

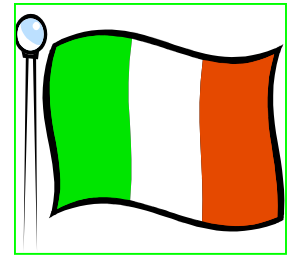


MARIN IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

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MIAC NEWSLETTER



**In memoriam:
John Trimble, Fred Von Lehr
Beloved MIAC Members**

MIAC Christmas Party 2009

By: Bernie Kelleher

Thanks for all you who attended the Christmas party on Friday, December 11th. This MIAC was another great success.

Lots of good Irish humor and even a birthday celebration for our beloved Co-President Mary. We all helped her reach a very special milestone.

The Club at McInnis once again did a fabulous job with the food. Grand Slam provided great music for dancing.



The silent auction and the raffle were well supported. Thanks to all of you for your wonderful gift donations. The Scholarship Fund made quite a bit of money from the proceeds. We will once again be able to award three scholarships this year.

The Board has approved our return to the Club at McInnis for Friday, December 10th, 2010. Grand Slam has also been reserved. Mark our calendars for this great holiday event.

2010 MIAC Scholarship Program

Last year the Marin Irish American Club was proud to award three \$500.00 scholarships to deserving students. This year we will award three more \$500.00 scholarships, one presented in honor of John Trimble, to a student selected on academic achievement with an emphasis on community service. Our two other scholarships will continue to be granted on the basis of academics and service.

The Marin Irish American Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or continuing college students carrying a minimum of 12 semester units and earning a current G.P.A. of 2.50 or better. The applicant must be a current Marin Irish American Club member or a relative - daughter, son, or grandchild - of a current member.

Applications will be mailed to interested participants. Please contact:

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**2011 MIAC
Ireland Trip**

Our trip to the Old Sod has been postponed until September of 2011. Same itinerary, anticipating lovely fall weather, hoping for a drop in price and that all will have more time to sock away their lucky pennies to make the trip together. CIE Tours promises their same fine service to the members of the Marin Irish American Club and their families and friends. If you would like a copy of the itinerary to encourage someone to come along, or if we missed giving you the original itinerary, please contact Winnie Coleman at 883 3245. No conflicts with Fourth of July, Ordinations, Weddings, etc.

Winnie, Dimensions in Travel

**2009 MIAC
Board Officers**

Want to have more fun out of MIAC. JOIN OUR BOARD!!!

Four times a year we get together at Points South restaurant in Ignacio (Formally SAMs) for a lively, spirited meeting with good friends.

It is enjoyable to be involved with this group as an organizer while also benefiting our cultural and scholarship programs.

Ask Jan and Jim Phelan, who just happened to stop by during our last Board meeting.

Got some extra time, come join us and do more for MIAC.

**2009 MIAC
Board of Directors**

Mary McCaffrey	Co President
Tom Egan (wiser)	Co President
Bobbie Danz	Treasurer
Tom Egan (elder)	Secretary/ Editor
Diane Backstedt	Correspond- Secretary
Philip Terry	Member
Mary Ann Ralsten	Member - Membership
Bernie Kelleher	Member
Fr. Cyril O'Sullivan	Moderator

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2010 MIAC St. Patrick's Family Potluck

St. Patrick's Day!!! The feast of the great St. Patrick, who spread God's word through the land of Ireland and instilled the Faith to all who heard. A day to remember, a celebration to be had, however, as one knows, a day is not enough for the Irish. Weeks before, preparations are made to honor the Saint and celebrations begin with the onset of the month of March. So --

It's that time to get ready your outfits of green, dust off the bottles of Jameson's, stock up on Barry's tea, pull your Irish fables, novels and historical accounts off the bookshelf, move your Celtic CD's to the forefront of your musical collection, hunt for your DVD's of "The Quiet Man" or "The Field," strengthen your vocal chords-- and plan your March Calendar.

Mark the first Sunday of March, March 7th, 4pm, St Isabella Parish Center for the MIAC annual St. Pat's Family Potluck Party. Enjoy great food and libation, Irish coffees surpassing the Buena Vista's, Irish dancers and Celtic musicians, a spirited sing-a-long and raffle prizes of all kinds. Get together with family members and present an Irish fable, song, or joke. But most of all enjoy the Marin Irish Community, family and friends.

