

# Bulletin

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Rotary Club of Menomonie

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District 6250 —Club 2704



This Week—Mar. 17, 2010

5:00 P.M.

Celtic Evening with  
Irish Traditions

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Next Week—Mar. 24, 2010

Workforce Resource  
Summer Youth Camp

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### THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## **THIS WEEK.....**

**A Celtic Evening with Irish Traditions** starting at 5:00 pm with a social hour, followed by a dinner of Irish food, a Leprechaun, an Irish blessing, Irish jokes, Irish songs sung by John Taylor, and the Finale is a Celtic Surprise.

New members, Natalie Scott, Barb Lyon and Paul Bundy-Wurtz will also be inducted.

## **A Couple of St. Patrick's Day Facts**

Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day and being pinched if you don't is not an Irish tradition. Surprisingly, green is considered an unlucky color in Ireland and is associated with a green flag in use when Ireland was not free. The Irish use blue instead and have what they call "St. Patrick's Blue" in their flag and in military uniforms. According to the American Greetings Company, the custom of wearing green originated in the United States, as did the custom of being pinched. The latter was started by children who used the made-up rule to pinch classmates. Still, even though not specifically Irish, the color green for St. Patrick's Day is one observed worldwide. The city of Chicago, Illinois, even dyes its river green on St. Patrick's Day.

The shamrock was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland, because it was a symbol of rebirth. During Ireland's struggle for freedom from the English, the Celts wore the shamrock in a silent protest. From there, as knowledge of the shamrock grew, it eventually became a symbol of Ireland itself. Leprechauns, another popular symbol on St. Patrick's Day, were based on an Irish belief in "lobaircin," small people they believed were magical. It was never part of St. Patrick's Day. However, in the United States, Disney released a movie called "Darby O'Gill & the Little People." This type of leprechaun was lovable, so American people took him to heart, eventually adding him to St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

## **PROPOSED MEMBERS—**

**Charles Huff** with Burgfechtel & Parent has been proposed for membership by Chris Smith.

**Rebecca Morlando** with 3M has been proposed for membership by Mark Kinney.

**Russell Morlando** with Jacobs Technology has been proposed for membership by Mark Kinney.

If you have any comments, contact Sandy Ott, Secretary