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Welcome to IN-Chicago's 10th Annual Ball

Welcome! The fact that we are celebrating the tenth anniversary of Ireland Network Chicago has everything to do with your attendance this evening and your support for the Network from year to year.

That level of commitment is key to the Network's ability to fulfill its mission—supporting our membership's business development efforts and providing a bridge for newly arrived Irish to the Chicago business and Chicago Irish communities. IN-Chicago does this by hosting a full calendar of diverse and engaging events, both business and social, of which this annual gathering is the anchor.

Since last year's Ball here at The Drake, IN-Chicago has hosted or partnered no less than 26 network gatherings. Other events that IN-Chicago has supported during the year include the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' extensive NATO Summit programs in May. Our monthly First Friday program continues to provide a natural forum for connections across the membership and beyond. Our annual program has expanded significantly with several exciting new events, including our **Bloomsday Picnic** at Montrose Harbor in June, the **Rooftop Movie Screening** in July, and the **Members' Business Expo** in October, in addition to the ever-popular **Fall Table Quiz** in November. **IN-Conversation**, our occasional discussion series, has continued to thrive. IN-Chicago has been fortunate to host such knowledgeable panelists as Lori Healey, Niamh King, Don Welsh, and Colm O'Callaghan at recent installments of this wide-ranging series. We look forward to hosting many of you at these event programs over the coming months.

We are also delighted to report that IN-USA, our network partnership across the country, continues to grow, with **IN-ATX (Austin, TX)** and **IN-MN (Minnesota)** recently joining the ranks of what is now a truly national framework of Irish Networks across the U.S.

For many years, this annual gathering in February has provided us with the opportunity to give back as a membership by

raising funds for our charities of choice. This year we are delighted to support both global and local causes that are close to our hearts—**Concern Worldwide**, an organization that delivers help where it's most needed around the globe, and **Chicago Irish Immigrant Support**, which provides essential services to local Irish immigrants in need.

Our **2013 Grand Prize Raffle**, which offers the magnificent prize of a **Dream Trip to Ireland**, will yield 100% of the proceeds to these two worthy causes, and the lucky winner will be announced after dinner this evening. **On behalf of Concern and CIIS, many thanks for your support and best of luck!**

Lastly, I want to extend our sincere gratitude to our Sponsor Partners, without whose generous support over the past ten years we could not host events of this nature. Please take a moment to review the diverse roster of sponsors in this brochure and please support them with your business whenever the opportunity arises. Thanks also to the Consulate General of Ireland for its continued strong advocacy for our mission. And many thanks to our hardworking committee members and other key volunteers who spend countless hours all year long building the success and vibrancy of the Network. It shows!

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- 7.45 pm** Welcome Address—**Seamus Byrne, President Ireland Network**
- 8.00 pm** Dinner served
- 9.15 pm** Keynote Speaker—**His Excellency Michael Collins, Ambassador of Ireland**
- 9.35 pm** Drawing for Grand Raffle Prize (**Dream Trip to Ireland**, all proceeds to Concern Worldwide and Chicago Irish Immigrant Support)
- 9.45 pm** **Dancing with the Alan Gresik Orchestra, featuring Amanda Wolff**
- 12.30 am** Adjourn to **IN-Chicago's 10th Anniversary After-Party**— *downstairs at The Drake's Coq d'Or Lounge*

MENU OF THE EVENING

- TO BEGIN** Butternut Squash Bisque, Curried Apple Chutney
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Michael Collins became Ireland's Ambassador to the United States on 18 September 2007 following presentation of his credentials to President Bush. He is the 16th person to occupy the post of Irish Ambassador to the US since 1924. In the year since his appointment, Ambassador Collins has travelled to all the major centers in the United States. With a particular focus on supporting Irish business and economic development, Ambassador Collins has also spoken extensively on contemporary Ireland and the Northern Ireland peace process. Ambassador Collins was named "Diplomat of the Year" by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council in May 2008.



