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March 2024



Dear Members,

A sincere thank you to all who came out and supported the Cahal Dunne Concert. As usual, Cahal did not disappoint us. It was a great afternoon of music and songs.

We have a very busy schedule for March, starting with our Hooley and Corned Beef dinner on Sunday, March 3rd. We need your support for this event as the Comedy Club needs a certain number to make it successful. All other events are included in our Calendar in this newsletter.

Just a gentle reminder: have you renewed your membership? For our Club to be successful we need members.

Happy St Patrick's Day, hope to see you all at the Hooley.

*Mike Faherty,
President*



With Bart Coummane

United Irish of Southwest Florida Hooley in the Kitchen!

Sponsored by Donal Dowling

Sunday, March 3, 2024



Snappers Comedy Club
8595 College Parkway, Suite 270
Fort Myers, FL 33913

For reservations:
Mike Faherty - 203-640-8927
Joe Nolan - 516-263-5439

Anne Marie Farrell - 703-725-3891

Send Check to: UISWFL, 12901 McGregor Blvd. Ste. 20-112, Fort Myers, FL 33919
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\$35.00
Corned Beef Dinner
Open Cash Bar

Doors Open: 1:30pm
Bart: 2:00pm - 5:00pm



Or go to:

Cahal Dunne





Member Updates

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

-
- Bill & Ellen Willson
 - Michael & Carol Mikos
 - Philip & Eileen
 - McManus & Sons

Happy Birthday!

- Joan "Bunny" Butler*
- Pat Dempsey*
- Patrick Flynn*
- Peter Gallagher*
- Joe Gazdik*
- John Harnahy*
- Chris Kelsius*
- Anne McKenna*
- Bernie McLoughlin*
- Pete Minoque*
- Elaine Smith*
- Michael Suozzi*
- Mary McTague*

UPcoming EVENTS

3/3/24	Corned Beef Dinner-Hooley
3/11/24	General Meeting-Colleen Kelly
3/13/24	Irish Day at Tiki Hut-Bart Cournane
3/17/24	St. Patrick's Day
3/24/24	Club Picnic-Tommy Barr
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.

**The main function
of the little toe on your foot
is to make sure that
all the furniture in the house
is in place.**

Welcome

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

- PHILOMENA ANNE GROVE**
- JAKE MONAHAN**
- KEVIN & MARIA ESTER
O'MALLEY**
- DENISE RAFFERTY/FAMILY**

Colleen Kelly is Back!!!

This great performer will be entertaining us and providing us with a fun time at our March meeting. Wear your greens and come and enjoy!!

March 11th Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
 Snappers Comedy Club
 8595 College Parkway, Suite 270
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Oh, and bring your sense of humor!





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

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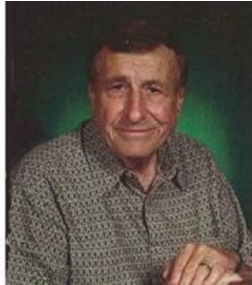


Health & Wellness



Thoughts and prayers for Pat Dempsey who has been in and out of the hospital several times for health issues. Please keep Patricia in

your prayers.



John J. O'Connor Jr., passed away at his residence on Monday, January 29, 2024. He was born in Salem, Massachusetts on March 7, 1934 and was the proud son to Jessie (Crump) and John J. O'Connor Sr. He was 89 years old. John is survived by his daughter Carrie O'Connor;

granddaughter Kelsey O'Connor; many nieces and nephews, his dear friend and companion Sandra Maloney, nephew Bill Moody.

John was a long-time member, and many recall the fun trips to Ireland he planned and organized, and dressing up as St. Patrick and Santa Claus and passing out treats at our meetings. His funeral was in Salem Massachusetts. Cards may be sent to member, Sandra Maloney at 16900 S. Tamiami Trail, #B17, Fort Myers, FL 33908-4509. We will miss John's St. Patty's costume n treats.



"WHAT'S A KNEE LIKE YOURS DOING IN A JOINT LIKE THIS?"

Best wishes and prayers for Anne Marie Farrell for a quick recovery from knee surgery. Guess she won't be dancing for a while?



Please be aware that our club dues are the same as 2005 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 are due on September 1st.

Membership dues for 2018/2019 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)

PLEASE NOTE: A Membership Application with your renewal is requested in order to keep our membership file up-to-date. You will find an application on the back page of this newsletter or in the website: www.unitedirishofswflorida.com. And please do not forget to add your birthday - year not required.

United Irish of Southwest Florida

General Membership Meeting

February 12, 2024

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

The meeting was drawn to order with 41 members at 7:05 P.M. by President, Mike Faherty, followed by Joe Nolan leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

There were 2 new members and 2 guests welcomed at the meeting.

Mr. Faherty voiced his pleasure with the Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival and our participation in it. Mike also expressed his pleasure with the Cahal Dunne concert which was a great success, and indicated his appreciation to Joe Nolan, Anne Marie Farrell and the Comedy Club management and service.

Ruth Ann McAfee, Secretary and Newsletter publisher, was asked to say a few words in which she requested membership to provide any information they would like to have published.

Treasurer, Bill McAfee gave the current account balance of \$7,514.73.

Membership Chairman, Anne Marie Farrell stated we currently have 95 members. Anne Marie also stated she is attempting to reach her self-imposed goal of 150 members and needs membership help to do so. In addition, Anne Marie explained that we have an online system called Zeffy which people can now use to pay for renewing their membership, joining for the first time, or purchasing tickets for any of our events. Anne Marie further explained that the

Zeffy contact can be reached through our website and/or the link published in our newsletter.

Board Chairman, Joe Nolan spoke about the upcoming Hooley (Corned Beef Dinner) and the Irish Day at the Tiki Hut, both coming up in March. Joe promised there would be food at the Tiki Hut this year as opposed to last year when the chef didn't show up.

Mr. Faherty spoke about the events planned in March. He started with the Hooley, and clarified the reason for the price is that the cost of food has gone up along with everything else. Regarding the next event, the Irish Day at the Tiki Hut, Mike explained where it will be held. The Picnic at the end of March was also referenced and Board member, Laretta Dustin, chairman of that event, was asked to say a few words. Laretta also made a push to sell the remaining few t-shirts we have in stock.

Mike described the few events for St. Patrick's Day in the area. Steve McPhillips, President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Fort Myers, was asked to say a few words about the St. Patrick's Day parade in Naples on March 16th. He informed members that if we want to march in that parade we can join them but we would have to register our group.

Mr. Faherty made a plea for a Vice President as a result of Kathy McAuliffe's departure. Member, Phil McManis, was kind enough to volunteer, making the Board and Executive Committee very happy.

Tom Sheehan made a plea for members to offer their prayers for member, Patricia Dempsey, who has been in and out of the hospital. Members said three Hail Marys for her.

The "bad news" from Mike was that we had no entertainment for this evening's meeting. As a result of Harry falling and injuring his back, Tommy Barr coming down with Covid, and Bart Cournane being out of town, we were left without an entertainer. Thus, the meeting was drawn to a close at 7:40.

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