



The SPRING 2024

Bulletin

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A Message from Our President



Welcome to Spring...once the weather changes that is! By the time you read this, St. Patrick's Day will be here, and Easter will be right around the corner. I hope everyone has started this year off with new perspectives and great ideas to help you enjoy your daily life.

The Board meeting in January was by Zoom and we accomplished a lot. Now we are looking forward to Convention at the end of April this year, hosted by Temecula Valley MOMS with Chairman Janet Pike and Co-Chairman Kristin Stiles. They have all kinds of exciting events planned to keep you entertained. Hotel reservations are already open, so please get yours in before they sell out. "Sitcoms" is going to be a very entertaining event, so plan on joining us for a great weekend away.

As always, we will be looking for volunteers for the upcoming year. You will be able to fill out a volunteer form at Convention (if you haven't already). It's a great experience and you will see how your organization is run!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Executive Committee as we are here to help.

Looking forward to seeing everyone once again and hopefully a lot of new faces as well. See you the end of April!

Love, Carla



Vice President—Wendy Leonard

If anyone wants to send money towards the President's gift there are two options:

Venmo is @kirby-wendy

Last 4 digit of hubby's cell phone is 3359

OR

Mail a check to:

Wendy Leonard

22841 Bergantin

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ALSO. Club dues are due anytime between now and the end of May 2024. Mail a check to:

Terry Buchanan

956 Pinyon Court

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OR pay via Zelle at Treasurer@scmomc.org

In early March 2024 I sent an email out to all club contacts that I had with it the form that needs to be filled out and sent back to me. If you didn't get that email just let me know!

Thanks so much



Recording Secretary—Diana Pedersen Coe

Hello Ladies,

Well so far the winter has not been too bad. I have been getting lots of exercise since I bought an Electric Tricycle. Yes it is electric but I pedal it more than I use the electric part. I've also been busy painting decorative rocks for the craft fair in Boulder City.

Retirement is not as exciting as some people think. But getting to watch the grand kiddies makes up for it.

I will be emailing out our General Session meeting minutes from our workshop 2023 on April 1 2024. When you receive them please share them with your club and if you have any questions, commits or corrections please let me know.

I will be looking for 2 moms to be on my minutes approval committee for our Board meeting in April. Please let me know if you can help.

See you in April at TV Sitcom Convention

Corresponding Secretary—Lorrie Seigel

I have enjoyed serving as Corresponding Secretary this past year. I want to thank Carla, Wendy, Diana, Terry and Donna for guiding me through this process and for all their support. I loved serving with you all.

I have ordered replacement badges for our Board Member positions that were missing. PLEASE bring your badges with you to the April Convention so that you can turn them in to me at the end of the luncheon. Looking forward to seeing everyone at TVMOM Sitcoms 2024 Convention!



Treasurer—Terry Buchanan

Happy Spring. I cannot wait to see everyone in Temecula. TVMOMS have a great weekend planned for us. You won't want to miss it.

We will be voting for officers at Convention. The slate is set but it's not too late to submit a resume to run for office or be appointed as a committee chair. We NEED you.

Just a quick reminder if you have any uncashed checks, please deposit as soon as possible so I can update the account.

Parliamentarian—Donna Matanane

Hello MOMs!

Hoping this Bulletin finds everyone well and looking forward to Spring and warmer, dryer weather!



At our upcoming Convention, elections will be held for this organizations Executive Committee for fiscal year 2024-25. The proposed slate of nominees can be found under the Nominating Committee Chairman's article in this Bulletin. You are encouraged to discuss with your club members prior to Convention so that your registered delegate may cast your clubs vote.

I thought I was done but upon perusing our current Bylaws and Standing Rules, I've discovered a few additional areas that need amending to bring them in line with how our organization has been operating. An email with these proposed amendments will be sent to each member club's State Rep with the required 30 day notice. I anticipate sending out this email on or before March 25th.

