



IRISH TIMES

Newsletter of the
Irish-American Society of New Mexico

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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: Friday, June 12th, 7:00 PM

“The Irish: A Culture of Suffering and Resilience from Famine to US Immigration”

At our June meeting, we will hear a lecture by our own (new) IAS member, Sarah Jones, on the history of the Irish during the Famine years and their subsequent migration to the U.S. In Sarah’s own words, “The Irish people have suffered some of the greatest hardships, racism, and poverty in the Western world. Their plight was rooted in racism that shaped the Irish culture and forced them to find new ways of survival. The Great Famine starting in 1845 was a time of great suffering that led to a mass migration to America. The documentary, [Uncovering the Real Gangs of New York](#) [referencing the Martin Scorsese-directed movie, *Gangs of New York*], details the hard life Irish immigrants led and how the formation of gangs and reacting with violence allowed them to finally gain some footing. I use anthropological theories to back up my thesis that many Irish assimilated by joining the violence around them as means of survival.” Sarah is a recent graduate of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, and her presentation is based on her thesis for her BA degree in anthropology. She and her mother, Tracey, have long been interested in their Irish heritage. Tracey’s mother came over to the US on the Queen Mary in the 1920s, married a US soldier, and moved to Gallup, NM. (Tracey also makes Celtic jewelry.) **We hope to see you there and we hope that you will bring a sweet or salty snack to share!**



Important Notice:

To save on printing and mailing expenses, we will no longer publish a newsletter (either hardcopy or electronic) in July and August. (We do not have any meetings or programs during those months, either.) So your next newsletter will arrive in your e-mailbox or snail-mailbox sometime in mid-August, with information about our next meeting and program (September 11th) and our annual picnic (September 13th).

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President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

Another month has passed—and what a whirlwind of a month it was! We had a wonderful Kickoff Party for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, complete with singing, pipes and drums, dancing—even pirates! The GAC was packed; the food great and the camaraderie in the air could be felt by all. The Celtic festival also was one for the books, complete with sunshine, wind, rain and hail—but still a good time was had by those who attended.

I would also like to personally thank all of our members who volunteered their time to assist at the IAS booth during the Celtic Festival. They helped to field questions from the crowds that surrounded our booth, always wearing a smile and doing their best to share Celtic customs, knowledge, or just a helping hand.

Looking forward, we now have warm weather coming upon us and that means school graduations, vacations, the advent of summer, and a hiatus in July and August for our meetings. Locally there will be many events, such as the Albuquerque Folk Festival in June, the Santa Fe Wine Festival in July, and countless local goings on that can keep everyone occupied. Or you can just put up your feet and enjoy the blue New Mexico skies.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at our General Meeting on September 11th. And don't forget to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th, which is the date for the joint Celtic picnic at Elena Gallegos Park.

Bob Bryers

Treasurer's Report May (as of May 20), 2015

Victoria Bryers, Treasurer

Category	Income		Category	Expenses
Membership	\$360.00		RGVCF Kickoff Party Entertainment	\$125.00
Door receipts	\$253.00		Buttons	\$52.50
T-shirt sales	\$45.00		Supplies	\$29.89
Ball cap sales	\$45.00			
Misc sales at RGVCF	\$58.00			
			Total Expenses	\$207.39
			April beginning balance	\$8150.08
			Plus Income	\$761.00
			Subtotal	\$8911.08
			Less Expenses	\$207.39
Total Income	\$761.00		May Ending Balance	\$8703.69

Membership Report

By Caitlin Sandberg, Membership Director

Céad Mile Fáilte: A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members: Gene & Helen Cottingham; Leroy Pino; Tony Holderith & Pauline Toward; Charlie & Yvonne Boelkins; Martha McMahon; Sean Mulkearns; Becky Ciaramitaro; Richard Jack; Patrick J. Johnson, Alisa & Maureen; Kathleen Bryers & Matthew Garver. And of course thank you to the many of you who have renewed your memberships. As of 4/17/15 we have 129 singles, 93 couples (X2), and one college student, for a total count of 316 for the 2015 membership year.


THANK YOU to IAS members (and relatives and friends of IAS members) and GAC members for bringing me hundreds of baggies, jars, and cans of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Program. The Ronald McDonald House opened in 1982 to provide a home away from home to families from across New Mexico who must bring their ill children to Albuquerque for life-saving medical treatment. Over 10,000 family lodging nights are provided annually in the Albuquerque facility. There are hundreds and hundreds of adults and youths who provide thousands of volunteer hours for the Ronald McDonald House.




