



Muskegon Irish American Society

NEWS



Winter 2019

Uneven Ground to Perform at 19th Annual Pub Party



It's time for our annual pub party at Hennessy's!

Join the fun on **Sunday, January 27 at Hennessy's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Wow! This is our 19th annual pub party! New to the pub party and waiting to entertain us with their special brand of Irish music is ***Uneven Ground!*** Tim, Courtney, Larry and Dave guarantee an afternoon of toe-tapping, knee-slapping good times! So break out of the winter blahs and get your Irish on!

The festivities will begin with a warm welcome and music by our very own *Dynamic Duo*, David McIntire and MIAS President, Kevin Donovan. As usual, a great selection of Irish victuals and libations will be available.

There is no cover charge and reservations are **not** required. We hope to see you there!



David McIntire Named 2018 Irish Person of the Year



David Llewellyn McIntire has been an active member of the Muskegon Irish American Society since moving to Muskegon in 2006; currently serving as Board Member and “Webmaster”. David is married to Susan McIntire and has two grown children, both living in the Washington, D.C. area – daughter Heather who works for the State Department and son Jonathan who works in sales with the craft beer industry. He also has two stepdaughters - Jamie Huizinga, who does medical research in Boston, and Kate Huizinga who is a choral music major at Michigan State University.

Originally from Coral, Michigan, David spent his youth attending Coral Elementary school, then Lakeview High School graduating in 1963. He holds a B.A. from MSU in Broadcasting, teacher certification through Grand Valley State University, and a Master’s Degree in Education, also from GVSU. David retired in 2005 after 31 years of teaching at GRPS.

David considers himself an “old folkie,” playing guitar and performing a variety of music from the many musical artists he’s had contact with over the years. He is a member of the *Dynamic Duo*, who, along with Kevin Donovan, are considered resident “Bards” of the Muskegon Irish American Society, performing annually at our January Pub Event.

David is a 10th generation Scotch-Irish American, with his great grandfather (many times great) having fought at the Battle of Dunbar in northern Scotland, imprisoned by Oliver Cromwell, then sent to the Massachusetts's Bay Colony as an indentured servant, finally settling in York, ME.

Congratulations David!

Call for Nominations to the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2019

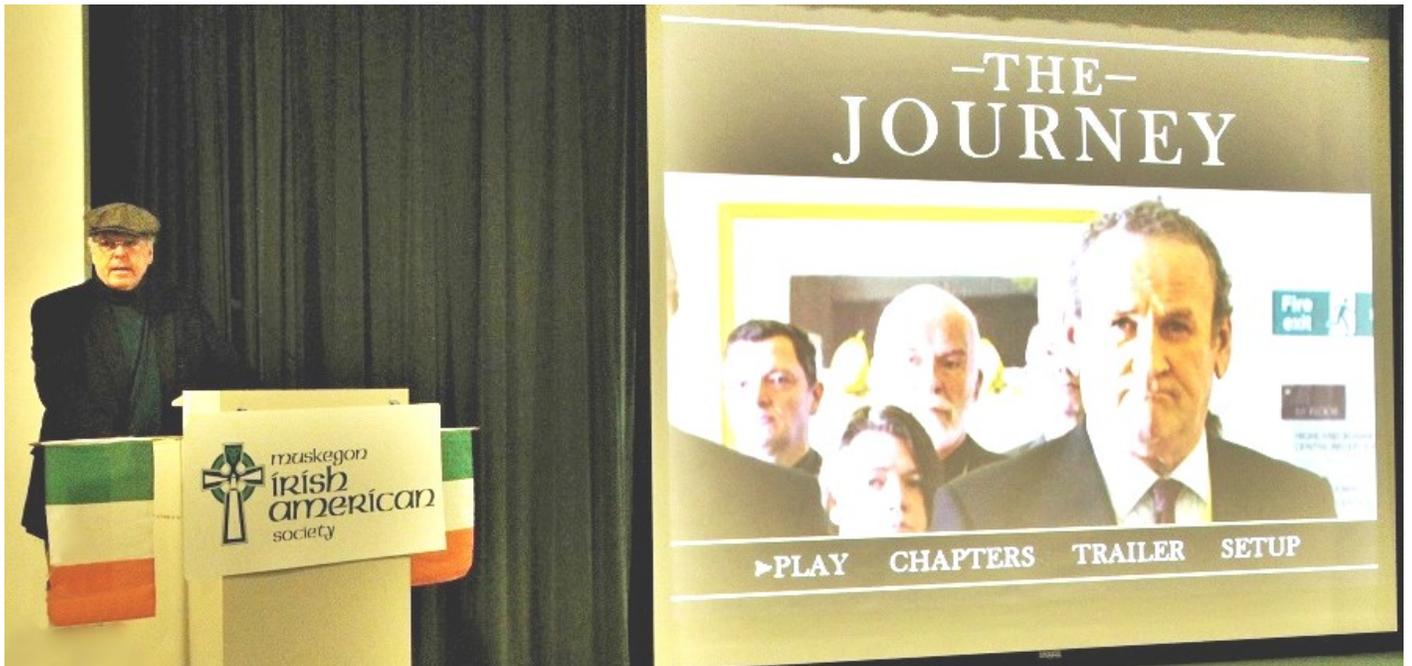
Criteria for Nomination:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Nomination forms are available through the Muskegon Irish American Society or can be completed online at www.michiganirishamericanhalloffame.org Nominations must include name of nominee, category and brief description of reason for nomination/candidate worthiness.
4. A committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Muskegon Irish American Society will screen nominations and recommend selections to the Board for final approval.