If any current Board member has any modifications to their position procedures, be sure to send them my way so that they can be updated in the Procedure Manual.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Parliamentarian. Hope to see you all at our 55th Annual Convention in Murrieta! TVMOMs have been working hard to provide us with a fun weekend!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

	MARCH 2024		APRIL 2024
1	Dues Renewal Notice emailed	4	Board Meeting Notices emailed
	Deadline for Book Award Applications	18	Deadline for Final Reports to President with Copy to VP and OIC
15	Bulletin Emailed	26-28	55th Annual Convention—Temecula
22	Deadline for Convention 2024 Registration	27	SCMOMC Board Meeting @ 8:00PM
22	Deadline for Convention 2024 Hotel		
	MAY 2024		June 2024
1	SCMOMC Dues are due	22	Joint Board Meeting
15	Insurance Renewal Forms due		

2023-2024 SCMOMC Board Members

Advisor/Past President (83-85)	Diana Long
Advisor/Past President (87-89)	Kathy MaGouirk
Advisor/Past President (89-91)	Carla Hall
Advisor/Past President (96-98)	Linda Grisé
Advisor/Past President (00-02)	Terry Buchanan
Advisor/Past President (02-04)	Amanda Young Rigby
Advisor/Past President (06-08)	Donna Matanane
Advisor/Past President (10-12)	Lisa Edwards
Advisor/Past President (12-15)	Laura Teague
Advisor/Past President (15-17)	Amanda Armitage
Advisor/Past President (17-19)	Melissa Lewis
Advisor/Past President (19-21)	Patricia Johnson
Nominating Chair	Ashley Matics
Nominating Committee	Kathy MaGouirk, Janet Pike Conni Russell, Gaby Sempé
Meeting Planner	Laura Teague
2023 Workshop Chair	Laura Teague
2023 Workshop Co-Chair	Conni Russell
2024 Convention Chair	Janet Pike
2024 Convention Co-Chair	Kristin Stiles
Chaplain	Regina Voshell
National Representative	Ellen Johnson
State Liaison	Sarah Parker
Editor	Jennette Sides

2023-2024 SCMOMC Board Members

Special Projects	Justine Wakim
President's Scrapbook	Diana Pedersen Coe
Insurance Liaison	Lorrie Seigel
Webmaster	Becky Hames Leidiger
Historian	Tricia Heck
Support Services HOM	Candace Hallmark-Bozek
Scholarship Chair	Lorrie Seigel
Scholarship Committee	Amanda Armitage, Veronica Brown, Angela Lin Maike Rehusch, Robyn Samuelson-Dodd

Editor—Jennette Sides

Hello MoMs! I don't know about you, but I am so ready for spring to finally spring and bring us some better weather! I am a warm weather gal to the core, and the amount of cold days and rain we are getting is really dulling my spirit. Sunshine... hurry up and get here already!



Thank you to everyone who submitted an article for the Spring Bulletin. Your work makes my job so much easier! I appreciate all of you! If there is ever anything you want added to the Bulletin, or want to contribute any type of article, please don't hesitate to send it my way.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in April at TV Moms Sitcoms! I hope to see everyone in their favorite Sitcom themed attire. You know Molly and I can't help ourselves and we will definitely be donning some themed garb!

See you all soon!



Insurance Liaison—Lorrie Seigel

Check your email on March 1, 2024 for the reminder to fill out your Insurance Renewal Form. You can find the form on our Members Only section at [SCMOMC.org](https://scmomc.org). Renewal forms will be due May 15, 2024.

Scholarship Chair—Lorrie Seigel

The Scholarship Committee is busy going through all the applications that have been submitted for Scholarship. The winner will be announced at the April Convention.

Don't forget that we have a Book Award available. Multiples and/or parents of multiples who will be attending college or trade school in Fall 2024 will be eligible to apply. The parent must be a current member of a multiples club that is a member in good standing of SCMOMC, Inc. The \$500.00 award will be awarded at the April convention. It will be a random drawing. Winner does not have to be present to win.

Completed application must be submitted by March 1, 2024. You can find the application in the Members Only section at [SCMOMC.org](https://scmomc.org).

Secret Sisters—Messages

Ashley – I hope you are off to a good year and look forward to seeing you at Convention. Your SS.

Thank you to my SS for my Workshop gifts....very much appreciated!! Carla



Nominating Chair—Ashley Matics

Hello SCMOMC, Inc.! We are so close to Convention 2024 and elections for the 2024-2025 club year. If you'd like to submit a resume for one of the Chairman or Committee positions please do!

The slate for the Executive Board for 2024-2025 is as follows:

President - Carla Hall

My name is Carla Hall and I am again running for the office of President. Being the mom to 6 kids – 2 single boys, twin boys (one of whom is deceased) and twin girls was definitely a challenge. I have been active in twins club since my second set of twins (didn't know about it with the first set). I have held quite a few positions with the only major exception being that of Treasurer. I firmly believe in this organization and what it can do to help new MOM's. The friendships you make will last a lifetime and you will always have someone to talk to that will truly understand your issues. We have streamlined the meeting processes so that there is more time to meet new MOMs, relax and enjoy your time away. Therefore, I would like to ask for your vote to continue making changes that help us all. Thank you for your consideration.

