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JUNE 2023



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**JULY 9,
2023
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Family and kid friendly games

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Music & entertainment

Great fun with friends!

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The West Side Irish-American Club
Stephen L. Mulloy Sr.
14th Annual Reverse Raffle
Friday, May 26, 2023

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steak Shoot

Come join in the fun! Saturday, June 24, 2023 Starting at 7:00PM. Playing is easy, something like bingo. Cost is \$10/card & it consists of three playing cards. The first person whose three cards are called shouts STEAK and wins two steaks. A total of 60 steaks will be given away.

Bring your friends for a fun time, and feel free to bring snacks for your table.

There will be a 50/50 drawing and an extra bonus round at this Steak Shoot.

For more information call Helen 216-251-4075 or e-mail: hcmalloy@gmail.com

GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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West Side Irish-American Club

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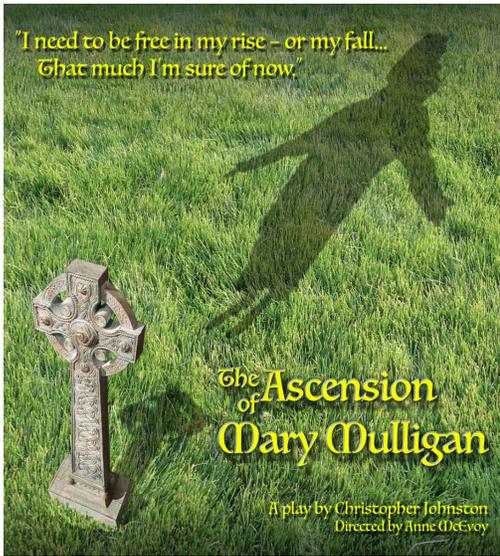
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June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FUTURE EVENTS: July 8 - SHINDIG, from Dublin Ireland, entertaining at the IA July 9 - WSIA Annual Family Picnic Aug 27 - Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show						
4 Pub Open 1-5PM	5	6 Volunteer Day	7	8 Forever Young Meeting 1P	9 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: Michael Crawley Library Open 6P	10 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: Michael Crawley Library Open 6P
11 Pub Open 1-5PM Exclusive Viewing of <i>The Ascension of Mary Mulligan 2P</i>	12	13 Volunteer Day	14	15 General Meeting 7P Library Open 6P	16 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: Lloyd Blevins Ramblin Mountain Library Open 6P	17 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: Lloyd Blevins Ramblin Mountain Library Open 6P
18 Pub Open 1-5PM	19	20 Volunteer Day	21	22	23 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: No Strangers Here Library Open 6P	24 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: No Strangers Here Library Open 6P
25 Pub Open 1-5PM	26	27 Volunteer Day	28	29	30 Pub Open 4:30-Midnight Pub Grub 4:30-7P Band: Love Country Library Open 6P	

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11th AT 2:00 pm For the showing of *The Ascension of Mary Mulligan*



The Ascension of Mary Mulligan Comes to the West Side IA By John O'Brien Jr.

Cleveland Christopher Johnston's new movie, *The Ascension of Mary Mulligan*, comes to the West Side Irish American Club on Sunday June 11th at 2:00 p.m. for an exclusive showing. *iIrish* columnist Bob Carney examines the movie in an excerpt of his interview with Chris in the March 2023 edition.

Cleveland Comhrá: *The Ascension of Mary Mulligan*

By Bob Carney

During Mary's opening monologue, we see her rising slowly away. Christopher uses that to symbolize that she is being taken from us, without defining whether it's from disease or dementia, and how Mary and her family deal with it.

This is one of the most powerful films I have ever seen. The writing, the acting, the entire production holds you



captive. The film will be shown locally this month. I can't recommend it highly enough. I spoke with Christopher and Lara Mielcarek, who plays the part of Mary, to get their thoughts and feelings about the film. Christopher is a freelance journalist, author, teacher and playwright. He has published more than four thousand articles in numerous publications and has twenty plays that have made it to production and is well known and received in Cleveland theatre.

How did your play turn into a film instead of a stage production?

We did the first reading in 2016, and then I wrote some revisions and we did another reading just before everything shut down from the pandemic. Dave Thomas obtained some funding from The Irish Charitable Foundation and Dave's a film producer; they felt it had merit to move forward.

The setting for the film is in The Burren in the West of Ireland. What made you choose that as the location for the story?

A couple of reasons, my maternal grandmother was from Clare and I had been there many years ago; I was struck by it. I liked the possibilities it presented because it is so isolated and desolate for the most part. It gave me freedom to not have too many characters, just the people who come to visit her, the priest and her family.

It's an ancient place, with a connection to the early Celts and druids. There is a lot of history there that I was able to incorporate with the priest having an archaeology background.

I was trying to connect all of that because I felt that this could happen there. I remember what it did to me and I was just out of college then. Barb's character (Franda) introduces a lot of that pagan history as well.

