



# Team Mate

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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

St Patrick is one of the patron saints of Ireland. He is said to have died on March 17 in or around the year 493. He grew up in Roman Britain, but was captured by Irish raiders and taken to Ireland as a slave when he was a young adult. After some years he returned to his family and entered the church, like his father and grandfather before him. He later returned to Ireland as a missionary and worked in the north and west of the country.

According to popular legend, St Patrick rid Ireland of snakes. However, it is thought that there have been no snakes in Ireland since the last ice age. The "snakes" that St Patrick banished from Ireland, may refer to the druids or pagan worshipers of snake or serpent gods. He is said to be buried under Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, Ireland. Ireland's other patron saints are St Brigid and St Columba.

Luke Wadding, a Franciscan scholar born in 1588 in Waterford, on the south coast of Ireland, was influential in ensuring that the anniversary of St Patrick's death became a feast day in the Catholic Church. Many Catholic churches traditionally move St Patrick's Day to another date if March 17 falls during Holy Week.

Many immigrants from Ireland fled to other parts of the world, including Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, in the 19th and 20th centuries. Many Irish customs, including the St Patrick's Day celebrations, became quite popular in these countries. However, much of the interest in the St Patrick's Day events is largely commercially driven in the 21st century.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **March Events**

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Meeting  
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting  
Draft Picks Sports Bar (6:30 PM)

Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> - District Convention  
Westin Chicago Northwest, Itasca, IL

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> - Festival Meeting  
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Program Meeting  
Draft Picks Sports Bar (6:30 PM)

Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> - Happy Easter

### **April Events**

Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting  
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt for Visual Impaired  
Westbrook School, Gillet Center (12:00 Noon)

Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> - Business Mtg-Election of Officers  
Draft Picks Sports Bar (6:30 PM)

Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> - Festival Meeting  
Friedrichs Funeral Home (7:00)

Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> - Program Meeting  
Draft Picks Sports Bar (6:30 PM)

### **DONATIONS**

\$1100 Public Works Open House  
\$ 500 Northwest Compass (CEDA)  
\$ 150 Eye Examination and Glasses for 1 Student  
\$ 150 Registration Fee for Centennial Fire Hydrant Design

### **2016 DINNER MEETING ENTREES**

Mar. 10 Pizza (Cheese, Sausage, BBQ Chicken, Veggie, Meat Lovers) and Juliette Salad, (Ham on the side)  
Various Dressings

24 Full Slab of Baby Back Ribs with Fries, Cole Slaw and Garlic Bread

Apr. 14 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich with Waffle Fries and Cold Slaw

28 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich (Cheddar Cheese and Onion Strings) and Tater Tots and Cold Slaw

### **2016 THEMES FOR THE CLUB'S DINNER MEETING**

Mar. 10 Wear a Shamrock

24 Wear Chicago White Sox Colors

Apr. 14 Wear Chicago Cub Colors

28 Wear Chicago Blackhawks Colors

### **LIF CAMP LIONS WISH LIST**

The following item are needed to help Camp Lions make fun happen:

White TEES or Bandanas for tie-dyeing  
Clear Plastic Storage Tubs & snap on lids  
Duct Tape in any color  
Large Easel Pads for daily schedules  
Small beepers for games  
Matting frames for art projects  
Batteries for flashlights-AA size & C size  
Sun Block Spray  
Antiseptic cream

Plastic buckets for tie-dyeing  
Collapsible Wire rack book shelf/cart  
New movies for blind and deaf youth  
Sharpie permanent markers, wide & thin tips  
Wood project kits for visually impaired  
Small waterproof holders for hearing aids  
Band-Aids-No latex  
Insect repellent  
Thermometers (3)

### **LION OF THE MONTH**



Lion Mike Giblin was chosen the Lion of the Month for March by our Lion President Fred Steinmiller. Lion Mike was responsible for the outstanding Past President Night the Club enjoyed in February. Anybody who did not attend that meeting missed a great time. Lion Mike was also a great representative of our District 1-F Bowling Team and a member of the Club's Trivia Team. Congratulation Lion Mike.