Vice President - Lorrie Seigel and Wendy Leonard

Lorrie Seigel:

Hello SCMOMC! I'm Lorrie Seigel and I have been a member of Multiple Miracle Moms of OC since 1997. I have a 37 yr old singleton (Jessica) and 26 yr old B/G twins (Joshua & Julia). I am also the proud grandmother of Julian (9) and Nora (6). I am a retired RN (I stopped working when I had my twins). I have held just about every position with my local club and I have been attending Conventions/Workshops for the past 20+ years. About 8 years ago, I finally stepped up and took on my first SCMOMC Board position on the Marketing Committee. Then I went on to serve on the Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Chairman, Nominating Chairman and Insurance Liaison. I have also been the 2023 Convention Chairman. Currently, I am serving as the Corresponding Secretary, Scholarship Chairman and Insurance Liaison. I have enjoyed serving this great organization and I hope that I can help keep it going for the years to come. Thank you for considering me for Vice President this term.

Wendy Leonard:

I'm a mother of Identical twin boys that are 38 yrs old. I'm currently active in two clubs, Orange Coast MOMS and Saddleback MOMS.

I have been married to my wonderful husband Chris for 32 yrs! We live in Mission Viejo and we have a 2nd home in Lake Havasu City, AZ (where the London Bridge was brought over to the USA from England 52 yrs ago)!

My husband has been retired from Orange County Fire Authority for 8 yrs now!

We have been taking care of our beautiful Granddaughter Brooklyn - 9 and 1/2 yrs old and our crazy little Dylan - 6 and 1/2 yrs old and our chunky little monkey Tyler 2 and 1/2 yrs old.

The slate for the Executive Board for 2024-2025: (Continued)

Recording Secretary - Diana PC

Hello there. This is Diana Pedersen Coe. You all know me by Diana P-C. I am running again for your Recording Secretary. I am a mother of 4, step mother of 2 and grandmother of 10 (so far). Retired from coding and billing medical insurance.

I am now living in Henderson Nevada next door to my daughter Virginia. Her identical twin sister Danielle lives in Alaska serving in the US Air Force.

My hobbies include gardening, painting rocks and riding my new electric tri-cycle.

I have been with SCMOTC and SCMOMC for 36 years in various board of director positions. Starting out with Antelope Valley MOT&T and then became a founding member of the MODD Squad (Mothers of double digits) in 1995.

I have enjoyed being on the SCMOMC Executive Board and I hope you will help me keep going by voting for me as your Recording Secretary.

Thank you

Corresponding Secretary - Kris Berry and Jennette Sides

Kris Berry:

Hi! I'm Kris Berry. I'm a 44 year member of S.C.M.O.M.C., Inc. I am a founding member of Mixed Doubles M.O.M.s. In my many years in clubs I have served in every Committee position and all but one Board position. I have never been Treasurer! As for State, I have served on and headed many Committees, some we don't have any more. I have served as Recording Secretary 3 years on the Executive Board. I love this Organization, it's family to me. I have received so much more than I have given. I want to continue to give my heart and soul to this Organization. I want to see growth within the organization and would really like to be part of that growth!

My twins, Shannon and Jonathan, will be 44 in July. My 4 grandsons make me so proud. One in the Army, one in the Air Force, one will graduate from High School next year and one that will be 7yrs old in June. Most of you know my husband Ken. We've been married 26 years in October and together 33 years in December. Add in S.C.M.O.M.C., Inc., and my heart is full!

Jennette Sides:

Hi there! I am Jennette Sides and I'm running for the position of Corresponding Secretary. I, along with my wife Molly, have 14-year-old B/G twins named Dylan and Devyn, an 11-year-old daughter named Sol, and 7-year-old B/G twins named Xavi and Roxi. We have been members of our local organization, Beach Cities Parents of Multiples Association (BCPMA) since we were 6 months pregnant with Dylan and Devyn. For BCPMA, I have worn many hats, filling in wherever needed. We first were introduced to SCMOMC when we attended Workshop 2014 and became immediately hooked. We haven't missed a Convention or Workshop since, even attending a month after our last twins were born!

I have volunteered my time and energy with SCMOMC in the capacities of State Liaison, Convention Chair, and currently, Editor. Now that our youngest twins are a little older, I have decided it is time to take on an even bigger role and (hopefully) join the Executive Board. I hope to be able to serve this great organization and all of you in the coming term.

