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**CCE CONVENTION**  
**April 4-7, 2024**  
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Some of the earliest Irish settlers in Buffalo literally shoveled their way through New York State to get to and make Buffalo the largest inland port through the creation of the Erie Canal (1817-1825). Our lighthouse stands near the original western terminus of the Erie Canal. The canal also made it fairly easy for the next wave of Irish—the Famine Irish—to find their way to Buffalo. They arrived with nothing and, having no prospects, made their homes on a low and sandy spit of land that was created by the accumulation of sand along the seawall. They built shanties and fished the river and lake. Finding work on ships and in the grain elevators, and as construction workers, they built better houses, rowing clubs, and saloons...on the “beach”. The last of the beachers was evicted in the

1930s. The area is now known as Times Beach. It is directly south of the lighthouse. We celebrate those who struggled and fought to make a life in this city.

Help us continue the celebration and commemoration at the 2024 CCE North American Provincial Convention at the beautiful Buffalo Hyatt Regency. The Hyatt is located right in the heart of our city’s downtown yet is only 20 minutes from the airport and easy to reach via interstate, train and bridge from Canada, and there will be trips to Niagara Falls.

So make your way to the our Queen City on April 4-7, 2024 for dancing, singing, playing, making new friends and meeting with familiars.

**APRIL 4-7, 2024 WILL BE THE TIME TO SHUFFLE OFF TO BUFFALO FOR THE 2024 NORTH AMERICA PROVINCIAL CONVENTION!**

We will get things rolling Thursday night with a four-hour ceili featuring the ever-energetic John Ryan’s Drumlin Ceili Band!

Workshop leaders include Padraig and Rosin McEneaney for the sets, Joanie Madden teaching tin whistle, Brian Conway for Sligo style fiddling and Patrick Ourceau for Clare Style fiddling, Regina Delaney on harp, Anna Collit on instructing bodhran, Mairin UIcheide with Seannos singing, Kevin Crawford teaching Irish Flute along with workshops foruilleann pipes, banjo, mandolin, bouzouki, button box, concertina, ceili and 2 hand dancing, and

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Ireland

*(Continued) Buffalo for the 2024 North America Provincial Convention*

Irish Language conversation circles led by Provincial Language Officer Margaret McGrath and Caoimhín Mac Con Raoi with Buffalo's School of Irish Culture.

There is also a youth program with workshops and activities led by our provincial youth officer Ryan Ward!

The star-studded event highlight is the Saturday night banquet featuring "The Irish and The Erie", and the Joanie Madden All-Stars.

We are only 30 minutes from Niagara Falls so we will have Thursday night (see the lights!) and Friday afternoon bus trips.

So come on to Buffalo April 4-7, 2024, for a great weekend of fun and camaraderie organized by the Branches of the Northeast Region.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCÉ), is worldwide the largest all volunteer organization involved in the preservation, development and promotion of Irish Traditional music, song, dance, and language. Volunteers of all ages make up our movement. From beginnings in Ireland 1951, we have grown to 430 Branches in 18 countries on 4 continents.

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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR...

A chara,

This has been a busy year for the Buffalo Irish Center with many changes after the loss of our leader, Mary Heneghan. So many people have jumped in to fill the void left with Mary's passing. This has not been easy for any of the volunteers with the long hours needed to keep the place open and the many events scheduled and running.

Thursdays under the Tent went well the summer in spite of some challenging weather on a few nights. We also had our 2nd Buffalo Irish Festival this past July on Buffalo's Outer Harbor; again the weather could have been better but things went well.

The Big Irish Buffalo event next year is the celebration and commemoration at the 2024 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann CCE North American Provincial Convention held at the beautiful Buffalo Hyatt Regency April 4-7, 2024. You won't want to miss this event. The Best Irish Musicians from around the world!

Make sure you check out the Buffalo Irish Center website to look at our calendar to see all the scheduled events.

