

Newsletter of the Irish-American Society of New Mexico www.irishamericansociety-nm.com

**JUNE 2017** 

Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, except during July and August (and for special events). The usual meeting location is the Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC), 4821 Menaul, NE (west of San Mateo).

# Next Event: Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

## A Lecture on James Joyce and *Ulysses*

Every year on June 16<sup>th</sup>, lovers of the novel *Ulysses* (by Ireland's greatest novelist, James Joyce), celebrate around the world (and particularly in Dublin) the events of one most amazing day in the life of Leopold Bloom, *Ulysses*' main character. In Ireland, the day involves a range of cultural activities, including *Ulysses* readings and dramatizations, pub crawls and other events, some of it hosted by the James Joyce Centre in North Great George's Street. Enthusiasts often dress in Edwardian costume to celebrate Bloomsday, and retrace Bloom's route around Dublin via landmarks such as Davy Byrne's pub. Hard-core devotees have even been known to hold marathon readings of the entire novel, some lasting up to 36 hours.

We will hold our own observance of Bloomsday on June 9<sup>th</sup>, with a special lecture on Joyce and his masterpiece by UNM Professor Emerita, Dr. Mary Power, a nationally renowned expert on James Joyce and Irish literature. Mary will give us an overview of the story and introduce to us the various characters in this comic novel set on one day in the Dublin of 1904, especially Stephen Daedalus, Leopold



Bloom, and Molly Bloom. She will also put in a few words on the ready-to-wear garment industry and the difference it made. If you've not read *Ulysses* before, Mary promises that her talk will make you "want to get to Barnes and Noble on the night of the 9<sup>th</sup> before it closes to buy the great book for yourselves"!

Points and kudos awarded to anyone who comes to the meeting in Edwardian period dress! ©

(Don't remember—or haven't read—*Ulysses*? See the plot summary on p. 7. There will be a pop quiz.)

We hope to see you there and we hope you will bring a sweet or salty snack to share!

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# President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

By Ellen Dowling

As always, it is my most pleasant task to thank all the volunteers who helped us out at the recent Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival! Enthusiastic booth workers included Paul McDonough, Laurie Cady, Norita Callahan, Laura Banks, Holly Graham, Elena Gallegos, Maureen Riley, David Barnaby, Mary Laraia, Andrew Mooney, Brynn Cole, Jean-Marie Bridge, Bob Bryers, and meself. It was lovely weather for the two-day festival, and we got a goodly number of new members. (See Norita's membership report below.)

Our next program will be a lecture on James Joyce and his masterpiece novel, *Ulysses*, on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you all there! After that, our next meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by our annual family picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society folks on September 10<sup>th</sup>. More details on both will come in future newsletters.

Speaking of the newsletter, I am always looking for interesting copy, especially articles generated by our own members. If you know of (or have written of) anything Celtic or Irish-y, please let me know!

I'd also like to alert you all to our sponsorship of the local Gaelic Football Club. We have given them \$300 to help with their application for not-for-profit status. I encourage all of you to support their activities.

And lastly, a big thank you to the fine folks at the Quarter Celtic Brew Pub (Lomas and San Mateo), who held a fundraiser for us back in February (and gave us a matching donation). Their food is fabulous and their pints are perfection—be sure to patronize them!

# **Membership Report**

By Norita and Ken Callahan

*Céad Mile Fáilte* (*A Hundred Thousand Welcomes*) to our newest members: Charles Bates, Timothy James & Shayne Kathleen Maloney Carlin, Aiyana & Bo Gallegas, Joe Guglielmo, Mary Ann Kreski, and Jim Morrison.

Membership: As of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, there are 95 single members, 77 (x 2) family members and 3 students. This is a total of 252 renewals and new members for the 2017 membership year.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE STILL SEEKING PULL-TAB DONATIONS! The aluminum or steel pull tabs donated from beverage cans or ANY kind of canned food (6000 + pounds annually) generate funds to offset The House expenses. YOUR donations make a significant impact and are very much appreciated. Thanks this mon that to Sarah Erb (Helena, Montana) and Bob & Vikki Bryers.



# **Flowers of the Forest**

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of two members of our IAS family: Alan Coleman, husband of Bev, father of Jenny and Kim Coleman (of the Coleman Academy of Irish Dance), on April 12<sup>th</sup>; and Harold Taurig, husband of Gloria Casale (past members of the IAS) on May 12<sup>th</sup>. May they both rest in peace.