The slate for the Executive Board for 2024-2025: (Continued)

Treasurer - Terry Buchanan

Current SCMOMC Treasurer. I have been an active member of SCMOTC/SCMOMC for over 40 years. I have served as President, Recording Secretary, Parliament and Treasurer. Chaired or served on many committees.

I have 3 sons, twins Chuck & Tony 49, Kris 45. 7 grandchildren, Wyatt, Zak, Ethan, James, Logan, Amelia & Charlotte.

I am recently retired from 27 years working for Home Depot.

I joined PVMOTC when C&T were 3 months old and haven't looked back. I have met so many wonderful women and made many lifelong friends along the way. I guess I'm here to stay.

Please discuss these options within your clubs and be ready to vote at the General Association meeting on April 27th.



Resume for Elected and Appointed Positions

Personal Information

Name: _____ Telephone: _____ () _____

Address: _____ City and Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Cell phone: _____ () _____

Member in good standing (local club): _____

Date joined: _____ Current position: _____

Please indicate, in order of preference, your first, second and third choices for the SCMOMC, Inc., Executive Board positions that you are interested in serving in. All resumes must be returned to the Nominating Committee Chairman **postmarked no later than January 10, 2024**, in order to be considered for nomination, by the Nominating Committee.

President _____ Vice President _____ Recording Secretary _____

Corresponding Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Parliamentarian _____ (appointed)

In order to be considered for a Chairmanship or other board position, a current resume must be on file prior to consideration for elected/appointed positions. Please number, in order of preference, your first, second and third choices for the positions you are interested in serving in.

Elected: Nominating Chairman _____ Nominating Committee _____

Appointed:

Advisor/Past President	_____	Scholarship Chairman	_____
Chaplain	_____	Scholarship Committee	_____
Convention Chair	_____	Special Projects	_____
Convention Co-Chair	_____	State Liaison	_____
Marketing Chairman	_____	Support Services HOMs	_____
Marketing Committee	_____	Webmaster	_____
Editor	_____	Workshop Chair	_____
Historian	_____	Workshop Co-Chair	_____
Insurance Liaison	_____	National Representative	_____
Meeting Planner	_____	As Needed	_____

By submitting this application, you are consenting to serve as a member of the Board of Directors

Attendance at the May Convention is mandatory for election to the SCMOMC, Inc., Executive Board.

All officers and chairmen are expected to attend all scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors.

I AGREE TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER OF THE SCMOMC, INC. YES _____ NO _____

I AGREE TO SERVE AS A CHAIRMAN OF THE SCMOMC, INC. YES _____ NO _____

Local Club Service

Office(s) held:

Chairmanship(s) held:

SCMOMC, Inc., Service

Office(s) held:

Chairmanship(s) held:

Other Qualifications and Affiliations

Save as a PDF and send to 23-24 SCMOMC Nominating Chairman Ashley Matics

- via email attachment: ashleymatics@gmail.com
- via US Mail: 46249 Jon William Way, Temecula, CA 92592

DATE RECEIVED by Nominating Chairman: _____

Meeting Planner—Laura Teague

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Convention 2024 April 26-28 “TVMOM Sitcoms “

Hosted by Temecula Valley MOMs. Chairwoman Janet Pike and Co-Chair Kristin Stiles.

Time to get nostalgic about some of our favorite sitcoms and also time for SCMOMC to try something new!!



With the rising costs in the hospitality industry and the huge demand for hotels in the Temecula Valley area, we found the best option for our next hotel to be in the charming city of Murrieta, just 20 minutes north of downtown Temecula.

The Holiday Inn Express and Suites is not your Grandma’s Holiday Inn of yesteryear. Built in 2019, this fresh, clean, and uncomplicated property has all the modern conveniences: Business center, Fitness Center, heated outdoor pool, complimentary breakfast, in room microwave, frig, and KEURIG coffee maker. Free parking and Wi-Fi.

\$189.00 for your choice of a King or Double Queen room. Link for room reservations coming soon. This hotel does not have a banquet department. We will be having our meals from a local catering company!

Woo Hoo! So far, the menus look amazing. We are working to find the best quality food at a great price to keep our registration fees affordable. More details to come.

WORKSHOP 2024 NOVEMBER 1-3 A Roaring 20’s theme – Title TBD

Hosted by Orange Coast Mothers of Multiples. Chairwoman Lisa Anhalt and Co-Chair Jennifer Payne.

