



# The Irish American Society of County Will Membership Newsletter

**IMPORTANT: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
November 6th meeting to be located at the Joliet Elks Club

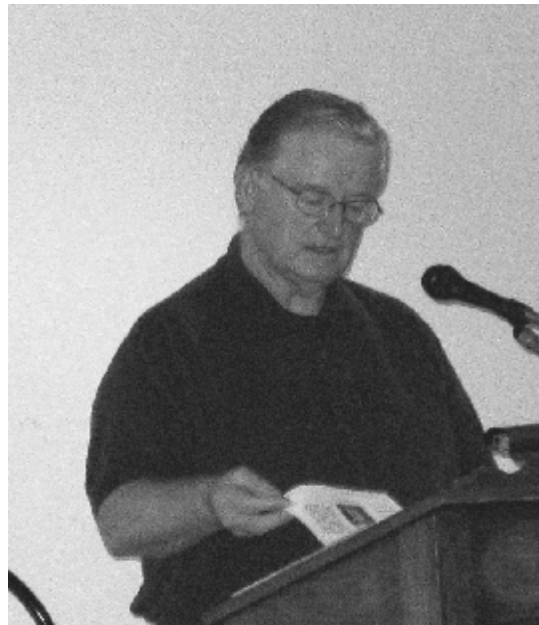
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The 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Irish American Society of County Will will take place on Sunday, November 6th at the Joliet Elks Club. In the past, the meeting has taken place at the Renaissance Center in Downtown Joliet. Due to a scheduling conflict, this year's meeting has been moved. During brunch, presentations will be delivered by the 2005 Irish Way Scholarship winners and Coach David Harris-John of the Shamrock Rugby Club.

Cost will be \$5 for IASCW members and \$10 for non-members. Please RSVP to Bill Ferguson at 815-725-8453. Every member is encouraged to attend this event.

**11am Mass**

**Noon Brunch, Presentations & Elections**



Tom O'Boyle discusses Irish immigration to the U.S. at a IASCW General Meeting held on October 2nd at the Elks Club. Photo by M. McHugh

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## Rugby Teams Hosts IASCW Appreciation Day Saturday, November 5th

Both the IASCW Manhattan Shamrocks (men) and the Lady Morigans Rugby clubs would like to invite all Irish Society members to the Manhattan Central Park for a day of rugby. The Lady Morigans will take the field against Palmer College at 11am followed by the Shamrocks against Fox Valley at 1pm. After the games, all fans are encouraged to join the teams for a celebration at Gallagher's Pub in Manhattan.

## IASCW Christmas Party

**Sunday ~ December 11th, 2005**

This year's I.A.S.C.W. Christmas Party will be held at the Chicago Street Pub on Sunday, December 11th from 3pm to 6pm. All members and friends are encouraged to bring their families to the pub for a relaxing afternoon of Irish tunes, Christmas songs and a friendly atmosphere. Rumor has it that Santa will be making an appearance around 2pm. The society will be providing appetizers for all those that attend and Chicago street owners Mike Trizna & John Condon will be running drink specials. The kitchen will be open for those interested in full Sunday meals.

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**November 25**

**Joliet City Center's**  
**"Holiday Extravaganza"**

Join the Irish American Society of County Will as we help the City of Joliet welcome in the 2005 Holiday season with a big celebration in Downtown Joliet.

The IASCW will be putting together their biggest and most colorful float ever for this year's parade. We encourage you and your family to join us at this year's celebration. For information call Coley O'Connell at 815-478-4797. Join us, and help make the season bright.



**SCHEDULE:**

***LOUIS JOLIET RENAISSANCE CENTER***

Lunch with Santa & Kid's Activities -  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

***JOLIET HISTORICAL MUSEUM***

Activities for Kids - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Ice Sculpture Carving

***JOLIET PUBLIC LIBRARY***

Santa Claus reading:

The Night Before Christmas  
Make One-Take One Crafts.

Christmas Caroling - 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

***RIALTO SQUARE THEATRE***

Free Movies:

Prancer - 3 p.m.

