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THE VOTE IS IN!

David O'Shea-Dawkins 

The campaigning is over. Voting day was stressful requiring more than one pint of Guinness, possibly a shot of Jameson's. You can now put away your yard signs, banners, hats & balloons.

I don't recall an election that required going back in time to read the framework that covers elections. This was truly an historic event and will be remembered by all who voted, except for those who chose the Guinness boilermakers.

No, not that election. The Colorado Emerald Society election held at McLoughlin's on Saturday, November 12, 2016. All the candidates ran un-opposed and Bobby Clair deferred his nomination to Dave Dempsey, and he was elected.



President Elect Steve O'Neill, Trustee
Dave O'Shea-Dawkins and VP Dick Major

Your 2017-2019 Colorado Emerald Society Brehon Council:

Steve O'Neill- President
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Dave Dempsey- 2nd Vice-President
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Tim Turley- Treasurer
Dave O'Shea-Dawkins- Trustee
Jaime Major- Trustee
Tom Casper- Trustee
Siobhan Barrett- Associate Delegate



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THE CES IN ÉIRE

What a wonderful thing it would have been if we had travelled with the CES on their September Riedel tour of Ireland. But there were schedules and commitments that required us to be elsewhere.

Our absence may have given the travelers pause to think about what may have been, but it did not slow them down in their pursuits of discovery and enjoyment of the Isle of Éire. For some it was a first experience, for others it was one of many, but for all it was a first travelling together in the land of their ancestors. Sure, is it not a grand pleasure to travel with like-minded companions who leave their responsibilities and worries behind for a wee time?

The craic began and ended in Dublin. The Dublin of John Joyce who proclaimed, "When I die Dublin will be written in my heart." Between the beginning and the end the CES travelers visited the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens. In Kilkenny a tour of Smithwick's Brewery offered an insight into the 300-year history of brewing Irish ale. Jerpoint Abbey was on the schedule and provided the travelers an insight into 12th century Ireland.

The Viking city of Waterford offered visits to Waterford Crystal, Cahir Castle and the Rock of Cashel. The travelers ended their day in County Cork. The tour continued through Killarney, Limerick, Doolin and Galway. An exciting ride in a jaunting car, horse & carriage, took the CES members through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle. They were ferried to Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands, where Irish is still spoken.



Rainbow over Ballyjamesduff, County Cavan, Brian Reilly's father's village.

Shiela Reilly took the above photo as the travelers drove into Ballyjamesduff. Brian Reilly said that it is proof that Ballyjamesduff is truly at the end of the rainbow. A pot of gold was not located, until you count the richness of memories made with friends old and new.

'Tanks a million Patti Kennedy Riedel for all you did for the travelers on this CES Irish tour.

CELTIC TAVERN/DELANEY'S, THE LAST WEEKEND @1801 BLAKE

By David O'Shea-Dawkins

In my Denver police uniform I approached the three men working in Delaney's bar and asked them for their work visas. Their faces expressed multiple emotions including fear until Noel Hickey stepped away from his concealment laughing. The worker's faces turned to relief and then smiles, not grand smiles mind you, but smiles nonetheless.

I'm not sure if these Irish citizens helping Noel prepare Delaney's for a grand-opening will forget this incident, but I am sure there was payback somewhere down the line.

The Celtic Tavern became the Colorado Emerald Society's official home in 2000. So many of our meetings and Hoisted Pint Hours were at the Celtic. It is where our 1st Brehon Council was established as well as our emblem. ~~On December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy...~~ Whoops, wrong year. On December 7, 2000, the Colorado Emerald Society held our 1st annual Christmas party in the Celtic Tavern.

It is where we planned for the future and talked about our past. It is where we formed friendships with men and women representing public safety in Colorado. It is where we drank to those who passed and thanked them for their commitment to the Irish in Colorado.



Noel Hickey, Wendy Hickey (Up Wales!) and Terry Brennan

A dictionary does not contain enough words to express our appreciation to Noel & Wendy Hickey for their support. There was never a time when they did not have time for us. The last weekend at the Celtic Tavern was the beginning of the Celtic on Market (1400 block) where we will continue our relationship.



When marching in Denver's St. Patrick's Day Parade the CES has always saluted the Celtic.

COLORADO EMERALD SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Colorado Emerald Society

The CES Christmas Celebration will be December 10, 2016 hosted by McLoughlin's Restaurant & Bar, 2100 16th St. Denver, 80202. We will begin at 6:30 pm with cocktails (first drink on the house, 2 for 1 until 8:30 pm) followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. Casual dress. \$5.00 parking at Davita (Alpha Park LLC). \$45.00 per person. Send checks to CES, P.O. Box 40211, Denver, CO 80204. RSVP: Siobhan Barrett, siobhanjbarrett@gmail.com or 720-219-0085

This CES Christmas party door prize includes a policeman nutcracker standing watch over Jameson's Irish whiskey, a fireman nutcracker watching over 2- red fire buckets, 2- 1916 Irish crystal glasses that commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Rising. 2- pint glasses from the original Celtic Tavern with the original logo on the front, 2- sleeves of mini-Guinness chocolate pints, all decorated on an iron sleigh.