## Treasurer's Report April 2017

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income		Category	Expenses	
			Christine Philips: cake, rolls, butter for		
Membership (March)	\$195.00		St. Pat's dinner	\$132.14	
Newsletter sponsorship,					
Goodrich Roofing (2016 &			Miguel Mata: additional food for St.		
2017)	\$120.00		Pat's dinner	\$250.00	
			Ellen Dowling: reimburse for		
Donations for Altan Tickets	\$80.00		GoDaddy website fee (3-yr renewal)	\$321.36	
Quarter Celtic Fundraiser			Gift Certificate to the GAC for Jim		
proceeds	\$75.00		Brauer (sound)	\$50.00	
IAS booth rental at			Maya Sutton: Honorarium for April		
ShamrockFest	\$50.00		meeting	\$50.00	
For children's booth at					
ShamrockFest (donated to					
the IAS by Vikki Bryers)	\$50.00		Ken Callahan: IAS membership cards	\$14.44	
			Bounced membership check and		
T-shirt sales	\$40.00		returned check fee	\$40.00	
Total Income	\$610.00		Total Expenses	\$1,167.80	
			IAS Account Mar Ending Balance	\$8,283.53	
			Plus Income (Apr)	\$610.00	
			Less Expenses (Apr)	(\$857.94)	
			April Ending Balance	\$8,035.59*	
			*Note: Ending balance includes \$5,000 from Heritage Acct. funds		



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# IAS General Meeting Minutes May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting called to order by Ellen Dowling at 7:18 PM

Introduction of Board Members: VP: Bob Bryers, Membership: Norita & Ken Callahan, Board: Paul McDonough, Jay Vandersloot, Maureen Riley

Introduction of new members: Jean-Marie Bridge and Terry Heslin & Phyllis Martinez.

Sad news: Gloria Casale's husband, Harold Traurig passed away today (former long-time members of the IAS).

#### Reports:

Treasurer (Kathy Wimmer): Expenses: GoDaddy and extended costs for St Patrick's Day: \$857.94; balance: \$8035.59

Membership (Norita): 3 students; 91 singles; 74 x2 family members. Total: 246 members as of 5/12/17.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) 2018 St Patrick's Day celebration will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking into having people pay beforehand online.
- 2) Paul has books, T-shirts, and hats for sale at meetings
- 3) Upcoming Events:
  - ♣ May 20 & 21, Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival. Volunteers needed to work at IAS booth; sign-up sheet to be sent around; volunteers also needed for Festival (free admission).
  - ♣ June 9<sup>th</sup>, monthly meeting: Lecture on James Joyce and *Ulysses* by Professor Emerita Mary Power, UNM (in honor of Bloomsday, June 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - ♣ July & August: no meetings
  - September 8 meeting: Lecture on The San Patricios by Dr. Angel Cervantes of UNM
  - \* September 10: Annual Family Picnic with the SASS at Elena Gallegos picnic area

#### No other new business

Motion to adjourn: Paul McDonough; seconded: Emmett O'Sullivan.

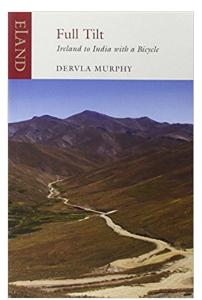
After refreshments, we enjoyed a wonderful performance by Celtic Coyotes with a sing along.

Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Riley
IAS Board Member (substituting for Secretary Pete McKenna)



### The Irish Book Club

The Irish Book Club meets at O'Niell's Pub at Washington and Central at 7:30 PM, usually on the last Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on June 9<sup>th</sup>, when we will discuss *Skippy Dies*, by Paul Murray. If you're interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com).



For our April meeting, we discussed *Full Tilt: Ireland to India with a Bicycle* by Dervla Murphy.

From Amazon: Originally published in 1965, *Full Tilt* is the diary of Dervla Murphy's bicycle trek from Dunkirk, across Europe, through Iran and Afghanistan, over the Himalayas to Pakistan and India. Murphy's immediate rapport with the people she alights among is vibrant and appealing and makes her travelogue unique. Venturing alone, accompanied only by her bicycle (which she dubs Roz), the indomitable Murphy not only survives daunting physical rigors but gleans considerable enjoyment in getting to know peoples who were then even more remote than they are now.