Paganism to Christianity

Ireland is special with its evolution of paganism into Christianity, so I was able to interweave the two. With Barb's, Kelly's and Nicholas's characters, I was able to bring a lighter moment to it, because it's such a dark, heavy theme and progression. This allowed me to bring in some almost comical characters and add a little bit of lightness, but also show her spirituality and what she believes that reflects that pagan past of Ireland.

Is that important to you, to include Irish culture and folklore in your writing?

Yes, very much; I feel very close to my Irish roots. My father's family came to America in 1640, so they are quintessentially American. My mother's family was from France and Ireland, and her mother was from Ireland. My grandmother was a big part of our family and lived with us the last ten years of her life. So, I've always felt much closer to that part of my heritage.

I wrote a children's play "Finn McCool" that was performed at Tailspinner Children's Theatre, because she had told us that story when we were kids. I identify with that part of my heritage because of her. I've written several Irish plays, we did one at Cleveland Public Theatre back in 2006, "The Mad Mask Maker of Maigh Eo."

I love Irish literature and Irish theatre, there's such rich heritage there, I want to tap into it whenever I can. This was a great opportunity. I could have set this play in America I suppose, but I felt this gave it a more magical, spiritual moment.

Check www.iIrish.us for updates on additional shows as they are scheduled.

MEMBERSHIP WELCOMES 28 NEW MEMBERS

James Adams, Iliya Bufogle, Lyle Bufogle, Patti Conner Bufogle, Meghan Garvey, Kevin Garvey, Colleen Greller, Ian Greller, Daniel Hanson, Edward Hearn, Patrick Kennedy, Zshavina Kennedy, Douglas Kronenberger, Denise Kronenberger, Christopher McGowan, Clare McGowan, Mary Francis McGowan, Sean Moran, Erica Moran, Barbara O'Malley, Andrew Otwell, Karen Peters, Mary Lenaghan Skuhrovec, Shane Skuhrovec, Sarah Skuhrovec, April Skuhrovec, John Skuhrovec, Cindy Wallace



*You are cordially invited to
Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show*



Hosted by The McNeeley Library Committee

Sunday, August 27, 2023 - 1 to 4 pm

In Main Hall at West Side Irish-American Club

8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138

\$30.00 per person

Join us for tea, delectable food and lovely fashions by Banyan Tree

If you wish, wear your prettiest bonnet or fascinator and bring your own tea cup to show off and share its story

Luncheon provided by Ahern Catering

A wine bar will be available - \$4.00/glass

For Tickets Contact Jill Gallagher Ht: 440-427-9356 or C: 440-623-6612 or

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WORD HAS IT..... From Your Library

Book review: **"The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah.** This is not a book from our McNeeley Library, but it is worth passing on to the members. As I read this book, my mind kept relating it to the struggles of the Irish who came to America, to Cleveland, to start a new life.

This epic novel takes place during the Great Depression. In 1921 the Dust Storms of Texas cause farmers to lose their crops, their property and ultimately their lives. It is a story of strong people, of love, of faith and hope. It is the story of lasting friendships throughout the worst of conditions. It is the story of the have and the have nots, which is a black eye on America's wealthy people.

The main character, Elsa Wolcott, grabs at your heart as a young woman dominated by her parents. You cheer for her when she meets Rafe Martinelli, falls in love and marries. She becomes a strong woman as her life evolves on the farm. She becomes even stronger as the dust storms ravage the Great Plains. She must make a life changing decision to save her son. As the Great Depression encompasses everything in America, she becomes a hero, a warrior. The characters in this novel are real people with a strong desire to survive adversity.

Check your local library for this book.

Have you purchased your ticket for the "Tea and Fashion Show" hosted by the McNeeley Library? The date is Sunday, August 27, 1 - 4 pm in the main hall of the Club. Banyan Tree of Crocker Park will present a fashion show. Tickets are \$30. Contact Jill Gallagher 440-427-9356 or 440-623-6612; email: jillgallagher6612@att.net.

Good health, good reading,
Rose Conley, McNeeley Library Committee

Good & Welfare Report

Sympathy:

Gloria & Daniel Hearn on the death of their daughter Denise
Brian OBoyle on the death of his mother Sandy
Kay Hough on the death of her Daughter Mary
Michael McHugh on the death of his sister Maureen
Celine O'Leary on the death of her sister
Bernadette McNamara
Theresa Arth on the death of her mother Shirley Chambers
Fred Mertes on the death of his daughter
Peggy Fairbairn on the death of her husband Douglas
Peggy Ginley on the death of her mother Beatrice
Margaret Hughes on the death of her husband Gerard
Joyce Shramo on the death of her husband Daniel

Get-Well:

Nora Redway, Eileen Mangan Stull & Kay Hough

FOREVER YOUNG

Our next meeting, June 8th, Noelle of Petitti Garden Center will have some gardening tips for our summer planting. She always brings plants that we use as a raffle.

Next month on July 13th, Fr. Tom Mahoney will celebrate Mass at 1:00 PM for our deceased members.

