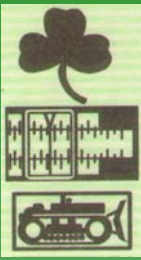


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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to all! And with the New Year means my tenure as your President is coming to end. Thank you to everybody for your support of the Irish Engineers and Contractors, and especially for your contributions to the scholarship fund. The Bill Cadigan Scholarship Fund has already started to help aspiring engineers/contractors to defray the costs of a college education. A big debt of gratitude goes out to my fellow officers and committee members, Robert Cowhey Jr., Patrick Kielty, Michael Stirk, Jonathan O'Connell, Larry Lux, and Mark Madden who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make this fine organization move forward. I hope to see everyone at the annual meeting; until then, may the road rise to meet your feet, and may the wind always be to your back.

Salante

Kevin Kell

THE IRISH ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS INAUGURAL PUB NIGHT

A new reason to get together! The Irish Engineers and Contractors Inaugural Pub night will be held at Molly Malone's Irish Pub on **Thursday, February 5th at 6 pm**. We will figure out a way to wager on something with the proceeds going toward the Irish Engineers and Contractors Scholarship Fund. Molly Malone's is at 7652 Madison Street in Forest Park. Phone # is 708-366-8073. For more info. visit their website at www.themollymalones.com.

If you plan on attending, please e-mail Laura Ivins at Livins@cbbel.com.



Molly Malone's Irish Pub is an exceptionally Irish outpost, from the colorful, Dublin-esque façade to the perfect Guinness on tap. Two fireplaces keep it cozy and the extensive beer and wine selection will appeal to the Irish in anyone.

OFFICERS

The following officers will be presented at our March 6th dinner
and will serve from 3/7/09 to 3/7/10

Bob Cowhey, President
Patrick Kielty, President Elect
Michael J. Stirk, Secretary/Treasurer

The following will serve on Committees 3/7/09— 3/7/10

Michael Duffy, Membership Committee Chairman
Jonathan O'Connell, Program Event Committee Chairman
Larry Lux, Program Event Committee
Mark Madden, Program Event Committee

NEW CHAIRPERSON

The IECC has added a new position to the organization to assist with promotion and growth of the club. We are happy to announce that Mr. Michael J. Duffy is now the Chair of the Membership Committee. Michael is responsible for already adding several members to our ranks since taking the position. Michael has the following to say about the new task.

“Our existing members are encouraged to help us grow and strengthen as organization in 2009, this can only be done by your commitment and support. We encourage you to attend our next social event at Molly Malone's on February 5th (bring a friend) we hope to expand our social events calendar this year by continuing to meet each other bi-monthly at different Irish Pub locations. Our objective is to open the doors for more fellowship communication and to build unity within the IECC Membership. We are of Irish Descent. We must never forget who we are. We have played a vital role and have been a source of cooperation with one another for building the City of Chicago since the early 1800's. The strength of our organization is unique not only due to our common business interest and Irish Heritage but that we maintain a common primary purpose and that is to help others who are in need which was established by our co-founders when we offer the Bill Cadigan Scholarship Fund. This is not only a financial support we offer but a fellowship network as well. We look forward to meeting you if you have any questions regarding our membership or would like to volunteer in some of our events please do not hesitate to call me at 847-274-6756.”

Thank you and Best Regards,

Michael J. Duffy
IECC Membership Committee Chairman



St. Patrick's Dinner 2008

2008 FALL SOCIAL RECAP BY PATRICK KIELTY

The Fall Social was held at the Irish American Heritage Center Fifth Province Bar on November 16th, 2008. It was great to see so many in attendance. We had several guests who came along with their member friends to sample the event and several guests joined the organization that evening. We hope to see our new members at the St. Pat's Dinner on Friday, March 6th or at our First Pub Crawl on February 5th at Molly Malone's in Forest Park.

The purpose of the Fall Social is to provide an informal setting for meeting with friends to enjoy the ambiance of the Heritage Center, to sample the Harrington's Corned Beef, and maybe even taste the Guinness.

Music was provided by the Academy of Irish Music. This community of young musicians is dedicated to playing and sharing traditional Irish Music. You may have heard them perform "Celtic Fest" in Grant Park.

A raffle was held for the benefit of funding the Cadigan Award, a scholarship for a deserving young adult in pursuit of a career in Engineering or the building trade. Our greeters, Laura Ivins and Mary Kielty, spent the evening bending and twisting quite a few arms in order to sell tickets for the raffle items.

