

September 2022

Dear St. David's Society Members and Friends,

Eighteen months have passed since our last correspondence on March 1, 2021 when I informed you that for the first time since the founding of the St. David's Society in 1889, we weren't able to gather to celebrate St. David's Day. Since then another St. David's Day has passed without a celebration due to the pandemic. But all is not lost for 2022...



We will celebrate the dedication of the Garth Dorwen Shelter at Pritchard Park on Sunday, Sept. 18 from noon – 2 p.m.

Please call Sue Evans at (262) 633-7819 to let us know how many from your family to expect.

We'll provide a light lunch of sandwiches, chips, dessert and soft drinks in the pavilion. After a short annual meeting, we'll have a drawing for door prizes of Welsh items and enjoy our time together.

As you may recall, the society donated \$3,000 to Racine County in 2019. The South Shelter at Pritchard Park now has a permanent reminder of the generous donation Ginevra Pritchard Williams made to Racine County. The plaque affixed to the shelter tells the story of her gift of 24 acres of land in 1942 to establish the Owen P. Pritchard Family Memorial Park.

Ginevra's grandparents, Robert and Margrad Pritchard emigrated from Penygroes, a rural community near Caernarfon, North Wales in 1842. The following year they purchased 100 acres in Mount Pleasant along the north side of Durand Avenue mostly east of Ohio Street. Robert built a log house there and named the home-stead Garth Dorwen, the same name as the family farm in Wales.

In addition to honoring her family and Welsh heritage, Ginevra also remembered the St. David's Society of Racine & Vicinity as the beneficiary of a memorial fund from which dividends continue to be paid, allowing the group to carry on Ginevra's philanthropy by donating funds for park improvements and other projects to preserve Welsh heritage and culture in Racine.

Hope to see you on September 18!

Katie Humphrey, Secretary & Treasurer
St. David's Society of Racine & Vicinity