From Publishers Weekly: This book recounts a trip, taken mostly on bicycle, by a gritty Irishwoman in 1963. Her route was through Yugoslavia, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and ended in New Delhi. She carried a pistol, got sunstroke, and suffered the usual stomach disorders. She endured bad

accommodations but reaped much local hospitality, too, including a dinner with the Pakistani president. Most of the book concerns the high mountain country of Afghanistan and Pakistan. A spirited account!

Our book club gave this book 3.5 stars. (We were also amazed to learn that the author had written many more travelogues, to equally remote and exotic places. What a woman!)

# **Albuquerque Folk Festival**

Date: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> Time: 10:30 AM – 11 PM

Location: The Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon

Museum, 9201 Balloon Museum Dr. NE

Ticket(s): \$5-20 (no extra fee for ordering tickets on line)

Tickets at: http://www.abqfolkfest.org/tickets.shtml and at the gate

Information: www.abqfolkfest.org



# A Summary of the Plot of *Ulysses* (in case you can't remember it ©)



Stephen Dedalus spends the early morning hours of June 16, 1904, remaining aloof from his mocking friend, Buck Mulligan, and Buck's English acquaintance, Haines. As Stephen leaves for work, Buck orders him to leave the house key and meet them at the pub at 12:30. Stephen resents Buck. Around 10:00 A.M., Stephen teaches a history lesson to his class at Garrett Deasy's boys' school. After class, Stephen meets with Deasy to receive his wages. The narrow-minded and prejudiced Deasy lectures Stephen on life. Stephen agrees to take Deasy's editorial letter about cattle disease to acquaintances at the newspaper. Stephen spends the remainder of his morning walking

alone on Sandymount Strand, thinking critically about his younger self and about perception. He composes a poem in his head and writes it down on a scrap torn from Deasy's letter.

At 8:00 A.M. the same morning, Leopold Bloom fixes breakfast and brings his wife her mail and breakfast in bed. One of her letters is from Molly's concert tour manager, Blazes Boylan (Bloom suspects he is also Molly's lover) —Boylan will visit at 4:00 this afternoon. Bloom returns downstairs, reads a letter from their daughter, Milly, then goes to the outhouse. At 10:00 A.M., Bloom picks up an amorous letter from the post office—he is corresponding with a woman named Martha Clifford under the pseudonym Henry Flower. He reads the tepid letter, ducks briefly into a church, then orders Molly's lotion from the pharmacist. He runs into Bantam Lyons, who mistakenly gets the impression that Bloom is giving him a tip on the horse Throwaway in the afternoon's Gold Cup race.

Around 11:00 A.M., Bloom rides with Simon Dedalus (Stephen's father), Martin Cunningham, and Jack Power to the funeral of Paddy Dignam. The men treat Bloom as somewhat of an outsider. At the funeral, Bloom thinks about the deaths of his son and his father.

At noon, we find Bloom at the offices of the Freeman newspaper, negotiating an advertisement for Keyes, a liquor merchant. Several idle men, including editor Myles Crawford, are hanging around in the office, discussing political speeches. Bloom leaves to secure the ad. Stephen arrives at the newspaper with Deasy's letter. Stephen and the other men leave for the pub just as Bloom is returning. Bloom's ad negotiation is rejected by Crawford on his way out. At 1:00 P.M., Bloom runs into Josie Breen, an old flame, and they discuss Mina Purefoy, who is in labor at the maternity hospital. Bloom stops in Burton's restaurant, but he decides to move on to Davy Byrne's for a light lunch. Bloom reminisces about an intimate afternoon with Molly on Howth. Bloom leaves and is walking toward the National Library when he spots Boylan on the street and ducks into the National Museum.

At 2:00 P.M., Stephen is informally presenting his "Hamlet theory" in the National Library to the poet A.E. and the librarians John Eglinton, Best, and Lyster. A.E. is dismissive of Stephen's theory and leaves. Buck enters and jokingly scolds Stephen for failing to meet him and Haines at the pub. On the way out, Buck and Stephen pass Bloom, who has come to obtain a copy of Keyes' ad. At 4:00 P.M., Simon Dedalus, Ben Dollard, Lenehan, and Blazes Boylan converge at the Ormond Hotel bar. Bloom notices Boylan's car outside and decides to watch him. Boylan soon leaves for his appointment with Molly, and Bloom sits morosely in the Ormond restaurant—he is briefly mollified by Dedalus's and Dollard's singing. Bloom writes back to Martha, then leaves to post the letter.