Remember, if your surname begins with A-L bring a salad or side dish for 8; if it begins with M-Z, bring a main dish for 8. Friends welcomed. Questions? Please contact Mary McCaffrey, 479 - 1094, marycmmcc@sbcglobal.net. See you there!!!

MIAC Membership and Recruiting

Currently the membership of MIAC continues to be strong but there are many more folks out there who would love to join us if they knew about us. How are we able to get the word out?

The Board discussed membership at its last meeting and will once again get information out about our Club in the parish bulletins. In addition, a new publicity flyer is being developed and will be available for distribution at Club or community gathering places or any site where people will be able to get an idea of who we are and what we are all about. Also, online advertising is being looked into.

Bottom line, talk with your friends and others about the Club, who we are and what we do. Don't make this such a secret. With this non-pressure approach and just allowing people to get to know us, we should make great strides into increasing our membership.

Additional ideas? Please contact Tom at thomas@lucasvalley.net or Mary at marycmmcc@sbcglobal.net

Wine Tasting or Casino Trip

The Board needs your help. What to do, what to do?

Plans are being discussed for a trip in April: a carpool trip to River Rock Casino, leaving early and returning later the same day, or a wine tasting tour in the Napa/Sonoma area via a rented bus or van. It really depends upon what you, our members, would be interested in doing. Either would be fun and provide a good club activity.

Let us know by Emailing your secretary, Tom Egan at: thomas@lucasvalley.net with your preference and availability. In this way we better serve you and look forward to having a good number attending.

A final tally of your desires will be announced at the potluck in March.

Events for 2010

Once again we look forward to another packed year of events.

The trip to Ireland, organized by Winnie Coleman of dimensions in Travel, publicized for this year, has been postponed until the year 2011.

We will have our old favorites and once again, some new events. The Christmas party, St. Patrick potluck, Cline Jazz festival and Memorial Mass are mainstays and have been the backbone of our Club.

We continue to look to see what baseball game may work for the Club this year and want to fill in with some new events, like the Band of the Irish Guard at the Marin Civic Center in March and a Club day trip in April. Also stay tuned for more fall events as the year unfolds. Continue to let the Board know your interests and we will consider them.

MIAC MEMORIAL MASS

A lovely memorable day was had by all, starting with a beautiful drive to St. Cecilia's Church, Lagunitas, West Marin. As always, Father Cyril's liturgy was meaningful, giving us time to reflect on our loved ones who have passed.



Mary and her wonderful Irish Breakfast

Next on to the parish hall where a delicious Irish Breakfast was prepared by one of San Francisco's finest, firefighter Kevin McKeon. Known for his innovative skills honed with the help of Irish parents and also in the kitchen of the SF firehouses, Kevin's breakfast was outstanding.

both white and black, rashers (an Irish bacon/ham), fried tomatoes, beans and/ or fried potatoes, garnish with Irish bread and scones, fresh fruit and juices, coffee and Barry's tea, and there you have it. Delicious!!

Approximately thirty members attended, one of our largest groups in the last few years. This year's date is set for Nov 12, 2010, so mark your calendar for a lovely Irish morning.



MIAC members enjoying their wonderful Irish Breakfast

So, what is an Irish Breakfast? Start with fried eggs, (we opted for scrambled), add blood sausages,

2010 MIAC Calendar of Events

March 7th	4 PM	St. Patrick's Potluck Diner	St. Isabella Parish Center
Tuesdays	7 PM	Irish Music	Mayflower Pub, San Rafael
Sundays	2—5 PM	Irish Music	Sleeping Lady. Fairfax
March 5th	8 PM	Band of Irish Guard	Marin Civic Center
	10 PM	After show gathering	Finnegan's, Novato
April	TBD	Wine Tasting or Casino Trip	TBD
July 17th	11 AM	Dixieland Jazz and Wine	Cline Winery
	To 6 PM	Festival	
Nov 12th	10 AM	Memorial Mass & Breakfast	St. Cecilia Lagunitas
Fri, Dec 10	6 PM	Christmas Party	The Club at McInnis
2011		Trip to Ireland	Winnie has itinerary