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President's Message



Leadership and the Organization

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful Southern California summer! Over here on the eastern edge of Oceanside we enjoy bright sunshine every day. As a guy who works from home, it is damn difficult to focus! In early August I will leave this paradise for the hot and humid landscape of Philadelphia. I will be attending the 100th anniversary of my grade school and parish, St. Timothy!

With fall just around the corner, there are many things to start thinking about. As our vacations end, we

must get back to the business of leading this organization. The business of brotherhood is easily accomplished with a hand shake and a pint of beer.

The business of organizing the events that bring us together is a much more burdensome endeavor. Are you up for the challenge of continuing the legacy of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick? If the answer is YES, then please help where you can. We are in need of volunteers for the Fall Party at John Mitchell's as well as a coordinator for the Emerald Bash.

We all know some young energetic Irishman around town. Let's work on bringing them into the fold. Their youth and enthusiasm will allow those of you that have carried the heavy load for so long to kick back and enjoy the group.

You have earned it, now enjoy it, gents!

Slainte',

Chip





Mark Your Calendar



AUGUST TO OCTOBER 2011

Aug 5	Fri	11:30AM	Exec BOD Mtg	KoKo Beach
Aug 12	Fri	11:30AM	FSSP Luncheon	Jolly Roger
Aug 16	Tue	4:00PM	17 th of the Month	* Hensley's
Aug 14	Sun	11:00AM	Lunch & Theater	**San Diego
Aug 20	Sat	9:00AM	Shamrocks	Oceanside Cruise
Aug 28	Sun	10:00AM	Open Breakfast	Vista VFW
Sept 2	Fri	11:30AM	Exec BOD Mtg	KoKo Beach
Sept 9	Fri	11:30AM	FSSP Wake & Lunch	***Jolly Roger
Sept 17	Sat	9:00 AM	Shamrocks	TBD
Sept 20	Tue	4:00PM	17 th of the Month	TBD
Sept 25	Sun	10:00AM	Open Breakfast	Vista VFW
Oct 7	Fri	11:30AM	Exec BOD Mtg	KoKo Beach
Oct 9	Sun	2:00PM	Fall Party	John Mitchell's Home
Oct 14	Fri	11:30AM	FSSP Luncheon	Jolly Roger
Oct 15	Sat	9:00AM	Shamrocks	TBD
Oct 18	Tue	4:00PM	17 th of the Month	TBD
Oct 23	Sun	10:00AM	Open Breakfast	Vista VFW

* Hensley's Elephant Bar & Grill located at Hwy 5 and Tamarack, West side of Hwy 5 in Carlsbad. Pizza and Happy Hour at a reduced cost.

**See Flyer, meet at La Costa Park & Ride around 10AM for libations, bus to Lunch site then to Theater – return about 2:30 to 3:00PM to Park & Ride.

***The Wake! Half way to St. Patrick's Day, 2012 membership drive kick-off and the annual lunch and drinks on the Club at the Wake. You must be a paid up member to participate for no cost for the drinks and food.





The Ladies News Corner



These Shameless Shamrocks are a real mystery to me. They can enjoy themselves just about anywhere with minor repercussions. You know how they tell people “never” return to the scene of the crime, usually means trouble for the people who were involved in whatever occurred.

Well our Shamrocks just defied the laws of nature again, they went back to Del Mar and the Poseidon. They stormed the beaches and were immediately recognized as they pro-



ceeded along the beach to the restaurant. Even the Life Guards spotted them and sent a signal up and down the beach to other stations to be aware that they were back in town.

Now I don't know if it was planned or just that some are smarter but the primary person last time was Kristi “The Agent” who demonstrated her pole abilities and was honored by those Life Guards on duty. The Life Guards asked for her and were disappointed that she wasn't there this day. It is rumored that there were smiles on everyone in the area who

saw them that day and again as normal as usual on their larks they became the talk of the town – even the staff at the Poseidon was overjoyed that they had come back.

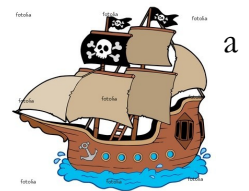
Of course everything was like a perfect picture post card and their food and libations were excellent as usual. People were pointing and whispering but it was evident that all those people just wanted to be part of this crowd of women. The social talk seemed to indicate that the “Red Hats” were something but these Shameless Shamrocks with their titles and colors took the color “Green” to the top of the charts as the ones to be really associated with in their adventures.

