

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season.

Since this is the time for resolutions, I say we as a group resolve to increase our support of community for caring by upping our donations from what they were last year.

Also, I think we should make an effort to find at least one more event we can volunteer for, similar to the Miracle League Angels in the Outfield.

As a board we resolve to be more proactive with our events and start planning them earlier in an effort to better promote our club and grow the events.

Since it is also a time of reflection, as I look back at our donations, we had a great year. Additionally, we set things in motion to receive two community betterment grants for the parade (thanks to Josh Soliday for his work on that!)

I look forward to making 2018 a great year for our club!

Stay classy, Sons. *President Tim Schuck*

Wearin’ of the Grin

Clancy feared his wife Peg wasn’t hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid. Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family doctor to discuss the problem. The doctor told him about a simple informal test the husband could perform to give a better idea about her hearing loss.

“Here’s what you do,” said the doctor. “Stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.”

That evening the wife was in the kitchen cooking dinner and he was in the den. He said to himself, “I’m about 40 feet away, let’s see what happens.” So in a normal tone he asks, “Honey, what’s for dinner?”

No response.

So Clancy moved closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife, and repeated, “Peg, what’s for dinner?”

Still no response.

Next he moved into the dining room, about 20 feet from his wife, and asked, “Honey, what’s for dinner?”

Again he got no response.

So, he walked up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. “Honey, what’s for dinner?” Again there’s no response.

So he walked up right behind her. “Peg, what’s for dinner?”

“Dammit, Clancy, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!”



Upcoming:

Monthly Meeting
January 8

Menu:
Cavatelli
Salad & Bread

Next Meeting
Feb. 12

**Annual First Tee
Skywalk Golf Classic**
Feb. 24



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Sally forth into 2018 with time on your side

Something to think about at the start of your new year and to share with those you care most about:

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had won the following “prize” in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn’t spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend that money.
4. Each morning as you wake, your bank account grows another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning. At any time it can say, “Game Over!” and close the account. You would not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don’t know, because you couldn’t possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny and use it all because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

This game is real...

Each of us is already a winner of this prize and the prize is *TIME*.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven’t used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time...without warning.


So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds each day?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Remember to enjoy every second of your life because time races by so much quicker than you think. Here’s wishing you a wonderful and beautiful year...

Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Start “spending!” 

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[The author is not known. It was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant after he died in 1982.]



Celtic Music Association conveys appreciation for Celtic heritage support

“This past fall the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick again approved a grant of \$1000 to Des Moines’ Celtic Music Association for the 2017-18 concert season.”

“As board president of the CMA, I continue to be humbled and astounded by your steadfast generosity to our efforts to continue to raise up the arts of our common heritage to the greater metro Des Moines area and beyond.

“Your support allows us to continue to bring world-class Celtic artists here and to host them at Holy Trinity, at Hoyt Sherman Auditorium and occasionally at the Des Moines Playhouse.

“This support has continued unabated since we were given our charter as an organization in 1992.

“We on the board of the CMA are in your debt...and we thank you!”

CMA President Brian Smith

Word lovers will groan as they take this ‘pun’ishment

A “lexophile” is a lover of words, especially in word games, puzzles, anagrams, palindromes, etc. A competition is held each year to find the best ones and the most recent submissions are below. The winner is at the end:

- ❁ No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery.
- ❁ If you don’t pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- ❁ I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can’t put it down.
- ❁ I didn’t like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- ❁ Did you hear about the crossed-eyed teacher? She was fired because she couldn’t control her pupils.
- ❁ When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- ❁ When chemists die, they barium.
- ❁ I stayed up all night to see where the sun went...and then it dawned on me.
- ❁ I changed my iPod’s name to Titanic. It’s syncing now.
- ❁ Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- ❁ A girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I’d swear I’ve never met herbivore.
- ❁ I know a guy who’s addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- ❁ A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- ❁ When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.
- ❁ The batteries were given out free of charge.
- ❁ A dentist and a manicurist married, but it didn’t work out. They fought tooth and nail.
- ❁ A will is a dead giveaway.
- ❁ With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- ❁ A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- ❁ When you’ve seen one shopping center you’ve seen a mall.
- ❁ Police were summoned to the daycare center where a child was resisting a rest.
- ❁ Did you hear about the guy whose entire left side was cut off? He’s all right now.
- ❁ A bicycle can’t stand alone; it’s just two tired.
- ❁ The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
- ❁ He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- ❁ When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she’d dye.
- ❁ Acupuncture is a jab well done. That’s the point of it.

