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Us, As Our Culture  
Guides Us In  
Making Lancaster A  
Community Which  
Supports Everyone.

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**President's Message:** Happy Spring Everyone! March was a busy month with a successful Taste of Ireland, and great concert from Boys of Innisfree Band. 169 people attended the concert which was filled with foot stomping energetic music. Hopefully we can make the concert an annual event. We have a few ideas on how to make it better! Thanks to you all for your support of our events. We hope to offer a slate of new officers at our May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Please contact me if you are willing help to make LIACS a great organization moving forward. Go riabh maith agat "I extend thanks to you" **Peggy**



**Boys From Innisfree Band**

### **Taste of Ireland- 2023**

We were grateful this year to continue a LIACS tradition of sharing special family recipes with a focus on our special Taste of Ireland dishes.



During our meal we were treated to Celtic music played by Joann Swords-Wang. Joann has a long history of playing the harp, and shared with us some of her back ground in learning to play the instrument on a harp she and her father constructed. As is typical for our gatherings there was no shortage of food, beverage, and fellowship. A cookbook from the One World Festival was a door prize. Twenty-eight pounds of food was collected by our group to support Lancaster Food Hub in memory of our ancestors who suffered during the Irish potato famines.

**LIACS** is stronger when we share our talents and work towards common goals. Over our 15 years as an organization we have enjoyed many wonderful events, and overcome some great challenges. We have succeeded by following the group's mission of promoting Irish History and Culture within our Lancaster community. Together we will see that the next 15 years are successful by giving of talents to this group. Over the next few months we the current leadership team are asking members to consider some way which they can share their talent. Together we are better!

**LIACS** will meet on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 at the Celtic Center of Lancaster, Manheim Pike. In addition to our business meeting, we will have a presentation of the role Irish Americans played during the Civil War, with a focus on the battle of Gettysburg July 1-3 1863. Speakers will share insights on this critical period of our shared history.

**Did you know?** - The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in NYC on March 17, 1762.  
-Nine of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Irish descent.  
-Andrew Jackson's parents were from Ireland.  
-The White House architect was James Hoban born in Callan, County Kilkenny.

Some members have expressed an interest to have LIACS sponsor a guided tour of the Gettysburg National Park, with a focus on the difference Irish soldiers made. This day trip would occur on a week day in July this summer. Contact Mike Schreiner at [mmje1714@ptd.net](mailto:mmje1714@ptd.net) for info. or to reserve a seat.