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## Benefit at the Beach a Sell-Out

Nearly 200 Museum of Newport Irish History supporters gathered at Easton's Beach Rotunda ballroom earlier this month for "Shamrocks & Seashells," the ninth annual benefit for the museum's Interpretive Center. Festive bagpipe music welcomed the guests to the Rotunda, followed by traditional Irish music performed throughout the evening by "The Exiles," back by popular demand. The group featured award-winning Irish step dancer, Kevin T. Doyle, who delighted guests with the energy and athleticism of his steps. Kitchen Companion Catering provided the Irish-inspired menu, which included passed hors d'oeuvres, several tasting stations, featuring both seafood and meats, and Irish bread pudding with whiskey caramel sauce as the sweet finale. The popular silent auction included Celtic-inspired jewelry, tickets to theatrical and dance performances, dining gift certificates and overnight stays at top local hotels.

The event proceeds will defray operating expenses of the museum's Interpretive Center and fund enhancements to the center displays. The Interpretive Center, located at 648 Thames Street, is open for the 2018 Season Thursday through Sunday, from noon-5 p.m., through Oct. 28. Private tours at other times may be arranged by appointment.

The Museum of Newport Irish History is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization of 800 members. Founded in 1996, its mission is to tell the story of Irish immigrants in Newport County from the 1600s to the present, to preserve artifacts and mementos of their experience, and to facilitate research into Irish heritage. To learn more, visit [newportirish-history.org](http://newportirish-history.org).



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