And the cream of the twisted crop:

- ❁ Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end. 🍀

Board News

Our annual Christmas dinner at the Downtown Holiday Inn’s “Top of the Tower” gave everyone a warm glow, it seemed.

Just over 70 meals were served and again the Sons subsidized the expense for all who dined.

The board is working on an idea to change the set-up in the room next year to give everyone a better view of the evening’s entertainment. Also, it appears the sound system will need some tweaking to get more clarity.

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Parade Chairman-for-Life Mike Dennis’ meeting with the city last month went well and some minor changes in our event contract for 2018 were worked out.

One revision is to block some of the side streets that enter the staging area. The barricades will be cheaper than police officers.

In addition, about 14 trash boxes must be placed along the route by the Sculpture Park. We’re looking at prices.

And the new DM parking regs going into effect this spring? Apparently they won’t affect the parade, which is on a Saturday this year.

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With high hopes, we are closely watching **two parade grant applications**, one which has been submitted to Polk County and a Prairie Meadows request to be proposed this month.

Lots of supporting paperwork is involved in these efforts and any success will be credited to **Treasurer Josh Soliday’s** diligence.

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The **First Tee’s annual Skywalk Golf Classic** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 and the O’Donnell Clan has things well in hand to represent the FSOSP there.

Volunteers are needed, though, and a sign-up sheet will be at the head table next Monday. Pick a 1-2 hour slot and come be part of this fun event next month.

Maybe we could put a team together to play that morning and sell some raffle tickets on the side?

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Mike O’Connell is checking on the possibility of holding the 2018 **Bags Tournament** on April 14, again at Sully’s.

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...are due now! We’ve delayed all charity donations as we refill our coffers. Help us out. About 20% are paid and if that doesn’t include YOU...then next Monday, ’eh?





2017-2018 CONCERT SEASON

Skipper’s Alley - October 21, 2017 - Holy Trinity Hall

Tallymoore - January 13, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall

Daimh - February 10, 2018 - Holy Trinity Hall

Socks in the Frying Pan - March 9, 2018 - Hoyt Sherman Auditorium

All concerts start at 8:00 p.m. doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Hall: 2926 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA
Hoyt Sherman Auditorium: 1501 Woodland Ave., Des Moines, IA
www.facebook.com/celticmusicassociation, www.thecma.org

skipper’s alley Tallymoore DAIMH Socks in the Frying Pan

Next up: **Tallymoore**, a contemporary Irish Folk band from Milwaukee, Wisconsin performing a wide range of Irish and Scottish folk tunes, ballads, reels and classic pub songs.

Tickets on sale now. Go to thecma.org for info. 🍀

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Upcoming events

JAN. 10
ED “CEOLMAN” KELLY @ SULLY’S, 8 P.M.

JAN. 13
CMA PRESENTS TALLYMOORE IN CONCERT @ HOLY TRINITY HALL - 8 P.M.

JAN. 16
“THIRD TUESDAY” TRAD MUSIC JAM @ COONEY’S - 7-ISH P.M.

JAN. 17
TRIVIA CONTEST @ SULLY’S, 7 P.M.

JAN. 24
STU RYAN O’BRIEN SINGALONG @ SULLY’S, 7 P.M.

JAN. 27
BIKE IOWA’S 4TH ANNUAL FROZEN RIDE @ FRONT ROW - 10 A.M.
[SULLY’S IS ON THE ROUTE]

FEB. 3
FIRE & ICE WINTER PUB CRAWL IN VALLEY JUNCTION \$20 / 1-4 P.M. [SULLY’S IS ON THE ROUTE]

FEB. 10
CMA PRESENTS DAIMH IN CONCERT @ HOLY TRINITY HALL - 8 P.M.

FEB. 24
32ND ANNUAL SKYWALK GOLF CLASSIC @ CAPITAL SQUARE