H.E. Michael Collins

Prior to his Washington appointment, Ambassador Collins worked for six years, on secondment from the Department of Foreign Affairs, as Second Secretary General at the Department of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister of Ireland). In that capacity he worked closely with Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister Blair and the Northern Ireland political parties on the Northern Ireland peace process. Between 2001 and 2007 he was a participant at all the major peace process events that culminated with the 2006 St. Andrews Agreement and the formation of the Northern Ireland Executive on 8 May 2007. He was also with the former Taoiseach during his landmark address to the Parliament at Westminster in May of that year and more recently, as Ambassador, when the Taoiseach addressed a Joint Meeting of the US Congress in May 2008.

During his time at the Department of the Taoiseach, Ambassador Collins was also responsible for European

Union issues, including Ireland's EU presidency in 2004 as well as all UN and international affairs.

He was also a member of the Board of the Royal Irish Academy (International Affairs). He travelled extensively with the Taoiseach on all his official visits and most notably on the major trade promotion visits that the Taoiseach led to China (2005), India (2006) and the Gulf (2007).

A native of Dublin, Ambassador Collins was born in 1953 and was educated at Blackrock College and Trinity College, Dublin. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs as a Third Secretary in 1974 and his early diplomatic postings brought him to Rome (1975-77), New York (1982-86) and Washington (1993-95). Ambassador Collins served as Ireland's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 1995-99 during which time he was also Ireland's Ambassador to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Emirates.

Ambassador Collins also served from 1999-2001 as Ambassador to the Czech Republic and Ukraine.

Ambassador Collins was the Head of Press and spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs from 1990 to 1993. While serving in Dublin in the late 1980s he also worked on international arms control and disarmament issues and represented Ireland at numerous international meetings on these issues including at the United Nations in New York and the International Conference on Disarmament and Development in 1989.

Ambassador Collins is married to Marie and they have three sons, Brian, David, and Owen.

A Message from the Consul General

Aidan Cronin

Ireland's Consul General in Chicago

My wife Maedhbh and I are delighted to be able to join you here tonight at what will be our second Irish Network Ball since we arrived in Chicago some eighteen months ago. Thank you to the Committee for your kind invitation to join in your celebrations this evening.



The Ireland Network Ball is, with good reason, regarded as being one of the highlights of the Irish social calendar in Chicago, thanks to the hard work of successive organizing committees over the last ten years. As we look forward to kicking-off the St. Patrick's Day celebrations next month, tonight affords us the opportunity to get back into the swing of things after a January of well-earned hibernation and recuperation after December's excesses.

As I have gotten to know the members of Ireland Network over the past eighteen months, I have been impressed time and again by your enthusiasm, your industry, your dedication to making the Network the best that it can be, whether as a forum for discussion, a way to make new connections or simply as a vehicle for meeting and enjoying each other's company every First Friday. What has struck me most, however, is your passion, your determination that, as you make your lives and your careers in this great city, you will remain connected to, and supportive of, Ireland.

I am, as Ireland's Consul General in Chicago, very grateful for that support, as I continue the work of telling Ireland's story and promoting Ireland's interests in Chicago and across the Midwest.

And we do have a positive story to tell.

Ireland has been through some difficult times but through it all the Irish people have remained resilient and there is a renewed confidence that we are on the road to recovery. The Government has, since taking office in March 2011, put in place a series of measures to re-structure and re-capitalize the Irish banking system, to get our public finances back in order, to restore competitiveness to the domestic economy and to create employment. It is a work in progress and more challenges undoubtedly lie ahead, but compared to where we were as an economy and as a people, just two years ago, we are in a much stronger position to address those challenges in the coming years.

We are grateful to the Irish diaspora, to organizations like Ireland Network Chicago and its counterparts across the country – there are now some thirteen Ireland Networks spread across the USA - for supporting initiatives such as Connect Ireland and, this year in particular, The Gathering.

