

# IOWA WELSH SOCIETY



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## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE ST. DAVID'S DAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

PELLA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IN PELLA, IOWA

**“COME DIG INTO YOUR WELSH ROOTS” WITH  
GUEST SPEAKER RENEE CUE FROM THE IOWA  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.**

## ST. DAVID'S DAY BANQUET

*DYDD GWYL DEWI BANQUET*



The Iowa  
Welsh Society  
invites its  
members and  
non-members  
to celebrate  
the life of our  
patron saint,  
St. David at

our annual banquet and meeting  
on Sunday March 9, 2020.  
Richard Phillips will again be  
hosting the Iowa Welsh Society at  
the Pella Golf & Country Club  
located at 600 Elm St, Pella, Iowa.  
The Club phone number is (641)  
628-4564. A reservation form is at  
the end of this newsletter. Please  
register by February 26, 2020.

**Note:** Board members plan to  
attend the board meeting at  
11:30 CDT. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

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PURPOSE OF THE IOWA  
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FOSTER INTEREST IN THE  
CULTURE, HISTORY AND  
LANGUAGE OF WALES.....

Afternoon activities will  
include time to get to know one  
another. Our speaker will be  
Renee Cue of the Iowa  
Genealogical Society. She will  
provide information and  
resources to help you “Dig into”  
your Welsh roots. Also we’ll hear  
various updates regarding the  
Welsh in America and abroad.  
You are encouraged to be  
prepared to share interesting  
stories from your family’s Welsh  
heritage.

### CURRENT OFFICERS BOARD MEMBERS

#### President

Margaret Patterson

#### Vice President

AdaMae Lewis

#### Treasurer

Jenifer Mercer-Klimowski

#### Membership Chair

Sharon Rees

#### Secretary

Wendy Knowles

#### Historian

Ruth Hall

#### Webmaster

Danny Davis

#### Venue Organizer

Richard Phillips

#### Resources/Websites:

[iowawelshsociety.org](http://iowawelshsociety.org)

#### Facebook Pages:

Iowa Welsh Society and  
Dragon, Leek and  
Daffodils of SE Iowa

#### Ninnau Newspaper:

<http://www.ninnau.com>

### SPRING FORWARD

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS  
EARLY SUNDAY, MARCH 8.**

## FALL MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2019

On October 9, 2019 nearly 60 Iowa Welsh Society members and guests gathered at the United Presbyterian Church Education Building in Columbus Junction, Iowa. In spite of a downpour of rain which could have dampened spirits, those in attendance spent time getting to know each other. Prior to the afternoon's program, a variety of Welsh foods were served buffet style, including Welsh tea cakes, scones, Welsh cheeses, Welsh cockle pie, Welsh teas as well as platters of veggies, and meats & cheeses for sandwiches. Special thank you to many who helped prepare and serve the meal. Because of the adverse weather, the agenda for the rest of the afternoon was changed. Plans had been in place to travel out to the Welsh churches in the Long Creek Community and a stop at the Cambrian Cemetery. Everyone stayed dry indoors and enjoyed singing including the Welsh hymn, Babel (the traditional Welsh Resurrection hymn). Kevin Morgan, Sharon Rees, and Scott Davis prepared and shared information about the involvement of Welsh from the Long Creek Community who served in armed forces during wars/conflicts. Their research included civil war veterans, those who served in WWI and WWII as well as more recent service in the military. Four Welsh family histories/stories were presented including those from the David D. Davis family, Daniel Peters family, Lewis Pugh family, and John A Rees family. All presenters were descendants of early Welsh settlers to the Long Creek Welsh Community. Thank you Donna Brun, Ruth Van Auken, Dick Fullerton, Jill Cecil, and Ivan Arthur. At the conclusion of the time together, it was agreed that "we need to do this more often."

## IOWA WELSH SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Several new folks joined the Iowa Welsh Society prior to or at the October meeting. Other new members have joined the IWS family and were added to our full list of members for 2020. Dues for 2020 came due on January 1. See form below if you still need to submit your 2020 dues. *Croeso, Cmyry.* (Welcome, Welsh descendants).

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## FUTURE EVENTS

**Saturday, March 7** please join area Welsh and those who love a Celtic celebration at the annual St. David's Parade in Columbus Junction, Iowa. Parade begins under the viaduct at 1 pm and makes its way to the American Legion for a Welsh feast, singing and honoring of the 100% Welsh. Bring your banners highlighting your Welsh heritage. Did you see the related article "One Wale of a Good Time" written by Angela Gevock in the Feb/Mar edition of "Our Iowa" magazine? St David, the patron saint of Wales, influenced Celtic Christians. Welsh celebrations are held around the world around the date of his death on March 1, 589 A.D.

