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IOWA WELSH SOCIETY  
FALL/WINTER MEETING  
Saturday, November 12, 2016

Central Presbyterian Church  
39<sup>th</sup> & Grand  
Des Moines, Iowa

11:00 Board Meeting

Noon Tea & Treats (bring your own lunch)

1:00 Program – Duane Wilkey constructed reproduction armor and weapons for a commemoration of the Battle of Hastings. Come hear him talk about how he came to do this project, see some of his work - including a set of 11<sup>th</sup> century armor and weapons! – and hear about how he transported all of this equipment to the U.K., including his adventures with Customs. Jenifer will also bring some of her reference books, so you can see pictures that relate to this historic event and the people who participated in them.



**SAVE THE DATE  
ST. DAVID'S LUNCHEON  
MARCH 4, 2017**

**THE SPRING MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE  
CAMPUS OF CENTRAL COLLEGE AGAIN THIS  
YEAR.**

**MARTHA DAVIES WILL TALK ABOUT HER  
INDUCTION INTO THE GORSECH IN WALES.  
BERWYN JONES WILL ALSO MAKE A  
PRESENTATION AT THAT TIME.**

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE  
SPRING NEWSLETTER.**



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## North American Festival of Wales, 2017

The North American Festival of Wales, Gwyl Cymru Gogledd America, will be held August 31-September 3, 2017, Rochester, New York. This annual festival will feature the 86<sup>th</sup> National Gymanfa Ganu and is sponsored by the Welsh North American Association (WNAA). By March 1, all information will be found at [WWW.NAFOW.ORG](http://WWW.NAFOW.ORG). Check the website often as new information will be added over the months ahead. You can make hotel reservations now.

In addition to the Gymanfa Ganu, there will be an Eisteddfod, Seminars, Marketplace & Tea Room, Affiliated Welsh Organization Round-table, Informal Singing, Tours and a Bilingual Church Service

Evening events include Sera, a singer songwriter from Caernarfon, the Grand Concert by the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist, John Owen Jones. There will be a banquet where the National Welsh American Foundation will present the 2017 Heritage Medallion to the award winner. The banquet entertainment will be the 2016 Welsh National Eisteddfod Blue Riband winner.

The Festival hotel is the Hyatt Regency Rochester, with a room rate of \$119/night with up to 4 people per room if booked as a part of the block for the North American Festival of Wales 2017. Book on line or phone 585-546-1234 and mention the group name, North American Festival of Wales 2017. Parking overnight is \$4 and there is a complimentary airport shuttle.

Evening concert tickets and day-passes for events 9 am.-5 pm. go on sale March 1, 2017 at the web site.

You may also phone the WNAA International Headquarters Office in Trumansburg, NY, at 607-279-7402.

Jenifer and AdaMae usually attend the NAFOW, so feel free to contact them with questions.



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