

Press Release
“AN EVENING IN IRELAND”
Fifth Annual
PAOLA COMMUNITY CENTER ENDOWMENT BENEFIT

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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte, On March 7, 2009 the Paola Cultural Center Endowment Board and the Irish Music Association will present the 5th annual “Evening in Ireland”. The event will feature musical acts from Irish Musicians, Dancers, and Irish Entertainers. All proceeds will benefit the Paola Cultural Center Endowment to bring family entertainment and cultural events to County Miami, USA.

Seating for supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. & we will stop serving at 7:00 p.m. Traditional Irish Fare of: Potato Soup or Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, and Donegal (Hot) Dogs will be available for the “wee ones”. Paola’s own Irish Balladeer, Rob Gavin and others will perform traditional songs and ballads straight from the Emerald Isle during the meal.

The main entertainment will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Headlining this year’s show will be the Irish/Celtic Band “DogTree”. Many of you will remember Victor Dougherty and Richelle Basgall from their former group: “Shenanigans” add Rachel Bowerman (Tullamore) on the Bodhran and Paola native Chris Carr on the Irish Flute/Whistles and you have “DogTree”. Additional musical acts and Irish dancers from the O’Riada Academy of Irish Dance will have your heart pumping. Dawn Basch of the KC St. Andrew’s Society, our honorary Irish piper and accompanying drummer will send chills up your spine with the pipes haunting beauty. Don’t miss any of Paola’s local Irish talent either. Kids Best Traditional Irish Costume contest, Face painting, raffles, Irish history and “Paola’s Honorary Irish-person(s) 2009 Award” will round out the evening. Everyone attending will be dubbed an Honorary Irish Person so dress up in your favorite green outfit and come enjoy the blarney!

Several community service groups and individuals have volunteered their services to make this event a success. The dinner would not be possible without the wonderful contribution from the Shamrock Study Club, a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. The ladies prepare our Irish potato soup and Irish soda bread as well as serve the meal. Martha Burton, dietary director from Holy Trinity School in Paola is our Irish stew chef.

The event is held in the newly remodeled and historic Paola Community Center (formerly the auditorium of the Ursuline Academy). New accessibility including an elevator, additional restrooms and cushioned seating will make this year’s event even more enjoyable. Paola is only an easy 20-minute drive south of Olathe on 169 Highway. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information call Rob Gavin at 913-731-9945. Adult tickets are \$10 in advance & \$12 on the day of the show. Children under 12 years - \$3.00. Tickets go on sale February 10, 2009 available from Gail’s Glass, 16 East Peoria Street, Paola, (913) 294-3802. This is a family- friendly, non-alcohol event. www.paolacommunitycenter.org.