And on top of all this, the age ranges of those who were really enjoying the antics of the ladies were from the young to the those young of heart who remembered days like this from their past.



Now that a precedent was set about returning to their adventurous crime scenes, the Ladies selected the month of August to return to their sailing days in Oceanside Harbor. So “shiver me timbers”, our nautical group will return to taking a cruise

around Oceanside Harbor, enjoy libations and grog, soak up the sun, surf and mild winds of the Pacific Ocean. They had enjoyed this so much before that it was a unanimous vote to climb aboard the Azure Seas once again and return to the Pirate's Life for a few hours. Food, Music and fun, what a perfect way to spend Saturday afternoon!!



Now the Ladies have been talking that they have quite a bit of room and can take more Ladies with them on this cruise, so being the fun loving group that they are, they have extended an invitation to any ladies who would care to participate in either the walk or sailing or both on this new adventure. Those interested to see these ladies in action first hand, well this opportunity is now open – the grub grog and sail trip is \$25 per person. The Shameless Shamrocks will arrive at the Oceanside Harbor on Saturday August 20th about 9:00AM for their pre-sail stroll then board the Azure Seas about 10:00AM for a little over a 2 hour cruise with food and drinks. You can just do the

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boat cruise and join them at the dock without having to do the stroll. It was made clear to me that this was for Ladies only (the Shamrocks are taking after their Friendly Sons male only luncheons) so they can enjoy their time together. If anyone would like to join them, give Terri Mitchell a call at 760-941-6568



for info and reservations – if this is anything like their normal adventures, well the Harbor Police, Coast Guard and the merchants at the Harbor are in for a real treat.

It is enough to create stories to tell your grandchildren about and mark this as a “Hysterical Event” in the history of the Shameless Shamrocks. OOOH it’s a Pirates’ Life for Me!!! HO HO HO and a Bottle of Spirits.



It's a house made out of sand. What did you think I meant when I said I owned a beach house?

Joe Edwards’ Riddle

Arnold Schwarzenegger’s is big.
Michael J. Fox has a small one.
Madonna doesn't have one.
The Pope has one but doesn't use it.
Clinton uses his all the time.
Obama is one.
Mickey Mouse’s is unusual.
Liberace never used it on women..
Jerry Seinfeld is very proud of his.
Cher claims that she took on 3.
We never saw Lucy use Desi's.
What is it?

See page 8 for the answer....

September Wake

Well, my friends, soon it will be time again, for some fun with our dear departed friend, O’Maaly, and our checkbook, in the casket.

Free Hamburgers and you favorite LIBATIONS are your gift for being a Friendly Son in good standing.

I will need six guys in Khakis, green vests and our fine looking hats to carry O’Maaly to his final resting place.

The Wake will take place at our September meeting at the JOLLY ROGER.

Look forward to a great time.

Your WAKE CHAIRMAN

WILLY O’Hauser

Fall Party

Sunday, 9 October

Afternoon 2-6 pm

\$20/person

A great time guaranteed

Details to follow in future editions

Thanks once again to

John and Brenda Mitchell for graciously hosting us.

General Meeting

Jolly Roger

1130

Friday, 12 August

Breakfast Club

**Great Food
& Camaraderie!**

4th Sunday of Every Month

0930-1100

VFW in Vista

Arcadia and E. Vista Way

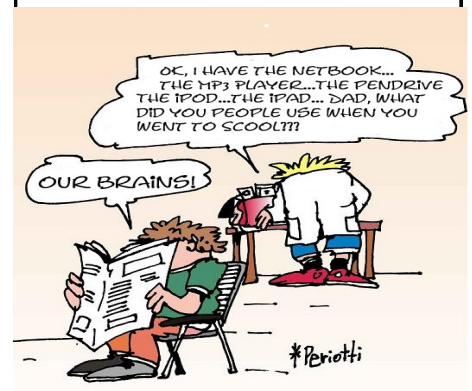
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Seamus 760-941-9465

Dale McBride 760-598-0170



Remember VJ Day 15 August 1945



Our Irish History

I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen

An Irish Favorite?*

In 1875 George W. Persley, a successful songwriter, wrote a song entitled *Barney, Take Me Home Again*, and dedicated it to his friend Thomas P. Westendorf. The words of *Barney*, sung by Barney's (unnamed) wife, tell of her longing to return to her home beyond the sea.

