muskegon irish american society
MICHIGAN IRISH AMERICAN HALL OF FAME
NEWS
Fall 2026

An Irish Musical Experience

A Special Travel Opportunity for Our Members

DANIEL O'DONNELL, in Concert

Shipshewana, IN - Blue Gate Performing Arts Center

Thursday, October 28, 2027

$199/Person

Trip ID: 7404 offered by Orchard View Travelers

Phone: (231) 760-13761 • 765 Ada Ave Muskegon, MI 49442



Daniel O'Donnell
Irish music sensation

Ireland's beloved musical sensation, returns to Blue Gate for a limited engagement! Known for his smooth vocals, warm personality and captivating stage presence, this celebrated performer has been entertaining audiences around the world for decades. A multiple-time Entertainer of the Year, Daniel has received Lifetime Achievement Awards and has twice been named International Artist of the Year by the Irish Recorded Music Association. Before the show, enjoy a delicious homestyle meal at Blue Gate and a visit to Yoder's or E & S Sales for some shopping. It's a wonderful day of music, food and fun in Shipshewana!

$50 due upon registration. You can call *Orchard View Travelers* with your Credit Card ($3.25 charge for a CC) or you can pay by check.

This trip fills quickly, so reserve your spot today! Fully refundable up to 60 days prior to the show.

The coach leaves Orchard View High School at 7 AM and returns at 8:45 PM. There will also be pick ups in Grand Haven and Holland.

There will be a quick stop for food on the return that is not included. MIAS member, Eileen Grunstra, has had the pleasure of hearing him perform and describes him as an energetic performer with a wonderful voice!

Final payment due September 7, 2027.

Upcoming Event

Muskegon Irish American Society Winter Pub Party
Knights of Columbus • 2915 Fairfield St., Norton Shores
Sunday, February 7, 2027
1 - 4 pm

Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame 2026 Induction Ceremony



Accepting for Inductee Peggy Murphy
is Emily Feeny
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



Inductee Tom Schaub
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



Inductee Joseph McGill
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



Accepting for the Irish Pallottine Fathers
is Fr. Brendan McCarrick
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



Inductee Peggy Sullivan Gray
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



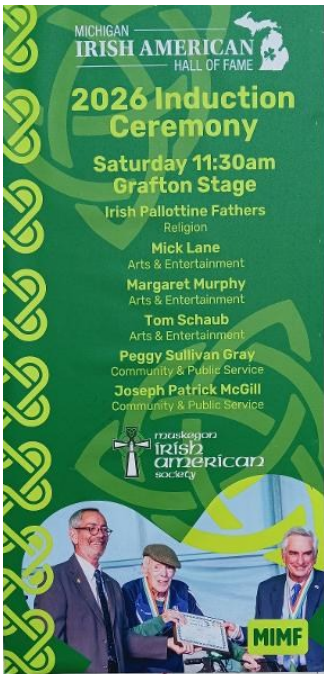
Inductee Mick Lane
with Neil Mullally and Dee Carlson



Ben Headon, Vice Consul and Deputy Head of Mission, Consulate General of Ireland, Chicago, IL

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bob (Sully) Sullivan, a member of the Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame, Class of 2013. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Sullivan family, his friends, and the Michigan Irish American Community. May his legacy live on in the community he was so proud of.









Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2026

L-R: Mick Lane, Fr. Brendan McCarrick for the Irish Pallottine Fathers, Peggy Sullivan Gray, Emily Feeny for Peggy Murphy, Joseph McGill
Missing from photo, Thomas Schaub

Earlier published biographies of the inductees are on our website.

Call for Nominations
Michigan Irish American Hall of Fame - Class of 2027

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, 2027. Nominations received after this date may be considered for the following year.

Highlights from the Summer Barbeque









Judy Zarimba wins a great Irish Basket!







ANNUAL DUES

Beginning in January, a ***2027 Dues Invoice*** will be emailed to all members who have an email address on file. This will give members the convenient option of paying their dues online through 'Stripe', a processing service we introduced this year. Members who do not have an email address on file will continue to receive their dues notice by mail. If you would like to receive your invoice by email and take advantage of the online payment option, please submit your current email address to **muskegonirish@gmail.com** so we can update our records. Thank you for helping us keep our membership information up to date!

The **Muskegon Irish American Society** is pleased to welcome new members**:** Mark Aamodt, Jon Erickson, Kevin Huss, David Kranz, Rogan McEvoy, Lindsey Potter, and Dan Rinsema-Sybenga. Our society is always looking for new members! Please invite your family, friends, co-workers or anyone who loves all things Irish.

We hold multiple events each year and membership is only $25 per family!
Use the QR code and sign up online today!