



SHAMROCK SKIBB

PROMISING GARDEN BUTTERFLIES

by Nancy Williquette

The education manager from Green Bay Botanical Gardens, Linda Gustke, presented at our April 22 club meeting. She gave an overview of the non-profit organization, promoted membership, and gave a preview of upcoming offerings. This summer's highlight at the garden is Butterflies and Blooms butterfly house. The interactive butterfly exhibit will feature 13 species of butterflies, tropical plants, and pollinator education.

About the Garden:

- Founded in 1996
- Partners with neighboring NTWC from which it leases its 47 acres for \$1 a year
- Third most popular attraction in Green Bay
- 180,000 visitors in 2018
- Classes offered throughout the year
- Volunteer opportunities



Photo: Linda Gustke with club member Pat Schneider, who serves as a board member for Green Bay Botanical Gardens.

Summer 2019 Highlights:

- Thursday summer concerts
- Butterfly House June to August 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Classes available
- Spring blooms (tulips, etc.) mid May to early June
- Summer flora blooms from mid June and on
- Insider tip: avoid the early-to-mid June lag between Spring and Summer blooms

Linda also shared future plans for the organization. She showed us draft plans for an Asian garden and an expended children's garden. The children's area incorporates nature play activities.

Next meeting:

Monday, May 20

7:00 p.m.

The Village Grille

801 Hoffman Rd.

Presentation by the Irish Brigade

Civil War Reenactors talk about the Irish in the U.S. Civil War

Bring:

Golf prize donations

Pantry donations



HURLING, IRELAND'S NATIONAL SPORT, PLAYED LOCALLY

by Nancy Williquette

Chris Reuss of the Fox River Hurling Club gave a presentation on the Irish Sport of Hurling at our February club meeting. Hurling is the national sport of Ireland. Chris described the sport's history, how it's played, and opportunities to try it out here in Northeast Wisconsin.

The sport has been played for 3,000 years, predating recorded history of Ireland. From the roots of hurling came sports such as hockey, lacrosse, rugby, and others. It was banned by the British in the 13th century.

Hurling Match Play:

Players use their hurl to carry and/or hit the slider.
 3 points in the net past goalkeeper.
 1 point through upright.
 35 minute halves.
 5 substitutions allowed per match with the exception of blood substitutions.

Hurling vocabulary

Sliotar / slid' der / Hurling ball, consists of a cork core covered in leather, resembles a baseball in size, with more pronounced stitching; also called a dust.

Hurley: Hurl, hurling stick, made of ash wood.

Blood subs: Additional substitutions allowed due to injury.

In Ireland, the sport is played on a field double the size of a football field and is played 15 vs 15 players. All players are amateur—everyone plays for their own county. Their Super Bowl is the All Ireland Final which is played at Croke Park in Dublin each year in August.

In the U.S. the game is modified to 10 vs 10 and is played on a soccer field. The Fox River Hurling Club is part of the Gaelic Athletic Association. It competes in regional tournaments throughout the Midwest. The club was established in 2010, and is open to men, women, and children of all ages and skill levels. During the winter, they play indoors, with weekly matches in Ashwaubenon. In summer, they play outdoors in Appleton.

Chris wore his hurling jersey and brought a helmet, hurl (stick), "sliotar" ball, and gloves. He described the contact sport similar to hockey in its roughness. From the players' standpoint, "There's a certain swagger in having bruises."

Chris characterized the club as a family activity. The club is looking for members. All ages are welcome to drop in and try it. Gear is available there. More information is at www.foxriverhurlingclub.com.



Photo: Chris Reuss shows us his Hurling gear.



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RON MCKENZIE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 24, 3:00 p.m.

Hilly Haven Golf Course, 5911 County Road PP, De Pere

Golfers, invite your family & friends, and join us as we hit the links for 9-holes.

**** Scramble Start ** Best Ball ** Hole Competitions and Prizes ****

Everyone is invited to join us at the clubhouse at 5:00 p.m. for food and beer. Meet on the deck to socialize, eat, and review the highlights of the outing. If the weather is not favorable for sitting outside, we will move to the lower dining area.

Golfers, contact John McManus by June 20 to register.

Bring prize donations to our May meeting.





MY DEAR SON

Excerpts from 1820's letters between Irish immigrants and family back home

In 1825, some 20 years before the Great Famine, the Malone family from Queens County was anxiously looking to leave Ireland for America. The patriarch James had been the first to cross the Atlantic in 1816 and was now back home in Mt. Mellick, Ireland, an area that had recently seen mass evictions to make way for British settlers. These letters offer a glimpse of the pressures they faced from political, religious, and economic turmoil.

In this first letter, James writes to his son Luke who has recently arrived in America. James is concerned to have heard that Luke is in New York rather than among friends in Philadelphia.

October 12, 1825

James Malone to his son Luke

My Dear Son,

I received your letter . . . We are rather more uneasy about you now than before you wrote on account of the great mortality in New York . . . I had rather if there had been no inconvenience you'd have remained along with, or near, the Conrahys. In your next, say do you hear from them, how they do be. It is reported in Mt. Mellick that Ally is dead.

