



Muskegon Irish American Society

# NEWS



Spring 2017

## Renowned Bagpiper to Speak at Spring Event

*Tales of a 20th Century Irish Immigrant and Itinerant Piper*



Our spring event will feature guest speaker Terry Carroll. Mr. Carroll is an expert Bagpiper and a founding member of the *Glen Erin Pipe Band* in Lansing. He will engage us with stories of Irish history and how pipes are a large part of the musical heritage. Born in County Clare, he attended high school in Limerick and first emigrated to the US during his last year in high school. He lived for a while with an uncle, then after college did a tour in the US Air Force...Cold War days...and got out as Vietnam was warming up. Mr. Carroll worked for US Steel in sales, eventually transferring to Michigan, and then retired from Demmer Corp in Lansing.

Join us for a heart-warming, educational experience that will make you laugh until you cry!

### Not All Bagpipes Are Created Equally

Mention bagpipes to anyone and the same image comes to mind – it is the picture of a man in full tartan regalia playing the traditional Scottish bagpipes. In truth there are many different types of bagpipes, the most familiar is the one with the big bag, several tall pipes and a fingerboard, and the mouthpiece into which the player blows to inflate the bag. These include the Northumbrian small pipes, a relative of the highland pipes in which the mouthpiece is replaced by a set of bellows, and these in turn are very similar to Border pipes, another set of much smaller Scottish and northern English bagpipes. Likewise the Irish – or Uilleann – pipes, the traditional pipes of Ireland that are a more complex version of the Northumbrian small pipes.

All use the characteristic drones to achieve that famous sound, and all of these bagpipes have a different tone, range and musical ability to the rest. It is interesting to note, too, that bagpipes were recorded on mainland Europe – particularly in the Spanish regions – long before they were in Scotland, highlighting the widespread influence of this large family of musical instruments.

<http://www.bagpipes.co.uk/>

**WHAT:** Muskegon Irish American Society Annual Spring Dinner

**WHERE:** Century Club Ballroom, 356 W. Western Avenue, Muskegon, MI

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 11, 2017

5:30 p.m. Social Hour with entertainment by Britta and Roy Portenga

6:15 p.m. Dinner by McGovern's

7:00 p.m. Program: Terry Carroll; Tales of a 20th Century Immigrant and Itinerant Piper

**COST:** \$15.00 per person, Reservations are required by **May 5th**, to Kathleen Marek (231) 759-7344

**PLEASE NOTE:** This a BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE EVENT. If you wish to have beer, wine or spirits, YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN!



## Saying Goodbye

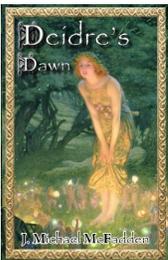
**G. ROBERT "Bob" HOGAN**, *Norton Shores* Bob was born in 1930, the youngest child of Edward and Catharine (Caragher) Hogan in Lima, NY. Bob married Patricia Yonkovit of Ludington, MI in 1955 and they had two children, Daniel (Lisa) of Colorado Springs and Mary Johnson of Muskegon. Bob received his Bachelor of Science degree from St. John Fisher College and his Master of Arts degree from Western Michigan University. He served as a Public Administration Intern in the Governor's office in Albany, NY and joined IBM in NY in 1957, transferring to Muskegon as a computer salesman in 1964. He later joined Baker College of Muskegon to develop their computer classes, retiring as Vice President of student services in 1995. He was active in many community organizations including Data Processing Management Association, AMBUCS, Rotary, SERRA, Private Industry Council, and Norton Shores City Council.



**THOMAS H. LINCK**, *Norton Shores* The Honorable Thomas H. Linck, Ret., 84, of Norton Shores passed away peacefully April 1, 2017 at Lourdes Senior Community in Waterford, MI. He was born in Ravenna, MI on August 18, 1932 the youngest child to S.J. and Maude (Finkler) Linck. He was raised in Ravenna and later attended St. Norbert University and the University of Notre Dame. Upon receiving his B.A. from Western Michigan University, he served his country in the US Army prior to graduating from Marquette University with a Law Degree. He began his career as an attorney in the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office before joining his brother, Leo, in private practice at Linck & Linck Law. In June 1975, he was appointed a Probate Court Judge of Muskegon County where he served until his retirement in 1996. Prior to his retirement, he served as president of the Michigan Probate Judge's Association and the Michigan Judges Association. Tom was active in the community and served as the president of the Michigan Probate Judges Association, Michigan Judges Association and Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Board of Education. He was a member of the Serra Club, Elks Club, Right to Life of Michigan and a supporter of the American Red Cross. He was a parishioner of St. Francis de Sales Church and a long-term supporter of Muskegon Catholic Central. Tom was married to Patricia Harrington on September 14, 1963 in Muskegon, MI. He is survived by his six children, several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



## Meet Author J. Michael McFadden



Local resident and MIAS member J. Michael McFadden is a newly published author.

