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SOCIETY HOSTS TRIVIA NIGHT JANUARY 31, 2009

To raise funds for our annual Grand Parade, the St. Patrick Society is hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday January 31st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Davenport. If you want to help ensure the Society can continue to put on its Grand Parade each March, please gather up a team of 8 (Call too if you would like to be placed on a team) and join us at the K of C! Doors open at 6:00 and play begins promptly at 7:00. Donation is \$10 per person and proceeds will be used to support the Grand Parade. Please call 563-468-3326 or 563-323-6426 to reserve a table.



EASY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Do all your Christmas shopping right here! Help support the St. Patrick Society's Grand Parade and buy all of your family members their 2009 St. Patrick Society Membership now! Use the attached form and make copies as needed for all of your family and friends. Memberships are good through December of each year. Your membership helps support the Grand Parade and other St. Patrick Society events, gives you admission to the post-parade Bash, as well as four issues of the Irish Spirit. For more information please contact Mike Scannell (386-0069) or Silia Smiley (359-0408). For more great Christmas gift ideas check out the available t-shirts, sweatshirts, gloves, posters, and other fun items with the SPS logo. Call Joe Dooley at 563-322-0475 to place an order.

2009 St. Patrick Society Membership Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

Email: _____

\$15.00 Yearly Renewal - Make checks payable to the St. Patrick Society. Mail form and check to St. Patrick Society, P.O. Box 4487, Davenport, IA 52808



HONOR, PRESERVE, REMEMBER

Update : The Irish Memorial Project Coming soon to the intersection of 2nd and Harrison Streets in Davenport, Iowa, next to the Figge Art Center and Mississippi River, as well the end point of the country's ONLY interstate St. Patrick's Day Parade ... a beautiful new Irish Monument by California-based sculptor and Moline native, Louis Quaintance! This unique memorial will honor those Irish men, women and children who settled in the Quad-Cities. (www.quaintancesculpture.com)

The IRISH MEMORIAL PROJECT Committee is pleased to announce that the project has raised 75% of the funds needed for the project. We continue to solicit funding and hope to dedicate the Memorial in late 2009. Contributions of any amount are appreciated and those of \$300 or more will be acknowledged at the memorial site.



Please make your check payable to the St. Patrick Society-MEMORIAL to ensure your family's name on this piece of history for future generations. Please mail your contribution to St. Patrick Society, P.O. Box 4487, Davenport, Ia. 52808, att: IRISH MEMORIAL. The St. Patrick Society is a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization, so donations received by the end of this year are tax deductible. We suggest you contact your accountant regarding tax deductibility. For more information, call **John Scally** at 309-788-2341 or **Pat Burke** at 563-359-8016.



A SALUTE TO IRISH VOLUNTEERS (Óglaigh na hÉireann)

Wow! More than 120 people volunteered their time and talent to support the 2008 Erin Feis! Thank you! This organization can not run without you!

Did you know the original use of the term 'Volunteer' dates back to the Irish Volunteers in the 18th century, a militia corps raised in 1778 to help the Army defend Ireland from foreign invasion? Later the name was used by the Irish Volunteers in 1913, an Irish nationalist militia which hoped to secure Home Rule for Ireland. The Irish Volunteers were formed in opposition to the anti-Home Rule Ulster Volunteer Force. A faction within the Volunteers staged the Easter Rising in 1916 in pursuit of an independent Irish Republic. This group became the Irish Republican Army in 1919 and fought the Irish War of Independence from 1919-1921. The Irish Volunteers' name in the Irish Gaelic language was Óglaigh na hÉireann; translated as "Warriors of Ireland".

The St. Patrick Society would like to thank all of our past and present "Warriors of Ireland" and encourage you to sign up on our new Volunteer Registry. The Volunteer Registry is an attempt to improve our ability to contact willing volunteers, communicate upcoming events, and invite our volunteers to events such as the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party following Erin Feis. We are looking for those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to be called to volunteer as well as all of you who have volunteered in the past for the Grand Parade, Post Bash celebration,

Cultural Events, Erin Feis, etc. Please visit www.stpatsqc.com and tell us about your special skills and talents that you might be willing to use to support the Society. We can't do it without you!



2008 ERIN FEIS - What a grand day!

The 24th Annual Erin Feis held on September 21st was a picture perfect day.



