



The *Blarney*

UPCOMING:

Monthly Meeting:

August 14th

6:30 P.M.

Mickle Center

Meal: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Brats, Pasta Salad, Fresh
Tomatoes, Dessert.

Next Meeting:

General meeting September 11th

Mickle Center

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NEWS

August means it's time to gather for a delightful meal with special invitees, our "**Friends of the Son's**" network. It's been a warm Iowa summer for us outside and we'll give a warm welcome inside the Mickle Center on Monday night to all the organizations that we have worked closely with, and/ or supported the past year. Invitees have been contacted, and we are hoping for a large showing. Both them, and you. All who attend will be treated to a down home Iowa summer feast of Buggers, dogs, and brats, with all the trimmings.

Don't forget that we are also shining a light on the important work of the **Food Bank of Iowa**. Bring some canned food items instead of your meal fee, or as our illustrious president has pointed out cash works best, as they can do so much more with that. The Food Bank is a worthy recipient for our charity. Last year's Blarney summarized their mission: "Food Bank of Iowa is a private, not-for-profit organization located at 2220 E. 17th in Des Moines. They are committed to alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. "Amazingly, 1 in 8 Iowans is food-insecure and 20% of Iowa's children do not have enough to eat. This is appalling, especially here in the food heartland of America. "At Food Bank, volunteers receive and distribute donated food and grocery products to 375 partner agencies in 55 counties who directly serve needy individuals within their communities. These agencies include soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless and domestic violence shelters, child and adult care centers, and senior programs.

Sunday September 17th, we will venture out to Mugsy's in Pleasant Hill for what is looking to be a huge event, with a brand-new car show. There will be a DJ, food, trophies, swag, and vendors there. Registration starts at 10A.M. with awards at 2:00. We will also be having our 'Halfway to St. Patrick's Raffle that day where we will be giving away 3 processed hogs. See T-Bone for Raffle tickets. Please see the flyer in the back of the Blarney.

BOARD NEWS

Our **'Halfway to St. Pat's Raffle** Tickets are now available, please pick up a book or two at the next meeting. Prizes are one of 3 fully processed hogs, or \$250 cash.

The board is working with Sully's on a bike ride to be held in September. The plan is to ride from Sully's to Outskirtz in Orilla, with a return trip to Sully's for food and entertainment. The tentative date is Saturday September 23rd. More to follow on this.

The following events are scheduled:

FSOSP Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Car Show –September 17th. Mugsy's Pleasant Hill.

Mr. George Hedding stopped by to visit with the board. He bought us in a flyer from 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace', They gather groups to build beds for kids in need. It was discussed with the board on either a group going down to help build beds, or giving a cash donation or both. We will get more information on this and then start getting our members involved.

Mr. Soliday says we have money, we are still tying up some loose ends from the parade. The bags tourney did rather well for a small turnout. Special thanks to Mr. Soliday for chairing that event. (and his wife.)

Club By-Laws have been updated and approved by the board, reading and ratification by the club will happen at the September meeting.

FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK
OF CENTRAL IOWA





Presidents 'Pint of View'

I would like to start out by giving a big THANK YOU to Josh Soliday (and his wife) for their help with the bags tournament. Though the turn-out was a bit lower than previous years, I understand everybody had a great time. Also, thank you to the various members that showed up, and those that participated that day. It was great to see you all out there! Also, fun fact and I think a FSOSP first, one of Sully's donations was a fire extinguisher or two. As it turns out, there was a vehicle that thought it was just too hot that day and decided to catch fire in the street in front of Sully's. However, thanks to the quick actions of our very own Jeff DeMoss (Now known as the Fire Patrol Chairman for Life) and several others, the fire was extinguished. Eventually, the fire department arrived, and all were safe, with no injuries. Hats off to you Mr. DeMoss!

Speaking of hot cars, coming up in a few short weeks we are hosting our first annual Friendly Sons Car Show on September 17 th . Please do stop by and enjoy all there will be to see and eat. Don't forget, this is the last chance to sell, and turn in our Halfway to St. Patrick's Day raffle tickets! We look forward to seeing you there and thank you all for your help with the raffles. Don't worry, we get a brief respite before we gear up for our St. Patrick's Day Raffle.

Also, I was reminded that the August meeting is typically our friends of the Friendly Sons meeting where we invite those that help us and those we help. We have not had this event in several years, but we are planning on having it this year. I look forward to seeing some of our friends. Along with this, comes our Friendly Sons food drive. What that means is that if you bring a donation for the Food Bank of Iowa, your meal is free. I personally would recommend bringing a cash donation since, through their process, they can provide approximately seven meals for what we would pay for one. That does not mean non-perishable food items are not acceptable, it is just a recommendation to make our contribution to our community go a bit further. Anything helps.

Thank you all for your continuing support!
See you at the meeting. Until then, stay safe.
President, Tim Schuck





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 SPORTS PUB

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 Bags Tourney



First Place



Second Place



Third Place



Mr. McCarthy keeping cool



Bags Chairman for Life!

Wearin' O' the Grin

- Have you heard about the Irish boomerang?

It doesn't come back; it just sings sad songs about how much it wants to.

- A garda pulls over a speeding car. He says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir." The driver says, "Are you sure? I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating." Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control." As the garda writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?" The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did." As the garda makes out the second ticket for the illegal use of a radar detector unit*, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, didn't I tell you to keep your mouth shut!" The garda frowns and says "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an on the spot 60 euro fine." The driver says, "Well, you see sir, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket." The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving." And as the garda is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??" The garda looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?" Smiling sweetly, she replies. Only when he's been drinking, sir."

While it is legal to own a radar detector in the Republic of Ireland, it is actually illegal to use it.

- Miss O'Leary, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was much admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. The parish priest came to call on her one afternoon early in the spring, and she welcomed him into her little cottage. She invited him to have a seat while she made the tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, the priest noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it, filled with water. In the water floated, of all things, an item the menfolk use to help prevent conception. Imagine his shock and surprise. Imagine his curiosity! Surely Miss O'Leary had lost her senses! When she returned with the tea and scones, they began to chat. The priest tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its unusual contents, but soon it got the better of him; he could resist no longer. Miss O'Leary," he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" (Pointing to the bowl). "Oh, yes, Father," she replied, "Isn't it wonderful? I was walking in the village last October and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to put it on the organ, keep it wet, and it would prevent disease. And you know... I haven't had a cold all winter."
- A woman goes to the post office to stock up on stamps. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 stamps please? The clerk says, "What denomination?" The woman says, "God bless us, has it come to that? I'll have 18 Protestants, and 32 Catholics."