



St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Baptism and Parish BBQ!





Notes From Sarah



Dear Friends in Christ,

Gratitude. Gratitude has been at the forefront of my thoughts of late. Gratitude for your generosity of resources and spirit that has led to a successful purchase of our new parish rectory. Gratitude for all of those individuals who are working diligently to make our Ceili Award Gala a success. Gratitude for the continued ministry of our honoree for the event, our beloved music director, Donna Roberts Axton. Gratitude for the young people and their energy and enthusiasm that they bring to our congregational life. Gratitude for new members of the Body of Christ in this time and place, and especially those beautiful services of confirmation and baptism. Y'all, we are blessed abundantly.

I ask you to reflect upon how you personally have been blessed by God. What stirs a sense of deep and abounding gratitude in you? For what are you thankful? How can you sit in this moment and let such praise of God's goodness fill you up body and soul? Take a deep breath. Invite the presence of the Holy Spirit. And count all of these blessings. Allow each one of these examples to transform you, to refocus you, to recenter your attention upon the source from whence it all came. Sit and soak up the presence of the Divine in your life.

When you have had a moment to refill this gratitude well with God. I invite you to contemplate: How do you express such appreciation of God's generosity? In prayer? In words? In actions? In continuing the cycle of giving and receiving so that the love is never ending? How do you create more opportunities to experience God's grace in your life? How are you a vehicle for others to experience God's generosity? How can gratitude become a daily practice that forever changes us as individuals and as a community?

My friends, let us enter this day and each day of our lives with thanksgiving and praise for all the many gifts that God has given us. Y'all, we are blessed abundantly, and for that I am forever grateful.

God's peace,

Sarah+



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CLERGY HOUSING UPDATE: MOVING DAY!





Ceili Award for Community Leadership Honors Donna Roberts Axton

By Rev. Clare C. Novak

Some exceptionally talented people attract leadership, but don't push for it. They draw communities together, but never dominate them. Their humble, yet effective, way of leading often brings them appreciation and deep satisfaction--but not often the spotlight.

This changes with the "Ceili Award," a recognition to be given annually by St. Patrick's Episcopal Church to a community member who uplifts and unifies the people of North Tahoe/Truckee. In the spirit of St. Patrick, "The Ceili" (*Kay-lee*) is named for a traditional Irish social gathering that weaves everyone together in the rhythm of dance, music, and song.

How right that the first "community weaver" receiving this award is North Tahoe's premier musician: Donna Roberts Axton. In honoring Donna, we acknowledge her extraordinary career in the music world as well as her wide contributions to our area.

Through her, and because of her, many local communities intersect, blend, and become stronger. "Donna Axton embodies the perfect Ceili Award recipient," states The Rev. Sarah Syer of Saint Patrick's. "She naturally gives of herself for the common good with talent, grace, and humility."

So with "Celtic Black Tie" flair, we're inviting everyone in North Tahoe/Truckee to celebrate Donna at our inaugural Ceili Award Gala on Friday, September 13, at The Chateau, and then at a music-filled worship service on Sunday, September 15, at St. Patrick's.

As we assemble Donna's many fans and friends, students and colleagues, fellow musicians and family members, we'll also present a picture of her life seldom seen in full. Donna's large talent has led her down many paths: an acclaimed pianist in all genres and styles of performance, composer, arranger, conductor, music director, accompanist, educator, counselor, spiritual leader, mother, and gardener. As she says, "I was once given the advice to do one thing, on one straight line. It was good advice. But I didn't take it."

For that, we are grateful. Coming from a musical family—inspired by her father's singing, self-taught on her grandmother's piano bench, a shy yet stand-out performer—she was destined to succeed as a professional musician. But it was not a solo career she first pursued. Lifted by the joy of an orchestra, band, or chorus, Donna was drawn to the goal of collective harmony. It was all about making a community out of her fellow musicians and her audience.

That goal took her far. Tahoe friends who gifted her with a piano when she arrived here in 1972 then saw her evolve from playing classical music to the current pop groove. Enter legendary singer/songwriter Hoyt Axton and his distinctive Country Western/Boogie Woogie/Gospel/Rock and Roll band. Donna caught the magic of their sound, and with Hoyt as her husband, and their son Matthew by their side, they performed and recorded around the world with a tight unit of musicians. "I'm fortunate in life, because I've always had people come along with me—listening, playing, or singing," Donna says.

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After 14 celebrity-filled years on the road, Donna came back to Tahoe with Matthew to start a new chapter, to expand her community on the foundation of family and friends she never really left behind. She brought her talent for sensitive, attentive listening into the counseling field, specializing in Depth Psychology with a master's degree from Pacifica Graduate Institute. After five years in private practice as a licensed Marriage and Family therapist, she began to teach at Sierra Nevada College, where to this day she directs the SNC Concert Choir she'd accompanied on and off during touring.