Westendorf was taken enough by the song to write a song imagining Barney's response, *I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen*. Westendorf was a beginner as a songwriter, while Persley was an old pro, but it was *Kathleen* which became the successful song. It inspired several answer songs during the period, and is still well known today. (Indeed, if we can trust one episode of *Star Trek*, it will continue to be sung well into the future). *Kathleen* launched Westendorf on a career as a successful songwriter, though he never produced another song with the poignancy and melodic charm of his first major song.

Barney, Take Me Home Again and *I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen* illustrate a problem with discussing ethnic typing in American songs of the 1870s. There is no specific reference to Ireland in either of these songs, nor is there a trace of Irish accent in the lyrics. Yet *Barney* and *Kathleen* are both names used regularly for Irish characters, and the tradition of Irish singers longing for the homeland was strong. It is hard not to see the two songs as "Irish" songs, but the Irishness is downplayed: the songwriters portray Barney and Kathleen as people, not Irish stereotypes.

*I'll take you home again, Kathleen,
Across the ocean wild and wide,
To where your heart has ever been,
Since first you were my bonny bride.*

*The roses all have left your cheek,
I've watched them fade away and die;
Your voice is sad when e'er you speak,
And tears bedim your loving eyes.*

*Oh! I will take you back, Kathleen,
To where your heart will feel no pain,
And when the fields are fresh and green,
I'll take you to your home again.*

Source: The Library of Congress Archives

* Editor Note: Peter Glenane is vacationing this month, but promises to break out his quill for us once again in the September issue.

3rd Annual Friendly Sons National Summit

15-18 September
Morristown, New Jersey

Top 10 Reasons to Attend the Friendly Sons National Summit

10. Start the groundwork for a National Friendly Sons Registry.
9. Discuss club web sites, designs and possibly a national web site, as well as social media and how it effects club communication and recruiting i.e.: Facebook.
8. The West coast has earthquakes...come East!
7. Club best practices, recruiting, communications, club fundraising, and best club operations.
6. Create regional bonds between local organizations.
5. Strengthen club camaraderie and the bonds between old and new members. Encourage club participation and planning and educate our membership of club histories.
4. It's another reason to get out of the house.
3. Irish Genealogy.
2. "Knowledge is good." -Animal House 1976
and the number one reason...
1. September 17th is half-way to Saint Patty's Day!

Please visit our event page on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=252502331433599>

3rd Annual National Summit of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Club

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President Chip Dykes and Friendly Son Doc LaMar have attended these events in the past and confirm they are a hoot. To discuss past National Summits, call Chip at **760-908-2322**



The Hit New York Comedy Is...



Steve Solomon's 80 minute smash hit comedy, starring Ron Tobin, inspired by his hilarious family and all the people in his life whose sole purpose is to drive him into therapy...and they succeeded.

One Part Lasagna, one part kreplach and two parts Prozac, you don't have to be Jewish or Italian to love this show. All you need is to know what it feels like to leave a family dinner with heartburn & a headache!

"Amazing! Hysterical! A Wonderful Show! I Still Hurt From Laughing!"
BroadwayWorld.com

"Hysterically Funny! Non-Stop Laughs All The Way! I Can't Recommend This Show Enough. It's Just Great!"
 Regis Philbin,

"I laughed so hard, a tear rolled down me leg." -- Seamus Mulvihill

Let's Bus-Cruise to this GASLAMP Play

Sunday, August 14th

Bus Launches 10:00 from the La Costa Park and Ride

Luncheon @ Buca Di Beppo's

Play begins @ 2PM

Return about 4 PM

Only \$65 per person

Contact Seamus Mulvihill by 4 July for Reservations
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Birthdays for August



These few, these happy few, Friendly Sons celebrate the anniversary of their birth this coming month.

Roger Northrup - 4 August

Jack Ryan - 15 August

Ed Murphy - 28 August

If we missed your August Birthday, it's not because we don't love 'ya. We don't have it! Send your missing birthdate to fsospnc@google.com or drj0302@roadrunner.com We'll get it fixed by next year!

Editor's Notes:

Friendly Sons and Friends,
Another month downrange.
Thanks for all the input from submitters. In trying to keep to 8 pages, it's proven tough to insert all the great items that folks have provided. Keep 'em coming. We'll get them in eventually!

Promise: More jokes and cartoons in September. Let me leave you with this one from the *Hollywood Squares*:

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years...

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Regards, Kevin

Answer to Joe Edward's Riddle from page 4:

A Last Name

Aren't you ashamed of what you were thinking?



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