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DENVER'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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The Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade is a wholly day of obligation for the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. They all are volunteers who are wholly serious about this parade that will march in Denver on March 11, 2017 during Irish American Heritage Month (IAHM). It is a day in Denver that celebrates Irish Americans who have contributed so much to Denver and Colorado's communities.

The Colorado Emerald Society will meet at the Irish Rover, 54 So. Broadway, at 0745 for an Irish breakfast provided by Alan O'Gorman, the Rover proprietor. The 1st bus will depart the Rover for the staging area at 0815. Upon arrival we will assemble in staging area unit# 1-04, very close to the front of the parade. The bus will return to the Rover for a 2nd run to the staging area. A group photo will be taken prior to stepping-off, around 0900. We will step-off at 0930 and return to the Rover when we have finished. Rover return details will be given on march day. Department uniforms or CES black dress shirts are the uniform of the day for marchers. If you need a CES shirt contact Steve or Siobhan at siobhanbarrett@gmail.com. Families are welcome to be in the parade as part of the CES. They will assemble behind the marchers



Please join us for this wholly day of obligation when the CES Pipes & Drums comes out in force and leads us. They have won "Best Pipe Band" four years in a row and, as a result, we are marching in "the front row." Thanks Pipe Major Ben Ackerman and the CES Pipes & Drums for your commitment and dedication to the CES and to your departments.



GUINNESS IS GOOD FOR YOU

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"Is that the door bell, Ray?"

I remember hearing an elderly lady asking her husband this several times. Each time he patiently went to the door only to discover no one on the other side. You see, they were both hearing noises that were not there and not hearing noises that were there. Can you relate?

I'm not sure if it was the dynamite explosion, the gunshot in the alley that exploded inches from my left ear, 35 years of listening to the police radio or just a combination of events and time that make my left ear ring like Ray's doorbell. However, there is hope! It comes in a fresh pint, bottle or can. It is Guinness beer and it is good for you and your hearing.

What a wonderful country. A pint of Guinness a day to keep hearing loss away. Evidently, Guinness has a high iron content and in the past, it was given to recovering patients as a medicinal supplement to help them build strength. A Pennsylvania State University study discovered that most people have an iron deficiency and low iron can cause hearing loss. The study recognized that iron tablets do not help hearing loss so Guinness is a grand substitute. Also, the foamy libation's antioxidants slow down the accumulation of dangerous cholesterol and are effective against blood clots.



If one Guinness a day is this good for you, imagine the possibilities. Instead of going to the hearing doc, you can go to the local pub and consult with your bartender. After the 5th or 6th pint you'll be able to hear things that are not even spoken and you can respond in a loud voice to nobody in particular. Make sure you buy the bartender a pint so he can hear you when he is escorting you out the front door.

Thanks to the Irish Central staff for this enlightening scientific research. And, there is no truth to the rumor that this study was funded by Guinness or that as your hearing improves, your memory fails.

"Is that the door bell, Ray?"

TIM TURLEY

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One of the grand treasures of the Colorado Emerald Society is our treasurer, Tim Turley. Tim has the energy of a beaver in spring and the dark wit of an Irish pub patron. If you're not careful he may take the piss out of you, but it is all in good humor.

Tim was born in Carmel, California just before WWII ended. His dad was stationed at Fort Ord and sent to the Aleutian Islands. After the war ended, Tim's dad opened a medical practice in Ridgefield, Washington. He was a country doctor and Tim grew up in a rural lifestyle until his sophomore year in high school when the family moved to Los Altos, California. In 1961, Tim entered the novitiate of the Brothers of Holy Cross, the founders of that great "Irish" institution, Notre Dame University. He was sent to St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas and taught at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California. Tim left the Brothers and teaching in 1978 and moved to Denver.

There are many similarities between teaching school and being a probation officer, so Tim had a step-up when he joined the Denver Juvenile Probation Department after his move to Denver. I can tell you that Tim took his profession seriously and was well respected, well liked, fair and honest. He had the right mixture of compassion and toughness that a juvenile probation offers needs to be successful. Within 20 years he would be Chief Probation Officer Turley.

Retiring after 32 years with just a few calluses and a mild case of cynicism, Tim had enough left in his tank so that when the Denver Public Schools rang the bell for someone to manage a federal grant, Tim answered. He then went on to develop the Restorative Practice concept to reduce out of school suspensions & expulsions. He is still employed by DPS.



Clan Turley at the Irish Rover.