CES Christmas Celebration Door Prize

Siobhan Barrett

David O'Shea-Dawkins

Sitting just below the grandest county in all of Ireland, Limerick, sits County Cork. In County Cork, on the north side of the River Lee, leisurely rests the village of Áth an Chóiste, Coachford, where horse drawn coaches forded the river in a bygone era. In Coachford, if you are an angler, you can cast your line into Lake Inniscarra and when you're done for the day you can pint-up at O'Callaghan's Bar & Guest Rooms.

Although the Gala Supermarket & Bar recently closed, Coachford is wee slice of heaven where lives are lived outside of the speed and glare of a large city like Denver.

So why would a lass who was raised in Coachford leave the charm & grace of an Irish village that Irish-American tourists dream of seeing. Well, I suppose it is the pull of the speed and glare of a vibrant city like Denver.

The Colorado Emerald Society's Irish luck has been that this young lass from Coachford, Siobhan Barret, found us. Singing, dancing and playing folk & traditional music in her village, growing up with three sisters & 2 brothers, and surrounded by 25 nieces & nephews, and their parents, was not enough to stop her from beginning her journey to the west.

In 1986, when there was still turf fires in our bellies and our beer was spelled Coors, not Guinness, Siobhan was working for the Irish Hotel Federation. By 1988 she was working in the Cayman Islands for the Hyatt.

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SIOBHAN BARRETT

(Continued from the previous column.)

In Colorado's San Miguel County rests a most beautiful town named Telluride. Butch Cassidy loved it so much he robbed the bank of \$24,000.00. This town's beauty may rival that of Coachford. In 1992, Siobhan made her grand entrance to the United States in Telluride. She was part of the opening crew for The Peaks Resort & Spa. Can you blame the lady for wanting to remain in the USA?

Siobhan did have a stint as a general manager for 11 properties in Nevada, but I am sure she was thinking about Telluride. In fact, in 1998 she came back to Colorado and worked as an executive administrative assistant in the finance, sport and toy industries.

In 2006, Siobhan found her way to the Colorado Emerald Society and we have been the fortunate recipients of her tireless & selfless dedication to our needs. As our associate delegate, Siobhan schedules our events including the annual charity golf tournament and the annual Christmas party. These are not easy tasks. She has worked in all aspects of our society and has offered invaluable advice and assistance with our merchandising and web site.

She is also on the board of the Irish Network of Colorado (INCO). This organization promotes Irish businesses locally and keeps the Irish traditions alive in Denver. Through her connections with fellow Irish born men & women, the CES has been enriched with grand friendships of individuals who bring a wide variety of expertise and experience to the Colorado community.



Siobhan Barrett, far left, with a few of her friends.

From the Colorado Emerald Society, thank you so much, Siobhan, for your journey from Coachford to your journey with us. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed and you will forever occupy that spot in our hearts that feels warmth and appreciation when we think of you and your grand deeds. Sláinte!



BLARNEY & GRAND

By Dave O'Shea-Dawkins

Blarney is owned by the Irish. Sure, when the Irish reach heaven it will be St. Patrick himself that will be waiting and judging. If you can spin enough blarney to cover your sins, you're in.

It is said that Queen Elizabeth I was first to use the work blarney. It seems that her sycophants were unable to persuade the owner of Blarney Castle to give up his ancient rights. Frustrated that the man offered excuse after excuse, her highness, nose upturned and with the utmost pretentious aire about her snorted, "Blarney, Blarney it's all Blarney. What he says he does not mean. What he means he does not say."



Gypsy, a rescued Siberian Husky, is full of blarney according to her best friend Siobhan Barrett. She came into Siobhan's life 5 years ago, and Siobhan is ruing the day that dog blarney will be interpreted.



I remember reading an O'Shea family letter that reflected how the Irish born family members, although in America for many years, still used the word *grand* when they spoke. "This was grand and that was grand," the letter read. My mother used *grand* to mean something was beyond good, even outstanding. Imagine my surprise when I learned that in Ireland *grand* means that everything is just okay, or in some cases, politely used when something/one is actually shite.

Thus, the ladies from the ol' sod were just reflecting that everything was just fine, just okay. But in America, we'll use it to reflect things on a large scale, bigger & better. Remember Grand Central Station?



It was the pub owner O'Gorman who complained that I had not paid for my pint. Said I, "Did you have to pay for this pint, O'Gorman?"

"Sure," said he, "you know I pay first."

"Well," said I, "there's no sense in both of us paying for it."

Begorra, didn't I order another pint while O'Gorman was putting *that* in his pipe.



Your Colorado Emerald Society depends on your dues to fund our organization. Please consider paying as soon as possible. This year we introduce payments on line. Go to our website, coemersoc.org, navigate to MEMBER tab and then drop down to MEMBERSHIP where you can self-direct to pay MEMBER FEES. You can also pay by mail by sending your check to Colorado Emerald Society, PO Box 40211, Denver, CO 80204.

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