As Ireland's official representatives here in the United States, we are, when set against the size of the territory to be covered, relatively small in number – the Embassy in Washington, the five Consulates General, the different State agencies, including our colleagues in the IDA office here in Chicago – and having you advocate for Ireland, in your community, in your workplace, in your business, means a lot to us and we value your input greatly. So please, keep flying the flag for Ireland and for the Irish people.

I am particularly delighted that Ambassador Michael Collins is here with us this evening. He has, along with his wife Marie, represented the Government and the people of Ireland here in the United States with distinction over the past five years, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish Michael and Marie every success as they prepare for their move to Berlin this summer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Séamus Byrne, as he prepares to hand over the reins of the Presidency in the coming months. Séamus has led the Network with great dedication over the past two years and the strong and mutually supportive relationship that exists between the Network and the Consulate is due in no small measure to his leadership. His input as President will, of course, be missed but, in the spirit of "The King is Dead, Long Live the King/Queen", all of us in the Consulate look forward to working closely with his successor and with the new Committee over the next twelve months and beyond. 🇮🇪

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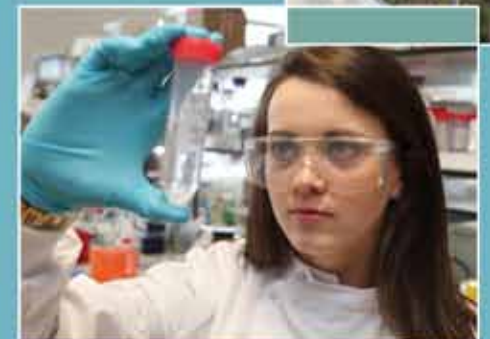
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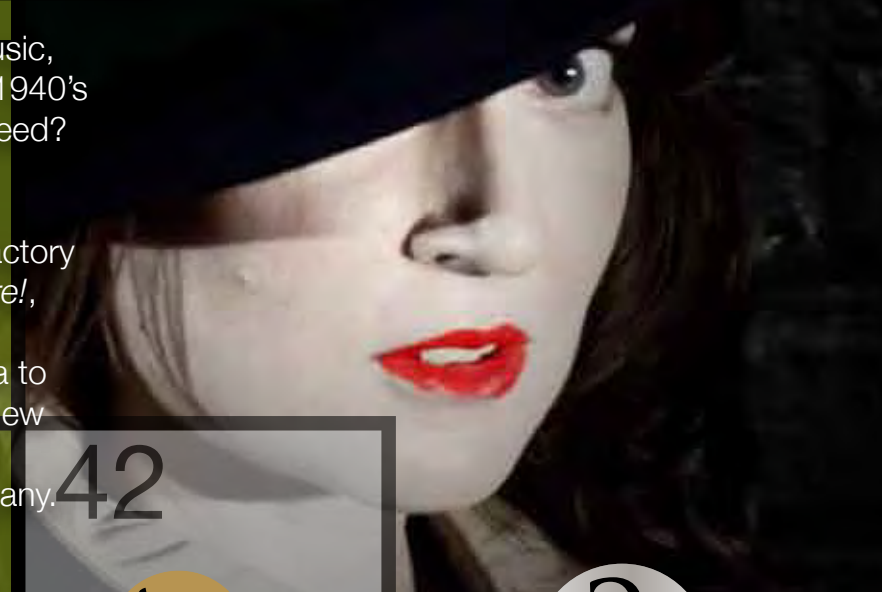
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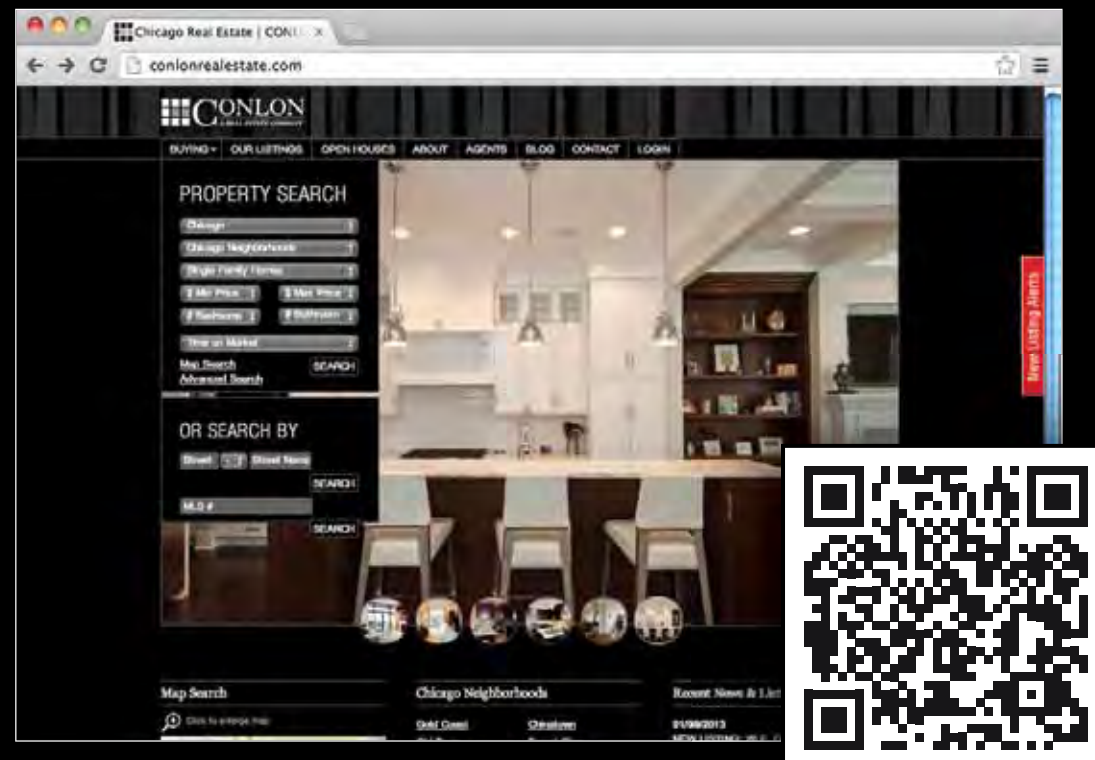


