

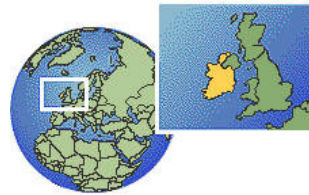
.One of the events that has been lacking in recent years is an Irish cultural presentation that highlights Irish heritage and provides some expertise on who we are as an Irish nationality. The board recognized this oversight at its May meeting and discussed some options in inviting a genealogy expert or someone knowledgeable of Irish heritage.

great interest in this area, will begin an investigation into contacting someone for fall to spend an evening with us. It is envisioned that this could be a

tion for all.

Please contact Philip Terry , pa2terry@comcast.net, with ideas or suggestions. It is hoped that this would lead to additional similar informative presentations.

The board thanks Philip for his help toward making this event a reality.



social as well as informative evening at a convenient loca-

Board member Philip Terry, author and artist, who has a

MIAC ADDS FOUR TO THE BOARD

Mary welcomed four new Board members at our meeting on May 18th. These new members were voted to the Board at the 2011 St. Patrick's Potluck.

Judith Cassidy, Jack Hayes, Jim McKinley and Rob Pheatt jumped right in with ideas and suggestions for events and ways to increase our membership.

Please welcome our new Board members; they are a great addition to our Club and will definitely make a difference.

2011 UPCOMMING CLUB EVENTS

A number of events were discussed at our May 18th meeting of the Board. These included our regular events: November Memorial Mass/Irish Breakfast, Christmas party, Giants baseball game/Jazz festival at the Cline Winery. New events were also discussed and are listed in the calendar above.

Please plan to attend these events and make use of the Club resources.



Cooper Maloney

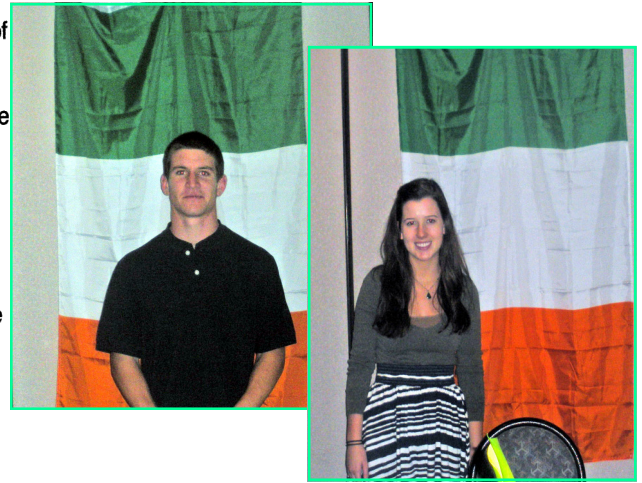
The Four Leaf Clover

Faith, hope, love and luck are the four petals of the four leaf clover— the motto of my life. I was raised in a strong religious home. My three older brothers and I kept the house much too loud and reckless with our constant fights and roughhousing, which I know my parents love to look back on. Not to say all we did was fight because when we weren't fighting we were as close as best friends. We played sports, rode dirt bikes, and went out in the pouring rain to play in the pond. Anything to use up all that testosterone.

Family is one of my biggest Irish qualities. My father has five siblings and my mother has four, so family reunions are gigantic and joyful. Feasts, kids running around, and love at every corner of every room.

My family has inspired me to spread the Irish joy to the whole world. As I pursue my college career in the medical field, I will prepare for my life of helping those in need of medical attention. After college I want to travel to other parts of the globe with the medical knowledge that this scholarship will help me receive in hopes of making the earth a better place filled with the charm of the Irish.

Cooper Maloney is a senior at Analy HS and is captain of their football team. He is attending St. Mary's College in September. His sponsor for this award is his grandmother, Winnie Coleman



Kara Flageollet is a senior at St. Vincent's HS and captain of the cheerleaders as well as debate team. She is attending Gonzaga U. in September. Her sponsor for this award is her great-aunt, Pat Clark

Kara Flageollet
Personal Statement:

I was born as the second child in a set of "Irish Twins," when I was in third grade, I started writing to my cousins in Ireland, in fourth grade I was singing "When Irish eyes are smiling" in my school talent show, In junior high, I was the girl dressed head to toe in green and handing out gold coins on St. Patrick's day. This summer I am going to Ireland for the first time, and I could not be more excited. As I look at pictures of Ireland, I am amazed at the beauty that I will get to experience in a few months. Both of my parents come from very Irish families, and I was raised to embrace my heritage. But being Irish is more than wearing green sparkles on St. Patty's Day, it is about being part of a rich community and embracing a unique culture that as vibrant today as it was hundreds of years ago.

