



The Blarney

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

April 10th

6:00 P.M.

Mickle Center

**Meal: Corn Beef, Cabbage,
Potatoes & Carrots, Dinner Rolls,
Dessert**

Next Meeting:

General meeting May 8th,

Mickle Center

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NEWS

Whew! Well, we pulled it off once again Son’s! Albeit a few hiccups the day of, and the always daunting task of dealing with Mother Nature made for a challenging day. The parade is now in the rear view but, plans are already materializing for 2024. We have a few new sets of challenges to deal with, so make sure to attend this month’s meeting to hear all the details.

2023 RAFFLE WINNERS

Trip to Ireland - Jason Waymore elected to take the \$1000.

\$500 - Lisa Schmid

\$100 - John McGinn, Marcia Fleming, Casey Laver.

\$50 – Betty Wines, Misty Rand, Tracey Wilkerson, John Molloy

The countdown to the 17th annual Iowa Irish Fest has officially begun! Join in on the celebration of Irish culture and history. Iowa Irish Fest is a premier cultural event that you don’t want to miss. Be part of the thousands of attendees who gather in downtown Waterloo to enjoy Irish food, drink, family fun, workshops, classes and so much more! Clear your schedule and prepare your kilt! AUGUST 4-6. See the flyer inside the Blarney.

Mark your calendars for April 29th as we get set to enjoy our annual Disc Golf Outing hosted by some of the finest Irishman in Des Moines, Mr. Mike O’Connell and Mr. Jerry Grady. All proceeds will benefit the Iowa Food Bank

THANK YOU to all of our sponsors and volunteers who help make this event possible!

BOARD NEWS

The board and 'new' officers have hit the ground running plans are being put in place to raise even more money this year, and our treasurer Mr. Soliday says we are in a better position this year than in many years past. Let's keep up the good work

Special kudos to our new Parade Chairman for Life Mr. Colton O'Connor on the fine job of organizing this year's parade.

Special Thanks also goes out to Josh Soliday and Tony 'T-Bone' Schmid for stepping up to the plate when fencing became an issue, as well as a real big thanks to the young lads from Dowling who came to our aid in the matter.

Vice-President Schmid would also like to remind everyone that he is always looking for new members and ideas to increase our membership. So, don't forget, if you have a son or grandson that is not yet a member; there's no better time than the present.

We also have many other fundraisers on the schedule, those dates are:

FSOSP Disc Golf Tourney Saturday April 29th.

Baconfest Friday May 12th to Saturday May 13th, the club will have a booth at this event selling raffle tickets.

Friendly Sons Irish Party Ride (Bike ride) Saturday June 10th. The committee is busy planning and flyers will be out soon.

FSOSP Golf Outing – June 17th. Toad Valley Golf Course

FSOSP Bags Tourney –July 15th at Sully's

FSOSP Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Car Show –September 17th. Please see flyer

Lots of events with lots of spots open for volunteering Please help your club by volunteering at one or more of these events.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA





Presidents 'Pint of View'

I'M BAAACK!

What's the craic?

Take it for what you will, I have the honor of serving as your president for the next couple of years. I believe we can achieve great things over the next couple of years and grow as a club, and as a part of our community. Thank you all in advance for supporting me as your president and club representative.

To start off, I would like to thank all of those who helped with the parade this year from Bill McCarthy and family at the merchandise table, to T-bone, Josh Soliday and crew that set up and took down the fencing, to Colton O'Connor (the new "Parade Chairman for Life") that organized it all and the others that supported our event that day. I would also like to thank our previous "Parade Chairman for Life" Mike Dennis for his efforts throughout the years transforming this event into the "well-oiled" machine that it is, as well as being a committed board member. THANK YOU ALL! If you get a chance, buy them all a beer at the next meeting, they deserve it.

As I'm sure most of you heard on the news, MLK (a.k.a. our staging area) will be closed next year, so, there will be changes to the parade yet again. Fear not, we are working diligently to figure this out, once the parade committee and board have more details, we will let you know.