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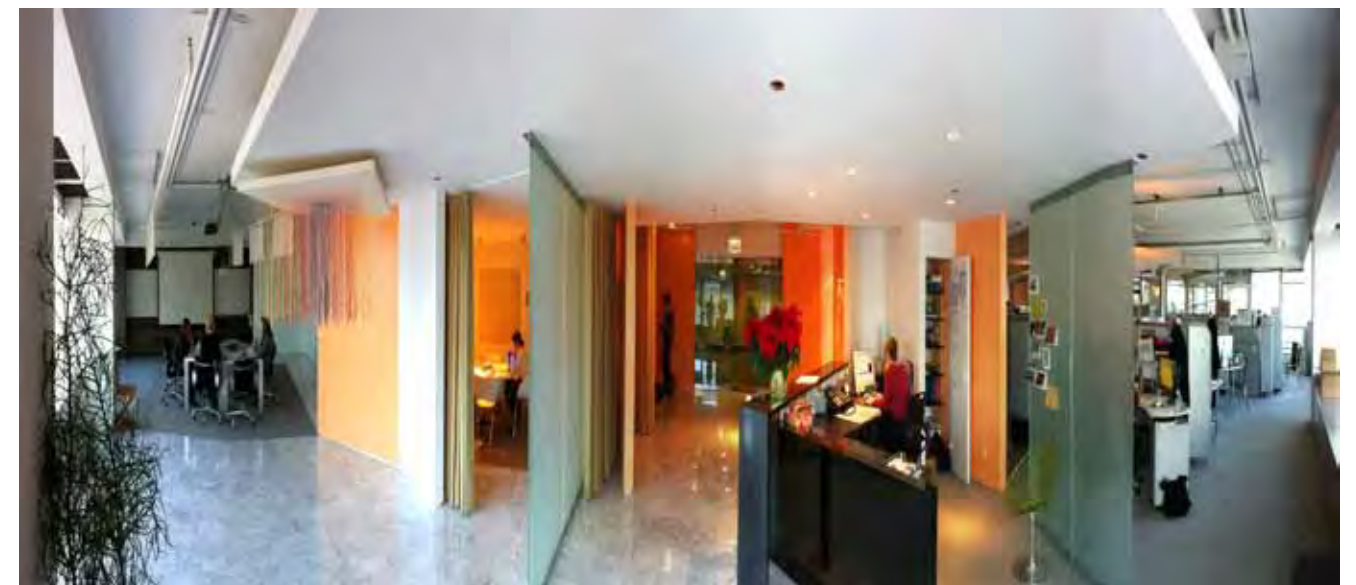
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The goal of the campaign is to encourage as many website visitors and Facebook followers as possible from Chicago and beyond to declare their Chicago pride via a simple online vote at shamROCKchicago2013.com. After all the votes are recorded, a petition and vote tally will be presented by the ShamROCK Chicago Council to Aidan Cronin, Consul General of Ireland, at a public event in the days leading up to March 17, 2013.

