



Cathy's Corner

'Cead Mile Fa'ilte' my friends!

With a name like 'Gallagher' I'm sure you've figured out that I'm Irish. I have always loved Irish sayings & proverbs so I will be sharing them with you throughout this newsletter.

On **Saturday March 21st**, Friends will be sponsoring the **3rd annual Finnegan's Wake @ Seacrets in Ocean City**. Finnegan's Wake is our biggest event of the year and we hope that all of you will turn out to support us & to enjoy the wonderful entertainment that we have assembled & the fun, laughter & fellowship that this special evening promises. Remember that 100% of the proceeds from Finnegan's Wake go directly towards client services. You can't go wrong...a great evening of fun and supporting the clients at the same time.....definitely a winning combination. More information is included in side.

This year Friends and WCDC will have a float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Please watch for Finnegan & his friends.

Sla'inte - Wishing you good health

WCDC & Friends Events

March 9 -

Friends Monthly Meeting - 6pm

March 12 -

Friends & WCDC on WBOC

March 14 -

OC St. Patrick's Day Parade

*Look for Friends - Finnegan's Wake Float

March 18 -

March Birthday Party - Noon

Board of Directors meeting - 6pm

March 21 -

Finnegan's Wake - Seacrets - 5-9pm



An Irish Blessing

May you always have work for your hands to do.

May your pockets hold always a coin or two.

May the sun shine brightly on your windowpane.

May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

May the hand of a friend always be near you.

And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.



From the Desk of our Executive Director

Thank goodness February is the shortest month. If it were any longer, I don't think we would be able to take any more. The closings due to snow and treacherous driving conditions really put a crimp on our programs. None of us got to eat cupcakes, either. We were closed the two birthday Wednesdays, so March and February birthdays will be celebrated together. Let's hope March is like a lamb all month long.



Thank you to all who sent letters to DHMH in support of client choice and facility based employment. I traveled to Annapolis on March 20 to present to the Eastern Shore Delegation. They voted unanimously to send a letter of support for us to DHMH. Our local representatives in attendance who showed their support were Senator Matthias and Delegates Carozza, Otto, Anderson, Sample-Hughes, Adams and Mautz. When you see them, please thank them for their support and ask them to continue to stay on this issue. It is not over, and we need to keep on top of things.

Please mark your calendars for two big Saturdays this month. The Friends of WCDC annual Finnegan's Wake will be held at Seacrets on March 21, the week after the celebrations in OC. The party does not stop until Finnegan is buried. Please spread the word about this event. This year, the Irish Lads will be our featured performers. The Lads have been performing traditional Irish tunes for 37 years. They have shared the stage with legendary performers such as the Wolfe Tones, The Clancy Brothers, Tommy Make and The Dubliners, to name just a few. Also back is the Ocean City Pipes and Drums and Bethany Jubilee on Irish fiddle.

To promote the event, we will be marching in the OC St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14. If you would like to march with us, let Friends Pres. Cathy Gallagher know at csgallagher1@aol.com. Or just come out, support us and have a great time. After this last month, we could all use a big dose of fun and laughter

*May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*



WCDC Angels

*Jane Coates - Beloved Grandmother of Katie West
Charles T. Jenkins - Dawn Gray's Grandfather*

*Please remember Jane, Charles, their families & friends in your prayers
WCDC is accepting memorial donations in honor of Jane & Charles*



Mother Nature prevented us from celebrating the February Birthdays so both the February & March Birthdays will be celebrated on March 18th

February Birthdays

Eric Jenkins – Feb. 1	Chauncey Corbin – Feb. 13
Thomas Denny – Feb. 3	Jack Ferry – Feb. 15
Troy Croom – Feb. 5	Carol Czapiewski – Feb. 16
Euginia Bromall – Feb. 7	Sarah Kellam – Feb. 23
Kurt Gouchnour – Feb. 12	Wally Wallace – Feb. 23
A.J. Horsey – Feb. 12	Will Garner – Feb. 27

