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The Mysterious Achmet Borumborad of Dublin

In 1769, a mysterious healer opened a public bath in Dublin. **Achmet Borumborad** of Constantinople was promoting the healing properties of baths and "a pump house" in the modern-day suburb of Finglas, County Dublin. Borumborad was convinced of the healing powers of the local St. Patrick's Well which fed the Finglas baths.

Achmet cut a figure, with a turban, long beard, and "Oriental clothing," with exotic affectations. He was noted as being the first Turk to walk the streets of Dublin.

The Dictionary of Irish Biography notes that he was probably operating a medical practice of some description in the city, although no records attest to any recognized medical qualification he may have achieved.

On 1 May 1769, Borumborad (styled as "Achmet Borumborad of **ffinglass** in the County of Dublin, Doctor of Physick") acted as grantor in a Deed of Mortgage to one George Taylor of the City of Dublin, Tallow Chandler, concerning "all that the Spring of water or well situate on the Lands called part of Cardiff's Castle (modern day Cardiffscastle) near the Town of **ffinglass** called St. Patrick's well together with that small piece of land adjoining the same part of the said lands as now enclosed

He later took out another mortgage of buildings and improvements erected and made on the said premises now called and known by the name of the "Ballroom and Baths."

Borumborad won the support of a number of Dublin medical professionals, and subsequently lobbied Parliament for money to build 'Hot and Cold Sea-Water Baths' along the quays of the

River Liffey, together with free medical attention for the poor who attended. In October 1771, he finally opened his new Turkish baths on **Batchelors Quay** (modern day **Bachelors Walk**). In 1771, the House of Commons Journals make note of financial support given to 'Dr Achmet' for his baths, and notes are recorded for several following years after. The baths were a great success, with Jonah Barrington (judge, lawyer, and prominent Dublin socialite) proclaiming that "a more ingenious or useful establishment could not be formed in any metropolis." [5]

In October 1772, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland wrote a letter to the then-monarch (George III)'s secretary, requesting that he grant letters patent to Borumborad "for the Sole Use, Benefit & Advantage of his new(ly) constructed Baths & apparatus" in Dublin.

Achmet was a success. Doctors flocked to him and his baths. He became influential in most circles of Dublin's upper class. He was also becoming a property developer, especially along Abbey Street.

But as quickly as he rose, he fell back to earth. Before every parliamentary session, Borumborad would give a large party, at which wine and song "ministered to the good temper of the Members." On one occasion, hoping for a larger grant for an extension, he gave a party and was in the process of retrieving more wine from the cellar, a comparatively abstemious

June 6 Meeting

ICHC – 6.30 pm Dinner of pulled pork

June

Wauwatosa Mayor Dennis McBride is guest speaker. Our 2024 Scholarship Winners, **Kate Forgac**, Marquette University, and UWM's **Leah Mauldin**.

member, Sir John Hamilton, was trying to leave. He was pursued by some of the happier members, trying to extend the evening's libations, who managed to push him into the baths. Several of the MPs followed him into the water. Because of that, Borumborad lost influence with the group after the incident.

Parliamentary support was withdrawn for his baths in the months that followed, and his reputation suffered as a result of a rumor that was spread amongst the citizens of the city that Borumborad had strangled Christians in Constantinople.

In April 1784, Borumborad assigned the remainder of his lease at the Dublin Baths along Batchelor's Walk to the Wide Streets Commission.

But the thing about Achmet Borumborad or Achmet Borumbadad, was that he was a con man. It was the assumed name of an eccentric by the name of **Patrick Joyce** of Limerick. Or possibly Kilkenny.

Borbumborad fell in love with, and married, the sister of a well-known surgeon anatomist named William Hartigan, who lived at 8 South King Street (and later Kildare Street).

Borumbadad eventually revealed his identity to this woman after being required to shave his beard and convert to Christianity in order to prove his devotion to her. An account of this event was recorded by a friend of the Hartigans named Miss Owen. Borumborad/Joyce subsequently vanished from the historical record, and his fate thereafter is unknown.

A 1956 article claimed that the name Patrick Joyce may also have been a pseudonym, and that the man may actually have been a Dublin-based tradesman by the name of **William Cairns**.

The conman may have had a double game going.
Brian Witt

Dane County Events

The Dane County Shamrock Club will have a number of events in the coming months. All members of the various chapters of the Shamrock Club are invited to join us.



June Pub Night - 18 June from 4 pm to 8ish at Memorial Union Terrace. Hosted by Cindy Schlough, this no-agenda event will be outside; if weather is unfavorable, it will move inside to the Rathskeller.

Annual Club Picnic - 16 July starting at 5 pm at McKee Farms Park, in Fitchburg. A family-friendly frivolity; more info to come.