As part of the initiative, prominent Chicago business people with strong Irish ties are serving on the **honorary ShamROCK Chicago Council** and will promote the effort throughout their communities. They exemplify the Irish spirit

in Chicago and will come together to present the petition. They include:

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- **Jim Coyne** *General Chairman, Parade Committee & Business Manager, Chicago Journeymen Plumbers' Local 130, U.A.*
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- **Patrick Thompson** *Chairman, The Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago*

In addition to casting their votes, visitors to shamROCKchicago2013.com will also be able to find event information on the "Craic Finder," purchase ShamROCK Chicago shirts, learn fun facts about Chicago's St. Patrick's Day celebrations, spread the word by ROCKING their friends and encourage them to visit the social media sites for ShamROCK Chicago 2013.

Street teams have been blanketing Chicago to raise visibility for the initiative and encourage widespread participation, with more events to come. For more information on ShamROCK Chicago 2013, future events or to cast your vote, please visit shamROCKchicago2013.com, find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/shamROCKchicago2013](https://www.facebook.com/shamROCKchicago2013) or Twitter @ [shamROCKchicago](https://twitter.com/shamROCKchicago). 

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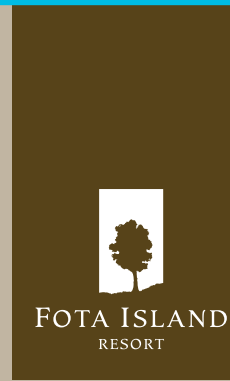
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Ireland Network Chicago fulfills its mission by hosting a wide variety of events over the calendar year. Among the highlights of 2012 was our partnering with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs for their historic public education endeavor, the NATO Summit Speakers Series. We also joined the Irish Fellowship Club and the Irish American Partnership in welcoming Taoiseach Enda Kenny to Chicago for St. Patrick's Day. Last but not least, we enjoyed many opportunities to support charitable causes. **Here is a look back at just a few of the IN-Chicago events that our members attended in 2012.**



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- 19 Sep IN-Conversation: NATO Revisited, with Lori Healey & Niamh King
- 09 Sep End-of-Summer Golf Outing
- 07 Sep First Friday Gathering | Columbia Yacht Club
- 07 Aug "Rush Hour Concert" featuring Maire O'Brien
- 03 Aug First Friday Gathering/ Vice Consul General Farewell | The Pepper Canister
- 20 Jul Movie on the Roof
- 06 Jul First Friday Gathering | O'Brien's Riverwalk Café
- 22 Jun Connect Ireland Reception | The Gage

