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February 2023

Dear Members,

Our club has been very welcome at The Snapper's Comedy Club. Snappers meets all our needs: location; meetings; and all our social functions. Thanks to our Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe for her work to get a club banner produced that will be placed permanently at the Comedy Club. This at the suggestion of Snapper's owner, Mr. Basta.

Thanks for the big turnout at our January meeting. As usual the Entertainment by Harry Boyle was excellent, also I must thank Jim Dempsey for donating his 50/50 winnings back to our club.

Please support our Hooley February 5th as it promises to be a wonderful day for food, music and dancing to the great Harry Boyle. Bring a friend along, they will not be disappointed.

Just a reminder have you paid your 2023 membership?
Happy Valentine's Day, and see you all at the Hooley!

Mike Faherty
President

United Irish of Southwest Florida Hooley in the Kitchen! Sunday, February 5, 2023

\$35.00
Corned Beef Dinner
Open Cash Bar

With Harry Boyle

Doors open: 1:30pm
Harry: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Snappers Laugh In Comedy Café
8595 College Parkway, Suite 270
Fort Myers, FL 33913

For reservations:
Mike Faherty - 203-640-8927
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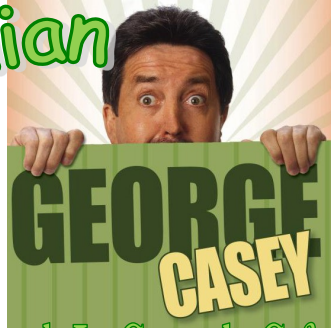


January Meeting





**Hilariously Funny!
Irish Comedian**
Only \$20.00!



Snappers Laugh In Comedy Café

8595 College Parkway

Fort Myers, FL 33913

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Performance: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Open for Dinner: 5:30pm

Open Cash Bar

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/5/23	Hooley in the Kitchen
2/13/23	General Membership Mtg.
3/7/23	Comedy Night-George Casey
3/11/23	Naples St. Patrick Parade
3/13/23	General Membership Mtg.
3/17/23	St. Patrick's Day
4/2/23	Annual Picnic
4/10/23	General Membership Mtg.

All General Meetings are held at Snappers Laugh In Comedy Café 8595 College Parkway, Suite 270 Fort Myers, FL 33913 (239) 479-5233 Meetings at 7:00 P.M. Come at 5:30 for food & drink!



Elections for Board Members whose terms have expired, and the Executive Committee whose terms expire every year will be held at the March meeting. Nominations for those positions are open from now until the elections. However, the formal nominations will be held at the February meeting.

At this time our Election Chairperson, James Wright 631-671-1035 or email jmw217@aol.com is compiling a list of individuals interested in a position on either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. Please, if you are, or if you know someone who is interested in one of these positions, please contact our Chairperson, James Wright

631-671-1035 or email jmw217@aol.com .

The positions for election which are coming up for the Executive Committee are: President, Mike Faherty; Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe; Treasurer, Bill McAfee; and Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee.

We have one position on the Board open.

We respect and appreciate your considering a position of leadership for the opportunity to assist our Club.



Member Updates


Welcome

**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS:
IF YOU GET A CHANCE,
BE SURE TO BID THEM
WELCOME!**

**LAWRENCE &
EILEEN SIMS**

*WE COULDN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOU!*
A Very Special Thanks
to Our New Patrons:

Lawrence & Eileen Sims
Debbie Sumner



Happy Birthday!
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Patrick Garrity
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United Irish of Southwest Florida
General Membership Meeting
January 9, 2023

Executive Committee present: President, Mike Faherty; Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe; Treasurer, Bill McAfee; and Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee. Board Members present: Joe Nolan; Tom Sheehan and Membership Chairman, Anne Marie Farrell.

The meeting was drawn to order with 40 members at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mike Faherty, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

First order of business was the Secretary's report in which Ruth Ann McAfee stated the January Newsletter were delayed due to the printer being closed for the holidays in addition to there being no minutes for the December meeting since we did not have a quorum in December thus no meeting.

Second order of business was the Treasurer's report in which Bill McAfee stated January's beginning balance was \$5,781.15. After a deposit for membership fees of \$70.00 and expense of \$50.50 for printing the newsletter, our balance is presently \$5,801.65.

Membership was the next order of business. Anne Marie Farrell stated the present membership stands at 102 members. Anne also stated that last year at this time we had 137 members. Thus, Anne Marie made a plea to the membership to encourage them if they know anyone that has not renewed please talk to them and try to get them back to the club.

Discussion of the Caloosahatchee Irish Festival, coming up on January 27th and 28th concluded with the Board encouraging all to attend, giving the details of hours of operation and cost of entry.

Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe, gave a synopsis of the plan for a banner that, at the request and approval of Mr. Basta of Snapper's, will be posted in Snapper's to identify that venue as our club's "home". In addition, Kathy stated that she is still working on getting t-shirts printed with our logo to be worn for the Naples St. Patrick's Day parade.

Ms. McAuliffe followed up with a plea to the membership for Board members. We are currently short a Board member. Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee, continued the plea for a new Board member stating that serving on the Board is more fun than work. While Ms. McAfee was speaking, an attendee, Laretta Dustin, volunteered for the Board position. Welcome, Laretta!!

Mr. Faherty explained that Mr. Basta of Snapper's Comedy Club has volunteered to make Snapper's the Club's home. This suggestion was met with approval from the membership.

Joe Nolan announced that he is selling admission to the Hooley and the George Casey Comedy Night. Members were requested to see Joe through the night to make their reservations for these events.

Tom Sheehan stated that there is only one criterion for being a member of this Board . . . they should be breathing. In follow-up, Tom provided details of the planned annual picnic on April 2nd at the Landings' Picnic Pointe. In addition, Tom stated that we will be providing hamburgers/cheeseburger and hotdogs along with accompanying buns, lettuce, etc. but will rely on "pot luck" for any salads, desserts, etc. Also, the picnic will be BYOB for beverages.

Mr. Faherty outlined the up-coming events, expanding on the talent of George Casey whose performance is scheduled for March 7th. In addition, Mike talked about having an afternoon event at the Tiki Hut in Cape Coral sometime in March. Details will be forthcoming for that event. Also, plans are in the works for a Whiskey Tasting which would be held at Snappers. Again, details are being worked out for that event.

The 50/50 was drawn and member, Jim Dempsey won the drawing, kindly returning the money to the Club. Thanks Jim!!

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m., and the floor was turned over to Harry Boyle, keeping the dance floor filled all night.

If you haven't, please renew! Membership dues for 2022/2023 season:

Single	\$15.00
Couple/Family	\$25.00
Business	\$50.00
* Patron	\$10.00

(Patron money helps to cover the club's operating costs)

If you want to know what's going on in the club check out our website at:
<http://www.unitedirishofswflorida.com/events>

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