Crowne Plaza Costa Mesa \$159.00 King or Double Queen Room. 224 deluxe guest rooms renovated in 2019. Fitness Center and Business Center. LESS than 2 miles from John Wayne Airport for our alumni, family and out of town guest Moms. \$18.00 Parking (discounted from \$26.00)

AND....

NOW is the perfect time for a MOM to volunteer for the Meeting Planner position and work with these amazing clubs to find our future locations. Please submit a resume online at scmomc.org ASAP as a new Meeting Planner will be selected this April. I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the hotel industry and working with all the amazing clubs we have in this organization. I am eager to start mentoring any mom that would like to shadow me during the upcoming months as we support these awesome clubs that have volunteered their time to host our events.

I am happy to attend any club meetings to speak to your members about hosting future events.

National Representative—Ellen Johnson



Happy Spring and I hope everyone has made it through all the rain Winter.

The Multiples of America 2024 Convention will be held on July 25 to July 27, 2024 in Louisville, KY. The convention will be held at the landmark Brown Hotel, a blend of old world elegance and present day comforts. The room rates are remarkably low at \$159 per night for a deluxe room and \$179 for a luxury room. The registration costs will be \$220 for members and \$195 for National Workers and Past Presidents. Registration is expected to be open in April on the website. Please see [2024 annualconvention/ - Multiples of America](#) for more information on convention and for the link to reserve your room at the Brown Hotel.

Make sure to review the bi-monthly publication Multiple Connections. The March issue will be featuring information on the Flat Multiple (think Flat Stanley) Project for Multiple Birth Awareness Month in April. This project invites members to use a pattern to create a miniature representation of their multiples and to take the Flat Multiples along on family adventures and share that on social media to show how multiples are in the world, raising awareness about multiple birth parenting. More details will follow in the April Club Connections.

Multiples of America is also launching Multiple Match, a new project that will allow you to “match” with another member from around the country with similar interests or parenting/life challenges. More details will be in the April Club Connections.

In addition to the Flat Multiple Project, Multiples of America has updated its Multiple Birth Awareness Month kit to provide information and guidance for clubs to make the most of this month to share the joys and challenges of multiple birth parenting. This is available in the Members Only section of the Multiples of America website, www.multiplesofamerica.org.

The Spring Mailing will be sent in Mid-March. Please make sure to add info@multiplesofamerica.org to your safe list so you can receive this information as well as Multiple Connections, Club Connection and other emails from Multiples of America.

Multiples of America also has several Zoom Connect meetings. The next one is April 10, 2024. Dr. John Mascazine will be the featured guest and his focus will be on education of multiple birth children. This is a chance to get information and to ask questions.

Speaking of education, Multiples of America has created a narrated presentation about the Education of Multiple Birth Children. The link will be on the website this spring.

National Representative—Ellen Johnson (cont'd)

Multiples of America works with researchers across the country to address a variety of subjects that impact multiple birth children. There is a new research opportunity about ESP (extrasensory perception) and twins. The link to this project at www.multiplesofamerica.org/hamner_research/. There will be other research projects posted. Please review and consider participating.

Please make sure you have joined the Members Only Facebook Group and like the Facebook Page. There are other Facebook Groups, including the Leadership Shareshop group for club officers to share ideas with each other. There are many posts containing great information that you can like and share. Follow Multiples of America on X, formerly known as Twitter and on Instagram!

Please remember to check out Multiple Connections, the bi-monthly news magazine, for articles and great information on parenting multiples. Also look for the Special Delivery from the President, Club Helpline, Zoom Connects and Club Connections, a bi-monthly newsletter emailed to club leaders with articles on club-related topics, leadership tips and news from Multiples of America. If you have any suggestions for a topic or story or to share pictures to include in the publications, please connect with the Media and Publications Department at media@multiplesofamerica.org.





