



upcoming events

MAR. 7

DUELING FIDDLES IN CONCERT
@ SULLY'S IRISH PUB
SULLYDESMOINES.COM

MAR. 14

CMA CONCERT: CALAN
@ FRANKLIN JUNIOR HIGH
\$25 GEN. ADMISSION
THECMA.ORG

MAR. 14

KELLY'S CLAN
@ SNUS HILL WINERY
6:30-9:30 P.M.
SNUSHILLWINE.COM

MAR. 16

GOODFOOT (IRISH DUO)
@ FRANKLIN AVE. LIBRARY
6:30 P.M.

MAR. 16

KELLY'S CLAN
@ MAGEE'S IRISH PUB & EATERY
4-8 P.M.
MAGEESIRISHPUB.COM

MAR. 17

KELLY'S CLAN
@ MAGEE'S IRISH PUB & EATERY
6:30-9:30 P.M.
MAGEESIRISHPUB.COM

MONTHLY DES MOINES AREA IRISH "SESSION"

OPEN JAMS / 7:30-ISH -11 P.M.

1ST TUESDAY @ MICKEY'S, WAUKEE
2ND TUESDAY @ MAGEE'S, ANKENY DISTRICT
3RD TUESDAY @ COONEY'S, DES MOINES
4TH TUESDAY @ DUBLIN BAY, AMES



The Blarney

upcoming:

Monthly Meeting

Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m.
at the
Marriott Hotel
Windows on 7th Room
No Meal / Cash Bar

37th Annual FSOSP
St. Patrick's Day
5K Run/Walk
Sat., Mar. 21
9 a.m.

Next Meeting
April 13, 6:30 p.m.

march (márta) 2020

come celebrate and let 'the road rise up to meet you'

We wait all year for this splendid day, don't we? Know that the 2020 parade planning has been on-going since minutes after last year's event (*really*), led by our **Parade Chair-for-life Michael Dennis**, and all looks to be just brilliant at this point.

Note the following times/places in the St. Pat's schedule and don't forget, volunteers are needed for all aspects of the shebang: staging, crowd control and de-staging. Surely you can find a spot for yourself, 'eh me lads? Let us know at the coming meeting! 🍀



STREET PAINTING

10 a.m. / Sat., Mar. 14
Meet at Exile Brew
(Rain date is Sun.)

FLAG RAISING

7 a.m.
@ Sully's Irish Pub

MEMBERS' BREAKFAST

8 a.m. (\$10)
Marriott Hotel
Windows on 7th Room

TAILGATE TENT PARTY

8 a.m. - 1 p.m. (\$5)
Between 12th & 13th
South of Grand Ave.

MASS

10:30 a.m.
@ St. Ambrose Cathedral

PARADE STAGING

10 a.m. - Noon
MLK Parkway
East from 15th

PUBLIC RECEPTION

12 - 3:30 p.m.
Marriott Hotel
2nd Floor



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37TH ANNUAL
FRIENDLY SONS
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
5K RUN/WALK

don't chase your dreams! run 'em down!

You need to get your Nike Vaporfly's laced up, stretch out those winter legs and get signed up for the 37th Annual Friendly Sons Run, heading your way on Mar. 21. And prepare for some big changes, courtesy of long-time coordinator **John Leonhart**.


He says there will only be a 5K distance this year, eliminating the longer 10K option offered in the past. A plus to this change is that expenses will be reduced and fewer volunteers will be needed.

And, according to Leonhart, the route has been altered to make it flatter and more "runner friendly" for all runners/walkers. It will be out/back on Walnut Creek Trail through surrounding neighborhoods.

What hasn't changed is the start/finish at the Sands Volleyball Club, just east of 63rd and Grand.

Late registration and packet pick-up will be at Sully's Pub from 5-7 p.m. on Fri., Mar. 20 and 7:30-8:45 the day of the event.

Oh, and when you register, don't overlook the fact that the time has been changed to 9 a.m., too.

This is the only community St. Pat's run that raises money for charity so come be part of the fun/run! *(Even if your name isn't Forrest.)* 



wearin' of the grin

Dublin's Patrick O'Shea called his lawyer and asked, "Is it true they are suin' those cigarette companies for causin' people to git cancer?"

"Yes, Patrick, sure 'tis true," responded the lawyer. "And some people are suin' fast food restaurants for makin' 'em fat an' cloggin' their arteries?"

"Sure are, Patrick."

"And a lady sued McDonald's for millions when she burned her tongue with that hot coffee that she ordered?"

"Yep."

"And a football player sued a university when he graduated and still couldn't read?"

"That's right," said the lawyer. "But why are ye asking?"

"Well, I was thinkin' . . . can I sue Guinness for all those ugly women it made me sleep with?"