Christmas with the Cranks - 7 p.m.

***TREE-LIGHTING CEREMONY***

Van Buren Plaza - 5:15 p.m.

***\*\*\*LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS PARADE\*\*\****

Everyone loves a parade, especially a Christmas parade! Traveling the length of Chicago St., our annual Light Up the Holidays Parade gets bigger and better every year. Holiday-themed windows decorated by local schools and scout groups set the stage for passing floats and marching bands.

Join us, and help make the season bright.

Bands, floats, balloons, marching bands, costumed characters - 5:30 p.m.

***FIREWORKS!***

During and After Parade

***FOOD***

Kettle corn, beef sandwiches & delicious food items offered by City Center restaurants.

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## 2006 Manhattan Irish Fest

### *Volunteers and Sponsors Needed!*

The Irish Society is once again hosting the Manhattan Irish Fest. We are currently looking for volunteers to assist the society with many different aspects of the fest. If you are interested in helping with button sales, ticket sales, bartending, security or with the planning of the entire event please call Coley O'Connell at 815-693-3860 and leave a voice mail. Last year we managed to raise and donate almost \$20,000 that was contributed to the Manhattan Youth Athletic Association for the building of future baseball, softball and soccer fields in the Manhattan area.

## 2006 I.A.S.C.W. Golf Outing

### *Volunteers and Sponsors Needed!*

Bill Ferguson is looking for assistance with next year's IASCW Shillelagh Open. The Society is looking to move the event up from September to June. If you are interested please contact Bill at 815-725-8453.

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Circle One

Interests (circle): Meetings Golf Dance Rugby Newsletter Scholarship Banquet

\$25: Individual

\$35: Family

Make check payable to IASCW & mail to Michael McHugh, PO Box 81 Manhattan, IL. 60442

# The Book of Kells

*"The Work Not of Men but of Angels..."*  
(Giraldus Cambrensis, c.1150 AD)

The Book of Kells is one of the most famous books in the history of the world and was completed in about 800 AD.

The vellum (calfskin) manuscript contains transcriptions of the four Gospels, lavishly illustrated and ornamented. It is the most elaborate manuscript of its kind to survive from the early Middle Ages.

The scribes and artists who created the Book were Columban monks who lived in a monastery on the remote island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland. The monastery was founded late in the sixth century by an Irish monk, St Colm Cille.

At the time the book was produced, Irish monks were renowned throughout the rest of Europe for their work as scribes and illustrators.

The Book of Kells contains 680 pages (or 340 folios). Just two of the pages are without ornament, while about thirty folios, including some major decorated pages, have been lost.

The Book is the most famous manuscript in the Library of Trinity College Dublin where it is permanently on display.



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## IASCW Club Historian

Bill Ferguson has accepted the new position as the Official Historian of the IASCW. Currently he is preparing to create scrapbooks that will contain **any** and **all** artifacts of the Irish-American Society. We are asking all current and former members of the society to check through their desks, junk drawers and attics for any pictures, meeting agendas, newspaper clippings, awards and anything else IASCW related that you might have. Please send to: Bill Ferguson, 1005 Westminster Rd., Joliet IL 60435. Questions: 815 725-8453

## Alice Malloy "Spreads Sunshine"

Alice Malloy has agreed to accept the position of IASCW "Sunshine Person." Please telephone her when you hear of someone getting married, having a baby, being hospitalized, or in the event that a member or someone close with the club has passed away. Alice will send a card on behalf of the Irish American society and will "Spread Sunshine" on those that are experiencing Joy as well as those who are grieving. Alice can be reached at 815-729-1268.

# NEWS, NOTES, EVENTS & MORE

## Thank You

- Special thank you to everyone who either attended, sponsored or helped at our 23rd Annual Shillelagh Open in September.
- To David Kennedy for hosting the General Meeting on October 1st featuring Tom Boyle. Tom spoke on Irish immigration to the United States. It was nice to see both new faces as well as people we have not seen in years!
- Thanks to Alice Malloy, Marilyn Ferguson and both Al & Kathleen Klausmeir for baking soda bread and hosting an Irish Coffee along with the guest speaker on October 2nd at the Elks Club.