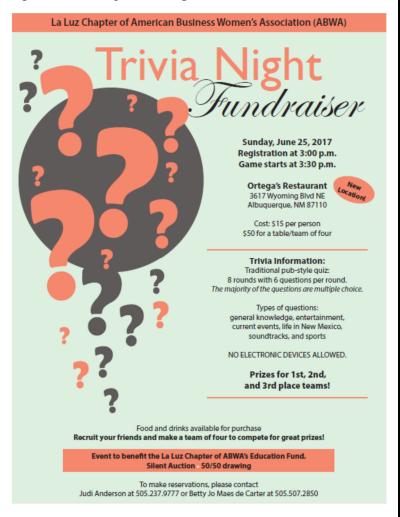
At 5:00 P.M., Bloom arrives at Barney Kiernan's pub to meet Martin Cunningham about the Dignam family finances, but Cunningham has not yet arrived. The citizen, a belligerent Irish nationalist, becomes increasingly drunk and begins attacking Bloom's Jewishness. Bloom stands up to the citizen, speaking in favor of peace and love over xenophobic violence. Bloom and the citizen have an altercation on the street before Cunningham's carriage carries Bloom away.

Bloom relaxes on Sandymount Strand around sunset, after his visit to Mrs. Dignam's house nearby. A young woman, Gerty MacDowell, notices Bloom watching her from across the beach. Gerty subtly reveals more and more of her legs while Bloom surreptitiously masturbates. Gerty leaves, and Bloom dozes. At 10:00 P.M., Bloom wanders to the maternity hospital to check on Mina Purefoy. Also at the hospital are Stephen and several of his medical student friends, drinking and talking boisterously about subjects related to birth. Bloom agrees to join them, though he privately disapproves of their revelry in light of Mrs. Purefoy's struggles upstairs. Buck arrives, and the men proceed to Burke's pub. At closing time, Stephen convinces his friend

Lynch to go to the brothel section of town and Bloom follows, feeling protective.

Bloom finally locates Stephen and Lynch at Bella Cohen's brothel. Stephen is drunk and imagines that he sees the ghost of his mother—full of rage, he shatters a lamp with his walking stick. Bloom runs after Stephen and finds him in an argument with a British soldier who knocks him out. Bloom revives Stephen and takes him for coffee at a cabman's shelter to sober up. Bloom invites Stephen back to his house.

Well after midnight, Stephen and Bloom arrive back at Bloom's house. They drink cocoa and talk about their respective backgrounds. Bloom asks Stephen to stay the night. Stephen politely refuses. Bloom sees him out and comes back in to find evidence of Boylan's visit. Still, Bloom is at peace with the world and he climbs into bed, tells Molly of his day and requests breakfast in bed. After Bloom falls asleep, Molly remains awake, surprised by Bloom's request for breakfast in bed. Her mind wanders to her childhood in Gibraltar, her afternoon of sex with Boylan, her singing career, Stephen Dedalus. Her thoughts of Bloom vary wildly over the course of the monologue, but it ends with a reminiscence of their intimate moment at Howth and a positive affirmation.



### **Culture All Around**

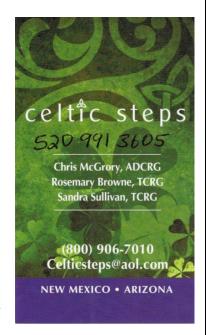
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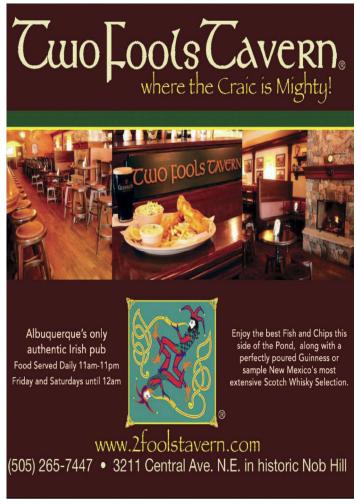
♣ Coleman Academy of Irish Dance. Saturdays, 8 AM to 1 PM at the Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal SE. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at <a href="https://www.irishdancenm.org">www.irishdancenm.org</a> and <a href="https://www.colemanacademy.com">www.colemanacademy.com</a>.

