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Museum of Newport Irish History

Shamrocks & Seashells

Irish eyes were smiling at the 8th annual Shamrocks & Seashells benefit for the Museum of Newport Irish History, which was held at Easton's Beach Rotunda Ballroom. More than 150 guests celebrated Irish history, heritage and fellowship over carousel rides, traditional Irish music by The Exiles, and Irish-inspired food offerings such as "Luck of the Irish Skewers" — a passed hors d'oeuvre comprised of corned beef, Brussels sprouts, potato, onion and carrot. The event, which also featured nationally acclaimed Irish step-dancer, Kevin T. Doyle, held its most successful silent auction by offering 52 items for bid. The most popular were items of Irish interest, including a two-night stay on Ireland's Dingle Peninsula, Celtic design silver pendant and matching earrings by J.H. Breakell, and a sterling silver shell and shamrock necklace from Duris Studios. Mike Slein, president of the board of directors says, "The evening was a memorable and festive 'gathering of the clan,' recalling the contributions of the Irish to our beautiful city, Newport, and the traditions of Irish dance, song, food and laughter." -JH

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Kathy Papp, Peter Behan



Seth and Erin Margolis, Kevin and Theresa Doyle



Christine Marchese, Dr. Joe Farnam, Peg Murray



John Litherland, Heather Axen, Dr. Tom Galvin



Bob and Angela Healey, Lynn Flynn



Carol Lepley, Venessa Morse, Mary Ryder