

# Welsh Club of the Milwaukee Area

## September 2015

Dolbadarn Castle near Llanberis



### Saturday Meeting Locations and Programs

**Get Acquainted 11:30 a.m. Luncheon 12:30 p.m. – Cost \$12.00**



*Look for Welsh flags to help locate building entrances.*



*A reservation made and not canceled by Monday before luncheon must be paid for.*

**REMINDER:** If you have not been called for a meeting, call Beryl Sekaran (262) 389-4428  
**If you need a ride, please let your caller know –  
we will arrange to have someone pick you up.**

#### **October 3, 2015 – Tudor Oaks, S77 W12929 McShane Drive, Muskego, WI**

Program: “The Welsh Flag” by Gregg Owens

Directions: From I43, take Moorland Road south, crossing College Avenue and Janesville Road. At Woods Road, Moorland Road’s name changes to Durham Drive – continue south a half mile. Turn left (east) on McShane Drive. Tudor Oaks is on your right (south side of the street).

#### **December 5, 2015 – Tudor Oaks, S77 W12929 McShane Drive, Muskego, WI**

Directions: SAME AS OCTOBER 3 MEETING

Program: “Life on Waukesha’s Wern Farms during WWII” by Jim Williams

#### **February 6, 2016 – Milwaukee Catholic Home, 2330 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI**

Program: Trefor Williams and Friends – “Welsh Music;” Memorial Service and Officer Nominations

Directions: (Street parking or use off-street parking lot behind building; avoid “Reserved” parking spots)

1. Decide if you are coming From the South or From the North  
From the South: Take Lincoln Memorial Drive north. Exit at Water Tower Road and come to the top of the bluff. You will be at St. Mary’s Hospital at the intersection of Lake Drive and North Avenue.  
From the North: Take Lake Drive south to St. Mary’s hospital at the intersection of Lake Drive and North Avenue.
2. Continue from the intersection of Lake Drive and North Avenue: Go west one block on North Avenue. Turn right (north) on Prospect and drive almost the entire block. The Residence is the second entrance on the right. If you reach Bradford Avenue you have gone too far. Come around the block and try again.

#### **April 2, 2016 –Luther Manor, 4545 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI**

Program: “Y Ddraig Goch Welsh Dancers” from Fermilab International Folk Dance Group; Officer Election

Directions: Hwy. 45 to Hampton Ave. East on Hampton Ave. to 92nd St. (Timmerman Airport is on the north side of Hampton Ave.) Turn right (south) on 92nd St. and go about two blocks. Enter Luther Manor at the North entrance (the northern-most driveway) and proceed to the S-T-U entrance. Parking is near the door.

#### **June 4, 2016 – Luther Manor, 4545 N. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI** (see April 2 meeting directions)

Program: Scholarship winner Anne Daley – Flute and Piccolo, Annual Meeting; Installation of Officers

**NOTE:** We are experiencing difficulties arranging meeting locations. We have added a new location, Milwaukee Catholic Home, have doubled up on a couple, and have not been able to contact some of our previous venues. Thanks for your understanding.



## OFFICERS

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As we begin a new year I wanted to share what the board and I have been doing.

When I was elected president in June, 2014 I promised the membership that I would personally be responsible for recruiting new leadership for the Club. I was successful due to the great people in our organization. I asked Carole Jensen to succeed Marilyn Schröder as Treasurer and she agreed. Then I asked Carole Hausmann to succeed Sue Stealey as Secretary and she agreed. Carole Jensen was in charge of the callers which seemed unfair to add that to her duties as Treasurer, so I asked Beryl Sekaran if she would take on the callers. She also agreed. Then I asked Marge Schowalter if she would like to be replaced as Luncheon Chair. She told me she had been doing it for 14 years and was very ready to step down. I asked one of our newest members, Nicole Morris, if she would take over from Marge. She also agreed. About this time, Sarah

Anderson started a new job and I could see she had a full plate. Beryl had been helping out with Ways & Means and she was able to increase her involvement. I asked Mary Schranz if she would take responsibility for the web page and she agreed. She has been investigating replacing our limited free web page with a better page for which we might have to pay a fee. Nicole agreed to be responsible for a new Facebook page (Welsh Club of Milwaukee Area).

For the April 2015 meeting I met with Alice Knickelbine and Trefor Williams about the Milwaukee Metropolitan Voices performing at Luther Manor. At that time, Trefor told me he was happy to help in any way he could. I tucked that away but thought about it as I prepared for the Memorial Service. For years, I became aware of my double handicap with regard to this service. My voice isn't strong enough to lead singing and I don't speak or sing Welsh. Several times in the past I was asked to do some verses of the hymns in Welsh. I asked Trefor to help me. I was reminded of the joke that when you put two Welshmen together you get a choir. That is a gross exaggeration! When Trefor led us in June the music was great. So I asked Trefor if he would be the Music chairperson. He agreed. Marilyn Schröder had been doing this but with her duties as Membership chair and her past strong involvement with the Club I felt she deserved a rest and this would add another new face to our leadership.

We usually hold our board meeting in August or September. I tried to organize a meeting for later in June but couldn't with everyone's schedule. We were able to schedule a meeting for July 13. I invited all the officers and committee chairs. I was pleasantly surprised that everyone attended - we had 13 in all. That included Sue Stealey and Mary Schranz who traveled long distances. We accomplished a lot in two hours but there were items we couldn't resolve at that time. One item that came up was the pressure we are experiencing with regard to the luncheon prices. So the board voted to raise the fee to \$12 per meeting starting in October.