- ♣ Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico (formerly Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance), Saturdays at the New Mexico Irish Dance Company, Suite 3, 12700 San Rafael (Quail Run Shopping Center), Albuquerque. Call 379-3753 or visit <a href="http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/">http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/</a> for further information.
- ♣ *Ceili dance classes* are held every Wednesday at the GAC at 7:15 PM, \$3.00. No experience necessary! Call Norita Callahan at 298-2708.

#### Celtic Music on the Radio and the Web:

- ♣ The Thistle and Shamrock program, featuring Fiona Ritchie, airs on KANW 89.1 FM, Mondays at 6:00 PM.
- ◆ Celtic and Beyond, with co-hosts Ellie Blair and Kelly Clement, 7:00 PM each Wednesday on KTAOS 101.9 FM. (Also broadcast on the Web at <a href="https://www.ktao.com">www.ktao.com</a>.)





#### Celtic Music at O'Niell's:

Music every Sunday from 4 to 7 PM at the "old" O'Niell's, 4310 Central Ave SE (Corner of Central & Washington in East Nob Hill) and the "new" location (3301 Juan Tabo NE, between Comanche and Candelaria). For more info, visit <a href="http://www.oniells.com/">http://www.oniells.com/</a>



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#### Celtic Coyotes

Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan <u>celticcoyotes@yahoo.com</u> (710-0583).

#### Friends Forever

Michael and Donna Coy and Chris Nelson play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy and Originals. Contact: 296-2017 or 250-4429; mmcoy3@msn.com.

*Eagle's Whistle*: Same group, but also with Andy Moss on whistle and concertina.

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#### **IAS T-Shirts for Sale!**

You can get yours at any IAS meeting, or contact Paul McDonough to arrange purchase (penthormul@aol.com, 294-8205). The T-shirts come in a variety of sizes, from small to XXL. There are also white shirts with a Celtic knot and the Zia symbol. T-shirts are \$15 for short sleeve; \$20 for long.

# Candy Bars for Celts!

Besides the Cans for Celts fundraiser for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, we are now also trying to raise money by selling candy bars at \$1.00 each. Candy can be purchased at any meeting from Paul McDonough.



# **Calendar of Events**

#### **IAS Events**

Date	Day	What
June 6	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
June 9	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. Program: A
		lecture on James Joyce and his novel <i>Ulysses</i> by Dr. Mary Power of
		UNM.
June 27	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
August 1	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
		<i>Note:</i> There are no monthly meetings in July and August

#### **Celtic/GAC Events**

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June 1, 8, 15, 22,	Thursdays	Irish Music Session, every Thursday night at Joliesse Chocolates, in the			
29		North Valley at 6855 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, 7 to			
		9 PM. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at <a href="mailto:hpinson@indepthl.com">hpinson@indepthl.com</a> .			
June 3	Saturday	Slow Celtic Session at Apple Mountain Music, 10 AM to 12 noon. (For			
		more info, contact Apple Mountain Music, 10301 Comanche NE, 505-			
		237-2048.)			
June 3	Saturday	Albuquerque Folk Festival, 10:30 AM – 11 PM at the Anderson-			
		Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, 9201 Balloon			
		Museum Dr. NE. (See details on p. 6.)			
June 12 & 26	Mondays	The Singing Pilgrims present Ceilidh at the Crossroads at The Blue			
		Grasshopper Pub (at its new Westside location at 6361 Riverside Plaza			
		Lane NW, near Coors and Montano) from 7 PM-9 PM.			
June 10	Saturday	Folk Music Jam, led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain			
	·	Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.			
June 11	Sunday	Scottish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.			
June 18	Sunday	Jazz Sunday at the GAC, 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Cost to IAS member \$5.00.			
June 24	Saturday	Summerfest Dance at the GAC with the band Hit Squad playing from 7			
		to 11 PM. Cost \$10.			

### A Message from the GAC:

The Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC) is a private club and as such cannot solicit by advertising or otherwise participation in its events and activities to the general public. The IAS is an associate club of the GAC and all IAS members and their bona fide guests are welcome at all GAC events and IAS events held at the GAC.





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