And her repertoire in teaching became as wide as her musical reach. Not only is Donna now the director of the Music Program at SNC—with classes ranging from piano and voice to the history of rock and roll—she also teaches all levels of psychology to students reaching to understand themselves and others. "We are fortunate that Donna has been part of our institution since 1999," says Dr. Alan Walker, past president of Sierra Nevada College. "She is an icon in the community, and has touched the lives of hundreds of students with the extraordinary talent and experience she brings in the world of music. We are very pleased that she is receiving this honor, which is much deserved."

Donna continues to act as an acclaimed music director, conductor, soloist, and accompanist for scores of area musical productions at both community and professional levels, including TOCCATA and St. Patrick's. She performs locally with Out of the Blue and Axton and Company, the band led by Matthew, a fine singer/songwriter/guitarist. She also serves as a practitioner in the Center for Spiritual Living Tahoe-Truckee, assisting in prayer, meditation, and counseling that changes lives.

What gives her the discipline and presence to move through all these different worlds of performance, service, and professionalism? Her sensitivity to others, her love of neighbor, and her ear for the music in life's most difficult and joyful moments. Through her extraordinary talent and diverse gifts, Donna Roberts Axton joins hearts together—the epitome of the 2019 Ceili Award for community leadership.



Honoring Donna Roberts Axton



Look closely at our Ceili Award Gala logo. What does it mean to you?

This traditional Irish ring (the claddagh) speaks to our event's high purpose. The hands represent **friendship**. The heart represents **love**. The crown represents **loyalty**.

We encourage you to represent all three by supporting St. Patrick's spirited "Celtic Black Tie" dinner/dance on September 13.

Express friendship to the guests you'll invite or host. Extend love to our first Ceili Award honoree, the extraordinary Donna Axton. And be loyal to our vision of a parish that uplifts the North Tahoe/Truckee community. All funds raised will support our charitable work for the most vulnerable among us.

Please act now to join your hands, heart, and hope to this meaningful evening. Your support will honor us all!

Come celebrate Donna Roberts Axton

North Tahoe's extraordinary musician, educator, community leader

Ceili Award Gala: Friday, September 13, 6 pm

The Chateau, 960 Lakeshore Blvd., Incline Village, NV

Fine Dining, Live Music, Irish dancing, Auction

Festive Worship: Sunday, September 15, 10 am

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 341 Village Blvd., Incline Village, NV

**Tickets available through September 6 (12pm) at www.TahoeEpiscopal.org
or the Church Office with cash or check, M-F, 9 am-1 pm**



Outdoor Worship

Much thanks to our Altar Guild and Flannel Team for their hard work to make this summer in our outdoor chapel a success! It takes a "Village"!





Reading with Heart: Seekers' Circle

Our monthly book group—with members from St. Pat's, Catholic and Protestant churches, the North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation, as well as "SBNRs" (spiritual but not religious seekers)—explores what we read, what we question, and what we've discovered in life.

- **One book a month:** Come if you've read it all, part of it, or are just curious.
- **Drop in for lively discussions:** 2 Mondays each month, 3:00 to 4:30 pm, St. Pat's Library
- **Each book available for borrowing from the "Seekers' Circle" shelf** in our Library
- **Order your own copy through our Amazon page** so St. Pat's gets a percentage of the sale: www.tahoeepiscopal.org/doc/amazon.html
- **Questions?** inclineseekerscircle@gmail.com

UPCOMING SELECTIONS:

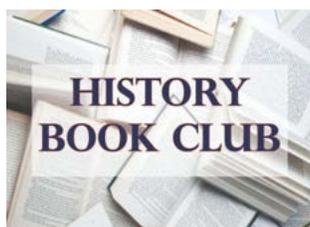
September 9 and 23:

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

A new novel from Lisa See, the New York Times bestselling author of *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, about female friendship and family secrets on a small Korean island.



Club meets in the St. Pat's library at 3pm.
Please contact Wayne Glass for information: wglass@usc.edu



Tuesday, September 10: "The Great Migrations: From the earliest humans to the age of globalization"

Tuesday, October 8: "Red Notice" by Bill Browder

Tuesday, November 12: "The Beak of the Finch" by Jonathan Weiner



Parish Events: A Look Back



Wildflower Walk



Holy Commotion Kids Camp





Camp Galilee 2019



St. Pat's kids enjoyed a week at Camp Galilee!





Welcome to realm

As many of you know, we have changed over to a cloud based church database! If you haven't already done so, please fill out the form on the front foyer coffee table and return to the office. Your information is stored securely and is only accessible to our members with a login and password.

WHAT'S THE PROCESS?

1. Fill out the form on the front foyer coffee table.
2. After your form has been entered into the system, you will get an EMAIL invitation from Realm to join our online community. Check your spam folder!
3. Create an online account with Realm (login and password)
4. Click the Realm link on our website to access your account and our online directory! (www.tahoeepiscopal.org)

The online directory is where you can update your personal information, upload a personal and/or family photo, and view the contact information for your fellow parishioners!

Need a phone number and address? Check Realm!!! Not all members are in the directory, depending on their privacy choices, so you may still need to call the office (775-831-1418).

HAVE YOU BEEN GETTING OUR EMAILS?

We have been able to email you directly from Realm! Let us know if you want to be added to the list or if you'd like to be removed. We'll be sad to see you go though. Our goal right now is to stick to a once-per-week email blast with announcements and other important information.