Sláinte

Kevin J. O'Brien,  
Editor

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# CELTIC ANGELS - KEEPING A SONG IN YOUR HEART

By Joyce Burke

The Celtic Angels is a youth choir singing in English and Irish Gaelic, open to children of all ages at no cost. We meet twice monthly, once at Folksy House in the northtowns and again to join in a Buffalo Irish center Saturday afternoon seisiun. We've had a great summer, performing at both the Buffalo Irish Fest and the Niagara Celtic Fest. Thank you all for your encouragement and support. We're looking forward to pulling out our Gaelic Christmas carols to get ready for the Holiday season. For information on how to join, please contact director Joyce Burke at [j5burkes@verizon.net](mailto:j5burkes@verizon.net).



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# THE DAUGHTERS OF ERIN GLAM UP THE EMERALD ROOM AT THE BUFFALO IRISH CENTER WITH A FASHION SHOW

By Kathleen McDonald Shanahan

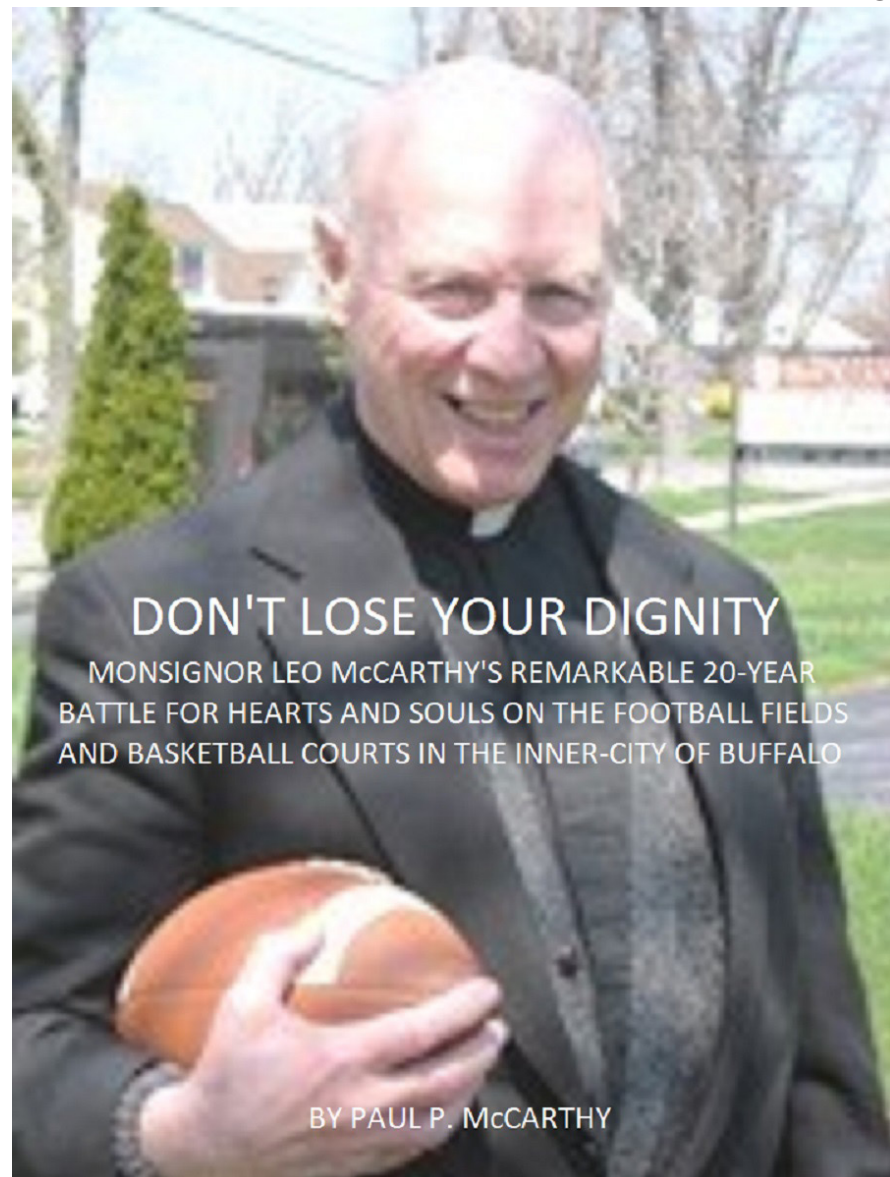
Saturday, September 30th the Emerald Room at the BIC looked like Spring Studios in the Tribeca neighborhood of NYC. With classical music lightly playing, champagne drinks, appetizers, desserts, tea, and coffee, the room buzzed with fashionable ladies greeting friends and catching up with the latest news all while waiting for an array of models to walk the runway stage. The vendors for this event included the J Jill Store and the Tara Gift Shoppe. Unlike the Tribeca neighborhood, the DOE of Buffalo placed their own spin on what walking the runway means. When DOE president Kathleen McDonald Shanahan introduced Ms. Tara Lynch, WIVB News Reporter and past champion Irish Step dancer as the MC for the event, she dazzled as she danced a Treble Reel across the stage in her hard shoes rocking the audience into a hand clapping rhythm and applause before taking the microphone. That was just the beginning of the fun to come. Sprinkled throughout the show there were two more Irish step dancers, Janice Mueller and Olivia Rutowski doing Slip Jigs and Treble Jigs while modeling beautiful Fall fashions from the J Jill Store and the Tara Gift Shoppe. For some added interest we enlisted Randy McPhee, Chairman of the GAAA Board, and Jim Boyle, KOE member to model some beautiful Mucros Tweeds and Aran Sweaters from the Tara Gift Shoppe. The other models included Sophie Frizzell an employee Store, DOE's Beth Lewis, Marguerite Phillips, Patty Wingate, and Ellen Zawodzinski. To end Lynch joined both Janice Mueller and Olivia danced the St. Partick's Day Dance.

