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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: Sunday, August 26th

IAS/St. Andrew Scottish Society Annual Family Picnic!

Noon to 4 PM, Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

(Details to come in the August Newsletter)

[REMINDER: There will be no monthly meeting/program in July or August.
Our next monthly meeting will be September 14th.]



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President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

Wow, what a wonderful poet (and performer) is Kevin Higgins, who regaled us with some of his best work at our meeting on June 8th. Kevin's performance for the IAS was both incisive and humorous. He is a wonderful reader and his comic timing is impeccable. Thanks also to IAS member John Roche for introducing Kevin (and reading some of his own wonderful poems).

There will be no monthly meetings/programs in July or August, but our annual joint picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society will be held on August 26th. (See the August newsletter for details.) Hope you all have a safe and sunny (but not too sunny; please let us get some rain) summer!

IAS General Meeting Minutes June 8th, 2018

Called to order at the German-American Club at 7:10 PM. Board members present – Ellen Dowling, Bob Bryers, Norita Callahan, Laura Banks, Paul McDonough, and Maureen Riley. Several visitors were welcomed and introduced, including the featured speaker, Kevin Higgins, as well as Lee Ann Denman, Rich Boucher, Billy Brown, Marilyn O'Leary, and Mary Kershner.

Ellen gave the treasurer's report, including the current balance of \$10,677.09.

Ellen reminded the group that there will be no General Meetings in July or August. The next meeting will feature the Duke City Ceili Band, in September.

Upcoming events include:

- Celtic movie night on June 15th at the North Domingo Baca MG Center at 6:00 PM. The movie is *Michael Collins*, with Liam Neeson.
- The joint IAS/SASS picnic will be on August 26th at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, weather and fire danger permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM, followed by the presentation of poetry by Kevin Higgins, a well-known poet and satirist from County Galway, Ireland.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Banks

The Irish Book Club

The Irish Book Club is now online! If you are on Facebook, just type The Irish Book Club into the search bar (or click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022642747761043/>), and you'll find us. I'll put a review of May's book, *The Irish at Gettysburg*, by Philip Thomas Tucker in the next newsletter. Our book for June (what we're reading now) is *The Light of the Diddicoy* by Eamon Loingsigh (about the hard life of Irish immigrants in Brooklyn in the early 1900s). In July, we'll read *Solar Bones* by Mike McCormack. (This book just won the International Dublin Literary Award.) Feel free to jump in at any time and join us!

Membership Report

By Norita and Ken Callahan

As of June 22nd, there are 79 family members (x 2), 85 single members, and 6 students. This is a total of 249 renewals and new members.

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 month to Steve and Kari Laverty & family.

Treasurer's Report May 2018

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership (check/cash)	\$135.00	U-Stor-It (May, June, July rental)	\$105.00
Membership (electronic: \$48.95 at Celtic Fest; \$38.24 online)	\$87.19	Check #3281: Celtic Festival sponsorship	\$500.00
April meeting (raffle/Celtic Night sales)	\$59.00		
Online donation	\$24.35		
T-shirt sale (electronic @ Celtic Fest)	\$19.12		
T-shirt sales (cash/check) @Celtic Fest	\$130.00		
Donation (cash/check) @ Celtic Fest	\$5.00		
Misc. sales (cash/check) @ Celtic Fest	\$22.00		
Amazon Smile quarterly donation	\$7.51		
Newsletter sponsorship Two Fools	\$60.00		
Redeposit of starting bank for St. Pat's and Celtic Fest	\$100.00		
Total Income	\$649.17	Total Expenses	\$605.00
		IAS Account April Ending Balance	\$10,632.92
		Plus Income (May)	\$649.17
		Less Expenses (May)	(\$605.00)
		May Ending Balance	\$10, 677.09

Culture All Around

Dance Classes:

♣ **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 www.irishdancencm.org and www.colemanacademy.com.

♣ **Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico (formerly Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance),** at the McDermott Athletic Center, 801 Loma Colorado, Rio Rancho. Call 505-415-4390 or visit <http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/> 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 www.ktao.com.)



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Shenanigans

Celtic and American Folk with a twist, variety of instruments and vocals. Contact: Kathy Wimmer (249-7012 kmillewimm@comcast.net)

Iscuma ("It Doesn't Matter")

Traditional Irish and Celtic music with Kathy Wimmer and Marc Roberts. For information, contact Kathy at 249-7012.

Saoirse ("seer shih," Irish for "freedom")

Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galicia, spiced with jazz and world beat. Contact: Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com or 994-2135.

The Anslovers: Teenagers Emily, John, and Jamie on violin, guitar, and upright bass. Contact: John & Lorraine Anslover at anslovernavy@comcast.net.

Carol Benson

Strolling café fiddler, vocalist, Suzuki teacher, and symphony violinist. Contact: 505-268-0906 (carolbens@gmail.com)

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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.

Michele Buchanan and Shanachie Harpers

765-1288 (tmbuchs@gmail.com)

Rye Creek

Folk, Irish, western and good old mountain music. Contact Terry Ryan Axline, 293-8924 (neomexicana@hotmail.com) or Ron Trellue, 505-362-2551 (trellue@swcp.com) or visit www.myspace.com/ryecreeknm.

Celtic Coyotes

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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.

The Singing Coyote Sisters

Donna Coy & Michelle Palmer perform Celtic, Folk, Gospel, and Sing-A-Longs. Contact: 296-2017 or 730-1985 mmcoy3@msn.com

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Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2018! Please bring your aluminum cans, pie plates, foil, etc. along with copper items, tubing, and small non-working appliances with electric motors to the IAS meetings for recycling. (No cardboard or paper or large appliances.) For pick up between meetings – contact Paul McDonough @ 505-294-8205 and leave a message. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
July		No board meeting in July.
August 7	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
August 26	Sunday	Annual Family Picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society , noon to 5 PM, Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. Details to come.
September 4	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
September 14	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. Program: A musical performance by the Duke City Ceili Band.

Celtic/GAC Events

GAC hours are Mon, Tues, Wed: 4 to 10 PM; Thurs, Fri, Sat: noon to 10 PM; Sunday: noon to 5 PM
The GAC phone number is 888-4833.

July 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays	Irish Music Session , every Thursday night at Notz, (6132 4th St NW, Albuquerque), 7 to 10 PM. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com .
July 7	Saturday	Luau at the GAC with Roger Burns Band playing from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. Cost \$12.00.
July 9 and 23	Mondays	Singing Pilgrims' "Ceilidh at the Crossroads" at The Blue Grasshopper Brew Pub, 7-9 PM, north of Coors and Montano.
July 15	Sunday	Jazz Sunday at the GAC, 2 to 5:30 PM. Free to IAS members.
July 21	Saturday	Apple Mountain Celtic Session from 1 to 3 PM at High and Dry Brewing, 529 Adams St. NE, ABQ. (Contact Jim Crowley jabbas40@yahoo.com .)
July 21	Saturday	Club Anniversary Dance at the GAC with a band playing from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. Cost \$12.00.
July 22	Sunday	Duke City Ceili Band at Two Fools Tavern, 11 AM - 2 PM, 3211 Central Ave NE in historic Nob Hill.

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"Yes, that's him."

"That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog. Why did you put up that sign?"

"Because before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

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