## Nominations for 2006 I.A.S.C.W. Officers:

The IASCW Bi-laws state that a slate of nominated officers must be posted prior to the General Meeting (November 6). If you are interested in being nominated or would like to nominate someone not listed below please call Coley O'Connell at 815-693-3860.

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### '07 Directors

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### '08 Directors

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Tom Blackburn

### New Member Director

Eric Lindholm

## Notes from the Modern Church

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "It was a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fills first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock'n roll gospel choir. We are packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"Well," said the elderly priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

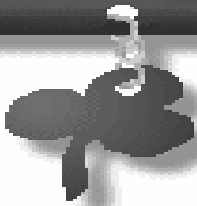
"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"I know, son," replied the elderly priest, "but that flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go To Hell' can't stay on the church roof."

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# IASCW Rugby Football Clubs News, Events & More

## Shamrock Rugby Undefeated!

Do not adjust your glasses or go and have your eyes examined, the headline is correct. The Shamrocks are undefeated at this time in Midwest Divisional play. The Shamrocks are even setting records in the Midwest for the fewest points allowed in a season.

Coach David Harris-John said, "We have really come a long way since our club was formed in 1997. Back then it was much more about socializing and having a beer with one another. Now, we still enjoy the socializing (and beer too!), but we have become a team that is dedicated to fitness and playing the sport of rugby." The Shamrocks have been training hard since early August.

The Shamrocks were created in 1997 after approaching the I.A.S.C.W. for initial sponsorship. Currently the team is made up of over 60 individuals from all walks of life. Club president Patrick Forsythe said, "It's amazing to see where are players come from. We have a wide variety of unique individuals that play for our club... lawyers, doctors, college students, tradesmen and whole bunch of people from the education field. It is great to see how a bunch of guys from different backgrounds can find a common ground in rugby, and find life-long friends as well".

## 2005 IASCW Manhattan Shamrocks and Lady Morrighans Rugby Schedules

### September

17 Shamrocks 62 Illiana Misfits 7  
24 Shamrocks 57 Lake County Rouges 0  
Milwaukee Scylla 24 Lady Morrighans 5

### October

1 Shamrocks 7 Rockford Ravens 7  
8 Shamrocks 24 Peoria Piggies 5  
Morrighans 5 Iowa City 0  
15 Shamrocks 44 River Valley Silverbacks 7  
22 Shamrocks 114 vs. Chicago Dragons 0  
29 Shamrocks @ Quad City Irish 1p

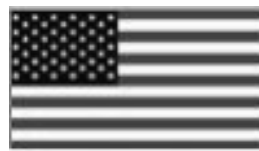
### November

5 Morrighans Home vs. Minneapolis Menagerie 11a  
Shamrocks Home vs. Fox Valley Maoris 1p  
12 Morrighans @ Palmer Chiropractic College 1p

*All IASCW members are encouraged to come out and support the players and enjoy the social aspect of rugby. Games are free of charge and society members can attend the post game party for no cost as well. Hope to see you there!*

*Questions: Coach David Harris-John 815-439-3908*

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## 2005 Upcoming Events

### November

- 5 IASCW Rugby Appreciation Day Manhattan Park
  - 11a Lady Morigans vs. Minneapolis Menagerie
  - 1p Shamrocks vs. Fox Valley Maoris
  - 3:30p Party
- 6 Annual Board Meeting at the Joliet Elks Club 11a
- 17 Officers Meeting/Workshop at Knights of Columbus (Westside)
- 19 3rd annual Downtown Joliet City Center Pub Crawl
- 20 Downtown Joliet Holiday Extravaganza

### December

- 11 Christmas Party at Chicago Street Pub 3p—6p
- 15 Officer Meeting at Knights of Columbus (Westside)

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Downtown Joliet  
City Center PUB CRAWL  
Saturday, November 18th**

**Chicago Street Pub  
5:00p Dinner  
6:00p Depart  
Scheduled Visits TBA  
Return to Chicago Street Pub 10:00p**

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