



Muskegon Irish American Society

NEWS



Spring 2023

Annual Spring Event

May 11, 2023

The Award-Winning Play, “Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home”



Breeda Miller

After its Worldwide Premiere at the Arthur Miller Theater at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, the one person play *Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home*, starring Breeda Miller, has been playing to sold-out audiences in Michigan including Detroit, Manchester, Trenton, Brighton, Saline, and Traverse City. Breeda has returned the play to Chicago twice, and just finished a run in Tampa and Vero Beach. She will soon be performing in Atlanta and in September she is booked in Ireland! We are excited that Breeda will be able to perform *Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home* in Muskegon on May 11, 2023, for one night only!

In *Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home*, you will meet an Irish immigrant, Mrs. Kelly, and her family, who left her native Ireland in the late 1950’s to come to Detroit. You will experience her journey through life, including her final years as she developed dementia. This play is a theatrical memoir with humor and touching moments, with Breeda Miller performing each role, introducing us to her parents, their families and friends. *Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home* keeps audiences riveted from the opening line to the closing blessing. It is a moving, joyous exploration of love, roots and family. In 2022 Breeda received the *Wilde Award* for the best one-person play in Michigan. This play especially resonates with anyone involved in eldercare, either as a professional or as a family member of someone experiencing dementia.

WHAT: Muskegon Irish American Society Annual Event - The award-winning play, *Mrs. Kelly’s Journey Home*

WHERE: Overbrook Theater, Muskegon Community College, 221 Quarterline Rd. Muskegon, MI 49442

WHEN: Thursday, May 11, 2023

6:30 p.m. Entertainment by Britta and Roy Portenga

7:00 p.m. Performance

9:00 p.m. After-glow reception with Breeda Miller

COST: **VIP Ticket** \$40 per person, reserved seat and post-performance reception

Standard Reserved Seat \$15.00 per person

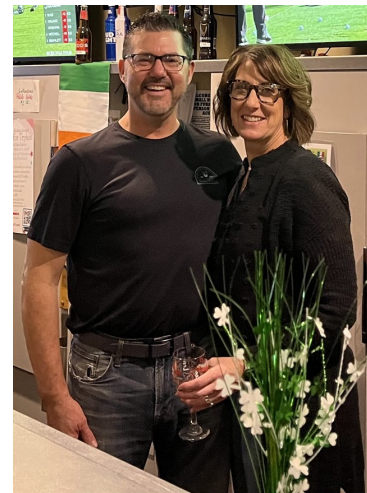
Order Form included in this mailing. All ticket orders by mail or online **MUST** be received by May 3, 2023

Advance Ticket Purchase Required!



Annual Pub Party

On February 5th we had a great time at our annual Pub Party, held this year at the Knights of Columbus. The Conklin Ceili Band provided the musical entertainment, while members and guests enjoyed a variety of fabulous food and drink!





50th Annual Flag-Raising

A great event was held on St. Patrick's Day with the 50th Annual Flag-Raising! Forty members and guests enjoyed a tribute to Jim Mullally who was instrumental in starting this event, a touching prayer by Kelly Powers, musical entertainment by David McIntire, bagpipes by Jerry Dibble, and a toast by Bruce Duff which included a shot of Roe & Co. Irish whiskey! Dee Carlson told a heart-warming story of her 5x great-grandfather's emigration to the colonies in 1768. Thank you to Max McKee for providing a flag pole, beverages, and indoor space to protect us from inclement weather!

Bruce Duff's Toast

Here's to fifty years of the green, white, and orange,
Flying high and proud in the Michigan breeze,
A symbol of our heritage and our pride,
Our Irish spirit cannot be denied.

Through the years, our society has grown,
With friends and family that we call our own,
And as we raise the flag once again,
We celebrate the strength of our kin.

So here's to the Muskegon Irish American Society,
And to the memories that bring us such gaiety,
May our flag always fly with honor and might,
And our Irish eyes and hearts stay true and bright.

Sláinte!





50th Annual Flag-Raising St. Patrick's Day 2023



2023 Dues

Just a reminder...your 2023 dues need to be paid as soon as possible! Our dues remain a bargain at \$25 per family, and are essential to support our club's programs and the newsletter.

Mail your check payable to "Muskegon Irish American Society" to:
Bruce Duff, 2973 Ridgview St., Muskegon, MI 49445