August 20 - Club Night at APT for "Dancing at Lughnasa" - 7:30 pm. If you haven't already bought tickets, you can still do so with the 25% discount code DCSC online at American Players Theatre or by phone at 608-588-2361. We will have a BYO picnic starting at 5 PM at John's Place on the grounds and will be joined by the director and some cast for a Meet and Greet.

Barney Gallagher

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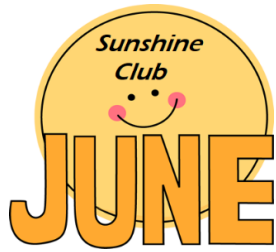
Deb's Corner

We will be serving pulled pork sandwiches at our June 6 meeting.

Please join us for dinner. Also, please bring desserts and side dishes for others to enjoy.

[Deb Kreuser](#)

Sergeant at Arms



Sunshine news for June, 2024

June 7 - Molly Modlinski

June 8 - Eden Grace Gleason

June 12 - Adam Bartelt

June 16 - Kristina Paris

June 16 - Patrick Fitzgibbons

June 17 - Jan Bourke

June 22 - Josh Walton

June 23 - Mary McAndrews

June 24 - David Knight

Health Updates:

Bob Towne had a heart procedure. Daughter Sharon says he is doing well.

Del Canon recently had sinus surgery. He is on the mend. **Lena Deegan Wiczorek** passed away recently. She, and her husband Albert, were long-time members of the Club. Lena was born in Dublin. **Gerard Campbell** (O'Malley's European Foods) was hospitalized with a herniated disk.

Miscellaneous:

Congratulations to all the graduates from any level. Our grandson, Declan Blaha, graduated from MUHS yesterday. His Chicago relatives came up to help him celebrate. Today his parents are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary. Our world is certainly different than it was in 2000.

So glad to follow **Mary and Brian Witt** on their most recent vacation. Congratulations to **Brian** on his retirement! Good health to you.

I appreciate all the Shamrock members who keep in touch with me, especially at the cookouts at Sendik's on North.

Maggie Blaha, Sunshine chair

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Shamrock Club Scholarships 2024

We are excited to announce our 2024 John Gleeson/James Liddy Irish Studies Scholarship Winners.

They are **Kate Forgac from Marquette University**, and **Leah Mauldin, from University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee**. Kate is a native of Elmhurst, IL and Leah is a native of Brooklyn, WI.



SCHOLARSHIPS

We had five qualified candidates this year, so choosing was difficult.

The Scholarships will be awarded at the Shamrock Club General Membership Meeting on June 1, 2023, at the Irish Cultural Heritage Center.

[Dan Schlitz](#) and Committee

2024 Shamrock Club Board

The 2024 Shamrock Club Milwaukee Board are as follows:

President - Joseph Hughes

Vice President – Adam Bartelt

Secretary - Ashling Ivers

Treasurer - Lisa Rott-Bartelt

Parliamentarian - Pat Farley

Sergeant at Arms....(TBD)

Membership Chair - Terese Dineen

Junior Trustee - Michael Hart

Two Year Trustee – Molly Carroll

Senior Trustee – Mike Malloy

Past President – Brian Witt

The board will be installed in July 2024.



President's Message

Ladies, Gentlemen and ALL Our Celtic Friends,

The Shamrock Club Opened the May 2nd General Meeting with Our Annual Election of Officers and Board Members.

Thank You, to those Members that chose to Serve and Speaking for Your Newly Elected Board. Thank You for Nominating these Fine Folks and entrusting Our Clubs Future to their Leadership.

The Shamrock Club also Played Host to the [Milwaukee Hurling Club](#) after Our Meeting. The Energy and Enthusiasm was contagious. The Hurling Club had chosen their Team Captains and Drafted their Team Members. We, The **Shamrock Club**, hosted the MHC Jersey Night. The night Hurlers discover their Team Members and receive their Jerseys. We also offered Special Pricing for Membership in The Shamrock Club and Signed several New Members.

The Shamrock Club has invited **Dennis McBride**, the **Mayor of Wauwatosa**, as Our Guest Speaker for the June Meeting. Dennis has been part of Our Celtic Community for Years. Dennis was also the Coordinator for Irish Fest's Hedge School in the Cultural Village.

The Summer could and will be an Active Time...Bloomsday, Sendik's, Officer & Board Installation, the Kinsella Feis, Hurling, Our Shamrock Club "Picnic at the Pitch" and So many other Opportunities.

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Bloomsday Milwaukee 2024

Every year on June 16, cities around the world celebrate **Bloomsday**—the day James Joyce's Ulysses takes place—and the power of Irish art to change the world. People gather to enjoy a pint and good company and to share and listen to favorite passages from Ulysses.

Bloomsday MKE

15* June 2024

7 pm, doors open at 6:30 pm

Irish Cultural Heritage Center
2133 W. Wisconsin Ave.