I would like to formally welcome Adam McCarty to the board, I look forward to working with you. As for the rest of you, thank you for your continued commitment to this club. We had a great March board meeting, and I am excited to see what this year brings!

See you at the meeting. Until then, stay safe.
President, Tim Schuck



Todd Allen Van Winkle,

Todd Allen Van Winkle, 61, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 8, 2023. He was born October 2, 1961 in Webster City, IA to parents Sandy and Gary. Todd graduated from Valley High School in 1980 where he was fortunate to make many lifelong friendships. After high school he worked at The Copper Dollar where he met and later married the love of his life Carri “Bunni” (Brewer) Van Winkle on September 7, 1985.

Todd’s love for Carri, his friends, the Green Bay Packers, and the Chicago Cubs was unmatched, that is until he had his 3 boys. Todd’s proudest accomplishment in life was getting to be the dad to Nick, Tyler and Cody. Todd was a member of the Elks Club and Friendly Sons of St Patrick.

Todd was the life of the party, and he knew no stranger, if there was one out there it was only because he simply hadn’t met them yet. He is known for many sayings, quotes and taglines but his favorite line was “My advice to you is to start drinking heavily”.

Todd is survived by his wife Carri, sons Nick (Shelby), Tyler (Sara) and Cody (Lauren), Grandchildren Mila, Tucker and Sawyer, mother Sandy, sisters Kris (Mitch) Eaton and Kelly Casey, parents-in-law Marvin & Nicki Brewer and sisters-in-law Kris (Paul) Jackson and Kelly (Jamie) Gipple, many nieces and nephews, and countless friends that he considered family.



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Fest Highlights

- Live Music on 7 Stages
- Family Fun & Learning Area
- Irish Cultural Area
- ShamRock N Fun Run
- High Nelly Bicycle Ride
- Workshops for Irish Dance, Music, Language and Culture
- Whiskey Tasting
- Rugby Tournament
- Highland Games
- Celtic Cruise Motorcycle Ride
- Outdoor Catholic Mass on Sunday
- Celtic Vendors
- Food and Drink

2023 Disc Tournament

Saturday April 29

If you have any questions, please contact

Mike O'Connell 515-277-0018 or Jerry Grady 515-554-3006



 **Friendly Sons of St. Patrick
of Central Iowa present**
HALFWAY TO ST. PAT'S
CAR SHOW
SUNDAY, SEPT. 17

**DJ. FOOD.
TROPHIES.
VENDORS.**

JOIN US AT
**Mugsy's
PIZZA HOUSE
IRISH SPORTSPUB**
1225 Copper Creek Drive
Pleasant Hill

With the support of many sponsors & contributors we are able to raise money that is donated back to local organizations in need that we call our "Community of Caring."

**REGISTRATION 10 A.M.-NOON • TROPHIES AT 2 P.M.
\$20 REGISTRATION BY SEPT. 1
MAIL TO: FSOSP CAR SHOW, 1620 PLEASANT ST., DES MOINES IA 50314
\$25 DAY-OF REGISTRATION**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SCOTT@FRIENDLYSONSIOWA.COM



2023 St. Patrick's Day Photos



2023 Board and Officers with the lovely 2023 Queen Alison Donaghy, and outgoing Queen Elizabeth Rucker.



The Board has decided to make this picture of outgoing President T-Bone Schmid a new recruiting poster so prospective new Gents can see how much fun we have at meetings.



2023 Parade Queen Alison Donaghy



2023 Irishman of the Year Mr. Bill Boggs



Hard to see but our 2023 Parade Marshal Mr. Brookes Reynolds opted to sit in the front seat



The Fitzgerald Clan



The Islanders and Highway Workers with our very own Mr. 'Black' Jack Blackford leading the way.



Southside Cares handing out beads and trying to stay warm.





Melrose's finest.



It's an Irish Gala for sure.



Mr. Kelly and crew entertaining the masses.