WHAT'S COMING IN THE FUTURE?

1. The ability for online giving directly from your Realm account.
2. Electronic communications from group leaders for those that we serve (small groups, young families, etc).
3. The ability to scan a payment for a special collection directly from the Parish Notes in your bulletin!

IN A NUTSHELL:

We are excited to move into the future with Realm in an effort to streamline our communications and giving. Let the staff know if you have questions, and thank you for your patience and support!



Wanted: Sunday Lay Ministry Volunteers!



If you'd like to help out on Sunday's with Altar Guild, Readings, or as an Usher, etc. please let us know! This is an important and rewarding ministry here at St. Pat's, and we need YOUR help! You can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like. Please contact the office for more information: 775-831-1418 or email: office@tahoepiscopal.org

WELCOME TO THE ALTAR GUILD

I, as Chair of the Altar Guild, have been remiss in not regularly "shouting out" the consistent work your quiet, silent, mostly hidden members of the Altar group perform.

I now reach out to anyone and everyone who might consider joining our small group to train and/or become familiar with our responsibilities. Anyone can serve in very small ways, "many hands make light work". When you observe the beauty of the Sanctuary, the continuously burning candles, lovely floral arrangements, book readings marked, hymn numbers displayed, remember there are just a few volunteered hands responsible.

If you appreciate and consider these seemingly small but impactful gestures important, please seriously consider joining our group. If you attend the 8am service there are simple clean-up duties and set up for 10 am. After 10 there are the same simple clean-up duties and a few extras. Contemplate becoming aware, join us in the sacristy, we all have great fun!

Prayerfully submitted,
Marilyn Gareffa





Birthdays

September:

**Wayne Glass 9/1
Kayla Franklin 9/19
Bill Slocumb 9/21
Judy Brust 9/29**

October:

**Debra Kay Wilson 10/1
Lenty Hagen 10/1
Bill Drewes 10/1
Steve Barney 10/10
Jim Kelly 10/15
John Kelly 10/26**

November:

**Sally Hammel 11/2
Parker Carsman 11/6
Jim Clark 11/6
Courtney Carsman 11/11
Larkin Schuessler 11/20
Cindy Boudett 11/21
Marty Gollery 11/22
Erica Wegener 11/23
Alice Balfrey 11/25
Annabelle Beauchamp 11/30**



Anniversaries

September:

Chuck & Laurean Meyer 9/18

October:

**Sarah Syer (Priest Ordination) 10/3
Bruce Townsend & Cindy Boudett 10/27**

November:

**Wayne & Ruth Glass 11/2
Paul & Karen Colbert 11/24
Dave Mussatti (Priest Ordination) 11/28**



- Please let the office know if you or someone that you know would like a remembrance in the Shamrock. Please email your special dates, (month/day/year) including baptisms and confirmations to: office@tahoeepiscopal.org.
- We apologize if there's been an error or omission. Corrections may be submitted to the office at anytime!



Monthly Shamrock Newsletter DEADLINES

Articles are due in the Church Office: office@tahoeepiscopal.org

All Articles are due by the 15th of the previous Month

January issue: deadline December 15

February issue: deadline January 15

March issue: deadline February 15

April issue: deadline March 15

May issue: deadline April 15

June issue: deadline May 15

July issue: deadline June 15

August issue: deadline July 15

September issue: deadline August 15

October issue: deadline September 15

November issue: deadline October 15

December issue: deadline November 15

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communications ministry!

Contact the office TODAY: 775-831-1418
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Please recycle your inkjets for cash for St. Patrick's! A green collection box is in the foyer! Please remember to put your inkjets in a plastic sandwich baggie to prevent leakage!

Coffee Hour Refreshments! Please be sure to sign up if you'd like to bring in treats on Sunday mornings! The sheet is on the foyer coffee table! Please sign up for as many Sundays as you can: there will be no coffee hour on those Sundays without a "host"!



Welcome to Realm, our new church database! Please fill out the contact information flyer at the front of the church, and provide your family photo to be included in our directory! Or if you'd like to update your family photo, please email office@tahoeepiscopal.org.



The Altar Flower donation - Only \$65.00! Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex and make sure to put "flower fund" in the memo line on your checks. Sign up now to ensure a lovely display every Sunday!

St. Patrick's Art Gallery!

Please contact the office if you're interested in presenting your hang-able art in our hallway gallery!

The theme will change every couple months and we are looking for oils, watercolors, photography, children's art, quilting, and knitting! Show us your special talents!



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The Rev. Sarah A. Syer
Rector

The Rev. Dr. David J. Mussatti
Priest (adjunct)

The Rev. Jim Kelly
Priest (retired)

Rev. Clare Novak
Interfaith Associate

Donna Axton
Music Director

Jessica Rotter
Parish Administrator/ Shamrock

Marilyn Gareffa
Altar Guild

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Bill Drewes
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Marty Gollery, Ginnie Jed,
(2017-2020 term)

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Cindy Boudett, Karen Colbert,
Mike Wang (2019-2022 term)

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