



FRIENDS OF CLONMEL  
*Celebrating Sister Cities Peoria, Illinois and Clonmel, Ireland since 1998*

# NEWSLETTER

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

I hope all is well. We have a busy year coming up with the 20<sup>th</sup> year twinning.

We just completed another fun Pub Crawl. Thanks to everyone who came, especially Tim and Jolene Doyle for organizing the event.

International Night is April 20<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers for that and for the St. Patrick's Day parade. If interested, please call Jim at 309/370-1141.

Upcoming events are listed in the newsletter.

Thanks,

*Jim*

Jim Dillon

President, Friends of Clonmel

### Friends of Clonmel Pub Crawl

Thanks to:

Jimmy's Bar  
Kelleher's Irish Pub & Eatery  
Ulrich's Rebellion Room  
Carrigan's Pub  
W.E. Sullivan's Irish Pub &  
Fare  
Donnelly's Irish Pub  
*Sláinte!*



## 2018 Calendar of events

March 17

St. Patrick's Day parade.

April 20

Sister Cities International Night  
Doors open at 5:00pm ITOO Hall

August 24 - 27

Friends from Clonmel arrive  
20 plus friends, more to come

September 28 - October 9

Trip to Clonmel

For event details and more  
information, visit our website

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# Peoria Sister Cities International Night

~ Friday, April 20, 2018 ~

At the ITOO Hall

4909 W. Farmington Rd. Peoria, IL

6:00 pm until the food is gone

\$5.00 admission ~ \$1.00 food tickets ~ Cash bar

Raffle tickets - \$10 for 1 OR \$25 for 3

Ethnic Beverage Wheelbarrow

Board of Gift Certificates

Presented by:

Friends of Aytou, Friends of Benxi

Friends of Clonmel and Friends of Friedrichshafen

## Friends of Clonmel

### Intercontinental Readers 2018 Book List

The following list of books will be discussed at the 2018 meeting of The Intercontinental Readers Book Club at the Peoria Public Library. Our meetings will be held at 1:00pm in the lower level of PPL.

March 6, 2018 - Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger

*Ordinary Grace is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.*

June 5, 2018 - Days Without End by Sebastian Barry

*Moving from the plains of Wyoming to Tennessee, Sebastian Barry's latest work is a masterpiece of atmosphere and language. An intensely poignant story of two men and the makeshift family they create with a young Sioux girl, Winona. Days Without End is a fresh and haunting portrait of the most fateful years in American history and is a novel never to be forgotten.*

September 11, 2018 - Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance

*Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis - that of white working class Americans. The decline of this group, a demographic of our country that has been slowly disintegrating over forty years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.*

November 27, 2018 - Spill Simmer Falter Wither by Sara Baume

*Two outcasts - a man ignored, even shunned by his village, and the one-eyed dog he takes into his quiet, tightly shuttered life - find each other, by accident or fate, and forge an unlikely connection. As their friendship grows, their small seaside town falsely perceives menace where there is only mishap - and the duo must take to the road.*

***Peoria & Clonmel Celebrate 20 years!***

*Join us for a memorable celebration in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland to commemorate 20 years of our Sister City relationship.*

Departing Friday evening 9/28/18 and returning 10/8/18. This promises to be a wonderful experience, as we celebrate with our good friends in Clonmel. Approximate cost per person, double occupancy is \$1,850.

The price includes Aer Lingus Flight round trip Chicago to Dublin, round trip transfer from Dublin to Clonmel (available to those arriving mid-day on 9/29/18). A seven day stay at the Minella Hotel in Clonmel, including Breakfasts and four Dinners at the hotel. Three coach excursions and anniversary celebration events. One-night stay near Dublin airport.

**Itinerary**

Friday September 28:	Depart Chicago O'Hare
Saturday September 29:	Arrive in Dublin Check into Hotel Minella for 7 nights
Sunday September 30:	Trivia challenge at Carey's Pub (Live Skype with Jimmy's Bar)
Monday October 1:	Tour the Cobh Heritage Center in County Cork
Tuesday October 2:	Free time to roam around our charming Sister City
Wednesday October 3:	Tour of Homes, Presented by the Clonmel Museum
Thursday October 4:	A tour of Clonmel sights that have established a special connection with Peoria.
Friday October 5:	Have a relaxing day. In the evening join some of our Clonmel friends for dinner at the Minella and watch the remarkable foot work of David Pyke, World Champion step dancer.
Saturday October 6:	The official 20th Anniversary Celebration, Clonmel at Town Hall.
Sunday October 7:	Departure (too soon!) for an overnight in Dublin before our flight home on October 8.

***Hotel reservations needed by 02/26/2018***

***For more information contact Jim Dillon, 309/370-1141 or Betty Rohman 309/696-5370***

***Stacey's Ceilidh  
featuring  
Cherish the Ladies***

As an Ancient Order of Hibernians member, you likely attended Peoria Irish Fest, and remember Stacey Tomczyk - our North Stage emcee for years. Her 2016 passing at age 45 was a reminder to cherish every day with those we love. You and other festival guests embraced our Stacey's Ceilidh" fundraiser, to honor the friend who helped the St. Patrick Society of Peoria in so many ways. Now, it's on!

***Stacey's Ceilidh  
Peoria Civic Center - Ballroom 400  
Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 7: pm (Doors open at 6:00pm)***

FOC members can buy discounted in two ways:

- 1) Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yas3ljg6> and enter the ticket code AOHPIF, or
- 2) Complete the form below and return this letter with your payment to, John Martin, 1116 W. Orchard, Peoria, IL 61615

**Reserved Table \$28** - (\$35 public price) Reserved Tables are the section closest to the stage and include a reserved seat at a table of 8.

Limited to only 80 seats!

**Reserved Seating \$23** - (\$30 public price) Reserved Seating is the second section from the stage - behind the Reserved Tables, but ahead of General Admission seats and will be assigned as you enter the concert.

**General Admission \$18** - (\$25 public price) Seating is available first come, first served.

Questions?? Call John Martin 309/692-8937 Hope to see you all there! The Peoria Irish Fest Committee

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Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Reserved Table(\$28)    \_\_\_\_ Reserves Seating (23)    \_\_\_\_ General Admission (\$18)    \_\_\_\_ Total payment enclosed

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**Bradley / LIT connection moving along.**  
**Possible twinning between the county museum and the museum in Peoria.**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Friends of Clonmel membership is open to anyone wanting to be involved in working cooperatively to establish and maintain an active sister city partnership with the people of Peoria and the people of Clonmel.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

*Support the Friends of Clonmel! Use this form to begin or renew your annual membership or upgrade to a Lifetime Member.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANNUAL DUES:     \$10 (EACH) \_\_\_\_\_     \$100 LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP (EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES \_\_\_\_\_

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 FRIENDS OF CLONMEL, 4611 N LYNDAL TERRACE PEORIA, IL 61614**