Congratulations to **Lori Christoff!** Lori, was the lucky Grand Prize winner, and chose the \$1000 cash prize. Other raffle prize winners included: **Shannon Dooley, Thomas Otting, James Furlong, Theresa Speth, Pat Bradley, Chris Micol, Ray Ambrose, Jim Benes, Steve McCarthy, Jill Renihan, Joe Siefers, Helen Egan, Joy Hughes, Ginger Welch, Emma Quinn, Joe Doyle, Elizabeth Champion, Sam Doak, Dave Holst, Susan Presson, Ruben Moore, Tina Boling, Randy McIntyre, Katie Meenan, and Joe Dooley.**

Winners of the Red Hair & Freckle Contest were: **Rory Connors**, Age 3 of Bettendorf; **Mark Moen**, age 8 of Orion; **Brianna Vance**, age 10 of Davenport; **Adam Otto**, age 14 of Rock Island and **Erin** (last name, age and city not recorded); and our adult winner **Ms. Katie Oakes** of Wheaton, Illinois. Congratulations!

Congratulations and thank you

to: Event Chairpersons, **Jan Foley, Jolene Whittemore, Vic Quinn, Sara Brewster and Sarah Roeder.** Also, special thanks goes to our Red Hair & Freckles judging panel **Kathleen Eshelman**, 2008 Irish Mother of the Year, **Rita Callahan**, 2007 Irish Mother of the Year, and **Barney Barnhill**, 2008 Grand Marshal.

The Erin Feis committee would like to thank our 2008 Erin Feis sponsors: **Video Games, Etc., National Guard of Iowa, and K&K Hardware.**



ST PATRICK SOCIETY'S GRAND PARADE WEEKEND 2009

Preparations for the 2009 Grand Parade weekend are underway. Please mark your calendars for the 2009 Grand Parade on Saturday March 14, 2009. Consider the information below and nominate someone you know deserving of a college scholarship, Irish Mother of the Year, or a float in our Grand Parade.

The Society will award three \$1,500 college **scholarships** in 2009 including a scholarship in memory of Karen Fitzsimmons Walton. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, the student must be related to a member in good standing of the St. Patrick Society. Applications are available at Quad City area High Schools in January each year and are also available on the SPS web-site. Scholarship applications are **due by February 26, 2009.** For more scholarship information contact Matt Wissing at 563-324-1705.

The **Gathering of the Clan Luncheon** will be held on Friday March 13, 2009 at the Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport, Iowa. Doors open for the luncheon at 11:00am. This is the beginning of THE weekend with the Introduction of the **Irish Mother of the Year** and **Grand Marshal of Grand Parade.** Also on the agenda will be St. Patrick Society scholarship awards recipients. This event will kick off the big weekend and will include musical entertainment. Luncheon reservations must be made **by March 9th** to Kathy Douglas (563) 355-8214. Luncheon costs \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

The **Grand Parade** will be held on Saturday March 14, 2009. Applications for marching in the Parade are available from John Scally (309-788-2341) and are **due by February 26, 2009.**

Nomination letters of 150 words or less for 2008 **Irish Mother** of the Year must be received by **February 26, 2009.** Your nominations to the St. Patrick Society, PO Box 4487, Davenport, Iowa 52808. Nominees should be involved in family, church, and community, have a good sense of humor and demonstrate pride in her Irish Heritage. Please note: Irish Mother candidates must be in the Quad Cities on Grand Parade Weekend.

Please note: **Irish Heritage Day** will NOT be held in 2009. This cultural event will join forces with Erin Feis as well as other new SPS cultural events (such as our new Trivia night) to continue to support and promote Irish Culture.



Ceili Club Dances

Get into the holiday spirit with some Irish social dancing! Join the Quad Cities Ceili Club on November 29 at 7:30pm at the K of C in Davenport. Other upcoming dances will be held on January 25 from 2-5, and on Friday March 13. All are welcome. Contact Gerry or Pat at 563-386-7551 or log on to: qccceiliclub.org



Local Irish Music

Stephens Green aka Andy and Martin will be at Pat McGuire's Irish American Grill, 3333 Harrison Street, Davenport on December 16. Reservations are a must. Please call 386-0090 to reserve a table.



SPS Meetings Schedule

All meetings are held on Mondays at the Knights of Columbus in Davenport. Board meetings begin at 6pm. General member meetings at 7:30 pm. Winter 2009 dates are: **January 26** - Board & General **February 16** - Board Only **April 13** - Board & General, (Annual Meeting/ Elections)



SPS Board Nominations

Any SPS member in good standing is eligible to run for the Board of Directors. If you or someone you know is interested in working on behalf of the Society, please consider sharing your Irish spirit and running for the Board. Terms are three years. For more information, feel free to contact Silia Smiley (563) 359-0408.



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