### **RECAP OF THE 76<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 1-F CONVENTION**

The 76<sup>th</sup> District 1-F Convention was held at the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca, on March 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Several Mt. Prospect Lions attended for some or all three days of the convention.

At the opening session on Friday night, the Parade of Banners from the District 1-F Clubs was as usual, a moving sight. Lion Tom Laws carried our club's banner, and shortly after the banners were in place at the side of the room, introductions of dignitaries, District Governors, VDG Governors

Elect and guests were announced. This year's Lions International Convention will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, and one of the guest speakers was Ms. Keiko Yanai, Deputy Consul General, and Consulate-General of Japan. Ms Yanai gave a poignant speech, remembering the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami that hit off the coast of Japan, and thanked the Lions for their assistance in aiding the country with financial aid for victim relief and re-building.

At the end of the opening session, the District 1-F Funsters put on a skit, entitled "A Peacock in the Land of Penguins". Lion Tom Laws was a participant, and from what this Lion took away from the skit, was that everyone should be who they are, and don't change or conform to the wishes of others. In other words, birds of different feathers can live peacefully together! The skit was very cleverly done, and the actors, along with the audience enjoyed themselves.

After the Opening Session, it was time to walk around to visit the Silent Auction, and the Hospitality Rooms. This year, there were only two Hospitality Rooms, Elk Grove hosted one, and Lake Zurich and Mt. Prospect teamed up again to host the other room. The committee members from our club were Chairman Lion Mike Witkowski, Lion Lizzet Stone Witkowski, Lion Rob Habel, Lion Ron Habel, Lion Jill Friedrichs, and last but not least, our honorary member, Mark Pope. Lake Zurich provided the food, and Mt. Prospect, the drinks. The theme was Japan, and both clubs really set the mood. Our lovely bartenders, Lions Liz and Jill served two specialty drinks in addition to the usual fare. The first drink was a Mai Tai, that was called the Blushing Dragon, and the other was a melon drink that was named Inochi (life) Elixir. Guests were encouraged to leave a donation for the specialty drinks, and by the end of the night, our bartenders raked in a nice \$150.00 addition for our charity fund.

The band was the Rockin' Fendershirts, and they were a lot of fun to listen and dance to. As this Lion was leaving for the night, the party was just getting crowded. Nice job everyone! Photos can be found at the end of the Team Mate.

Lion Barb Laz  
Associate Editor

### SHORTS

The Gilligan Island Trivia Team Table took Best in Table theme. Our other Trivia Team was a fourth place winner. A big drop from last year. It looks like it time for a new captain.

The Club's Bowling team needs more time on the lanes to be competitive.

The Hearing Screening Unit will be at the Arlington Park Race Track Wellnees Fair on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> the Hearing Screening Unit will be at the Farmers Market from 8:00 Am until 1:00 PM.

### SMILE

Paddy Murphy arrived at Boston's Logon airport and wandered about the terminal with tears streaming down his cheeks. A Texan asked him if he was homesick. 'No,' replied the Irishman. 'It's worse, I have I've lost all me luggage.' 'That's terrible, how did that happen?' 'The cork fell out of me bottle', said Paddy.

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Walking into the bar, Shamus said to O'Hare the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.' 'O, bejabbers,' said O'Hare, 'And how did this one end?' 'Hah, when it was over,' Shamus replied, 'she came to me on her hands and knees.' 'Really?' cried O'Hare, 'now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, Shamus, you little chicken.'

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I met a man the other day named Flanagan and I said, 'You're a happy man.' He said, 'I am.' I said, 'Why?' 'Well,' he said, 'the Income Tax people have been after me for 20 years, driving me mad, to get money out of me, driving me crazy with worry. But, this morning I got a letter from them and it said: FINAL NOTICE.' 'Thank God,' he said, 'I won't be hearing from them again.'

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A GROUP OF HAS BEEN,  
OUR MEMORABLE PAST PRESIDENTS



OUR SPECIAL QUEST CAROL ROBB  
WITH TWO OF OUR PAST LEADERS





CONVENTION HAPPENINGS



WATCH FOR THE NEXT TEAM MATE IN APRIL