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A note from the Editorial Staff of The Quarterly

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The membership of the IGSW and indeed the entire Irish community in Milwaukee was saddened to learn of the passing of our founding member, Jane C. Maher on March 28th. Jane was well known to all for the many important roles she played. She was an Irish Fest coordinator of the Genealogy Tent beginning in 1983; she became the first president of the IGSW in 1992; and in 1999, Jane was instrumental in establishing our Irish Emigration Library. In all these efforts, Jane continued making priceless contributions to this organization — right up through March of this year — with a clear and far-sighted vision, and a determined energy which inspired and motivated the many volunteers with whom she worked.

But there is more. Jane was also the editor of the Society's newsletter, *The Irish Genealogical Quarterly*. The publication you are reading was begun 25 years ago under the guiding hand of Jane's husband, Dr. William P. Maher. After Bill's death in 2009, Jane took up the mantle of editor and publisher, encouraging members to submit articles, collecting contributions, and carefully laying out each and every issue with help from Bob Towne and others. She started work on the March issue not knowing it would be her last. Member Mary Kay Kuhfittig worked under Jane's direction to see that issue to completion. Now it is up to all of us to continue Jane's legacy. It is no surprise that it will take several people to fill her shoes, and going forward there will be a committee of volunteers collaborating to publish *The Quarterly*.

And so we turn to you, the membership, for help. We encourage you, as Jane always did, to contribute your own work for publication. Below are some guidelines and suggestions for submissions. And if you are interested in assisting with production as well, please let us know. *Many hands make light work*. You can reach the Editorial Staff at: igswis@gmail.com.

The Quarterly is IGSW's forum for expressing your genealogical interests, telling your family story, celebrating discoveries, and sharing research techniques and resources.

We invite all IGSW members to consider making a contribution to an upcoming issue. Full-length articles, personal tales, news tidbits, photographs — all are welcome. If it is Irish or genealogical or both, it is relevant to the readership.

You do not need to be a professional, an expert, or a previously published author. **We want to hear your voice!**

IDEAS FOR ARTICLES

Here are topics readers have enjoyed in the past, and some new ones that perhaps *you* might write about:

- · My Visit to Ireland
- Nuts & Bolts / How To
- · Irish Fest Yearly Recap
- · How I Busted My Brick Wall
- · Irish Mythology & Folklore
- · Wisconsin Irish Biographies

HOW TO SUBMIT

Digital formats are preferred, via email: PDF for articles and JPG or PDF for photos and illustrations. If you can't provide your contribution this way, do not be discouraged! Simply contact us — we'll talk.

We recommend that authors follow these formatting guidelines:

Page margins: Please allow a margin of 3/4 inch on all sides.

Title & Author: Please include a title, and byline your own name below it.

Text: Use Times New Roman, Helvetica, Arial or similar fonts. Please color all text black.

Graphics: Embed any accompanying photos, charts, maps etc. in position within your article. Photos and graphics can be in color, but note they will print in black and white.

WHERE TO SEND IT

Please email your submission or questions to: igswis@gmail.com

DEADLINES

The deadline for each issue of The Quarterly is the tenth of the month prior to the cover date:

- March issue: due February 10;
- June issue: due May 10;
- · September issue: due August 10;
- December issue: due November 10.