The event held one signature raffle, a beautiful Bed Quilt, designed, sewed, and donated Marija Vujcic, a member of the WNY Modern Quilters. The lucky winner of this beautiful quilt Mrs. Pat Quinlivan.

The fashion show was held in memory of Ginger Parker, an honorary member of the DOE who passed away last year. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Buffalo Irish Center.







## DON'T LOSE YOUR DIGNITY

MONSIGNOR LEO MCCARTHY'S REMARKABLE 20-YEAR BATTLE FOR HEARTS AND SOULS ON THE FOOTBALL FIELDS AND BASKETBALL COURTS IN THE INNER-CITY OF BUFFALO

BY PAUL P. MCCARTHY

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## NEW BOOK PROFILES MONSIGNOR MCCARTHY'S WORK IN THE INNER-CITY OF BUFFALO

*By Paul McCarthy*

In the mid-1960's, as an assistant pastor at Saint Teresa's Church, director of the Saint Teresa's boys choir and founder and coach of the South Buffalo Football Association, Monsignor Leo McCarthy developed a connection with the Irish-American community in South Buffalo that would last a lifetime.

Decades later, he could be heard singing Christmas carols with his former choirboys at the Blackthorn, speaking at the South Buffalo Football awards banquets and even singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" at the Irish Center.

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Throughout his 60-plus years of service to the Buffalo Diocese, Monsignor served all over Western New York. A new book provides an overview of his life and career, with a particular emphasis on his work in the inner-city of Buffalo.

The book, written by his nephew Paul P. McCarthy, is titled: "Don't Lose Your Dignity: Monsignor Leo McCarthy's Remarkable 20 Year Battle for Hearts and Souls in the Inner City of Buffalo."

In the old TV show "The White Shadow" and the more current movie "Coach Carter," a coach works with at-risk inner-city youth and, through sports, teaches them life lessons and helps them overcome the adversity in their lives. But these feel-good Hollywood productions only told part of the story.