Join us for the MKE edition of the global celebration of the day James Joyce's Ulysses took place.*

The program includes introductory remarks, readings, and music shared over a pint.

*We're celebrating a day early this year because June 15 is Father's Day.
Questions? Want to be part of the program?
Contact Dr. Leah Flack at
leah.flack@marquette.edu

This year, Bloomsday happens to fall on Father's Day, so we will celebrate a day early.

Bloomsday MKE 2024's theme is "Before Bloomsday." We will read from Joyce's earlier works, including **Dubliners and Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, as well as Ulysses**. We will enjoy a pint and hear great local Irish music. All are welcome! The program is geared toward everyone from Joyce enthusiasts to those who haven't read any of Joyce's works yet.

Costumes are welcome! All are welcome to share a passage.

Leah Flack – Marquette University
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Feis News

The [Kinsella Feis 2024](#) will take place June 1, 2024 at the **Baird Center**, 400 W Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. And on **June 2**, [the Cream City Feis](#) will take place in the same facility. Both are sponsored by [the Kinsella Academy Family Associations](#)

And on July 20, the [Badger State Feis](#) will take place at the [Pettit National Ice Center](#) 500 S 84th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214. July 21 sees the [McNamara-McCarthy Feis](#) at the Pettit, as well.

In September 9, the [Milwaukee Feis](#) will be held at a location to soon be announce.



- June 1 - Highland Games - Croatian Park, Franklin**
- June 6 - General Meeting - ICHC - 6.30 pm**
- June 7 - Sendik's Cookout - Wauwatosa - 7 pm**
- June 9 - 12:30pm Three Lions v. Shamrock Club**
- June 11 - Join Joe - O'Donoghue's 7 pm**
- June 16 - 3:30pm Spitfire's v. Shamrock Club**
- June 23 - 2pm O'Lydia's v. Shamrock Club**
- June 27 - Board Meeting; ICHC 7 pm**
- June 30 - 3:30pm Energy Masters v. Shamrock Club**
- July 14 - 3:30pm O'Malley's v. Shamrock Club**
- July 21- McBob's v Shamrock Club**
- August 15-18 - Milwaukee Irish Fest**



Ed Ward IAHO Installation

The late **Ed Ward**, past president of the Shamrock Club, Irishman of the Year, and founder of Milwaukee Irish Fest, was installed into the [Irish American Hall of Fame](#) in Chicago in April.



Many Shamrock Club members attended the dinner, including Joe Hughes, Mike Boyle, Pat Fitzgibbons and Mary and Brian Witt.



Milwaukee Irish Fest 2024 Acts

[Milwaukee Irish Fest](#) will introduce a number of acts from across the world.

O'Jizo, a trio of multi-instrumentalists from Tokyo will join **Gadan**, hailing from Italy. Returning are the Ottawa Valley's **Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy**.

New will be **The Bow Tides**, a trio of fiddlers who played with Gaelic Storm. Returning are **The High Kings, Byrne Brothers, and Doolin'**. Find out more at <https://irishfest.com>

Irish TV Shows Available to View

If you have a rainy Sunday or any day, and are looking to find something, check out a number Irish television shows.

Some recent Irish based shows on streaming service are [Bodkin](#); [Bloodlands](#); [The Woman in the Wall](#); and [The Tourist](#).

They are available on a variety of services, including [Prime](#), [Netflix](#), [Britbox](#) and [Acorn](#).



Sendik's 2024 Cookouts

The Shamrock Club will be participating in the Sendik's Community Grill Program again this year. Our next date is **June 7th**. Location: Wauwatosa Sendik's at 8616 West North Avenue. Time: 11:00AM until 4:00PM.



Our first two events were very successful. I encourage all Shamrock Club members to come out and enjoy a tasty brat or a juicy cheeseburger at our June 7 event. All the proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.



William Timmler's Advertising Explorer

If you are interested in helping out at one of the next cook-out, contact John Avery at: <mailto:jtavery5@gmail.com>. Hope to see you there.

John Avery
Coordinator

Donn Goodwin's
Poetry Corner



A Call

Seamus Heaney

'Hold on,' she said, 'I'll just run out and get him. The weather here's so good, he took the chance To do a bit of weeding.'

So I saw him
Down on his hands and knees beside the leek
rig, Touching, inspecting, separating one Stalk
from the other, gently pulling up Everything not
tapered, frail and leafless,
Pleased to feel each little weed-root break, But
rueful also...

Then found myself listening to The amplified
grave ticking of hall clocks
Where the phone lay unattended in a calm Of
mirror glass and sunstruck pendulums...

And found myself then thinking: if it were
nowadays, This is how Death would summon
Everyman.
Next thing he spoke and I nearly said I loved
him.



