

Green drinks, food add color to St. Pat's Day

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy St. Patrick's Day. But you do have to get out to where people are eating, drinking and singing to make yourself part of the festivity.

The three Chuck Mueer taverns in West Bloomfield, Dearborn and Northville are all offering special entertainment and food on Friday, March 17.

At Bloomfield Charley's, Tim Smith will play piano, accordion, banjo, harmonica and sing from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to midnight.

The family tavern in West Bloomfield will be open for lunch at 11:30 a.m., with a menu of O'Halloran's Irish stew and O'Grady's corned beef and cabbage. Green beer, two St. Pat's cocktails (Charley's Shillelagh and Charley's Shamrock) and Irish coffee are the appropriate drinks to down.

THE WICKER WORKS in the Northfield Hillon is planning an all-Irish luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day.

Mulligatawny soup, Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage, Irish soda bread and lime sherbert are among the luncheon choices.

Dinner, 6-11 p.m., will be from the regular menu, but you can celebrate with two Irish coffees for the price of one.

The Northfield Hillon in Troy suggests reservations for both lunch and dinner.

ALSO IN TROY, the Holiday Inn continues its seventh annual St. Patrick's week party. The Irish festival, which began Monday, runs through Saturday and includes an ethnic dinner menu plus music.

Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS



The Irish folk trio The Gaels entertains tonight and Saturday, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Casa Grande Room. A big St. Patrick's Day party with The Gaels and Fr. Patrick W. McDunn, S.J., will be held in the ballroom on Friday.

Irish ballads, jigs and a sing-along of Irish-American favorites are promised, 8:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Dinner features Crubbean Pea Soup or Irish Potato Soup and Soused Herring, leading to the main course of Irish Lamb Stew with carrots, turnips, potatoes and cabbage, or corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes and carrots.

Festive jellied cheese salad, soda and wheaten breads, porter cake, whiskey cake, ice creams or sherberts

with oatmeal cookie complete the menu.

The Irish coffee is made according to this recipe given on the menu: "Cream, rich as an Irish brogue. Coffee, strong as a friendly hand. Sugar, sweet as the tongue of a rogue. Whiskey, smooth as the wit of the land."

Real Irish drinks include Guinness Stout and Harp Beer, plus O Schiltz Green Beer. Irish Mist Liqueur winds up a meal.

Reservations are being accepted for dinner; the regular dinner menu is also available.

IF YOU WANT to take your party

downtown, to Renaissance Center, the Cafe Renaissance at the Detroit Plaza is being converted to an Irish pub on St. Patrick's Day.

Folk singer Wallace Hood, a native of Belfast, will offer Irish jigs and traditional ballads, playing guitar, mandolin and whistle. He will perform at the after-work party, 5-11 p.m.

The hotel's nearby Cafe Express will round out the Gaelic fun by featuring corned beef, cabbage and Irish stew.

Barn Theatre hosts free fair

The Barn Theatre on the Oakland University campus will be the scene for a free Village Arts Fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.

In addition to free hourly entertainment 10 a.m.-4 p.m., there will be craft items on display and for sale. The items include handmade jewelry and pottery, batik, candles, and art works.

The free entertainment schedule follows: 10 a.m., the Barn Theatre Players present "The Wizard of Oz," 11 a.m., "Agape," a love story by Darion Martus; noon, the OU Mime Ensemble; 1 p.m., the student team of Gernimo and Nelson presents folk songs; 2 p.m., the Afram Jazz Ensemble; 3 p.m., Meadow Brook Estate singers and dancers; and 4 p.m., the OU Dance Program offers "New Improved Alphabet Stew," a performance that has been offered to school children throughout southeastern Michigan.



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