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## ON THE MARQUEE



KITELY WYGONIK

## Extraordinary benefit features local chefs

**P**eter Vesich of Redford, executive chef at the Henry Ford Estate, will be preparing special dishes along with other local chefs at the 11th annual Cuisine Extraordinaire to benefit Children's Hospital. Cuisine Extraordinaire, 5-9:30 p.m. Sun., March 19 in the Grand Ballroom of the Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, is an elegant evening of taste tempting hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, entrees and scrumptious desserts prepared by Vesich and other chefs who are members of the Chef de Cuisine Association, and from some of the area's best restaurants including the Loris Confectionery Yours of Livonia, Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, Walled Lake, and Oakland Community College/Ridgewood Cafe, Farmington Hills.

This year's theme is the Big Band Era. There will be silent and live auctions and dancing to a big band orchestra. Tickets are \$100, \$150 or \$200 per person. Call (313) 745-0962.

Barbara and Mike Hanahan of Bloomfield Village called with good news about their daughter, Sheila who is starting in the movie "Judicial Consent," scheduled to premiere 8 p.m. Sun., March 12 on HBO.

The movie was shot in metro Detroit October to December, 1993. "Judicial Consent" is a murder mystery. Sheila portrays a law associate. The movie also stars Dabney Coleman, Bonnie Bedelia and Billy Wirth.

Sheila moved to LA three years ago. She attended Cranbrook's summer theater school, the Goodman Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago, and starred locally in "Sabrina Fair," at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. TH

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# Irish Eyes Smile' on St. Patrick's Day



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Irish music: Jim MacNeil plays while Shannon Watkins, 14, and Kelly Bonner, 12, dance. They will perform at the 10th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest.

BY KYLE GREEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Regardless of one's cultural background, every year on March 17 we all become Irish.

It's not as though the Republic of Ireland's patron saint saved us all, but on that day we all have permission to sport green clothing, talk with a fake accent, and simply be Irish.

Even though metro Detroit is thousands of miles away from the Emerald Isle, there are enough activities in metro Detroit to help you celebrate like a native.

Over the past 10 years, Irish born Mick Gavin of Redford has seen the St. Patrick's Day celebration help organize grow from several people in a packed house.

This year's Irish Music Song & Dance Fest will be 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fri., March 17 at the Bonnie Brook Country Club in Redford. The celebration features traditional music from Ireland, Scotland and Cape Breton. There will be over 40 entertainers including step dancers, musicians and singers.

"It is not a pub type thing. It is more of a family festivity," Gavin. "In Ireland St. Patrick's Day is a holiday or holy day. It's a day we celebrate the wearing of the green. It is a tradition that the Irish started due to the oppression against them, and it is a tradition today."

Last year, the festival attracted over 700 people. It also offers a cash bar,

and corned beef and cabbage dinners are available for purchase.

Other featured performers at the Irish Music Song & Dance Fest are Ed McGlinchey, Mick Gavin and John Sands, Steve, Tom & Jim McNeil, The Kitty Heinman Cell Dancers, and members of the U.S. and Canadian Champion City of Detroit Pipe Band.

Shannon Watkins, 14, and Kelly Bonner, 12 of Westland, students at the Tim O'Hare School of Irish Dance in Plymouth, will be among the step dancers. "You meet a lot of people from all over the United States, and it keeps you in shape," said Watkins explaining why she enjoys step dancing.

Bonner said he enjoys the dance competitions, making friends, and just the challenge of it. Watkins, Bonner, and other dancers from the school will also be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the Gaelic League/Irish American Club. Last year their march division won first place.

The parade begins at Michigan Ave. and Third in Detroit, 2 p.m. Sun., March 12.

If authentic Irish cuisine is what you crave, then the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills is where you should be.

The Irish Re-creation Feast menu, planned with help from the Detroit chapter of the Irish American Culture Institute, includes cream of potato leek soup, Dublin Bay Prawn

(shrimp), roasted lamb, broiled Atlantic salmon, pot roasted beef in Guinness stout, and apple pie with whiskey cream offers a taste of Ireland.

It will be served 5-10 p.m. Fri., March 17. Some Irish entrees will be served at lunch. Last year's dinner sold out quickly, so reservations are recommended.

Botsford Inn's meal provides an alternative to Americanized Irish cuisine. "It is important in the sense that there is a tremendous amount of Irish culture that we are celebrating on the day, and it is not with green beer," said inn owner Creon Smith.

The items featured in the Irish Re-creation Feast will be printed on a menu which will identify the dishes served by their Gaelic and English labels.

Irish folk singer Dusty Rhodes and others will entertain patrons.

Smith added that holding the Irish Re-creation Feast at the Botsford Inn is especially fitting because of the inn's ties to Henry Ford I, whose family migrated from Ireland. Henry Ford's father, William, came from an area named Fairlaine in Cork. That Irish heritage is linked to the Botsford Inn because it was once owned by Henry Ford.