There is an indifferent, I might say bad, potato crop. . . Party and religious hostility very high, especially in Mt. Mellick, and likely to continue.

October 25, 1825

Sarah Malone to her husband Luke

My Dear Luke,

We received your letter . . . thanks to our good God for having preserved you amidst so many thousands who have been called to eternity . . .

. . . I am willing to go at any time that you wish for me. All that I have to regret in going is to think of leaving the children. After more thought I am conscious of them being as well taken care as if we were over them ourselves.

With regard to the town of Mt. Mellick, it is in a very convulsed state since the 12th of last July.

Note added by James

. . . I am sorry to inform you that your brother does not employ his spare hours in a way to be creditable to himself or us, and advice is nauseous to him. He thinks he is already along with you . . . and I think if he was, you'd have little pleasure in him. He is all for very mean company and is so easily led by those with whom he associates that I don't know what to say of his going to you.

March 4, 1826

James Malone to son Luke

I received your letter of 15th Jan. and it is not to be expressed how much gratified I feel for your being along with Mr. Conrahys. I am better pleased thereat than if you got 60 dollars per year above what you had and continued in N. York. . . .

William sold his house a few days ago. . . Says he will put his wife to grass for a year and go along with Patt to you.

By this you see what is intended, be the consequence what will. Patt is resolved on going in consequence of your encouragement. So now both you and him think how it will fare with me, your mother, and Mary, if you will not be very frugal and send us assistance to follow ye. I am perfectly assured if we were together anywhere in America we could live above comparison better than here. Oh! If you know how we come on now. And likely to be worse, not only likely, certainly. Most certainly. It is expected we shall have parish houses for widows and poor. Of course we must have poor tax as in England, and it requires not great penetration to foresee what description of widows and poor will enjoy the benefits of the Institute. Our tythe too has undergone a change since you went, and to be paid half yearly in future. I pray never talk of returning. Thank God and be grateful to your friends that you are as you are . . .

Your son John is the most troublesome child was ever reared—a perfect prodigy of wickedness. . . Little James is a very good boy and often speaks of his Daddy Ookey and says he will mind for him.



IMMIGRANTS' LETTERS (*Continued*)

My dear Luke if it is decreed we are not to see each other on earth, at least take care, I charge you, take care you be found on the right hand. God's blessing and ours on you my son. Farewell.

September 4, 1826

James to William Conrahy

Dear and esteemed Friend,

It was a matter of joy to the congregation in Mt. Mellick to hear from Mr. Duane your account of the priests and the progress of Catholicity in Philadelphia. It gave me additional pleasure for your sake. Alas! The like may not now be said of once sainted Ireland. Ah no, my friends. Crimes new and abundant, unheard and (for sake of human nature I hope were) unthought of are prevailing. Altho this year the treasures of the Church by the Jubilee have been unlocked, I fear very, very few have been enriched. May God be glorified, by me mistaken. However there is at this time very obvious signs of Almighty displeasure in Britain and Ireland. First quality upland meadow in general has not yielded . . . Our oats crop 1/2 or 1/3 deficient . . . The wheat and other grain deficient . . . But the potatoe, the poorman's best I may say in general his only support has suffered most. In many places they are . . . totally lost and

in a new and unknown way too, fitly corresponding with our new ways of offending our beneficent Creator.

Entire fields of potatoes in many places is, as you have seen a leaf of cabbage devoured by catterpillars, the stalk and stronger branches only remaining. . . So you see our prospects for something to eat, and you hear frequently how it is with us for something to do. Therefore consider yourself fortunate in having left a country devoted to such distress.

With respect to my sentiments of returning to America . . . There is no earthly desire more prevalent with me. But the means of taking my family is not with me, if it were I would not be 12 months without making the effort.

Leo Malone shared the letters which were found folded inside the family Bible. The correspondence was archived by Leo's late brother Jim, who noted, "James returned to America for good in 1827, accompanied by his wife and one or two adult children."

Club Calendar

May 22, 2019

Monthly club meeting & program by the Irish Brigade civil war reenactors.

June 24, 2019

Annual golf outing. 3:00 golf; 5:00 dinner at Hilly Haven Golf Course

July 22, 2019

Summer picnic

September 23

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day party

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 15-18, 2019

Irishfest in Milwaukee

Volunteer opportunity—contact Theresa.

CONNECT ONLINE

Visit our club Website and social media pages to find and share Irish happenings, more photos, and the latest updates, including winter weather cancellations for club activities.

- Our Web site:

www.shamrockclubofgreenbay.com



- Our Facebook group:

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TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

An Irish conversation guide

Sunshine and warmth is *mighty* weather.

We're blessed with the fine weather!

'Tis glorious!

'Tis marvelous altogether!

'Tis gorgeous weather we're having!

'Tis lovely!

'Tis a grand day!

T'will never last!

I s'pose this'll be our summer!

We'll be burnt alive!

You'll be scalded.

Only full rainouts warrant any complaint.

There will be no rain—only showers.

A rain-soaked day is *a dirty ould day, a moldy day, wet 'n dreary.*

'Tis pissing!

'Tis lashing!

'Tis flaking down out of the high heavens!