Kathleen Margaret (O'Ceallaigh) Kelley and Tim (MacTordhealbhaigh) Turley were married in 1972. From that union came three children- Sean, a CES member & paramedic; Mary Kathryn (Matt Verssue), parents of Aidan & Emma; Bridgette, mother of Katie. In the photo above you can see this very wonderful Irish looking family.

Kathy Turley is a councilwoman in Centennial, Colorado. She ran on the notable and true statement, "For me, less government is good government, cut the overhead, only provide the basic essentials."

TIM TURLEY

(Continued from the previous column.)

Tim's life has been blessed & busy. His cup runneth over and he has earned time to enjoy a pint with the lads, a good book to fall asleep with and the enjoyment of sitting in the sun for no good reason. Ah yes, the Life of Riley (millennials, google that). But that is not Tim Turley.

You see, while most of us are sitting in the sun for no good reason, Tim is exploiting his time in the sun. He is an installed acolyte at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church serving on the parish finance council; he is chairman of the board for the Colorado United Irish Societies; he volunteers with the National Park Service providing historic narration on the Amtrak Zephyr between Denver & Grand Junction; he volunteers on the Platte Valley Trolley as a motorman & conductor.

Tim said, "Steel wheels & rails are part of my blood as my grandfather (William Turley) was a conductor on the Burlington Railroad between Denver & McCook, Nebraska."

Tim's roots are in County Galway & County Roscommon and he has made at least 15 trips with Kathy to the ol' sod, as well as trips to Mexico, Costa Rica & countries in Europe.



Acolyte Tim Turley (left of altar) assisting with Mass at 2015 CO Irish Fest

Tim has been dedicated much of his time to our organization and we are so grateful for his insight and direction. He has been a positive voice for us in the Colorado Irish community where he is well known and beloved. He is a man of immense knowledge and good will and he shares those qualities with his family, friends and acquaintances. We thank you, Tim.



Sláinte! Tim from your friend's past, present and future.

Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Colleen

Denver St. Patrick's Parade Committee

The Denver St. Patrick's Day Committee has announced that Laura Farley is the 2017 Queen Colleen. Laura is a Denver native and earned degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Metropolitan State University of Denver. She began Irish step dancing at the age of 10 with St. Brendan's School of Irish dance and continued until she reached the highest rank of champion. Dancing allowed her to travel across the US competing and even to Ireland! Laura has a strong passion for volunteering and will represent her Irish heritage with pride as Queen Colleen. Please go to the DSPDPC web site for more information on Queen Colleen and the parade.

w.denverstpatricksdaysparade.com



Queen Colleen Laura Farley, 1st runner-up McKenna Shea, 2nd runner-up Brigid Sleeve

WHEN THEY SAY ..., THEY MEAN ...

Irish Central wants us to know that when in Ireland and you hear an Irish citizen say:

"Aw, sure look it." They mean that they don't have a direct response to question, statement or comment.

"I'm going to the jaxs." It's not the rest room, it's the toilet.

"Wet the tea." Make hot tea.

"Go way outta that." It can be an exclamation of disbelief or a response to a compliment.

"Arseways." To do something in the wrong way.

"Pint of Gat." Another way to ask for a pint of Guinness.

"I will, yea." It means I won't.

"I'm ossified." I'm drunk.

THE IRISH IN DENVER

By David O'Shea-Dawkins

I was reading Tom Noel's history narrative about Denver immigrants and he mentioned that Oscar Wilde visited Denver in the 1880's and remarked that Denver was one of the few cities in the world where most of the adult residents were not native-born. Noel writes that the most numerous ethnic groups were Germans, Irish, Swedes, Scots & Italians.

The Irish made up Denver's second largest immigrant group and were "highly visible with their saloons, clubs, churches & political presence." Nothing new here, right. Maybe there are more Irish ancestors in pubs than in churches today.

Noel goes on to report that Denver's Irish formed local chapters of the Ancient order of Hibernians, the Daughters of Erin, the Irish Progressive Society, the Land League, a Ladies Land League, the St. Patrick's Mutual Benevolent Association, and the Shamrock Athletic Club.

In 1881 the *Rocky Mountain Celt*, the *Western Irishman* and the *Colorado Catholic* all promoted Robert Morris, he of Irish roots, to be Mayor of Denver. Although he was a Republican, the mostly Democratic Denver Irish voted for him. Noel wrote, "Morris rewarded his constituency by sanctioning the city's first St. Patrick's Day in 1883."

Mayor Robert Speer made the parade an official city function in 1906 and it continued until World War I. Anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant and anti-liquor consumption stopped the parade until the 1960s when it was revived at Sullivan's or Duffy's bar, depending on the version you subscribe to.



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