Hope to see you there!

Good & Welfare:

If you know of anyone that requires a get well or sympathy card, please call Meg Patrick at 440-222-2657 or e-mail mmp0322@aol.com



CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
June 23-24, 2023

Gates Open Friday 4:45 PM - 10:30 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM - 10:30 PM

Calling of the Clans Event Friday at 9:45 PM

Grand Parade Noon Saturday

Tattoo 6:30 PM Saturday

Entertainment: Seven Nations, Prodigals, Father Son & Friends, Eimear Arkins & Eileen Gannon, New Barleycorn, Kilroy's, Mad Maudlin, Andrew McManus Trio, McNamara & Custy, Royal Scottish Country Dancers, Brady Campbell School of Irish Dance, Leneghan School of Irish Dance, Pipe Bands, Highland Athletics, Border Collie Demonstration, Highland Dancing, Harp & Fiddle Competition, Irish Music Competition, Session Music, Workshops, Renaissance Village, Competitive Jousting, Full Armor Combat, Childrens Events & Much More!



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They survived a brutal playoff of 5 teams to get into the finals. Three teams were eliminated in the playoff, John & Mike Hayes, Dave Zarelli & Mike Wilkins, Bill Rice & Mike McGuire.

Congrats to all that made the semi-finals.

Kathleen and Fiona went on to defeat Jim McLaughlin and Pat Goggins, and last years champions Chris Campbell and Kevin Jennings to secure the Trophy.

A good time was had by all with a big thanks to Kevin McDonough and his brigade of volunteers that served us a great meal.

A special thanks goes out to Kathleen Mangan, Kathleen Sheehan, Christine O'Donnell, and Mary Ellen Grealis for all their help in keeping the game running smoothly.



**The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association
of the Sacred Heart**

65th Annual Mass and Lunch
St. Patrick's Church, 3600 Bridge Ave.

Sunday, June 4, 2023 11:00 Mass
Celebrant: FR. PATRICK SPICER

Master of Ceremonies: JUDGE SEAN GALLAGHER

Guest Speaker:
JUDY HILOW Executive Director, Malachi House

Pioneer of the Year: KATHLEEN ROBERTS

Lunch Tickets - \$15 each

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

Hibernian Corner

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Our Lady of the Rosary is having a Garage Sale on
Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
505 Sherwood Dr.- Bay Village, Ohio 44140

Come see what treasures you can take home!



**The West Side Irish-American Club
Ladies Only Reverse Raffle
Friday, October 6, 2023**

GRAND PRIZE \$1,500.00

**Main board tickets are \$55.00
Includes dinner, dessert, and all beverages**

**Only 200 Main Board Tickets Sold
Side Boards and More
Table of 8 or 10 Available**

**For Information Contact:
Helen Malloy at 216-251-4075
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OR

**Pat Lavelle at 440-596-8552
or at plave31228@gmail.com**

**Check our Website and Facebook Pages
For updates.**

Hope to see you there.



**SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, July 8, 2023**

**SHINDIG , direct from Ireland
will be performing at
The West Side Irish-American Club**

Details to follow in the July bulletin



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WSIA MEMORY BRICK ORDER FORM

\$50.00 PER BRICK

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BRICK & GENEALOGY INFORMATION

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MIDDLE NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

MAIDEN NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ DATE OF DEATH: _____

BIRTH PLACE: _____ BURIAL PLACE: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES: _____

Honoree's Father's Name: _____

Honoree's Mother's Name: _____

HONOREE'S BRICK INSCRIPTION

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for the July Bulletin is **Wednesday, June 7th** to ensure that the Bulletin is mailed on time. Please e-mail Word, Publisher or JPEG documents to: bulletin@wsia-club.org or contact Dianne Luther at 440-823-8826

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

GOOD & WELFARE

When a member is sick or if there is a death in the family, please e-mail info@wsia-club.org and we'll be sure to get a card out.

SUPPORT YOUR CLUB - VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!!

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APRIL GERRY LAVELLE 300 CLUB DRAWING

**Winner - Joyce Shramo
Seller - Mary Ann O'Toole**

APRIL - 50/50 DRAWING

\$245.00 was won by Bridget McIntyre

APRIL - MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Eileen Malloy of Cleveland would have won \$276.00 if she had been present

April drawing will be worth \$521.00

The Board of Trustees would like to remind members and guests that the selling of raffle tickets, event tickets, fund-raising items, and any other items not related to a Club sponsored event is strictly prohibited. We have had a long-standing policy against this.

Let us all be mindful that the richness of our Irish heritage can only be preserved by fostering a family friendly environment in our facility. If our, or our guest's actions, language, or apparel are not appropriate for our own families, then they are also not appropriate in the presence of our extended family members and guests at the club.

You must be a current member to attend the General Meeting, please have your membership card with you.

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BAKERS NEEDED FOR GENERAL MEETING NIGHTS

We kindly ask that if your last name begins with the following letter, that you please bring a dessert to the corresponding monthly meeting.



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