The Door Prize, an Apple ipod nano 16 GB MP3 player was won by Gerry Hennelly. It is also worth mentioning how sharp Gerry looked in his newly purchased matching sweatshirt and hat with the Irish Engineers & Contractors logo on each. The sweatshirts and hats can be purchased by contacting Laura Ivins.

The big winners of the Silent Auction were as follows:

Jim O'Amelio	4 Chicago Bulls Tickets
Lisa O'Gasperec	Chicago Wolves Tickets
Kevin Kell	Wine Basket

Marat Goldenberg hit an amazing double win on the Mystery Box. Marat won \$100 cash in the Mystery Box #2, and by the luck of the Irish, Marat pulled his own raffle ticket again for the Mystery Box #1, which was good for a dozen golf balls.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your generosity in advancing the Scholarship Fund.

It was a terrific evening and we look forward to the next social!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be on Friday, March 6, 2007 at the Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox, Chicago. Last year's dinner was the best attended event in our history. We should all be proud of the large attendance and look forward to another great evening. We are looking forward to a fine evening. In the spirit of the St. Patrick's Season, there will be Irish music and delicious Irish food and beverages. Guests and prospective members are invited.

An added feature at this year's dinner will be the sale of traditional Irish soda bread and scones. A table will be set up at the event by "Seven Penguin's Bakery" for you to purchase items for a very reasonable price. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Cadigan Scholarship Fund. Enjoy with your Saturday morning coffee!

The program is as follows:

5:30 to 7:00 PM	Cocktails in Fifth Province Lounge (Cash Bar)
7:00 to 8:00 PM	Dinner (Corned Beef and Cabbage) Room 109
7:00 to 7:15 PM	Presentation of New Officers, Prizes and Cadigan Scholarship Awarded
8:15 to 9:00 PM	Entertainment
9:00 PM	Adjournment

The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person payable at the table. Please e-mail Laura Ivins at Livins@cbbel.com by February 27th for reservations. Please reserve early as there will be no follow-up phone calls.

2009 DUES

Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership application and renewal form. Please be aware that we have decided to raise our membership dues to \$20. This increase will assist us with operating costs in the future. Please make any changes or corrections regarding address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses on the attached form (see page 5). Please return with a check made out to IECC or bring them to any of our upcoming events.

CADIGAN AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

The Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago are pleased to present applications for the 2009 Cadigan Award. Details on the scholarship are included with this newsletter. We encourage all members to contact anyone they feel worthy of this award. This will be the second presentation of the award to be made at our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner. The application requires a 500-1000 word essay about some aspect of the engineering or construction field. Please contact Mike Kerr at Christopher Burke Engineering with any questions 847-823-0500 or mkerr@cbbel.com.



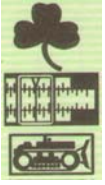
Congratulations to Stacey Lindeman., recipient of the 2008 Cadigan Award Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you or your company would like to make a donation to the IECC Scholarship Fund please send your check to:

Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago*
c/o Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600
Rosemont, IL 60018
Attn: Laura Ivins—IECC Administrator

*Please note, either in the memo section of your check or on a letter accompanying your check, that the contribution is for the Scholarship Endowment.



IRISH ENGINEERS & CONTRACTORS OF CHICAGO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM

2009 Officers

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Bob Cowhey, Jr.
President

Patrick Kielty
President Elect

Michael Stirk
Secretary/Treasurer

Michael Duffy
Membership Committee
Chairman

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The Irish Engineers and Contractors Association of Chicago, founded January 15, 1993 and chartered by the State of Illinois March 17, 1993 provides the following:

1. A fellowship of Engineering and Construction professionals in the Chicago area of Irish or Celtic ancestry for furthering the practice of engineering and construction.
2. At least two social functions a year to be arranged by the Program Co-Chairmen.
3. Affiliation with the Institute of Engineers of Ireland.
4. Dues \$20.00 per year.

New Member
(please include check for \$20.00 annual dues, payable to Irish Engineers & Contractors)

Renewing Members Information Update Only

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

BUSINESS AFFILIATION _____

PHONE (hm) _____ (fax) _____ (bus) _____

EMAIL _____

MAIL TO: Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago
c/o Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
9575 W. Higgins Road, Suite 600
Rosemont, IL 60018
ATTN: Laura Ivins



Northwest Side Irish Parade

Once again, the IECC will have a "float" in the parade, which will be held on Sunday March 8, 2009. This is a very nice neighborhood parade, which lasts about 45 minutes as it winds through Norwood Park. It is a great opportunity for young children to be in a St. Patrick's Day Parade. Anybody interested in participating in the parade, please contact Laura Ivins at Livins@cbbel.com.



