

Mackinac Island

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Saturday evening, March 17, was a perfectly beautiful Mackinac night with brilliant stars dancing in the midnight sky, as a radiant moon was shining down on the ice-shrouded Straits of Mackinac. Making it even more spectacular were the colorful flashing beams from the old Round Island Light-house. It was a picture perfect time on our Island. Sunday morning, the glorious sunrise to the east promised warm temperatures, which were very pleasant. Next came the great surprise of awakening Monday morning to freshly-fallen snow, which covered the streets and sidewalks. Suddenly, snowmobiles that had been placed in storage could once again be heard in the distance. On the deck of our patio, we could see the tiny footprints of the bunnies, squirrels, and birds in the fresh snow as they came to enjoy their morning feast. Outside it was dark and dreary.

Tuesday, March 20, a very special lady, Alice Myron, celebrated her 75th birthday. She and a friend are vacationing in Florida, and she would love to hear from her many friends on Mackinac. Her address is: 9182 Moss Drive, Englewood, FL 34224.

Saturday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Community Hall came alive with little green leprechauns and shamrocks decorated the walls, light fixtures, and windows. The tables with green and white tablecloths each had a centerpiece of shamrocks. Sylvia Perault, who did a great job selling tickets, and her helpers were in charge of the raffle table. A prime rib or whitefish dinner was served at 5:30 p.m. The salad bar was magnificent, with every salad imaginable. It reminded me of Grand Hotel's buffet. The dessert table was a dream for all the chocolate and sweet tooth lovers in the crowd. The Island ladies made many of their special recipes, including lemon bars, Japanese raisin bars, decorated Irish cookies, and cream cheese and rocky road brownies. It was a delight to everyone who attended the celebration. Chef Tim Leeper and his excellent

crew served more than 130 people. Many folks were the lucky winners of door prizes.

Judy Bynoe won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$665. The house raffle was won by the following: Heather Chambers, lunch for four at The Gate House; Mike Gamble, handmade bracelet by Vanessa Hardy; Kirk Smith, dinner and putting at the Bistro on the Green; Ed Pfeiffelman, gift certificate from 7th Heaven Salon, and Anne St. Onge, lunch at Yankee Rebel. The \$100 raffle ticket winners were as follows: \$5,000, Mary Majkowski of Grosse Pointe Woods; \$2,000, Cal and Mary Rogers of St. Ignace; \$2,000, Billy Chambers of Washington, DC, and \$1,000, Urvana and Jim Morse of Mackinac. A special thank you to everyone who donated, brought salads and desserts, attended the event, and worked. It was a wonderful evening. Special thanks to Al Colegrove of St. Ignace for selling tickets. He did a great job. It was a wonderful way to usher in spring.

Robin Belonga of St. Ignace was the guest of Ed and Nancy Pfeiffelman for the weekend. She had a great time at the St. Patrick's party.

Saturday afternoon, Patrick Sinclair's celebrated St. Paddy's Day with an all-day party featuring music, food, and fun. Saturday night at the Mustang Lounge, Jason St. Onge's band, "Trickie Dickie and the Spoonmen," entertained the folks celebrating St. Patrick's Day with lively music. Many danced the night away.

Happy birthday March 24 to Matt Bazinaw, James Chambers Jr., and Annamarie Horn. Have a great day.

Our good friend, Sylvia Perault, will be celebrating her birthday March 25. Have a wonderful day. Congratulations and best wishes

to Dr. Fred and Lisa Brodeur of Traverse City on the recent birth of a baby daughter, Audrey, who was born Friday, March 16, at Munson Medical Center. Audrey is joined at home by brother Frank and sister Evelyn. Proud grandparents are Loretta and Tony Spata and the late Fred Brodeur. Great-grandparents are Dennis Brodeur of Mackinac, Letha Brodeur of St. Ignace, and Josephine Vecchio of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Best wishes from Island friends.