Starting in the late 1960's Monsignor lived and worked in the East Side of Buffalo, a community plagued by gangs, drugs and guns. He founded the "Apollos" sports program, which was inspired by the optimism of the Apollo space program, and started football and basketball teams.

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was a seemingly constant presence throughout East Side neighborhoods as he drove his players to and from practices, games and tournaments.

At the fields and gyms across the inner-city, Monsignor and the Apollos would regularly face the threat of violence. On a number of occasions Apollos players were physically assaulted and in one disturbing incident, Monsignor himself was assaulted and nearly knocked out cold.

But no matter how bad the circumstances were, Monsignor always held his boys back from retaliating. He would continually tell them that, "No matter what anyone else says or does, we will always do the right thing!" And he would emphasize to them, "DON'T LOSE YOUR DIGNITY!"

Along the way, Monsignor accomplished a great deal of individual and collective successes

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with the Apollos. One example is a weekend basketball tournament that the Apollos won. At the awards ceremony, the Sportsmanship Award – which is given to one individual player – instead was awarded to the Apollos' ENTIRE TEAM because of their extraordinary conduct throughout the tournament.

Another is a young boy who came to his first Apollos' football practice and couldn't even run a lap around the field. He walked home and cried, but came back the next day. While most coaches would ignore a player who would be of no use to the team, Monsignor took him under his wing. Gradually the boy got stronger and gained more confidence. Under Monsignor's tutelage he became an all-star linebacker in high school, went college and eventually attained great success as a millionaire

real estate developer.

“Don't Lose Your Dignity” tells these inspiring stories about Monsignor and many more. Throughout all of the trials, adversity and – on several occasions – outright tragedy he faced, his faith and

determination enabled him to continue to persevere. The book is available on Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle formats. All proceeds will be donated to a worthwhile youth sports program in Monsignor's honor.

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# VISITING OUR OWN

*By Joseph Xavier Martin*

It was a brilliant Sunday afternoon, the 30th day of July. We drove over the Skyway and across Fuhrman Blvd. to the site of this year's "Irish Festival." The annual Famine Mass had been completed by 11:00 A.M. We came an hour after that ceremony. A kindly gent, of my own age, offered us a ride from the parking area to the entrance gate in a golf cart. The ride was appreciated. Restrictions on my walking and standing ability had kept me from attending many of these events. Today, I had said "let's do it." And, we were here. I thought that the offerance of a fifty dollar bill would be appropriate for our visit. All of the money earned at the festival goes to the care and maintenance of the Irish Center on Abbott Rd. in South Buffalo.

The grass beneath us was still a little squishy, after last night's downpour. We walked across the grounds, noting the two huge entertainment tents that sheltered musicians and dancers from the elements. There seemed to be children everywhere. Many were siblings of the girls' step dancing to a lively reel. It is always nice to see the young ones at these events, being introduced to the cultural lore of those who had come before them.

The vendor's "tent" was more substantial. We walked up and down its length. Tee shirts, with every imaginable Irish slogan, competed with knit caps, woolen kilts and personal jewelry. A Few Authors sat, offering their written works for sale. The venue was a capsule of Irish culture, American style. The hole in the current venue was the absence of Mary Heneghan. No longer did her pleasant, red haired persona greet you, sitting behind the table of the merchandise available at the Tara Gift shop. Bless her memory for whom and what she was.

We browsed the multitude of merchandise available and then wandered over to one of the tents to watch the very attractive young lasses getting ready to perform their high stepping and rhythmic dances, to the assembled throng of family and friends. Many of the seats were filled.

It was a solo performance. On the way, we had bumped into an old South Buffalo acquaintance and traded memories and war stories of our time and events in that fabled time and place, some fifty years ago.

