



MIAC NEWSLETTER

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MIAC AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2013

Thanks to some hard work by Tom and Pat McEntee, 4 College Scholarships were awarded to some very deserving students as outlined in the IJ article below: (See page 3 and 4 for pictures.)

The Scholarship Committee and the Executive Board of the Marin Irish American Club proudly announces the awarding of four scholarships to four deserving students. Applicants must be the children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews of club members and fulfill scholastic and service requirements.

This year's scholastic scholarship winner is Ashleigh Vandenbrink from Davis Senior High School in Davis, CA. She was sponsored by her Grandparents, Jack and Diane Hayes of Fairfax, CA. The John Trimble Scholarship for Service will be awarded to Megan Feeny from Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield CA. Her sponsor was Judith Walsh MD, MPH, of San Rafael, CA. A scholarship in Memory of Bernadette Kelleher will be awarded to Kathleen Halligan from Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield CA. She was sponsored by her Grandmother, Winifred Halligan of San Rafael, CA. Another scholastic scholarship will be awarded to Cameran Montano from the University of California Los Angeles. His sponsor was his Grandmother, Mary Louise Byrd of San Rafael, CA.

The funds for the scholarships were provided through fund raising and donations to the organization. Information about the Marin Irish American club can be obtained by sending a letter to P.O. Box 6025, San Rafael, CA, 94903

In addition, in June a Bernadette Kelleher Scholarship will be presented to an 8th Grade student from St. Isabella School. This scholarship will be based on effort and hard work and is the first scholarship to a grammar school student to honor our beloved Bernie.



GIANTS GAME ON JUNE 18TH



Once again Co-President Rob Pheatt secured 50 tickets for the Giants game on the evening of June 18th for MIAC to enjoy a night a AT&T to root our World Series Champs to a win over the San Diego Padres. As of the writing of this newsletter, a few tickets do remain. Check it out on our website in the Special Event section. Go Giants!!!!

MIAC Calendar of Events

- June 18th SF Giants game at AT&T park
- June 25th Irish Music at Mayflower Pub.
- July 11th Cline Wine and Jazz Festival at the Cline Winery in Sonoma
- Aug-Sept Music event at Sleeping Lady, Fairfax.
- October Irish Cultural Event
- November MIAC Memorial Mass at St. Cecilia's
- December Christmas Party

**A COMPLETE AND CURRENT CALENDAR
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE:
MARINIRISHAMERICANCLUB.COM**

MIAC POTLUCK, BACK AT ST. ISABELLA



DON'T THINK THIS DOESN'T HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE KIDS.

We were once again back at our regular location for our annual St. Pat's potluck. It was the best ever thanks to Winnie Coleman and her helpers. Irish culture was felt in the food, dance, activities and song. We could not have asked for a better afternoon. Make sure you put this on your calendar for 2014 as it continues to be one of our premier events each Year.



Tom and Pete. BEST Irish Food Ever!



THE IRISH DANCERS ONCE AGAIN BRING OUT THE GIFT WE HAVE BEING IRISH.

JAZZ FESTIVAL AT CLINE WINERY

One of those events that everyone overlooks but 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 11th. You can sign up and register for the event on our website in the special events page.

ENJOY THE FUN!!!

DO YOU LIKE GOOD IRISH MUSIC?

One of our new events is to enjoy the Irish music at the Mayflower Pub on a Tuesday evening with other MIAC members.

The two events we have held have been well received and everyone is asking for more.

This is an easy way to enjoy a good dinner and a very reasonable price at a local establishment and then enjoy our local Celtic musicians entertain us for our after dinner entertainment.



The Mayflower Restaurant has provided us with reserved seating for Club members and discounts on Irish Beer and certain appetizers.

Our next event is June 25th. Come at 6 PM and enjoy dinner and then music at 7:30 or so.

What a great way to spend a relaxed evening with good Irish Music and your MIAC friends.

ENJOY THE MUSIC!!!!

2013 MIAC SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

May 2nd at the Club at McInnis was the evening when we gave scholarships to Ashleigh Vandenbrink, Kathleen Halligan, Megan Feeney and Cameran Montano. These four deserving students were honored by MIAC for their extraordinary efforts, service and achievement. In addition to two Scholarships for Scholastic ability, we once again presented the MIAC John Trimble Scholarship for Service and for the first time ever, the Bernadette Kelleher Scholarship, which emphasizes effort and achievement. Our Co-presidents Rob and Ray presented the scholarships to the winners and asked each to provide a short bio of themselves and their achievements.

Cameran Montano who is currently at UCLA could not attend but his sponsor, Mary Louise Byrd provided his background and thanked everyone for his award. Twenty members and guests attend the gala dinner and we made sure that each of the scholarship winners knew how much we applauded their accomplishments and asked each to keep in touch with us as they achieve even greater goals in the future. We have also provided St. Isabella with a fifth scholarship, which will be awarded to a deserving St. Isabella grammar school 8th grader who, like the College Scholarship emphasizes effort and achievement. Since Bernie was a teacher at this school

for over 40 years, this is a fitting tribute to her and the School she loved. The award will be chosen by the faculty of St. Isabella and awarded at graduation by Ray Kelleher. Once again we need to thank Pat and Tom McEntee for their fine work in coordinating our scholarship program. Three board members and two additional teachers had a difficult assignment in selecting the winners from 6 applications but once again they achieved success. Don't miss the 2014 scholarship program if you have a deserving student in your family. Information on the 2014 scholarship program will be on our website.



Megan and her mother Rose at Scholarship Dinner.



Megan Feeney thanking MIAC for her award.

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Mary Louise shows picture of Cameran and outlines his accomplishments



Kathleen talked about her goals after graduation from Marin Catholic.

MEET OUR 2013 MIAC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Megan Feeney with her sponsor Judith Cassidy-Walsh receive the John Trimble Scholarship for Service.

Kathleen Halligan with her sponsor Wynn Halligan receive the first Bernadette Kelleher Scholarship.



Mary Louise Byrd accepts a Scholastic Scholarship for Cameran Montano who is currently attending UCLA

Ashleigh Vandenbrink is awarded a MIAC Scholastic Scholarship. Sponsors Jack and Diane Hayes.