If your event is not listed, fax information to: Kelly Wygonik, Let's Go! editor (313) 591-7279 for publication in the March 16 issue. Or call, (313) 963-2106.

## Where to celebrate

**Where:** Bonnie Brook Country Club, 19950 Telegraph Road (between 7 and 8 Mile Road)  
**What:** 10th Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest featuring Irish Music Song & Dance  
**When:** 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., Fri., March 17  
**Cost:** \$7 per person. Children free. Food available, cash bar.  
**Call:** (313) 537-3489

**Where:** Beaver Creek 1069 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**What:** Green beer and bag pipe band will perform  
**When:** Fri., March 17  
**Call:** (313) 722-5330

**Where:** Botsford Inn 28000 Grand River (at 8 Mile), Farmington Hills  
**What:** Irish Feast Re-creation  
**When:** Fri., March 17. Seatings begin 5 p.m. Reservations encouraged.  
**Cost:** \$18.95 per person  
**Call:** (810) 474-4800

**Where:** Cowley's Old Village Inn, 33338 Grand River, Farmington  
**What:** Special drink prices, Irish music provided by Pat's People. Corned beef sandwiches, limited menu.  
**When:** 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fri., March 17.  
**Call:** (810) 474-5941

**Where:** Dunleavy's Pub and Grub, 34505 Grand River, Farmington  
**What:** Entertainment continues through the evening.  
**When:** Luncheon 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fri., March 17  
**Call:** (810) 478-8866

**Where:** Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Ave., Detroit  
**What:** Parade  
**When:** 2 p.m. Sun., March 12 begins at Michigan Ave. & Third, Detroit. Festivities begin at noon, Fri., March 17, free admission, Irish entertainment, food available.  
**Call:** (313) 963-8895, 2-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., noon to 7 p.m. Fri.-Sat.

**Where:** Brady's Food & Spirits, 38123 W. 10 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (east of Haggerty, inside the Holiday Inn)  
**What:** St. Patrick's Day Party  
**When:** 6 a.m. to midnight, Fri., March 17. Irish food, music featuring Shawn Riley noon to 3 p.m. and Irish duo Bob & Carl 5-11 p.m.  
**Call:** (810) 478-7780

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**Dining**  
Good Food Connection in Canton lives up to its name by offering well-prepared, healthy food.

**Theater**  
Check out Entertaining Choices to find out what's on stage in your community.

**Movies**  
John Monaghan revisits "Shallow Grave," a black comedy about three friends who discover the body of their fourth roommate, agree to dispose of it, and keep the money they find in his room.

**Travel**  
Ray Okonski of Farmington Hills and Marilyn Burkhardt of Plymouth share memories of their trip to Huasteca, Mexico, with the Nomads.

**Music**  
Stewart Franche creates a fictional landscape to bring his musical characters to life on his new CD "Where the River Meets the Bay."

## Looking ahead

► Livonia couple who shares romantic love on stage  
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## Fast-paced 'Rumors' is entertaining

'Rumors': Francine Hachem (left to right), Sarah Kamoo, Kathleen Terres of Farmington Hills, and Judie Rosati star in SRO's production of 'Rumors.'



SRO PRODUCTIONS

BY SALLY DURABE  
SPECIAL WRITER

SRO (Standing Room Only) Productions currently offers Neil Simon's farce, "Rumors," at "The Burgh" in Southfield. Director Nancy Harrower offers a very fast-paced evening filled with silly anecdotes and standard Simon jokes and one-liners.

The humor in "Rumors," however, seems to have been pulled out of Simon's standard one-liner bag of jokes. It's familiar, yet it can still tickle a funny bone if delivered properly.

For the most part, SRO's production offers well-timed comedic delivery. Unfortunately, the high-level, starter pistol energy used to open the show leaves little room for the comedic tension to build.

The "Rumors" begin at the anniversary party of Charley and Myra Brock. Charley has, rather inappropriately, shot himself in the earlobe and is unconscious from too much Valium; Myra is nowhere to be found.

Party guests Ken and Chris Gorman (Maro Rosati and Kathleen Terres) conspire to keep this assumed marital conflict/possible suicide attempt undercover to save the host and hostess from possible scandal.

Rosati fares quite well as Ken Gorman, and delivers lines with punch and confidence. Kathleen Terres provides a spirited performance, but portrays Chris Gorman as either whiny or crabby rather than a witty, socialite, well-to-do lawyer.

The domestic help is missing, and the host is unconscious, but guests keep arriving. Enter Lenzy



"Rumors" SRO Productions, at the City of Southfield's historic park, "The Burgh" on the northeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, (one block east of Telegraph).  
Showtimes 8 p.m. Fri. & Sat., March 10-11; 7-10 p.m. Sun., March 12, 19.  
Tickets \$7, children under 12 and senior adults, \$5. Call (810) 354-8362.

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