At another tent, we sat for a time and listened to the pleasant rhythms of current Irish Music. It had a distinctly Country Western cast to its acoustics. It was much different from the old Broadway show tunes that Irish bands used to play. In Ireland, Country Music is all the rage. I would guess that the performing bands had to incorporate these musical tastes into their selections, to entertain their guests. I would have liked to hear "The Fields of Athenry" and other mournful Irish ditties. IRA "fight songs" were also a fond remembrance. Perhaps, they were performed at another time.

The ice cream tent drew us toward it. Unfortunately, there was a line of twenty some children hoping to taste the same refreshing delicacy that we were after. Bless the little rascals. I hope they all got what they wanted. All around the grounds, there were multiple food venues. Shepherd pies, French fries, hot dogs, and a variety of other attractions, drew the buyers in like flies. And, there

was no lack of attendance at any of the beer tents either. The good Lord makes sure they all got home safe and well this evening.

After enjoying the various attractions for a few hours, we walked slowly back to the parking area. A continuous stream of visitors was coming in with baby strollers, older relatives and friends. It would be a good afternoon for the festival.

And for another year, we reluctantly retreated from this ethereal Brigadoon that rose up the shores of the misty Isle of Eire, with all of the thoughts of those who had come before us. It had been a good visit. We will look forward to next year's gathering.

## Calling All Members



### G.A.A.A. Election & Open Meeting

November 16th

Voting 6-7pm ~ Meeting 7pm

### **Please note the date change!**

To make it easier for members to attend both the election and the next open meeting the date has been combined.

Two candidates were nominated for the open seat:

Ellen Kuehlewind and Maggie Shea

To be able to vote in the election you must be a FULL member (not Chieftain membership) and be current with your dues payment. Please check for your current 2023 membership card which will indicate that you are paid.

If you do not have your card, you can check your status with Membership chairman Skip Sommer at [skipsommer@gmail.com](mailto:skipsommer@gmail.com)

**Additional information will be emailed, or regular mailed to those members without emails in the next few days.**

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# THE DAUGHTERS OF ERIN PREPARE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Meme Riedy

The 118th National Convention takes place on Friday October 6th thru Sunday October 8th at the Pittsburgh Marriott North in Cranberry Township Pennsylvania. The Knights of Equity and Daughters of Erin from Court 5 Buffalo

The weekend will begin with meetings on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and a hospitality room to catch up with friends from Pittsburgh and Detroit. A banquet will be held Saturday evening to install the new officers and conclude the weekend.

are preparing for a weekend of meetings. Installation of new officers for 2024-2025 and meeting of members of Pittsburgh Court 9 and Detroit Court 6.

We would like to extend our appreciation and thank you to our current National officers, Worthy Supreme Sir Knight Paddy Gorman, and Daughters of Erin President Peg Breidenstein, both from Buffalo.

We are hosting a Fashion Show in honor of deceased Honorary member Ginger Parker on Saturday September 30th from 2pm-4pm at the Buffalo Irish Center. Fashions will be from Jjill and the Tara Shoppe. Ginger was a long-time member and always looked impeccable in the latest fashions.

New members of our Buffalo court were installed prior to our June meeting in a



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beautiful ceremony followed by dinner. Congratulations to our eight new members and welcome to the Daughters of Erin!

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, and our goal is participating in fundraising and charitable work. If you are Irish, Catholic and think you might be interested, come and join us, we'd love to see you.



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# RINCE NA TIARNA IRISH DANCE



were met with popsicles to cool down and more fun to participate in.

Huge congratulations to Kevinah Dargan who has been training for her TCRG (teaching license issued from Comisiun Rince La Gaelacha). She of course, passed with flying colors and we are thrilled that she is moving on to the next part of her teaching career.

Check out [www.irishdancewny.com](http://www.irishdancewny.com) for class information. We still have room in some of our classes.