We also discussed our financial situation. We have limited sources of revenue but have long lists of expenses. We have been liquidating the reserves we have in CDs. We can't keep doing this as we are quickly diminishing our reserves. We discussed raising the dues but realized we should have addressed this earlier and should have voted on it at the June meeting. We will be introducing an increase of the dues in October and will vote on it in December. We are proposing to raise the dues to Single-\$25 and Family-\$40. We haven't raised our dues in ten years. Everyone wants to build on our great organization but we will need a larger budget to do so.

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Finally, I discovered that it appears we have never been incorporated. There are pros & cons to our incorporating, but I think the pros far outweigh the cons.

#### PROs

- As an unincorporated organization, each member is responsible for the Club's liabilities. Incorporation would protect us from that.
- As an incorporated non-profit we would be able to conduct fundraisers and solicit donations. Donations could then be deducted on the donors' tax filings.
- As a federally approved non-profit we would be able to file for WI State sales tax exemption. That would allow us to avoid paying sales taxes on the goods and services we purchase.
- We could also apply for non-profit postage rates for our mailings.

#### CONS

- Doing all the filings could cost us about \$400.
- It could take us months to get approval.
- We would be required to complete Articles of Incorporation.
- We would be required to complete an annual EZ form.

We will also discuss this at the October meeting.

Personally, I am excited about all we are accomplishing and impressed with the wonderful talent we have among our members and their willingness to share.

I look forward to seeing you in October. Pam Wu

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## **2015 – 2016 Membership Dues**

Annual dues: \$15.00 individual  
\$25.00 family

We will collect annual dues at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please send the enclosed Membership Form and your check (made out to Welsh Club) to: Carole Jensen, W227 S4370 Beeheim Rd., Waukesha, WI 53189-8067. Note that we will be discussing a dues increase at this meeting and voting on it during our December meeting

Please include the names of any children and/or grandchildren under age 18 on your form. On family memberships, please fill out the names of family members covered. Note any changes or additions to your address or to any personal information previously published in the directory.

## **Continuing Education Fund**

If you attend a Welsh-related workshop or seminar, present a short summary to our club and receive reimbursement. Let Vice President Jan Batty know so that we can be sure to schedule you into one of our meetings.

## **2015 Holiday Folk Fair**

Folk Fair is November 20 – 22 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park Expo Center. We will again combine our display with the Cornish group.

Sign up for a shift or two at the October meeting:

### **SHIFTS ARE:**

Friday	9-2, 2-6, 6-10
Saturday	10-2, 2-6, 6-10
Sunday	10-1, 1-4, 4-7

Or contact Joe and Alice Whitmore (262) 392-2717 if you would like to volunteer at this event.

## **Milwaukee Metropolitan Voices**

Don't miss the performances of this terrific group, led by Trefor Williams. Check their website, [www.mmvoices.org](http://www.mmvoices.org), for performance dates.

## **Welsh Newspaper**

Megan Williams, the new editor of the Ninnau/Y Drych, the North American Welsh newspaper, will honor Arturo Roberts' arrangement to provide us a reduced subscription rate of \$18/year. Donations are also welcomed.

Make your check payable to **Ninnau** and mail it to Sue Stealey, 5133 Washington, #5-F, Downers Grove, IL 60515. If you are renewing, send your renewal notice or mailing label along with your payment to ensure that your account is credited.

This newspaper provides wonderful articles about Wales, Welsh culture and all the Welsh happenings in North America.

## **Food Pantry Collection**

We will take a cash donation at the December meeting for three food pantries:

- Kettle Moraine Food Pantry
- Food Pantry of Waukesha
- Central City Churches Outreach Ministry, Milwaukee

## **Wisconsin State Gymanfa Ganu Schedule for 2015 – 2016**

(Information available as of printing date.)

September 20, 2015 – Wild Rose @ 2:30PM

October 11, 2015 – Cambria @ 2:30 & 6:00PM

November 8, 2015 – Racine @ 2:30 PM

Follow the website of The Welsh Gymanfa Ganu Association of Wisconsin for all events:

<http://wggaw.org/>



## World's Greatest Cookie Sale

We will again participate in the World's Greatest Cookie Sale on Friday, November 27, 2015 - 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. We also need workers the day of the sale.

North Shore Welsh tea cake bakers will meet at Jan Batty's house in Cedarburg on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Jan at (262) 377-9661 if you'd like to be part of the fun.

The demand continues for Bara Brith, so bakers are also encouraged to make this treat.

The club assumes the cost of ingredients. If you wish, you may make a financial contribution. This is a wonderful opportunity to give our group visibility and to share our Welsh culture with the community.

Contact Sue Stealey (630) 963-6625  
sestealey@juno.com with any questions.

## Scholarship Winner

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Jane Hagensick, Marilyn Schröder and Alice and Joe Whitmore is pleased to announce that our Welsh Club scholarship winner this year is Anne Daley who is attending Lawrence University. Anne plays the flute and piccolo.

## St. David's Celebration

Mark your calendar for February 28, 2016 for the St. David's Banquet. Plans are under way!

Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Scott Lange at (262) 549-6908.

## 2016 Welsh Events

2016 North American Festival of Wales,  
including the National Gymanfa Ganu  
Calgary, Canada  
Labor Day Weekend, 2016  
[www.nafow.org](http://www.nafow.org)

Cwrs Cymraeg (Welsh language course)  
University of Alabama, Huntsville AL  
July 17 – 24, 2016  
[www.madog.org](http://www.madog.org)

Welsh Heritage Week  
July 2016  
[www.welshheritageweek.org](http://www.welshheritageweek.org)

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and ask to be removed from our list. Diolch yn fawr. Thank You Very Much.

If you would prefer to receive all further correspondence by email,  
please let Jan know also.