There are also Family Rooms available for a snack, cold drink, or coffee for families who just need some R & R but are still very close to their sick children. There are over 16,000 visits annually in these special Family Rooms in the Ronald McDonald House, located on Yale, NE, in the UNM Children's Hospital and Presbyterian Hospital.

The aluminum or steel pull tabs donated from beverage cans or ANY kind of canned food (6000 + pounds annually) generate funds to offset House expenses. YOUR donations make a significant impact and are very much appreciated. Thanks to Don & Fran Hardy; Eunice Foley; Jan Nielsen & granddaughter Leah Nielsen.

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A Road Runner Food Bank Barrel has been placed in the German-American Club. Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** (prepackaged and canned goods) if you care to donate. The food drive will be going on through the month of June.

Irishman Looking for a Place to Live

IAS member Tom Nugent is looking for a place to live—a room or a small apartment—in the area between Eubank and Carlisle. If you know of a place, please contact Tom at 505-604-8946.

Dancing at Matt Molloy's Pub

By David Barnaby, IAS-NM Member

Little did I know when my wife, Jennie, and I stepped into Matt Molloy's pub in Westport, Co. Mayo, in March of 2015 that I'd be experiencing one of my favorite Ireland moments. Mick Molloy is a world-famous flautist and promoter of traditional Irish music. An original member of the influential Bothy Band in the 1970s, his stature rose even further when he was recruited into the internationally renowned Irish band, The Chieftans. He is the winner of two Grammys, which are proudly displayed behind the bar of his pub.



The pub is located half-way down the length of Bridge Street, which is one of the main thoroughfares in the old part of Westport. Westport itself is relatively new as Ireland goes, having been designed and constructed by Anglo-Irish gentry around 1790. Like the town, the pub is a mixture of styles and traditions old and relatively new (for instance, the pub provides free wi-fi). The layout consists of three consecutive rooms about the size of large living rooms. The front room has the decorated bar with the two Grammys flanking the mirror behind the barkeep. The "regulars" bar is in the next room, and all the way in the back is largest room, where every night there's a session with local and visiting musicians. There is a fireplace on the far end and the walls sport dozens of pictures of Irish musicians and music-festival posters, as well as signs indicating the benches reserved for the musicians.

As we waited for the musicians to arrive, several people walked past us out the back door. Curious, we finally followed to discover a fourth room, a covered patio, where the regular Monday set dance class was meeting. They welcomed us warmly and upon learning we were also set dancers, insisted what we join. We had great fun dancing the Louisburg, Rincenstown, and Merchant sets before class ended at 10 PM, by which time the session had begun in the fireplace room. Though the session was crowded, we found space to squeeze in (likely because Monday night attracts a smaller audience).



Eight musicians were playing, led by an older fiddler who—not surprisingly—knew a lot of tunes. The real surprise came after about 20 minutes when the set-dance teacher came over and asked if we would dance a set with another couple. Would we ever! But we barely had time to slip on our dance shoes while the fiddler asked the audience to clear a little space in the middle of the floor. So, then, in the session room with scores of tourists snapping pictures, we danced the Connemara set. We have danced to the music of many fine Ceili bands, but always with the band on stage rather than eight feet away in the

living room. The intimacy made the music even more spectacular as our new dance friends treated us to an unforgettable night. For after all, you can hear a session there any night, but how many Irish-Americans can say that they've danced at Matt Molloy's?

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Paddy's kitchen delivers Cuzco's best food. Whether you are in the mood for our all-day Irish breakfast, curry, pizza, a burger or one of our fantastic shepherd's pies, you will find our enormous dishes provide all the nourishment you need. Our dedicated kitchen staff also provide a range of delicious soups and snacks to enjoy as you look out over the plaza or watch one of our music videos.

Sports fans will be delighted to hear that to accompany our imported and domestic beers, the large plasma screens show football, rugby, and American football daily. You don't have to choose between Machu Picchu and the match anymore, at Paddy's you can even ask our friendly English-speaking staff to record and replay the sporting event of your choice.

So come along to Lonely Planet-recommended Paddy's to make new friends, for the music, the pisco sours, the great view, the happy hour bargains, the eclectic decor, the Cusqueña, the sports, the hearty food or the Guinness. Come along to Paddy's for the craic, but more than that, the craic at altitude.

