

Boyle the Kettle



We'll Have A Sup Of Tea
Tom Boyle



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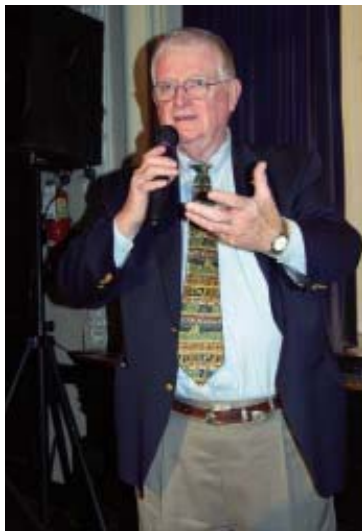
Will you put a red candle decorated with holly in the window, and leave the door open for Joseph and Mary with bread and milk on the table for them? How about a mince pie and a bottle of Guinness for Father Christmas? It's that time of year when everybody wants to be home for Christmas. Aer Lingus will cost you around \$1296 plus tax, and the Euro is about \$1.36... still want to go home for Christmas?

Predictable

Pope Benedict XVI named twenty-four new Cardinals, but he failed to name Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin. Now, why would you not choose the only Archbishop in Ireland who wanted the whole story of sexual abuse to be told? You will, of course, remember the Pope refused to accept the resignations of the Irish Bishops, who for decades covered up the sex abuse and transferred pedophile priests all over the world.

Cincinnati Irish

Saturday, November 13th, Cliff Carlson, publisher of Irish American News, and myself travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio for the "Grand Opening" of the Irish Heritage Center of Greater Cincinnati.



Tom Boyle encourages the crowd to support the Cincinnati Heritage Center

Founders, Kent Covey, and Maureen Kennedy, put together a great night of entertainment, and the house was packed.

Jim Tarbell played a haunting rendition of Danny Boy on the harmonica. There were step dancers, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's Choir, tenor Sean Kelly, and a scene from John B. Keane's play, Moll. Barbara Kenny played Moll, and she won the best actress award at the Acting Irish Theatre Competition in Chicago for the very same role.

The Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago sent the new center in Cincinnati a three-volume set of The Field Day Anthology of Irish Writing for their library.

Nick Clooney gave a most interesting anecdotal talk about the Irish in the movies, Pat O'Brien, Mickey Rooney, Maureen O'Hara, Jimmy Cagney, et al. Nicholas Joseph Clooney was the host of the TV show, American Movie Classics on the AMC movie channel. He said he would only be remembered as the brother of singer Rosemary Clooney, and the father of actor, George Clooney. Nick has been inducted into both the Cincinnati, and the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. Maureen Kennedy was kind enough to invite me to say a few words to the audience, and introduced me as their mentor. I simply encouraged the people there to get involved, and at the very least, maintain a membership. Vice Consul General Tim Reilly also addressed the crowd and offered words of wisdom and encouragement.

Todd Stroger

What else would you expect from this man who is not cooperating with Toni Prekwinkle in the transition of Cook County government? Smug, arrogant, not acting in the best interests of the people. Not only is he a loser, but a sore loser! Grow up Todd! Of course, Commissioner William Beavers stuck his two cents in when Toni Prekwinkle wouldn't retain Stroger's top executives. In other words, the County of Cook ain't ready for reform! How about an end to the nepotism, and the no bid \$25,000 contracts?

iBAM! Wrap-up

This event was really quite remarkable. The Bogside Artists were indeed, remarkable. They painted their famous Peace Mural along with portraits of John Hume, Seamus Heaney, and Brian Friel, all Derrymen from the free city of Derry. I watched the Bogside Artists work and enjoyed chatting with them. The authors were very interesting, and there is nothing like provocative conversation. How often to you get to talk one-on-one



Cincinnati Heritage Theater

with an author of some renown? Congratulations to all the honorees, especially Liz Carroll, who was given the Music Award. Congratulations to the committee that made this event possible. Irish culture has risen to a new level of excellence.

Barack Obama

The election proved to be a lesson in humility for President Obama. Besides digging a deeper hole with the national debt, and an ill-conceived national healthcare bill, what has he accomplished? Our foreign policy is a train-wreck, as evidenced by his recent trade mission to Asia.

Senior citizens are paying the highest price, with no increase in social security,

increased cost for health care, and those poor souls who saved their money are getting interest rates that are at an all-time low in the banks. Now they would like to increase our taxes across the board. I say enough is enough. Amen to that, brother!



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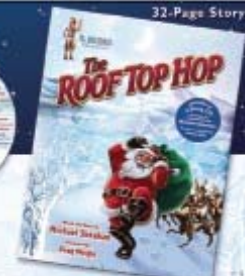


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