



# IRISH SPIRIT

The St. Patrick Society Quad Cities, USA

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January 2010

## Make Plans for St. Patrick's Day Weekend March 12-13, 2010

Join the St. Patrick Society of the Quad Cities as we celebrate Grand Parade XXV

### Friday, March 12th

#### GATHERING OF THE CLAN LUNCHEON

The Gathering of the Clan Luncheon is always the official kickoff of the Grand Weekend. Gather your clan and join us from 11:00am to 1:30 pm in the Col Ballroom, 1012 W. 4th Street, Davenport, Iowa. During the luncheon you will meet the Grand Marshal, the 2010 Irish Mother of the Year and the 2010 SPS scholarship winner. Enjoy live Irish music by the Don't Be Brothers while enjoying lunch catered by Golick's Market. To reserve your space, please call Kathy Douglas at 563-355-8214 and mail the enclosed form with your \$12 per lunch payment. Deadline for advanced reservations and payments is March 8th. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$15.

### Saturday, March 13th THE MASS

The Grand day begins at 10 am with Mass at St. Mary's Church in Rock Island. Please join the SPS Board of Directors, SPS Founders, current and past Grand Marshals, Irish Mothers of the Year, Gilhooly Award winners, scholarship winners and the Knights of Columbus Allouez Council Rock Island Honor Guard, as we give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with those we love. The St. Mary's Altar Society offers coffee, juice and donuts for a donation from 9:00 - 11:30 in the Church Hall.

Grand Parade XXV - our Silver Anniversary!

The annual Grand Parade, the only interstate St. Patrick's Day Parade in the USA, and the 13th Best Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World (according to AOL, March 2009) steps off promptly at 11:30 am at the former Knights of Columbus building on the corner of 4th Avenue and 23rd Street, Rock Island. GRAND PARADE XXV is our "Silver Anniversary" parade. We hope to see many families competing for the Best Irish Family Walking Group trophy again this year. Other trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Best Irish Float, Best School Group, Best Commercial Entry, Most Unique Entry, International & Best Non-Irish, and Judges Choice. Trophies will be awarded at the Col Bash. Parade applications are available from John Scally, 309-788-2341. Applications must be postmarked by February 26.



### The Post-Parade Bash

Join us at the Col for the Post Parade Bash where your admission price of \$15.00 buys your 2010 St. Patrick Society membership. Doors open at 1:00. The party ends promptly at 4:30 pm. You can purchase a 2010 membership at the door, or in advance from any SPS Board member. Kids 15 and under are free. At the Bash there will be more "South Side Irish" music from the Don't Be Brothers, Irish step dancing performances from the Mullane-Healy-O'Brien Irish Dance Academy and delicious food, catered by Golick's Market.





## **IRISH MOTHER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

If you and your family would like to nominate your mother for Irish Mother of the Year, write to us with a tribute of 150 well-chosen words or less. Describe her general attributes, personality and how she makes you feel. Nominees should be involved in family, church, and community, have a good sense of humor and pride in their Irish heritage. Please send letters to: St. Patrick Society, c/o Irish Mother of the Year, PO Box 4487, Davenport, IA 52808. Entries must be postmarked by February 26, 2010. Please note: Irish Mother Candidates must be in the Quad Cities on Grand Parade Weekend.



## **SPS SCHOLARSHIPS**

The St. Patrick Society will award one \$1,000 scholarship this year. This award is available to any high school or college student who is related to a Society member in good standing. Applications forms are available through school guidance counselors or on the Society website. Applications must be postmarked by February 26, 2010. Contact Matt Wissing at 563-324-1705 for information. Winners should be available to receive their award during

the Gathering of the Clan Luncheon.

## **WANTED**

The St. Patrick Society is in need of garage-type space to store our Parade Float. If you have floor space approximately 10 feet x 20 feet with a high door clearance and could store the float during the year please call Denny at 563-940-5755. The SPS is a 501c(3) organization which means your space donation could be tax deductible.

## **JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!**



Join the St. Patrick Society's Facebook page and be the first to know what's happening! Fans of the St. Patrick Society page are encouraged to post SPS related photos, share stories, and post upcoming events.



**Genevieve Glowacki**

**1986**

## **Condolences**

The St. Patrick Society would like to offer condolences to the family of Genevieve Glowacki. Genevieve passed away December 28 2009. She was a long-time member and supporter of the Saint Patrick Society of the Quad Cities, USA, including being honored as the first Irish Mother of the Year in 1986. Our sympathies are with the Glowacki family.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Mary Robinson at the Adler**

Join the St. Patrick Society in welcoming Mary Robinson, First Woman President of Ireland at the Adler Theatre, Davenport on April 13 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster, by calling 800-745-3000 or through the Adler Theatre Box Office.

### **SPS Annual Meeting**

Please attend the St. Patrick Society's Annual Meeting on April 12, 2010 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Davenport. Elections to the Board will be conducted and anyone interested in being nominated should contact Silia Smiley, Nominating Committee, 563-359-0408.



## 2010 St. Patrick Society Membership Application

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 Yearly Renewal - Make checks payable to the St. Patrick Society. Mail form and check to St. Patrick Society, P.O. Box 4487, Davenport, IA 52808

### IRISH MEMORIAL PROJECT

The St. Patrick Society has finalized a proposal with the City of Davenport and California based sculptor and Moline native, Lou Quaintance for the Irish Memorial Project. The memorial will honor those Irish men, women and children who settled in the Quad-Cities decades ago. The location is a highly visible and important corner of downtown Davenport (Second and Harrison Streets) near the Figge Art Center and Mississippi River, as well the end point of the country's ONLY interstate St. Patrick's Day Parade. We expect to receive a Mock-up of the sculpture (2'x2'x3') in January 2010. Dedication of the Memorial is scheduled for the fall of 2010.

Fundraising for the Memorial Project has progressed very well but we still need your contributions to complete this effort; please consider a sending your contribution to the St. Patrick Society, PO Box 4487,

Davenport, Iowa 52808 - Attn: MEMORIAL. Please make checks payable to the St. Patrick Society. Stock certificates or other negotiable instruments are welcomed as contributions. All donations are tax deductible (please confirm with your tax advisor). The St. Patrick Society is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Donors of \$300 or more will be acknowledged as a lasting part of the memorial.

Questions regarding the project may be directed to John Scally at (309)788-2341 or Pat Burke (563) 359-8016. To learn more about our artist Lou Quaintance, visit his website [www.quaintancesculpture.com](http://www.quaintancesculpture.com).