Back to school, means back to dance! We are excited to welcome back the RNT alumni as well as many new families. The end of summer was busy, as it always is but we were thrilled to have kids participating in Camp Rince Ceol which is a sleep away camp that teaches Irish dance, Gaelic Football, Gaelic language and more! The classes are typically run by current Riverdance and Lord of The Dance cast members, which makes it even more exciting to be there. Rince Na Tiarna had roughly 24 dancers participate in the week long camp this summer. We also were thrilled to not only take part in the Buffalo Irish Festival, but the South Buffalo Feis this August.



Feiseanna starting to slow down so kids can focus on class work instead of competing. A few families squeezed in some fun feising in Washington DC, Atlanta GA and more! Rince Na Tiarna was also proud to participate in the Labor Day Parade in South Buffalo. Who doesn't love a parade?! The parade finished up at Caz park where dancers



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Though most of the new immigrants, on Buffalo's Beach, were honest workmen, there were of course a few rascals among them. During the tumult of the 1860's, a small band of marauders, led by a ruffian named "Dublin" were particularly notorious. The gang was led by four wild men known as Jimmy, "the Cotton-hook Man", Billy, the "Mugger", "Leary Reedy" and "Dublin."

All of the lads had fanciful nicknames, inspired by what they did for a living or some aspect of their physical appearance. Said, ever with a laughing tongue, one knew that he or she was amidst their own when his diminutive slipped from the lips of another. And if it was somewhat unseemly, like "Diapers Reardon" or "Shithooks McGurr," then that was just the way of things. No offense was meant and none was taken.

Each handle was not the diminutive of a person that was known by neighbors, but the title of a life-long story that many have often told. You could hear, in your mind's ear even now, some lad telling a story, with an elbow braced on a mahogany bar. The rolling peals of laughter, enhanced by several beers, would erupt as someone told an outrageous anecdote of the lads among them and those recently departed. Truth was never an important part of the story, just a good tale, well told. The tales are now our collective memory of a time and a place consigned to the misty halls of fading memory.

The "Dublin Gang" as they were to be called, hijacked a ship in Buffalo's harbor, named the Mercedes. They then painted it all black and rechristened it "Annie." For the next few years, these rascals raided small villages along the Canadian shoreline, looting ships and warehouses of goods. They were always one step ahead of the law, in both countries until the law eventually caught up with them. One of the lads in Donovan's tavern recounted what he had heard about the incident, from those who had lived among them.

"Dublin" stood on the Buffalo Waterfront docks, alongside of the canal terminus. He, Padhraic Kelly, Mickey Malone and Red McDonald were looking over the lines of a two-masted brigantine, named "Mercedes."

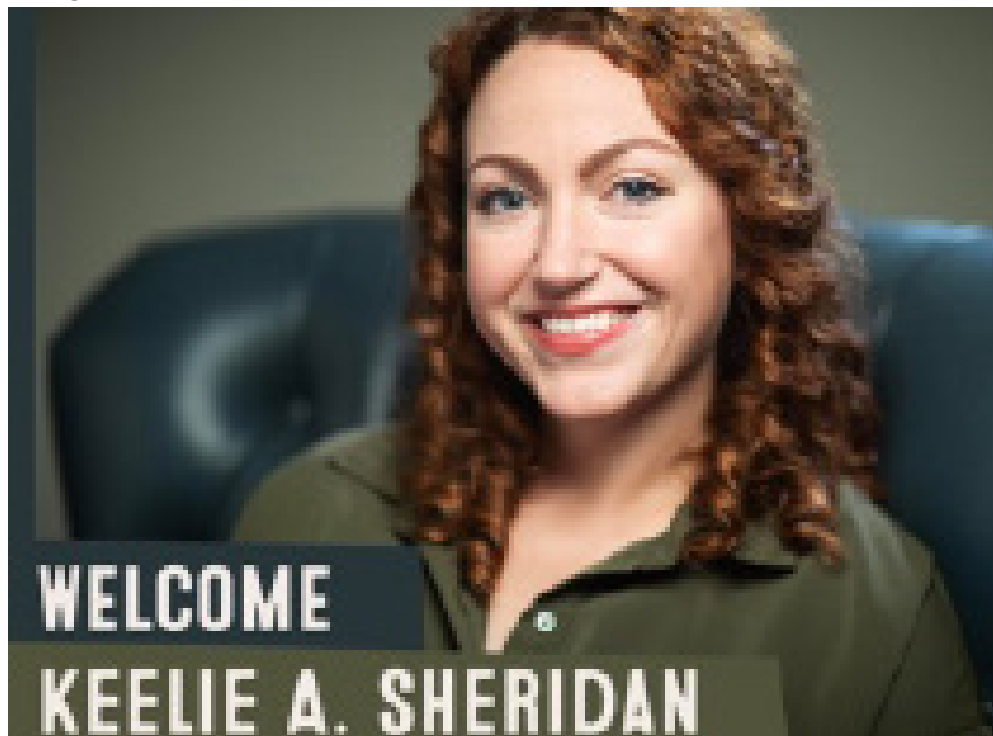
"She looks like a fine vessel" noted Dublin. "Her rigging is taut and her sails look ship shape. What do you think, lads?"