More happy news! Cullen Langdon Fisher, weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces, was born Wednesday, March 14, to Adam and LeAndra Fisher of Saginaw and Mackinac. Proud grandparents are John and Barb Fisher of Mackinac and Jim and Donna Langdon of Houghton Lake. Congratulations from Island friends and family.

Happy birthday to Ben Horn March 25. Enjoy your day.

Attending the St. Patrick's Day party was Dennis O'Keefe of LaSalle, Illinois, longtime summer visitor to Mackinac and the Windermere. Dennis greeted his friends wearing his green derby hat, a St. Patrick's green carnation in his lapel, and carrying his Irish Shalleagh. Nice seeing you back on Mackinac.

Guest of Nona and Ed Chambers Sunday, March 18, was Ed's brother, Pat Chambers, from Muskegon, who enjoyed flying over to the Island and visiting with Island family and friends.

Gene Hagenbaugh of Lapeer spent the weekend visiting his wife, Mellie. He enjoyed the St. Patrick's party. Mel and Gene will leave Saturday, March 31, chaperoning a group of students from Lapeer on a trip to Italy.

Great to see Dan and Marlee Musser with their four children, Amelia, Dan IV, Tilly, and

Maverick, who were visiting their Island home over the weekend. Amelia brought us a very special St. Patrick's card that she made.

Happy birthday March 19 to Penny Barr. Mary K. McIntire and Penny were guests of Margaret McIntire over the weekend. They enjoyed attending the St. Patrick's dinner.

Our good friend, Dr. Dave Armour of Grove City, Pennsylvania, and Mackinac, is receiving treatments at the Cleveland Clinic. Island friends are praying for him and send special greetings.

Randy Hall, dedicated employee of Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, was very seriously injured in an accident in Pickford this week. He was cutting a tree down when it split off and hit him in the head. He was rushed to War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie and later transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, where he remains in the intensive care unit. He was recently visited by his good friend, Dick Rulison of Pelkie. Please remember Randy with cards.

Pat Driscoll of Mission Point Resort celebrated her birthday March 17. She was surprised by a visit from her friends, Karl Ellis, Sandy Perlinski, Susie Ashby, and friend. They had a great celebration.

Guests of Jennifer and Frank Bloswick over the weekend were Jennifer's parents, John and Cheryl Hollander of Traverse City. Cheryl had a great time serving at the St. Patrick's dinner.

A note received from Sara Bunker Sutherland tells us that her mother, Irene Rickley, aunt Alice Bloswick, and cousin Brian are having a great time in Florida. They had a nice visit with Delbert and Ruby Bunker. They all attended the Arnold Palmer Invitational Golf Tournament Sunday, March 18. Sara will come to Mackinac



The largest fundraiser of each year to support Ste. Anne's Church on Mackinac Island is the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Attending the event at Community Hall on Market Street Saturday, March 17, are (from left) Alice Martin and her daughter, Trish Martin, and Tess Butler. The church raises funds from the dinner and by selling raffle tickets throughout the year, with cash prizes awarded at the dinner. (Photograph by Jennifer Bloswick)

next week to visit her niece, Makayla. Sara, her husband, Greg, and nephew, Anthony Rickley, will leave Sunday, April 1, for a week-long Caribbean/West Indies cruise. Have a wonderful trip.

We received word from Gracie Francis that Donnie is recovering very well from his defibrillator/pacemaker implant. He is out walking every day and getting stronger. Island friends send best wishes. Happy birthday to Gracie April 4. Enjoy your day.

Mark and Emma Chambers attended a retreat at Camp Daggett, which they enjoyed very much. Mark was the chef and cooked corned beef and cabbage for St.

Patrick's Day. Emma came from Lansing, where she is a student at Lansing Community College.

Anna Mary and Gary Cusack visited Helga Doud over the weekend.

Pat Shannon and his wife, Mary Ann, never fail to join us for the St. Patrick's festivities on Mackinac. Pat was celebrating his birthday, so we wish him a very happy one.

Lake Sweet, a student at Albion College, has been home on spring break and is visiting Richard Chambers at Northern Michigan University. Tyler Finkel, a student at Michigan State University, spent

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