March Birthdays

Stacey Taylor – March 1	
TyAnn Johnson – March 2	Nicole Dobelstein – March 16
Charlene Brittingham – March 4	Doris Eikenberg – March 17
Walt Witt – March 4	Sammy Sykes – March 17
Danny Miller – March 5	Pat Sturgis – March 20
Kendra Surin – March 5	Rachel Buser – March 21
Raven Waters – March 8	Michele Mumford – March 21
Jeri Jewell – March 9	Bruce Clark – March 25
Chad Bishop – March 12	Charlene Dashiell – March 25
Lamont Marshall – March 13	Steven Davis – March 27
Cathy Bowen – March 14	Denise Alogna – March 29

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

The 3rd Annual Finnegan's Wake

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Seacrets ~ Morley Room

5:00 - 9:00 PM



Featuring

The Irish Lads

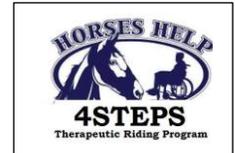
Ocean City Pipes & Drums Band

Bethany Jubilee

Entertainment sponsored

Apple Discount Drugs

4 Steps Therapeutic Riding Program



Happy Hour Drink Prices

Irish Menu



Great Prizes

Doors open @5:00 pm

Funeral Procession @ 5:15 pm

Donation \$20

All Proceeds benefit 'Friends of WCDC'

Worcester County Developmental Center

Provides opportunities or adults with intellectual disabilities

For more information call Cathy @ 570-956-4721

About the Irish Lads

On March 17, 1978, a group of young men stood in front of a dart board in the Hazleton, PA Knights of Columbus and sang 8 songs of the idols, the Clancy Brothers and the Wolfstones. Unknown to those in attendance, they were listening to the future "Irish Lads". 37 years later the "Lads" are still together singing Ireland's folk and nationalistic music.

During their three decades the "Irish Lads" have produced five albums of songs and a video recordings. Current members Tommy Boyle (guitar, keyboard & vocals) and Mike Dolan (button box accordion, Bodhran, tin whistle, vocals) are original members and current Lad, Rich Fedoriska (bass guitar, acoustic guitar, vocals) has been an "Irish Lad" since 1982.

The trio has earned the reputation of being energetic performers dedicated to the preservation of Irish culture and history through their music. They have created a unique style and stage presence that combines very best characteristics of many folk and solo performers. The 'Irish Lads have been fortunate enough to share the stage with countless performers including The Clancy Brothers, Tommy Makem, Danny Boyle Seamus Kennedy and the legendary Dubliners to name a few.

The lads have just returned from their forth Celtic Cruise where they were one of the featured entertainment groups along with Danny O'Flaherty, The Dady Bothers and Danny Doyle.

Midwestirishradio.com broadcasting out of Ireland, now plays Irish Lads songs on a regular basis thus sending their music around the world.

In 1978, 37 years ago, "The Lads" agreed that when their efforts were no longer "fun", the group would disband. Apparently, the fun is still there, as a group that is extremely proud of their Irish heritage and the music they perform.



Lucky stars above you,
Sunshine on your way,
Many friends to love you,
Joy in work and play,
Laughter to outweigh each care,
In your heart a song,
And gladness waiting everywhere
All your whole life long!



May you have:
A world of wishes at your
command.
God and His angels close to
hand,
Friends and family their love
impart,
And Irish blessings in your
heart!



February has been tremendously cold and snowy month. Due to cancellations and postponements this newsletter is smaller than usual but we promise to get back to normal in the April Newsletter.



Friends of WCDC

The purpose of Friends of WCDC shall be to see that the needs of people who live with a disability are made known to the community and that these needs are being met. The members of Friends of WCDC shall be advocates for the individuals who live with a disability within the community and are participants in the programs Worcester County Developmental Center. Friends of WCDC shall provide support and assistance to WCDC whenever possible

Friends of WCDC Need YOU!!

- Meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month in the WCDC cafeteria
- Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour.
- Yearly dues are \$5.00.
- New members are welcome at any time. Your talents and ideas are welcome.
- All our projects are fun filled.
- All our efforts support the clients and programs of WCDC

2014-2015 Officers - Friends of WCDC

President – Cathy Gallagher

Vice President – Mary Ferry

Secretary – April Davis

Treasurer – Jack Ferry, Sr.

PR Coordinator – Virginia Azadi

Friends of WCDC Membership Slip

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Parent Board Member Family Member Staff Member Client Interested Individual

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