As the recipient of this scholarship, I would work hard to learn more about the Irish culture and help others understand the significance of Irish Tradition. In college I hope to study abroad in Ireland in order to expand my knowledge and understanding of the wonderful customs and country. As an Irish woman, I have been taught to withhold judgment and be a fair and loyal friend. I have learned that being Irish is being intelligent, loving, understanding and fun. In the future, I am sure that these gifts will help me become successful, and I plan on using them to make the world a better place.



Brittany Davis a senior at Marin Catholic, plays tennis and is involved in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She will attend College of Marin in September. Her sponsor is her grandmother, Catherine Davis.

Davis

I Am Proud to be Irish

I would feel so proud to be able to represent a scholarship such as this one that is so personal and close to the heart for me. I feel that I am qualified because I have been someone who has embraced my Irish heritage throughout my seventeen years of life so far. Being Irish has been more than just a heritage for me, it has been a lifestyle. I am so proud to represent such strong Irish backgrounds on my mother and father's side of the family. When I was thirteen years old, I took my first trip to Ireland to stay at the house that has been in my family now for over one hundred years in County Limerick. I not only fell in love with the country itself, but also with the idea that is where most of my heritage lies.

I am so fortunate to be able to live close to my grandmother who is all about carrying out Irish traditions. My family and I have occasional dinners at her house with lots of extended family. The main meal routinely consists of corn beef and cabbage, and my all-time favorite, soda bread. My many cousins and I all have so much pride in the fact that we are able to so closely represent our grandparents who together made the Hayes Family of fourteen children. Hard work and perseverance runs in the family, and I see that so much in my grandmother. She gives me so much inspiration to carry out my Irish duties to work hard and retain family traditions and values in life.

MARIN AND SF IRISH CLUBS GETTING TOGETHER FOR MORE FUN

Our Co-President Tom has been working with the Board of the San Francisco Irish American Club in an effort to provide additional events for our membership.

Tom and Patti have already attended the SF Irish Club's Christmas Party last year which is held at the Hyatt in SF and was at their summer get-together at McNears Beach in San

Rafael last year.

Tom has also invited members of the SF Club to some of our Marin events. This provides both Clubs' members the opportunity to attend more Irish functions and the ability to meet others who share our Irish heritage and culture.

Tom has discussed this at our Board meetings

and we agree with this opportunity and decided to promote publicizing activities of the SF Club to our members.

The next event of the SF Irish American Club is their picnic at McNears Beach on Saturday, July 17th and we would like to have as many Marin Irish attend as possible.

Tom noted that this event focuses on the

youth and families and is a fun event for everyone. It will also allow us to meet our counterparts from The City and hopefully plan additional combined events in the future.

If July 17th is still open on your calendars, please call Tom or email him at (thomasegan@verizon.net) so he can give a count of those of us attending to the SF Club. Thank you Tom for your effort in this area and lets not have these City folk come to our neighborhood without us being there to greet them.

MIAC MEMBERSHIP

After our St. Patrick's potluck party, Bobbie Danz updated our membership list and we currently have 105 individuals / families listed.

This is a very representative number and we want to thank you for your continued participation in our Club.

In addition, five new families joined our group during 2011 and we would like to welcome them to our Club and we know they will enjoy our events and join us in spreading good old Irish cheer here in Marin.

These individuals / families are:

Terry and Rosie Feeney

Maria Curtis

Paul Hamel

Sue MacMillian

Matt and Marie Ward

Please join us in welcoming them to our Club and make sure you introduce yourself to them when you see them at the next event.



DUES ARE DUE FOR 2011

To date the Club has collected membership dues from 40 of the 105 members. This is less than 40%.

MIAC dues are quite reasonable and more than compensated by the free St. Patrick's

Potluck Dinner/Entertainment and the reduced price for the Christmas Party at The Club at McInnis as well as the opportunity to participate in other events throughout the year.

Please send your check payable to MIAC to:
MIAC, Post Office Box 6025, San Rafael, CA, 94903.

Remember, individual dues - \$25.00; family dues - \$30.00.