Deadline for Nominations: The completed nomination form and any supporting materials must be emailed or posted on or before **APRIL 1, 2019**. Nominations received after this date may be considered for the following year.



Highlights From Irish Movie at the Museum



On November 7th about 70 of our members and guests gathered for our annual Irish movie night at the Muskegon Museum of Art. We saw the outstanding film "*The Journey*," which tells the story of the film writer's imagined vision of what the two leaders of the enemy sides in the Troubles may have discussed on a trip together as they began peace talks. The movie clearly enunciated the positions and arguments of both sides of the decades long deadly struggle before peace was finally achieved. Many thanks to our fellow member, movie critic Bill Iddings, for his very informative introduction to the film. His insight greatly added to our enjoyment of the movie.

That evening our President Kevin Donovan, also named David McIntire as our *2018 Irish Person of the Year*. Please see the accompanying article about David.

We wish to thank Kathleen Marek, Meg Jennings, Lynn Gordon and Dee Carlson for hosting us with snacks and beverages, and the Museum staff for their help and hospitality. We also want to thank Jane Frankowiak and Maggie Rietman, who are members of the Gaelic League, for making the trip from Grand Rapids to visit us and see the movie.



St. Patrick's Day Events

There will not be another newsletter before St. Patrick's Day.
Please note these upcoming events.



MIMF St. Patrick's Party March 15 & 16

Sponsored by the Michigan Irish Music Festival, **5:30 - 11:00 pm** Friday and Saturday night at Bella Maria's Event Center. There will be a great entertainment line-up, silent auction and flavorful Irish fare. Tickets available at the door. More information at www.michiganirish.org



St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16

Sponsored by Muskegon Jaycees in downtown Muskegon on Saturday morning at **11:00 am**. Line up for the parade at the corner of 4th and Clay, by Hackley Park at 10:30 am. If you are a member of our club, **please walk with our club** in the parade, we need a good turnout for our club. And here's a secret strategy...our club walks in the front of the parade, so we beat the crowd to Hennessy's! More information at www.muskegonjaycees.org



45th Annual Irish Flag Raising March 17

Sunday is St. Patrick's Day itself. Please join our club at **noon** at Hennessy's for our 46th annual Raising of the Irish Flag in downtown Muskegon. After a brief ceremony, we will gather for lunch at Hennessy's. Please join us in this longstanding tradition! More information at www.muskegonirishamerican.com

2019 Raffle

Our annual raffle will be held at our spring dinner in May. This raffle is our major fundraising project for the year and helps support our club's activities and the newsletter. This year we will have drawings for first, second, and third prize!

First Prize is an Irish Fest Experience: Pair of passes, two room nights and a pair of ferry tickets for the Milwaukee Irish Fest and pair of passes and two room nights for the Michigan Irish Music Fest.

Second Prize is an Aquastar cruise for two on beautiful Muskegon Lake.

Third Prize is dinner for four at Hennessey's Irish Pub and Restaurant.

Watch your mail for additional details and tickets!

Our fellow member Eileen Grunstra is compiling an email list of persons she will notify about upcoming Irish events in our area. If you wish to have Eileen include you, please send her an email at

nur130eileen@gmail.com

Dues Can Be Paid with PayPal

With this newsletter you will receive your annual dues statement for 2019. 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! It is also convenient to pay your dues during the pub party on January 27. Thank you!