Murphy, Collins and McCarthy are drinking in a pub when a drunk comes in, staggers up to them, and points at Collins, shouting, "Your mum's the best shag in town!"

Everyone expects a fight, but Collins ignores him, so the drunk wanders off and sticks his nose into a pint of Guinness at the far end of the bar.

Ten minutes later, the drunk comes back, points at Collins again, and says,

"I just screwed your mum...and it was grand!"

Again Collins refuses to take the bait and the drunk goes back to his

table down at the far end of the bar.

Ten minutes later, he comes back and announces, "Your mum said it was the best thing since sliced bread!" Finally, Collins interrupts. "Go home, Dad,... you're pissed!"



Old man Murphy and old man Harkin were contemplating life when Murphy asked, "If you had to get one or the other, would you rather get Parkinson's or Alzheimer's?"

"Sure, I'd rather have Parkinson's," replied Harkin.

"'Tis better to spill a couple of ounces of Jameson whiskey than to forget where you keep the bottle!"

Barman says to Paddy, "Your glass is empty, fancy another one?" Lookin' puzzled, Paddy says, "Why now would I be needin' two empty feckin' glasses?"

Mary says to Paddy, "If you were stranded on a desert island who would you like most to be with you?"

"My uncle Mick," replies Paddy.

"What's so special about him?" asks Mary.

"He's got a boat," says Paddy.

"Young man," said the judge, looking sternly at the defendant. "It's alcohol and alcohol alone that's responsible for your sorry state!" "I'm glad to hear you say that," replied the man, with a sigh of relief. "Everybody else says it's all my fault!"

board news

Only one parade entry chance left, me lads. Three meetings have been held already to allow people to register a float/entry in the St. Pat's Parade for \$100. It is required that the entry be made in person at one of these gatherings held each year.

Your last chance is **2 p.m., Mar. 7 at the Marriott Hotel (Windows on 7th room)**. Don't miss out!

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(Drum roll, please...) Our 2020 Queen is **Elizabeth Rucker** and the Parade Marshall is **Carson King**.

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Per tradition, the **March 9 meeting will be at 6:30 in the Windows on 7th room at the Marriott**, with a cash bar and no meal. Come meet our new queen that night!

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Bill McCarthy is asking for donations of some quality items for a **silent auction** to be held at the Sons' table in the Marriott. Bring them to the Mar. 9 meeting.

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The first-time **FSOSP St. Pat's Tailgate Tent Party** will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. south of Grand between 12th and 13th during the morning of the parade.

Kudos to organizers **Tony Rose** and **Maggie Pforts** for putting all the many details in place for this new fundraising concept.

Food trucks and a DJ will be part of the event and admission is \$5.

A wide variety of adult beverages will be available. Please spread the word!



hi, guys! I'm absolutely swamped with St.Pat's Day arrangements currently so I'm gonna be short and sweet this month.

PLEASE help spread the word about our 1st Annual Pre-parade Tailgate Party on Grand Ave!

The party will begin at 8 a.m. and run thru the end of the parade when we'll move the party into the Marriott Hotel.

The tailgate party will be located on the south side of Grand Ave. between 12th and 13th Sts., which will make for perfect viewing during the entire parade.

There will be a large tent, beer, soda, food trucks, a DJ... AND Tony Bohnenkamp (from the band "The Nadas") playing "Irish sing along" tunes!

We have the potential to raise a lot of funds for the club with this endeavor and also the hope to build this into an event that could support our parade and club donations for years to come.

If you have more questions about this event, feel free to text, email or call me and I will do what I can to answer all of them.

If you have ideas to help grow this event next year, the board will gladly consider them after we see how this year goes.

Thanks for all your help and I'll see you all on March 9 at the meeting at the Marriott!

Your honored president, Tony "T-Bone" Schmid


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This brash, young Welsh quintet is the last in the CMA's music schedule and will take the stage March 14 at Franklin Jr. High, the new event venue in town.

Calan is a multi-award winning folk band that has won international acclaim. They will prove to you that traditional music, based on folklore and taught and performed through the generations, actually does rock.

The group consists of Bethan Rhiannon (*vocals, accordion, clog dancing*), Patrick Rimes (*fiddle, whistle, pipes*), Sam Humphreys (*guitar, bagpipes*), Angharad Jenkins (*fiddle*), and Shelley Musker-Turner (*harp*).

"The Calan concert is dedicated in memory of past CMA president Doug Jones, who died in the fall of 2016. It was a dream of Doug's to have a Welsh band perform for the CMA," said current **CMA President Brian Smith**.

You'll also enjoy a performance by the Foy School of Irish Dance on the evening's program. 

[Learn more at Calan-band.com]