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Wednesday - Friday, 11a-6p
Saturday 10a-4p
Sunday 10a-2p

Hurling News

The new season is underway. It is still early, but the Shamrock Club team did lose our first two matches in [Milwaukee Hurling Club](#) play. Please stop by the Brown Deer Pitch on Sundays. The Shamrock Club also has a Youth team. Please stop down for all the matches.



Upcoming Matches

June 9 - 12:30pm Three Lions v. **Shamrock Club**

June 16 - 9:30am Youth Matches

3:30pm Spitfire's v. **Shamrock Club**

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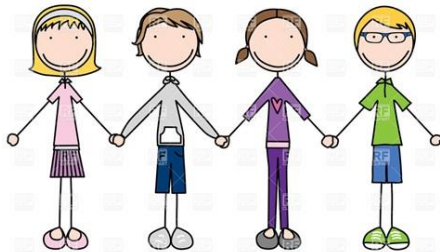
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Join Joe June 11



*O'Donoghue's 13225 West
Watertown Plank - 7 pm*

Join Joe Hughes on June 11 at [O'Donoghue's Irish Pub, 13225 W Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove](#) at 7 pm.

The first five people who join that night get a free adult beverage and a travel mug.

Join this celebration of our sponsors. Stop in, and wear your Shamrock Club clothing.

[Joe Hughes](#)

Milwaukee Highland Games Saturday June 1, 2024

CROATIAN PARK – 9100 S. 76th Street, Franklin
The 2024 [Milwaukee Highland Games](#) will take place on Saturday, June 1. The gates open at 9 am.

Tickets are: Adults: \$15; Children 12 and under: Free; Active Military in Uniform: Free

There will be heavy games, including caber tosses; Standing Heavy Stone Putt; Open Light Stone Putt; Heavy Weight Throw for Distance; Light Weight Throw for Distance; Light Scottish Hammer Throw; and Heavy Scottish Hammer Throw.

We will also have border collie sheep herding demonstrations.

Our **Ceilidh at the Tim Young Pub Stage** will feature a number of local acts.

Ian Gould 2:00 to 3:00

Blind Irish Dog 3:15 to 4:15

Stirling Latelys 4:30 to 5:30

Old Goat Skiffle Band 5:45 to 6:45

Radiation 7:00 to close

Please contact us at Volunteer and Get Free Admission, Contact Dave Berger

dberger1408@gmail.com

For more information, go to

<https://milwaukeehighlandgames.org>

David Berger



Emerald Reflections Copy Deadline

Content for Emerald Reflections is due on the 8th of the month (next deadline June 8th to appear in the June issue.)

Copy received after that date will not appear due to deadlines.

Email submissions preferred, send to:

Brian Witt, Editor briangwitt@aol.com or

Emerald Reflections

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Volunteer for Milwaukee Irish Fest 2024

We are again going to need help for Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023 this year. Our **Retail Area** will need volunteers on Wednesday, **August 14** for set-up, Thursday, **August 15** from noon until midnight, for both setup and sales.



The festival opens at 4 pm on **Friday, August 16**, so we will need help from 2 pm until midnight. And On **Saturday, August 17**, we will be open from noon until midnight. We will need help before open and at close. On Sunday, **August 18**, the festival opens at 11 am. We will be shutting down and loading up for the night at about 10 pm. We are looking for at least four-hour shifts.

At our **Membership** booth in the Cultural Area, there is no Thursday opening. On Friday, the festival opens at 4 pm, so we need help from 3 pm until close at 7.30 pm. On Saturday, we will need help from 11 am until 8.30 pm. And Sunday, we will be open from 10.30 am until 7 pm. Takedown will be Sunday night, as there is a concert on Monday.

We will be sending out a series of sign-up slots via Mailchimp and Signup Genius to members in early June.



Membership News

Welcome to our newest members!

Join the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin or renew your membership online! **Current 2023 memberships expire June 30**. Not sure if you renewed already? Email us at membership@shamrockclubwis.com

Milwaukee area Irish dance families receive a 50% discount on Family Memberships to the Shamrock Club of Wisconsin!

Your support ensures we can continue all of the fun things we do for future generations. Join online below.



We hope you will join us. We really need your help to make our events like Milwaukee Irish Fest a success. We can't do what we do without an army of volunteers!

You can visit our site to renew your membership or copy the address and paste it into a browser. Also, give the gift of a Shamrock Club membership to a family member or a friend. Click on the link below to renew your membership.

Single Membership

<https://square.link/u/eVT6KejY>

Sports Teams

<https://square.link/u/dMj3TEg7>

Dance Family memberships

<https://square.link/u/hwIJFxU9>

Family membership

<https://square.link/u/liy3Aug4>

Renew or join today. We want you to help continue our history.