"Aye, she is a fair darlin'" said Jimmy. "I think the four of us could handle her easy enough. How do you propose we "borrow her?"

"I've watched her crew these last few nights," replied Dublin. "They don't post a watch at night while berthed. Usually a few of the lads are over at McGinty's until the wee hours."

"Do you think the coppers will not come after us?" asked Leary. "Sure, the owners will cry like the devil himself, if we were to capture her."

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## Buffalo Irish Center

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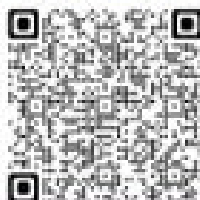
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"Aye," said Billy. "Those son of a bitch coppers, the Darcy Brothers, are a like a bull dog in pursuit when the chase is on."

"They are that, the devil curse their mother for bringing them among us," said Dublin. "But I have an idea that might keep the copper lookin'." "Suppose, we take her, tie up the crew and leave them on the docks. Then we can sail her south to an area, just south of here named Smoke's Creek. The creek has a narrow entrance cut, where we can berth her and then cover the opening with brush to hide her from the Lake. Then, I think we can liberate some black paint, from Gengler's paint store, and cover her with paint from stem to stern. I've a notion to call her "Annie" after lass from Limerick that I left behind."

"Sure, but you have given the matter some thought," said Jimmy. "What do you think lads?"

Leary and Billy nodded their heads, eyes aglow with thoughts of future plunder. "Let's give it a try."

At two A.M. Dublin and the lads climbed aboard the Mercedes, wearing masks and carrying lead saps and rope. The three crew members, in the focsle, were asleep. A slight bash on the noggin' of each would keep them that way for a time. Each was trussed hand and foot and carried on deck.

"Keep it quiet lads." Whispered Dublin. The Captain might not be as careless. They found him asleep in his bunk, snoring like a bull frog.

Dublin shook him awake with a shove, 'Get up lad, we have come to take your ship."



### Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

On Saturday, November 4, 2023, the LAOH is having our annual fundraising luncheon at the Buffalo Irish Center. Tickets are \$25 per person and include:

- Buffet lunch catered by Tom Gang
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"Who are you?" the sleepy skipper said, "What do you mean take my ship? Are you daft lad? The coppers will chase you until perdition freezes to recover the craft."

"Perhaps," said Dublin. "Now put your hands out so we can tie them securely. We will leave you and your crew on the docks for the morning watch to recover."

Dublin and his lads carried the unconscious crew to the docks and left them there in a pile of limbs.

"Jimmy lad, would you be after raising the anchor?" said Dublin, now the skipper of the craft.

"Leary, you and Billy climb aloft and unfurl the sails."

Dublin himself pushed off from the docks with a gaff hook-pole and tugged on the sheets as each sail became free. "Mercedes" drifted into the harbor.





