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FIBBER MAGEES IRISH PUB HOSTS FUNDRAISER FOR ARIZONA COLLEEN

Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities (CTSC) is sponsoring a fundraiser for Lauren Koll, the 2017 Arizona Colleen and Rose and Chandler resident, which will be held at Fibber Magees, 1989 West Elliot Road in Chandler, at the southeast corner of Elliot and Dobson. The event will be held on Sunday, July 9 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm, and is free and open to the public. Local musicians will perform traditional Irish music – jigs and reels a specialty – from 4pm to 6pm. Matt Brennan, a managing partner of Fibber Magees, states “Fibber Magees is pleased to host this fundraiser for Lauren, and we’re excited for a continued relationship with Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities.” CTSC thanks Fibber Magees for their sponsorship of this event.



There will be a 50/50 raffle, plus selling chances on a basket or two – to help fundraise for Lauren’s trip to Ireland to represent Arizona – and Chandler! – in Tralee, Ireland in August at the Rose of Tralee International Festival with other Roses from the United States and around the world. In addition, Chandler resident, Sophie Looney, the 2017 Irish Lass, will join us at Fibbers.

Lauren serves on the Chandler-Tullamore Sister Cities Board, on the Education Committee. She works part-time for the City of Chandler’s Neighborhood Resources Department. A graduate of the University of Nebraska with a degree in Education and Human Sciences, with a minor in Hospitality, Tourism and Management, and Event Planning, Lauren plans to continue her education, while pursuing her Irish genealogy in Counties Tipperary and Wexford – a love she shared with her late grandmother, Helen Asche. She states that her family has taught her “to learn from her everyday decisions, the importance of modelling appropriate actions in your life, and the importance of paying things forward. Good deeds today, though small and seemingly inconsequential, can have dramatic impacts tomorrow.”

To win over the judges of the Arizona Colleen and Rose competition, Lauren demonstrated several women’s self-defense tactics, showing important moves to escape difficult situations, a passion of hers. She is training with Master Paul McGowan, a Chandler resident and native of Tullamore, Ireland, and owner of Chandler Mixed Martial Arts on Ray Road in Chandler.

While in Ireland, Lauren will visit Chandler’s sister city, Tullamore, County Offaly, and will be honored at the opening reception for the twinned Community Postcard Project on August 11th. Information on this project can be found on the Chandler-Tullamore site, www.chandlerirish.org.

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