- 16 Jun Annual Bloomsday Picnic & Performance
- 10 Jun UEFA Euro 2012: Republic of Ireland vs Croatia
- 01 Jun First Friday Gathering | Emerald Loop
- 04 May First Friday Gathering | Rebar at Trump International Chicago
- 25 Apr Education in Ireland Reception
- 13 Apr Annual Members' Meeting
- 06 Apr First Friday Gathering | Celtic Crossing
- 02 Mar First Friday Gathering | Halsted Harp
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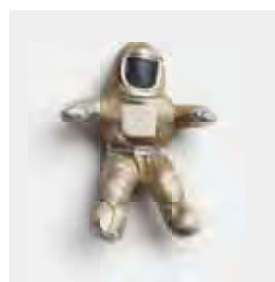
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Immigration and U.S. Economic Competitiveness: A View from the Midwest

Excerpted from a Chicago Council forthcoming task force report

The future of the United States depends on far more than economic recovery: the holy grail for the long term is economic competitiveness.

At the top of the skill ladder and at the bottom, immigrants are an essential piece of America's global competitiveness. We as a nation must work harder to attract and retain immigrant talent and avoid wasting the potential of the immigrants already here.

Despite increasing educational attainment across all levels of society, the U.S. workforce alone is not educated enough to sustain a globally competitive knowledge economy. Sixty to 70 percent of the students in American computer science and electrical engineering graduate programs are foreigners on temporary visas. Twenty-five percent of U.S. patents are held by innovators born abroad. One-quarter of the high-tech firms launched in the United States between 1995 and 2005 were founded by immigrants. These newcomers don't supplant U.S. workers. They enhance American productivity and create jobs. We need their talent to sustain our economic edge—and will need it increasingly in years ahead.

America also needs less-skilled immigrants. Long-term demographic and educational trends are changing the size and makeup of the native-born workforce. U.S. families are having fewer children. Baby boomers are retiring. Perhaps most significant, Americans are increasingly educated. In 1960 half of the native-born men in the U.S. workforce had dropped out of high school and were doing unskilled work. Today, the figure is less than 10 percent.

The economic downturn has done nothing to change the fundamental educational and demographic trends that make foreign workers essential for American prosperity. Global talent and the less-skilled workforce alike will play an essential role in the nation's economic recovery. We must make the right choices about immigrants at both ends of the job ladder. We need innovators and investors, and we need a legal way for low-skilled immigrants to come to the United States to work.

We in the Midwest need answers—now—for our economy and our communities.

We need better solutions on our borders and in the workplace. We need visas for high- and low-skilled workers, a legal immigration system that works for entrepreneurs, inventors, investors, STEM students, nurses, home health care aides, busboys, farmhands and seasonal hotel help. We need employment-based immigration that meets the needs of employers and employees as well as a family-based system that reunites relatives in a timely way. We need solutions that serve immigrants without shortchanging U.S. workers. And we need a path to citizenship for Dreamers and their parents.

The region's competitiveness—our livelihoods, our future, our children's future—hangs in the balance. We need Congress to act. It's time to step up and get the job done.



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Friday, March 1, 6:00 PM: First Friday at Strawdog Theatre (3829 N. Broadway) See a special performance of new Irish comedy *Improbable Frequency*. The New York Times says: "Dazzling! Lovers of comic wordplay will be tickled silly."

Friday, March 15: IN-Chicago supported events: Irish American Partnership's annual St. Patrick's Day breakfast (8:00 AM, Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson) and Irish Fellowship Club's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner (6:00 PM, Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan.)

Friday, April 5: First Friday and Annual Meeting (The Gage, 24 S. Michigan) Learn about events planned for the year ahead, listen to a review of activities and finances for the year just past, and most importantly, offer your feedback and ideas for the future.

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