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IRISH COUNSUL GENERAL SPEAKS TO MIAC





Jack Hayes pulled off one of the highlights of the year when he invited Gerry Staunton who is the Irish-Council-General to talk at the Club at McInnis . Jack did a great job of advertising the event and it was a complete success. Over one hundred people came to listen to a very informative talk and then a lengthy question and answer period. Everyone was impressed with the venue and enjoyed the evening. We were able to attract new members from this event and give our existing members an Irish cultural evening that each enjoyed. The Club also provided a dessert and coffee menu that everyone enjoyed. Hopefully this is only the start of this type of activity as we know it is popular and surely draws a good Irish crowd. Way to go Jack!!!

CHANGE AT THE TOP



Mary McCaffrey felt it was time for some new blood at the top and such is the case as Ray Kelleher and Rob Pheatt have taken the gavel from Mary to become our new copresidents. Tom Egan has also decided that after 6 years at the helm, he needed to devote more time to his business.

Mary and Tom, we cannot thank you more and we wish Ray and Rob the best of Irish luck in moving our Club forward.



THANK YOU MARY. YOU HAVE MADE A WONDERFUL DIFFERENCE. WELCOME RAY AND ROB.

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MIAC Calendar of Events

July 14th Irish nite at AT&T park

June 16th Fundraiser for Steve

McEntee at St. Rita's

Parish Hall.

See MIAC website for details

July 14th Cline Wine and Jazz

Festival at the Cline

Winery in Sonoma

October Irish Family Music

Event

Nov 16th Memorial Mass

December Christmas Party

MIAC POTLUCK, NEW PLACE - SAME FUN

Because of a scheduling conflict, our usual venue for our potluck was already scheduled so we held this year's potluck at the Lucas Valley Community Center. Although a smaller site, it worked fine for the size of our group and we all had our usual wonderful evening with many Irish cultural activities, thanks to Judith Cassidy, Corned Beef and Cabbage thanks to Tom Stoddard and Pete Doyle, music included Irish dancers and Ceali musicians and Danny Boy, thanks to Sean O'Brien, raffle thanks to a lot of our mem-



OUR CHEFS, PETE AND TOM ENJOY SOME FREE TIME WITH ROSE HALLIGAN

bers and a special thank you to Winnie Coleman who organized and was our Chairperson for this event. With help from Mary and Madeline Egan in getting items and setup, there was help with the Pheatt's and other cleaning up.

It is always a highlight of the St. Patrick season to kick it off with this potluck and this year certainly did not disappoint. The Irish dancers sure livened up the evening and the Irish coffee kept it lively.

DON'T FORGET THE JAZZ FESTIVAL AT CLINE WINERY

One of those events that everyone overlooks but it is one of the best we enjoy is the Cline Jazz festival at the Cline Winery in Sonoma each year. An easy drive and a

day of music, wine and fun with other Club members. Everyone who comes has a good time and questions why they have not come before. Mark your calendars this

year and join us on Saturday, July 14th. You can signup and register for the event on our website in the special events page.

ENJOY THE DAY!!!

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Have you ever wanted to know when the MIAC Christmas party Is this year or what the next event Is but misplaced your newsletter?

Did you ever have an idea for an event but didn't remember who to contact?

Did you ever want to tell a friend about the Club but didn't have something to tell them who we are and what we do?

Was there an old MIAC news-

letter that you wanted to see and could not find?

Well our new "MIAC Website" is now active and contains all of that information and more.

The Board just approved of its creation and it should be something that will be a valuable communication tool to the Club.

We not only have our schedule of events posted, but we highlight upcoming events and special events with links on how to signup.

Our Board is listed as well as our mission statement. We also outline our very successful scholarship program with detail on how to get an application.

This tool will only expand in the future and your input is welcomed. Please let me know at Thomas@lucasvalley.net what other things we should include and they will be included.

USE THE MIAC SITE. YOU WILL LIKE IT.

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2012 MIAC SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

May 17th at the Club at McInnis was the evening when we gave \$750 scholarships to Daniel Gallagher and Haley Anderson, two extraordinary students who in the fall will begin their college careers.

Their essays are on page 4 of this newsletter and I'm sure you will agree with everyone, we could not have made a better choice in our awarding of the MIAC scholarships this year.

Thanks to Pat and Tom McEntee for their fine work in providing the foundation for our scholarship program.