His first book is titled *Deidre's Dawn: Book I of The Enchantment*. It's a young-adult Celtic fantasy novel about an Irish lass' quest to find her true parents that leads her the Enchanted Ards Forest and its magical residents, the fairies and leprechauns. It is based on Irish myth and legend and takes place in the first millennium year in Ulster. It is a self-published book under the banner of Argon Press, a group of Muskegon authors promoting their books.

The book is available as both a paperback and an e-book on Amazon.com under author name J. Michael McFadden and has received 5 Star reviews! The book is also available locally at Gracie's Book Store in Lakeside, Maggie's Gourmet Foods and Gifts on Harvey Street, and at Celtic Seasons in Grand Haven. Barnes and Noble will be carrying copies soon. McFadden will be conducting book sales and signings at local art fairs and events this summer, and can be found occasionally at the Muskegon Farmer's Market.

McFadden stated, "The publishing gig is a new experience for me - a new adventure", and we wish him well. Watch for the sequel, *Rising Darkness: Book II of The Enchantment* scheduled to be released in July 2017.



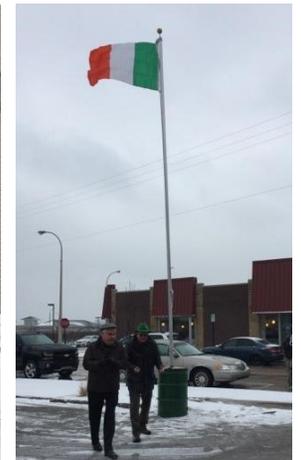
# Annual Pub Party



# St. Patrick's Day Parade



# 44th Annual Flag Raising





## Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame

### 2017 Nomination Process is Now Open

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2017 class of inductees to the **Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame**. Nominations forms are available in an online version and a printable version on our website. You can find the forms and the process for nominating at: <http://www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org>

Nominations will be accepted for individuals of Irish American Descent, living or deceased, with substantial ties to Michigan who have made contributions in areas such as Public Service, Philanthropy, Business and Industry, Arts and Entertainment, Religion, Education, and Sports.

Nominees must have a meaningful connection to the state of Michigan, be of verifiable Irish ancestry, be a citizen of the United States and have made a notable contribution in one of the aforementioned areas.

Please submit your nomination no later than June 1, 2017.

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## Impact of Brexit on the Emerald Isle

*This is an opinion excerpt reprinted from the Irish Times newspaper.*

With the decision of the UK to leave the European Union, Ireland now faces a series of consequences - and hard choices - in the short, medium and long term.

Firstly, it is clear that Britain and Europe both face a period of economic and political turmoil, and that Ireland will be deeply affected by this. It is hard to see how the ultimate effects will be anything other than overwhelmingly negative.

Aside from the immediate political and economic effects - which are likely to be considerable and adverse - it will necessitate the remaking of Ireland's place in the world, as relations between our two biggest trading and political partners are sundered in a manner as yet unknowable. Of all the things that could happen to an Irish government short of the outbreak of war, this is pretty much up there with the worst of them.

The breakup of the UK now seems closer than ever before, perhaps inevitable whenever the formal break with the EU comes. It is hard to see pro-EU Scotland sticking with anti-EU England. This break will prompt the most profound questions for Northern Ireland since its establishment as a separate political entity from the rest of Ireland.

Central to the Northern Ireland peace settlement was a slow but inexorable process of making the border less important. Now it is about to get more important. That may not immediately threaten the peace process, but it certainly requires a resetting of the tri-partite relationships between Ireland, Britain and the North.

Full article can be found at <http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/what-does-brexit-nightmare-mean-for-ireland-1.2697702>

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## 2017 Dues Can Be Paid with PayPal

**Just a reminder...**your 2017 dues need to be paid as soon as possible! Our dues remain a bargain at \$20 per family, and are essential to support our club's programs and the newsletter. An added convenience, is the ability to pay your dues on PayPal. If you wish to use PayPal, go to our website and click on the "Members" section. There is an added service fee of \$1.50 to use PayPal. Payment by check is always welcome!

