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November 2023

Dear Members,

We had a very nice turnout for our October meeting. Thanks to Bart Cournane for the lovely entertainment. It was also Bart's lucky night since he won our 50/50.

Looking to the future, everything is in place for Christmas dinner/dance on Sunday afternoon, December 10th. Harry Boyle will be the entertainment. We also have our wonderful Irish entertainer, Cahal Dunne under contract for a performance on Sunday afternoon February 4th. Both of these events will be at The Comedy Club.

Hopefully more snowbirds have returned to Sunny Florida and we're hoping to see you all at our monthly meeting, Monday November 13th. We will be entertained by the great Harry Boyle.

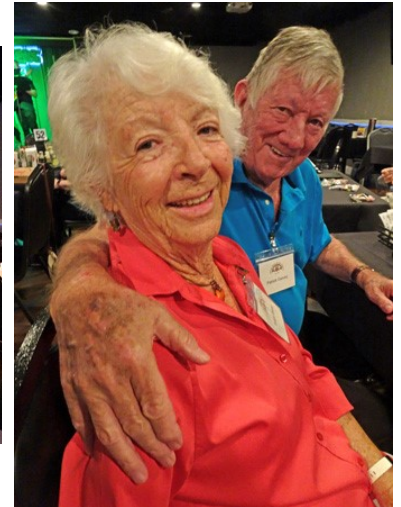
*Stay Safe,
Mike Faherty
President*

Dust off those dancin' shoes, put on your "greens" and come to the United Irish November meeting. It will be at our usual venue, Snapper's Comedy Club, 8595 College Parkway, Suite 270, Fort Myers, on Monday, November 13th. The short meeting will kick off at 7:00 P.M. and then the night will be turned over to Harry and his many dance-loving fans. Bring your own snacks, pizza or whatever you want to munch on because the bar's open!!

See you there!!!



October Meeting



Member Updates

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

Joseph & Ann Callaghan
Kathleen Chambers
Mike & Ann Faherty
Frank & Anne Marie Farrell
Judy Farrell
Patrick & Siobahn Flynn
Pat & Bridget Garvey
Joe & Crystal Gazdik
John & Joyce Harrahy
Jack & Pat Long
Patricia Lowry
Mary Ellen Moyles
Joe & Lorraine Nolan
Brian &
Geraldine O'Callaghan

Happy Birthday Lil' Pumpkins!

Joe Callaghan
Charlene Conway
Dianne Hester
John Lee
Phil McManus
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Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Doors Open: 1:00 P.M.

Music: 2:00-5:00 P.M.

With Harry Boyle!

Roasted Turkey, Honey-Bourbon-Glazed Ham, Irish Green Beans with Baby Potatoes and dessert w Cash Bar.

Reservations:

Anne Marie Farrell - 703-725-3891

Kathy McAuliffe - 703-728-9070

Joe Nolan - 516-263-5439

snapperslaughin@gmail.com

\$40.00



11/13	General Meeting
12/10	Christmas Party
1/8/24	General Meeting
1/27 & 28/24	Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival
2/4/24	Cahal Dunne
2/12/24	General Meeting
3/3/24	Corned Beef Dinner-Hooley
3/11/24	General Meeting
3/17/24	St. Patrick's Day
3/24/24	Club Picnic
4/8/24	General Meeting

All General Meetings are held at
Snappers Comedy Club
 8595 College Parkway, Suite 270
 Fort Myers, FL 33913
 (239) 479-5233
 Meetings at 7:00 P.M.

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**United Irish of Southwest Florida
General Membership Meeting
October 9, 2023**

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

The meeting was drawn to order with 27 members at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mike Faherty, followed by Joe Nolan leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Mike thanked the Comedy Club for making accommodations for our meetings and events.

Secretary, Ruth Ann had nothing to report but asked membership for information if they have anything they would like to share for publication.

Treasurers report from Bill McAfee: We are moving our account from Bank of America to Chase Bank, thus we have a balance in Bank of America of \$3,375.32; and a balance at Chase Bank of \$2,500.00 bringing our total to \$5,875.32.

Membership Chairman, Anne Marie, stated we had 150 members by close of season last year. She further stated that this year we would like to have 200 members. In addition, Anne Marie stated that we will be placing signup sheets at all the meet-

ings to gather names and contact information from those members that would like to help at our events.

Kathy McAuliffe gave an account of the Club shirt and jacket order process. She agreed to contact the provider to find out if they can do sweatshirts at the request of members. In addition, Kathy informed the membership that she has provided name tags for current members and will be making new tags for new members as they join. Kathy also announced the Byrne Brothers are sponsoring a tour to Ireland next year. And finally, Kathy announced that Macgregor's Family Pub has opened in Bell Towers.

Mike introduced the new member present at the meeting, Kathy, originally from New Haven, Connecticut.

Chairman, Joe Nolan asked for a hand of applause for Anne Marie and Kathy for all the hard work they put into our Club.

Mike gave a rundown on our season's events including the Christmas Party, Cahal Dunne, The Hooley, the picnic, and at least one day in March we'll have an Irish event at the Tiki Hut in Cape Coral. Mike mentioned the Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival in downtown Fort Myers in January and we need volunteers to man the table at that festival.

Mike closed the meeting with a request to please tip the staff at Snappers.

Motion to adjourn, Dan McAuliffe, seconded by Patrick Garvey.

The Membership Chairman is thankful to all the members who have renewed, with a special thanks to those who became Patrons. Thank you all very much!! Please be aware that our club dues are the same as 18 years ago when the United Irish was established. We don't believe there is any club or association whose dues have not increased. We are not going to raise our dues even though club expenses have indeed increased. The dues are still the same, and were due on September 1st.

Membership dues for 2023/2024 season:

- Single \$15.00
- Couple/Family \$25.00
- Business \$50.00 (Please include a business card)
- *Patron \$10.00

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

Send your renewal notice and check to:

Membership Chairman, 12901 McGregor Blvd, Ste. 20-112, Fort Myers, FL 33919

What do you call a bullet-proof Irishman?

Rick O'Shea

Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall.

He was a terrible King but he made a great ruler.

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