Dear Members:

As we approach the end of our Season, thanks to all the volunteers that keep the United Irish a healthy and happy organization. We hope you all enjoy a Happy Easter and safe return to your northern residences.

Please don’t forget our Annual Picnic, April 8th, at the Landings. Call Kathy Weigel at 716-882-1702 for reservations.

Anyone interested in being the Chairperson for the May 5th Kentucky Derby Party, please call Ruthann McAfee and let her know. If no Chairperson, no event.

Elections for next year are complete with the following results: New Directors -- Joe Nolan, Mike Faherty, Richard Shine and Frances Wright. Ginny Dougherty remains as the fifth Director. Sondra Seamon is the new Vice President. President, Secretary and Treasurer remain Pete, Ruthann and Bill.

A special thanks to the devoted 14 volunteers that put together the St Patrick’s Day float and manned it during the parade. Rumor has it that Frances Wright was seen running alongside the float. Had to be quite a scene.

Colleen Kelly provided our entertainment at the March Membership Meeting and there was much member participation -- singing, dancing and movements that require coordination if not censure.

Have a happy and healthy Summer.

Pete Minogue, President

Although Tom Sheehan won’t look like our guy depicted here, he’d like to invite you to the UISWF Annual Picnic!

Hosted by Tom & Bev Sheehan

2:00 P.M. April 8th at “The Landings”

$15.00 will provide all food, drink, and the entertainment of Tommy Barr.

Call Kathy Weigel at 716-882-1702 for more info and reservations.

Please don’t arrive before 2:00 - the guards don’t like it!
Debra Hicks wasn’t a bit afraid to check out the Leprechaun’s lost sock. And she’s happy she did! Come to the April meeting and maybe you’ll be the Leprechaun’s next “lucky” victim to touch his dirty underwear.

All General Meetings are held at
RON DAO’S PIZZARIA AND SPORTS BAR
15320 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33908
(239) 481-1882
Elections for Board Members and the Executive Committee took place by acclimation at the March meeting. The slate for the upcoming year/season is as follows:

**Officers:**
Pete Minogue, President
Sondra Seamon, Vice-President
Bill McAfee, Treasurer
Ruth Ann McAfee, Secretary.

**Board of Directors:**
Frances Wright (2019)
Richard Shine, (2020)
Michael Faherty (2021)
Joe Nolan, (2021)

The remaining Board Member, Ginny Dougherty, will stay in place until 2020. All positions were accepted by a show of hands.

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**We Couldn't Do It Without You!**

A Very Special Thanks to Our New Patrons:

James and Gerri McCarthy

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**Officers of UISWFLA**

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**Happy Birthday To You Good Eggs!**

Cheryl Bauer
John Carlson
Ed Deacy
Jim Dempsey
Christine Eberhard
Carol Giuffre

Ruth Ann McAfee
Karen Monahan
John Mooney
Rich Omiecinski
Shirley Schweers
Richard Shine

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Please put Ray Wilton in your prayers. He could really use your prayers and best wishes to help preserve his strength at this time. If you would like to send him a card with well wishes, his address is:

11541 Caraway Lane, #189
Fort Myers, FL 33908.
General Membership Meeting
March 20, 2018

The General Membership Meeting of the United Irish of SW Florida was brought to order at 7:05 P.M. at Ron Dao’s on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 by President, Pete Minogue. Members of the Executive Committee present were Pete Minogue, Bill McAfee and Ruth Ann McAfee. Board members present were Eileen Gallagher, Ginny Dougherty, Frances Wright and Joan Moskal. There were 52 members present.

Mr. Minogue announced the new members who were present, Paul and Sue Cotter; Tim and Claire Merriman; and Sean and Mona Burke. Guests were present, however the secretary did not get their names.

First order of business was the elections. As there was no conflict for positions an election by acclamation was held and all members approved of the new slate of officers and the executive committee.

The minutes were not read citing that they are in the club’s newsletter for all to read at their leisure.

Bill McAfee gave a condensed Treasurer’s report stating we had a balance of $8,142.08 in the bank.

Joan Moskal gave the membership report stating that we had 6 new members (3 couples) many of them as a result of the Cape Coral Irish festival.

Pete stated that in the coming year/season we will need volunteers for chairmen for the Membership Committee and the 50/50.

Christine Eberhard reported on the Cahal Dunne event, stating that the event had been sold out and netted $______.

Ruth Ann McAfee thanked the few members that came to help decorate and participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade. She thanked those who made contributions, one being Bill Vernay for the loan of his trailer for the float; and Jimmy Rogers and Joe Nolan for commandeering the truck, trailer and music.

In Tom Sheehan’s absence Dale Livingston reiterated the details of the up-coming picnic, and stated that Kathy Weigel was the person to call for reservations. Members only!

The Lecherous Leprechaun’s other dirty sock was presented to Debbie Hicks and she did not hesitate to find the Leprechaun’s gift inside.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M. and everyone was treated to the entertainment of Colleen Kelly.

The 50/50 was drawn at 8:15 P.M. and first prize of $55.00 was won by Mona Burke; second prize of $25.00 won by Christine Eberhard.
**United Irish of Southwest Florida, Inc.**
**Membership And Renewal Form**

Name ______________________________ Spouse _________________________

Date(s) of birth (year optional) _______________          ________________

Florida Address __________________________ City________________ Zip ___________

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Membership Type: Single ($15) _______ Family ($25) ________ Business ($50) _________

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Return completed form and dues to: UISWF Membership Chairman
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