**Saturday, March 14** the Welsh band *Calan* will be at Franklin Jr High School in Des Moines. Calan is on a mission to prove that traditional music, based on folklore and taught and performed through the generations, actually does "rock." Performances in Australia, China, US and UK promotes their album "Solomon". For ticket info, go to [www.the.cma.org](http://www.the.cma.org). The Celtic Music Assn brings this and other Celtic groups to Iowa.

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SOCIETY IS TO ENCOURAGE  
FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN  
PEOPLE OF WELSH DESCENT  
AND THOSE INTERESTED IN  
WALES AND WELSH LIFE....

**NAFOW News:** The 2020 North American Festival of Wales will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dates of this year's event are Thursday, September 3 through Sunday, September 6, 2020. Details can be found at the website <http://thewnaa.org/index.html>. If you have never attended the North American Festival of Wales, this will be your year to plan to attend. Philadelphia promises to roll out the red carpet for the Welsh of North America and those from all over the world. Be sure to go to the website listed above for detailed information. Festival registration opened just now in February.

***NINNAU*** means "US" and is the North American Welsh Newspaper. If you are not receiving this publication, you are missing out on Welsh updates of events happening throughout North America, Wales and various places around the world. Do you follow the Welsh Rugby team? You'll find updates in the *Ninnau*. Do you want to know about learning the Welsh language? *Ninnau* provides information about Welsh language courses and fun word games. Don't miss out on future issues. Order an e-mail subscription or paper copies today by sending an email to [ninnaupublications@gmail.com](mailto:ninnaupublications@gmail.com).

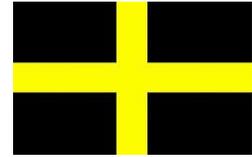
Recently *Ninnau* published the following: "Attracting and Retaining Members" which was the title of an acceptance speech by our own Iowa IWS member, AdaMae Lewis. She was awarded the coveted NAWF Heritage Medallion in 2015 at that year's NAFOW festival. Her thoughts and passion for Welsh Societies membership included the following statements. "Organizations must communicate with, bond with, and engage members to be successful. Organizations needs to communicate by digital and print media to get the word out about upcoming events. Set up Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, online-discussion forums, websites, and membership email lists for last-minute notices. These are methods many people use daily, and so all organizations must use these methods. The Welsh organizations I've worked with are more successful it they focus on how they show value to their members. But you need to engage members so they feel ownership of the organization. Two great ways to engage are listening to their input and encouraging them to volunteer."

Added thoughts: So, as members of the Iowa Welsh Society, share ideas for future events by staying in touch with other members (or potential members) through conversations, emails, social media, etc. If you'd like, send ideas to our current president, Margaret Patterson, at 319 541-2876 or email at [mepattic@aol.com](mailto:mepattic@aol.com). We'd love to hear from you.

THE PURPOSE OF THE  
SOCIETY IS TO PRESERVE THE  
HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN-  
WELSH IN IOWA AND TO  
ESTABLISH CONNECTIONS  
WITH OTHER WELSH-  
AMERICAN  
ORGANIZATIONS.

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## 2020 St. David's Day Celebration



## RESERVATION FORM

**Sunday March 8, 2020**

**Banquet begins at 12:30 pm**

**Pella Golf and Country Club**

**600 Elm Street, Pella, Iowa 50219**

**(641)628-4564**

**Number of Persons Attending** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$20.00 = Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetarian / Vegan / Other Meal. Please specify any dietary needs**

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IOWA WELSH SOCIETY**

**MAIL CHECK AND THIS FORM TO:**

**Richard Phillips c/o Pella Golf and Country Club, 600 Elm Street, Pella, Iowa 50219**

**Questions? Contact Margaret Patterson (319) 541-2876 or [mepattic@aol.com](mailto:mepattic@aol.com)**

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BEGINS EARLY SUNDAY MORNING ON MARCH 8 !!**



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## Membership form for year 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Annual membership is \$15 for individual or family  
Membership runs from January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip Code

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

For electronic delivery of newsletter, meeting updates/cancellation notices

New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Welsh origins: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues payable to: **Iowa Welsh Society**

*Please mail this form and your check to:*

*Sharon Rees*

*2801 Hwy 6 E Lot 350*

*Iowa City, IA 52240*

For office use only:

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_