Dinner at the Club was a wonderful setting to meet the winners and get them to let us know about their plans and aspirations.

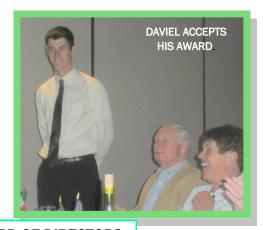
Unfortunately, Haley could not attend because of prior commitments but Winnie Coleman, her grandmother represented her very nicely. Daniel gave us a very warm and heartfelt talk about his future at UC Davis both in his pursuit of an economic degree but also on the baseball field playing 1A level sports.

Daniel's parents and grandparents, Pat and Gene Gallagher, who are long time members of the Club were very proud of how Daniel handled himself and his goals and aspirations. Both of these fine young people will go far and we are happy to have been able to help them.

Please remember, this program is open to all relatives of MIAC members who are entering or continuing with their College careers and we hope more individuals will apply for our scholarship in the future.

More information about this program is available on our website and our scholarship coordinators, Tom and Pat will be providing additional details about of 2013 program in the future.

Tom and Pat can be contacted for questions at 415 454 4788.





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DANIEL, WITH HIS PROUD PAR-ENTS IS OFF TO UC DAVIS TO PLAY BASEBALL AND PURSUE A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. GOOD IRISH LUCK DANIEL PROUD GRANDMOTHER WINNIE PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO HALEY.



MEET OUR 2012 MIAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

HALEY ANDERSON



I hope you will find me deserving of the Marin Irish Club's generous scholarship for a few reasons. This scholarship money would bless my family and me in a significant way since my parents already have one daughter in college and another coming after me in two years.

During my high school years, I have stayed involved in clubs at my school and my church. I have also run my own business of swim lessons in my family's backyard pool.

The babysitting work and the summer swim lessons have made it possible for me to build up a decent savings account. Last year, I was instrumental in creating a new fundraiser, The Shamrock Cup. It is a volleyball tournament between the boys of each grade level, coached by girls from the volleyball teams. It was really fun to be on the inaugural year of an event. We had the gym looking very festive, money was made for the Associated Student Body and my sponsor from the M.I.A.C., Winnie Coleman was able to be there.

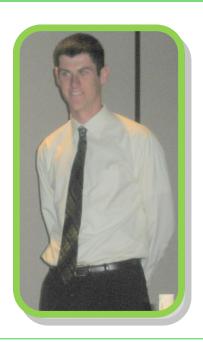
My Irish heritage is something that I have been aware of since I was very young.

My sisters and I focused on our heritage in our third grade year of elementary school when we were assigned our Immigrant Report We got to write about and present a treasured family story of our Maternal Great Great Grandmother Honora Durkin Turner.

She immigrated to the United States in the late 1800's to flee the potato famine. She was processed with her family at Ellis Island. While being admitted through customs there, she was assisted by a gentleman who soon became her husband.

I thank you for the volunteer work it takes to gather these funds for scholarships and the consideration you give to my application.

DANIEL GALLAGHER



I believe I am eligible for this scholarship for many reasons. I am a well rounded person who has had a positive impact in many different facets of my community. First, I am an active member m my church. I volunteer at church events and am a regular practicing Irish Catholic. Second, 1 am a student with a solid work ethic. I have earned a weighted 3.92 GPA through Junior year. I have challenged myself by taking honors and AP closes. Lastly, 1 am a leader through my sports teams. As a captain of the basketball team, I was the leading scorer and led the team to the playoffs as a senior after falling short my junior year. Coaches of the league also gave me the honor of being on the First Team All-EBAL team. Lastly, I am a captain of a baseball team that looks to make a great run in the playoffs this spring. As a leader, this means I must set a quality example for others to follow. With that said, I don't drink, smoke or participate in any other vices.

I am thankful for the gifts God has given me and try in every way to give back to the community. In conclusion, my goal Is to make others' experience around me better. I strive to help people be themselves and enjoy the life they live.

As a leader of Irish heritage, it means setting a quality example for other people.

It means representing my family well in society and improving every day to be the best version of myself. Also, Irish heritage means participating in Irish environs. Most commonly, our family loves to come together and eat at the dinner table. We eat baked potatoes and consume chocolate potatoes from Sees. Lastly, we decorate the house for St. Patrick's day. As a result of tradition and family, I am truly honored to be an Irish-American.