CONVENTION 2024

LOUISVILLE, KY

- THE BROWN HOTEL
- \$159 A NIGHT DELUXE ROOM
- \$179 A NIGHT LUXURY ROOM
- DAILY BREAKFAST/EVENING SNACK FOR AN ADDED FEE
- FREE AIRPORT TRANSPORT, 6 AM - 11 PM
- KENTUCKY DERBY MUSEUM
- RIVERBOAT CRUISES
- LOUISVILLE SIGHTSEEING
- WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING
- SHOPPING & RAFFLES
- BUSINESS OF THE ORGANIZATION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 25-27, 2024

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(Formerly the National Organization of Mothers of Twins Clubs)

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF
MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB
SPRING 2024 CONVENTION***



***APRIL 20, 2024
THE COBRA EXPERIENCE MUSEUM & EVENT SPACE
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA
HOSTED BY THE NCAMOTC BOARD AND CHAIRS***

Register at [2024 NCAMOTC SPRING CONVENTION "NCA GRAND PRIX '53" \(givebutter.com\)](https://givebutter.com/2024-NCAMOTC-SPRING-CONVENTION-NCA-GRAND-PRIX-53)

Local Club News

Temecula Valley Mothers of Multiples had their annual Valentine's Day Celebration, we had a great time bringing all the kids together. Our gracious hosts Taryn and Anson shared their Outdoor Event Venue Rock & Tree. Feel free to check out their website for more information <https://www.rockandtreeperris.com/>.

Submitted by Janet Pike



TVMOMS Valentine's Day Celebration



Holiday Traditions by History.com

Celebrated annually on March 17, [St. Patrick's Day](#) is a holiday known for parades, shamrocks and all things Irish. From leprechauns to the color green, find out how symbols we now associate with St. Patrick's Day came to be, and learn about a few that are purely American inventions.

The Shamrock

The shamrock, which was also called the “seamroy” by the [Celts](#), was a sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the seventeenth century, the shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. As the English began to seize Irish land and make laws against the use of the Irish language and the practice of Catholicism, many Irish began to wear the shamrock as a symbol of their pride in their heritage and their displeasure with English rule. .

Irish Music

Music is often associated with St. Patrick's Day—and Irish culture in general. From ancient days of the Celts, music has always been an important part of Irish life. The Celts had an oral culture, where religion, legend and history were passed from one generation to the next by way of stories and songs.

After being conquered by the English, and forbidden to speak their own language, the Irish, like other oppressed peoples, turned to music to help them remember important events and hold on to their heritage and history. As it often stirred emotion and helped to galvanize people, music was outlawed by the English. During her reign, Queen [Elizabeth I](#) even decreed that all artists and pipers were to be arrested and hanged on the spot.

Today, traditional Irish bands like The Chieftains, the Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem are gaining worldwide popularity. Their music is produced with instruments that have been used for centuries, including the fiddle, the uilleann pipes (a sort of elaborate bagpipe), the tin whistle (a sort of flute that is actually made of nickel-silver, brass or aluminum) and the bodhran (an ancient type of framedrum that was traditionally used in warfare rather than music).

The Snake

It has long been recounted that, during his mission in Ireland, St. Patrick once stood on a hilltop (which is now called Croagh Patrick), and with only a wooden staff by his side, banished all the snakes from Ireland.

In fact, the island nation was never home to any snakes. The “banishing of the snakes” was really a metaphor for the eradication of pagan ideology from Ireland and the triumph of [Christianity](#). Within 200 years of Patrick's arrival, Ireland was completely Christianized.

Leprechauns

One icon of the Irish holiday is the Leprechaun. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is “lobaircin,” meaning “small-bodied fellow.” Belief in leprechauns probably stems from Celtic belief in fairies, tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil.

In Celtic folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies. Though only minor figures in Celtic folklore, leprechauns were known for their trickery, which they often used to protect their much-fabled treasure. Leprechauns have their own holiday on May 13, but are also celebrated on St. Patrick's, with many dressing up as the wily fairies.

Recipe Corner

Have a favorite recipe to share? Send it my way!

Tomato-Tortellini Soup by Diana Pedersen Coe

Ingredients

2—14 ounce cans reduced-sodium chicken broth or vegetable broth

1—9 ounce package refrigerated tortellini

½ - 8 ounce tub cream cheese spread with chive and onion

1—10.75-11 ounce can condensed tomato or tomato bisque soup

Snipped fresh chives (optional)

Directions

In a medium saucepan, bring broth to boiling. Add tortellini; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 5 minutes. In a bowl, whisk 1/3 cup of the hot broth into the cream cheese spread until smooth. Return all to saucepan along with tomato soup; heat through. Sprinkle with chives before serving. Makes 4 servings.



Special Projects

Have you purchased your SCMOMC swag yet? Show your support of SCMOMC by purchasing some great items. Use this link [SHOP SCMOMC](#) to access the SCMOMC store and order your merch today!



V-Neck Unisex Tee



Women's Slim Fit Tee



Premium Unisex Tee



Logo Mug



Logo Tote