

## Milwaukee Irish Fest Literary Corner Authors 2017

### **Tony Macaulay**

Author of *Paper Boy*, *Bread Boy*, and *All Growned Up* comes this year with his new book, *Little House on the Peace Line* recounting his years as a young adult spent living and working with youth on the “wrong side” of the peace line during the years of the Troubles.

### **Kathleen Anne Kenny**

A Wauwatosa native and 31 year patron of Milwaukee Irish Fest Kathleen is excited to appear in the Literary Corner with her first book, *Girl on the Leaside*. She has written a lovely coming of age tale set in the Connemara region of west central Ireland.

### **Rex Owens**

Rex returns to the Literary Corner with the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of his planned trilogy, *Out of Darkness*, involving his protagonist, Ian Murphy. This college professor from Cork has led a double life as a key member of the IRA but changes direction and agrees to help write the peace agreement ending the Troubles and thus making himself an enemy and a target for both sides of the conflict.

### **Valerie Biel**

New to the Literary Corner Valerie has written a trilogy based on Celtic Mythology that is centered on a generation of Irish women in one family. The three books, *Beltany*, *Novella Collection* and *Sacred Treasures* belong to the *Circle of Nine* trilogy and are suitable for readers 12 years and up but will also be appealing to anyone interested in learning more about Irish and Celtic Mythology.

### **John Sexton**

*The Big Yank* is John’s memoir of growing up with an American father and an Irish mother in a remote corner of Donegal absent any neighbors and miles from any town or school or church. Describing a dysfunctional family living in poverty with foot power the only means of transportation the book is very well written and a good read.

### **Michael McCarthy**

Coming all the way from Rochester, New York, Mike also has written a trilogy based on several generations of a family who emigrated from Ireland to Canada and New York. Its focus is on the plight of the immigrants but also their tremendous courage and fortitude in the face of what seems impossible obstacles. *From Cork to the New World*, *The Flight of the Wretched* and *The Children of Michigan Street* make up the trilogy.