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May 2023

Dear Members,

Thanks to all our Members and Friends who supported our many events this season, a very successful year for our club with membership surpassing the 150 mark.

We had a very busy month of March starting with George Casey's sold out comedy show. My thanks to Joe Nolan for all his help. Thanks to Tommy Barr for providing the entertainment at our March membership meeting. We had a wonderful afternoon of entertainment by Bart Cournane at The Tiki Hut on March 15th. The only down side: we went home hungry.

Our Annual picnic was held at the usual place, The Landings, on April 2nd with Tom Sheehan and his Committee being our gracious hosts. The food was delicious and great entertainment by Tommy Barr. My Thanks to Tom Sheehan for all his work and he tells me we are booked for next year.

No rest for the Irish, the following evening we had The Byrne Bros. concert. This was by far the biggest name entertainment we have had so far and they did not disappoint the large crowd. My thanks to Kathy McAuliffe and Joe Nolan for making the evening a big success.

Our season came to a close with Bart Cournane providing the entertainment at our April membership meeting. Thank you Bart.

I'd just like to say thanks to our Directors and Officers for this past year. It has been a pleasure working with you all. Looking forward to working with you next year. I will be spending the month of July in Ireland brushing up on my Irish Accent.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer see you in September.

Mike Faherty
President



Please Note
New Address

Apology: This Secretary/Editor/Photographer apologizes for not having photos of our last 2 events. The camera disc became “corrupt” before the pictures could be downloaded. But, as appeasement, here’s something to surely sweeten your mood:

“FIFTEENS” are a type of tray bake from Ulster, N. Ireland. The recipe's name derives from the fact that it is typically made with 15 digestive biscuits, 15 marshmallows and 15 glacé cherries, which are combined with condensed milk and desiccated coconut.

The delicacy is traditionally offered with other tray bakes, buns or biscuits and is commonly enjoyed with a cup of tea. Fifteens are seldom found outside Northern Ireland and County Donegal. They can be found in most coffee shops.

INGREDIENTS

15 digestive biscuits

15 marshmallows

15 glacé cherries, cut in half

about 200ml condensed milk

100g desiccated coconut, to coat

DIRECTIONS

STEP 1

Crush the digestive biscuits in a food processor or in a plastic bag with a rolling pin, then put them in a large mixing bowl. Chop each marshmallow into 4 pieces and add to the bowl with the cherries and 175ml condensed milk. Mix until the ingredients are well combined and you have a sticky mixture. If it’s too dry, add a splash more condensed milk.

STEP 2

Sprinkle most of the coconut over a large piece of cling film (or foil). Tip the mixture onto the coconut and shape into a long sausage, about 30 x 5cm. Sprinkle more coconut over the top of it and wrap the cling film tightly around, twisting the ends together. Leave in the fridge to chill for 4-6 hrs, then cut into 15 slices and serve. Will keep in the fridge for up to 1 week wrapped in cling film.





Summer Birthdays!



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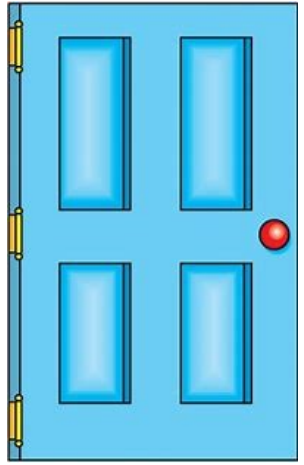
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Little known fact: Before the crowbar was invented crows simply drank at home.



I was in a band called the "Hinges". We opened for the doors.



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<http://www.unitedirishofswflorida.com/events>

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Come at 5:30 for food & drink!

This Secretary broke her wrist, thus cannot type April Meeting Minutes. Here's the March minutes to refresh your memory.

United Irish of Southwest Florida General Membership Meeting March 13, 2023

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

The meeting was drawn to order with 43 members at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mike Faherty, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Mr. Faherty opened with remarks on the George Casey Comedy event which was very well attended and appreciated by the attendees. Kudos were conveyed to Snappers for hosting the event as well as selling tickets for us, and to members who worked to make the evening a success. Debbie Nelson, a non-member from Cape Coral, was given special thanks for selling tickets and arranging transportation by bus for several people to attend this event.

Mr. Faherty asked if there were any new members present. Ginny Parsons, from Buffalo New York, introduced herself. We had one guest, Debbie from Cleveland Ohio.

New Business-Executive Reports:

Ruth Ann was asked for a Secretary's report. Ruth Ann made a request for a motion to accept the February minutes which were posted in the March Newsletter. Patrick Garvey made the motion and it was seconded by Tom Sheehan.

Joe Nolan was asked to give the details of the next event, which is the Tiki Hut lunch on March 15th. Bart Cournane will be the entertainment for that event. All were encouraged to attend.

Next, Tom Sheehan was asked to give information on the Picnic, scheduled for April 2nd. Mr. Sheehan gave membership the details which included the price for admission, time, place, food, and entertainment that would be provided.

Treasurer, Bill McAfee was asked for his report of income and expenses. Bill provided details and concluded his report with a positive balance of \$5,487.63 as of March 13th, the date of this meeting.

Membership Chairman, Anne Marie Farrell was asked for her membership report. Anne Marie thanked those members that have returned from last year and stated we currently have approximately 140 members. Ms. Farrell stated her goal is to get 150 members by the end of the season, and encouraged those members present to please return for next season so we can keep having the events we have had this past season.

Mr. Faherty gave further details on the next large event coming up, the Byrne Brothers in concert on April 3rd.

Our new Board Member, Lauretta Dustin, was introduced and was greeted with much appreciation.

Mike introduced Dan McAuliffe and James Wright, our election chairmen, and asked for them to proceed with announcements regarding the election. The Executive Committee, as is, have agreed to serve in their respective roles for another year, and thus were elected by acclamation. We had one seat available for the Board of Directors and Pat Long has agreed to serve in that seat for 2 years as our new Board member. Chairman of the Board, Joe Nolan, has agreed to continue for 3 years; Lauretta Dustin will continue for 15 years (actually only 2); Tom Sheehan will continue for 1 year; and Anne Marie Farrell has agreed to continue for 3 years. The vote for affirmation was requested from the membership and granted. The election was completed with no paper ballots needed.

With all business completed, the meeting was drawn to a close at 7:45 P.M.

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