

2018 Trip for Two to Ireland Winner



The winning ticket for the Tenth Annual *Trip for Two to Ireland Raffle* was drawn on September 15th at the General Thomas F. Meagher Division's Halfway to St Patrick Day Celebration held at Lake of the Woods. The General Meagher Division is grateful for the community support as about 400 people participated in this year's raffle. With great anticipation, the winning ticket was drawn by five year old Emma, an Irish dancer with the

Muggivan School of Irish Dance. Jim Protiva purchased the winning ticket in early May and never imagined he'd win. Jim and Val have opted for a return visit to Ireland in lieu of the alternate \$2500 prize. Halfway to St Patrick Day Celebrations, together with Irish American Heritage Month activities, represent a significant part of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' community outreach programs to highlight Irish traditional music and dance. As in past years, Irish music was provided by Fredericksburg's Irish band, DragonFyre. The AOH also thanks our friends at the Piedmont Steakhouse, It's About Thyme, the General's Quarters, the Old House Vineyard, Harry's Ale House, J. Brian's Tap Room and the Colonial Tavern, Home of the Irish Brigade for their generous support for this celebration. Proceeds from the annual raffle and from the AOH Shamrock Charity Golf Classic held each spring are used to support area charities, summer work camp programs, scholastic grants, pro-life organizations and more.