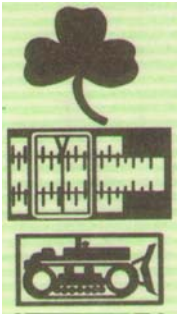
IECC Website

We are pleased to announce that an Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago website has been established and is currently under construction. This website will help circulate information and will include contact information, upcoming events, pictures, and information about the Cadigan Scholarship. The domain name is www.iecchicago.org, please be sure to add it to your favorites.

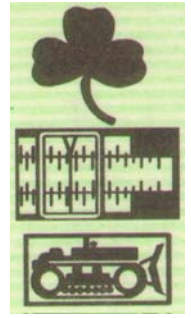
Golf Outing

The annual Golf Outing is now in the planning stages. We will have it on a weekday based on the success of our past outings. The golf announcement will be in the June newsletter.





THE CADIGAN AWARD



Of the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago

The **Cadigan Award** of the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago (IECC) was established to honor the dedication and long standing commitment of William “Bill” Cadigan and to promote the continued development of future Engineers and Contractors within the Irish Community.

Mr. Cadigan founded the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago in 1993 to provide Irish Engineers and Contractors residing in Ireland opportunities here in the United States. With a strong bond to his Irish heritage and a revered career in Engineering, Bill has evolved the organization to a place where members can enjoy their heritage and at the same time enhance business relationships.

1. The award will be granted by the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago at the time of its Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner in March of each year. The award will be made on the basis of a paper submitted for adjudication by the Scholarship Committee of the IECC.
2. The recipient must be present at the March function to accept the award.
3. The paper should be from 500 to 1,000 words in length.
4. The paper should be directed to some aspect of the Engineering and Construction field.
5. Individuals submitting papers must be an Illinois resident currently enrolled in or accepted by a community college, college or university in an Engineering or Construction Curriculum.
6. Individuals cannot be a Professional Engineer or Licensed Contractor in the State of Illinois or any other state.
7. No age limit.
8. Previously published articles/papers will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.
9. The award recipient will receive a cash award, plaque or certificate from the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago. The award may vary annually, but will be a minimum of \$500.00. In addition, the recipient will have their paper published in the IECC News Letter.
10. The papers will be judged by members of the Scholarship Committee based on the Committee approved scoring criteria. The decision of the Committee is final.
11. The papers shall be submitted to:
***Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago—Scholarship Committee
c/o Mr. Michael E. Kerr, Facilitator
9575 West Higgins Road—Suite 600
Rosemont, Illinois 60018***
12. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm February 17th of each year for consideration for the award to be granted at the subsequent IECC St. Patrick’s Day Dinner.

**IRISH ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS OF CHICAGO
THE CADIGAN AWARD
APPLICATION FORM**

Return Completed Applications to:
Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago – Scholarship Committee
c/o Michael E. Kerr, Facilitator
9575 W. Higgins Road – Suite 600
Rosemont, Illinois 60018

PURPOSE: The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to the undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Engineering or Construction from a community college, college or university, and who is an Illinois resident.

1. Name in Full: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Present Address: _____
(Street Number) (Street Name)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

3. Telephone Number: _____
(Area Code) (Phone Number)

4. Name the educational institution at which you wish to pursue your scholarship:

Institution: _____

Address: _____
(Street Number) (Street Name)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE RECEIVED BY THE IECC BY 5:00 PM, FEBRUARY 17th, AND MUST INCLUDE:
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- Proof of enrollment or acceptance by a community college, college or university.
- A paper based on some aspect of the Engineering and Construction Field, including:
 - Goals (applicant's plans for a formal education and career)
 - Merit (awards by city, church, school, service club, etc., or by performance; GPA, honors Society, officer in organizations)
 - Extra curricular activities related to engineering and construction (part time or summer employment, attendance of any seminars/conferences, etc.)

NOTE: The applicant's paper shall consist of 500 to 100 words.

SELECTION: (a) Selection will be made by the IECC Scholarship Committee.
Appraisal of the application and paper.

AWARD:

The award will consist of a \$500.00 check to the recipient(s) upon proof of enrollment. It is the intention of IECC to give one (1) award annually which is funded by the Irish Engineers and Contractors of Chicago (IECC). The award will be presented at the Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner in March of each year.

MINIMUM STANDARDS:

If this application is not complete, the applicant will be disqualified and if in the considered judgment of the IECC Scholarship committee, no nominee is worthy of the award, no award will be made.