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While the lads tautened the sheets and set the sails, Dublin maneuvered the helm to steer the craft, through the sea wall cut, and out into the Lake. It was a soft night, with a gentle breeze. The purloined craft caught the wind and sailed south along the Lake Shore.

At the Smoke's Creek inlet, they nudged the craft into the small creek and tied her up to a few trees along the bank. Then, they cut some large brush and covered the inlet entrance. They would be safe here for a few days.

Let's "borrow" a wagon from a nearby farm and make our way back to "The Beach" said Dublin. "We can borrow some paint tomorrow, from Gengler's Paint Store, and come back to paint over this fine ship in the next few days."

And, so it happened. The frightening apparition, of a glistening black pirate ship, would terrorize the coastal towns of southern Ontario for the next few years, liberating cargoes and valuables from town residents and small sloops. The name ANNIE was emblazoned in white letters across the stern transom. The purloined goods were usually later offloaded in the inlet area that would later become Bouquard's small boat harbor. It would be stored in various shacks, taverns and businesses along the beach, and then sold at great discount to the local populace.

In the unloading, the goods often had to be handed over the fenced area around the cove. The process of loading and storing stolen goods soon was called "fencing" and the person handling it a "fence." It was the second story of these businesses that held the real treasure. Like a

latter-day Ali Baba's Cave, there could be found there an eclectic array of mercantile goods that had "fallen off" many of the cargo-laden ships and commercial vessels in Buffalo's busy Lake Erie harbor. Other goods were "shaken" from the rail cars as they sped by the yards. If you needed anything from bolts of cloth, to firearms and metal ware, you could probably find it amongst the darkened rows of goods piled up in a tavern or business's second story.

After a time, the Annie was captured. Her crew were made guests of the government. Their exploits proved to be just one of the more colorful adventures of the "Beachers."



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*By Joyce Burke*

Hello from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians/LAOH, Queen Maeve Division 1 Erie County! It's been a busy and fruitful summer. We enjoyed tabling at the Buffalo Irish Fest and congratulate our "salad bowl" winners Tara Moran and Charles Roberts. A big thank you to all who donated lottery tickets, gift cards, money basket, etc., thank you to Patty Parker for putting it together, and thanks to our AOH counterpart for the use of their tent! Thank you to Bev, Terry and Kathleen who worked on Friday in the heat, setting up and selling. Thanks to our ladies Peggy, Bev, Kate, Mary, Melissa and Terry who worked through the rain on Saturday. Thanks to Kath, Sharon, Rita, Siobhan & Family who worked on Sunday, our final festival day with finally glorious weather. And a special thanks to all of you who visited our booth to support us, allowing us to raise over \$1000, a new record, which will in turn be donated this fall



to a variety of wonderful local organizations who appreciate every dollar.

Summer is convention time for LAOH, alternating between state and national conventions. This year our Rochester sisters hosted the NYS convention at RIT and it was a grand success. Donating to charity is a big part of LAOH as all levels, and we are happy to report that our local Delavan Food Pantry was one of this year's grant recipients, along with other worthy small organizations throughout the state. We hope you all will continue to support the charities of your choice with your time and treasure.

Rolling into Fall, we have changed our meeting day to the fourth Tuesday of each month, so happy that the Buffalo Irish Center is able to expand its weekday service. If you are interested in learning more about LAOH, we would love to have you join us for an evening of comradery, prayer and agenda items, including my favorite Irish History segment. We start arriving at 6:30pm to meet, greet, and support the Irish Center kitchen, then move to the Claddagh room at 7pm to officially begin. A big topic each Fall is our annual Fall Luncheon fundraiser, this year on Saturday 11/4. To attend, ask any LAOH member or email [j5burkes@verizon.net](mailto:j5burkes@verizon.net) for ticket information. Yours in our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity – here's to a bountiful Fall!



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