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100th Anniversary 1916 Uprising Tour

In April 2016 join Derek Warfield and The Young Wolfe Tones on their home soil for an unforgettable 10-day journey around the historical sites and landmarks to commemorate the Irish Rebellion of 1916.

http://www.theyoungwolfezones.com/?page_id=1215

Tour Includes

- 10 nights' accommodations as listed in itinerary.
- Full Irish Breakfast each day except arrival.
- Five (5) hotel dinners plus dinner & show at Celt Pub, Dublin.
- All transportation and sightseeing via deluxe motor coach with professional drivers/guides Dave Yeates & Mike Hogan throughout.
- All taxes and surcharges.
- Porterage of ONE suitcase.
- Portfolio of travel documents.
- Visits/Admissions: St. Edna's Museum, Kilmainham Jail, Glasnevin Cemetery, Bru Na Boinne Visitor's Center (Newgrange or Knowth subject to confirmation), Giant's Causeway, Belleek Pottery, Jackie Clarke Museum, Clonmacnoise, Cliffs of Moher, and Dunbrody Ship Museum.

After spending nearly 40 years as founder/leader of the legendary Wolfe Tones (named after the 18th-century Irish Revolutionary Theobald Wolfe Tone), Derek Warfield is revered as a singer, songwriter, historian and entertainer in all parts of the world where Irish roots have been put down. The Wolfe Tones enjoyed phenomenal success with 13 best-selling albums, 3 number one hits, many television appearances and shows in esteemed venues such as New York's Carnegie Hall and The Royal Albert Hall in London. In 2006 Derek put together a band containing some of the finest musicians and singers in Irish music – The Young Wolfe Tones.

Learn to Play Gaelic Football in Albuquerque!



The Albuquerque Gaelic Football Club is looking for new recruits, with or without previous experience. Come and try out the most popular field sport in Ireland! You don't even have to be Irish! Just be ready to have a great time playing this fantastic sport.

Where: UNM Johnson Field, Redondo Drive, UNM campus

When: Wednesdays, 6.30pm, and Saturdays, 10.00am

For more information, contact

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John Whitney: (505) 382-8778 johnwhitney1181@yahoo.com

Graham Matthews: (303) 667 5010 ireland111@yahoo.com

Celtic Society of UNM



Contact: Jennifer DeMerritt @

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Phone: 505-916-9172

Irish Music Session

There is an open Irish music session every Thursday night at Joliesse Chocolates, on 4th St, Albuquerque, 7-9. All are welcome to participate or just enjoy listening. We play mostly traditional Irish tunes, and do some singing as well. Musicians, please bring a chair as the venue may not have enough.

New from Apple Mountain Music! Slow Celtic Session

Tom Tunney, Host. Please join us from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on *the first Saturday of every month*, for a guaranteed **SLOW Celtic session**. (Fee: Donation.) The tune list will be limited to about a dozen tunes at a time so we can learn them from memory. We will work on how to learn the tunes using recordings and sheet music as well as various resources available online. It's not necessary to know how to read music, but we will spend some time learning that if anyone is interested. All instruments are welcome, but you should be able to play at least at a beginner's level.

Apple Mountain Music
10301 Comanche NE, Albuquerque

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, and classes in Socorro on Saturdays, 3:30 - 6 PM at the Cottonwood Valley Charter School. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at www.irishdancem.org and www.colemanacademy.com.
- ♣ **Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance,** Saturdays at Triple Threat Performing Arts Studio (on Tramway between Academy and Paseo), 12700 San Rafael, Suite 6, Albuquerque, NM. Call 379-3753 or visit www.tirconallacademy.org 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:

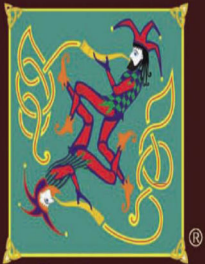
- ♣ **The Thistle and Shamrock** program, featuring Fiona Ritchie, airs on KANW 89.1 FM, Mondays at 6:00 PM.
- ♣ **Celtic and Beyond**, with co-hosts Ellie Blair and Kelly Clement, 7:00 PM each Wednesday on KTAOS 101.9 FM. (Also broadcast on the Web at www.ktao.com.)

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

Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galacia, spiced with jazz and world beat. Contact: Suzanne Taichert at 331-0991, e-mail susawin@mac.com

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

Carol Benson

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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

Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan celticcoyotes@yahoo.com (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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Donna Coy & Michelle Palmer perform Celtic, Folk, Gospel, and Sing-A-Longs. Contact: 296-2017 or 730-1985 mmcoy3@msn.com



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.

Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
June 2	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
June 12	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. Lecture on Irish-American History. (See the front page of this newsletter for info.)
July 7	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
August 11	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
September 1	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
September 11	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. Lecture on "The Irish in Albuquerque" by Ellen Dowling.
September 13	Sunday	<i>IAS/St. Andrew Scottish Society Joint Annual Picnic</i> , 12 noon to 4 PM at Elena Gallegos Park. (More info in the September newsletter.)

Celtic/GAC Events

Weekly	Thursdays	<i>Irish Music Session</i> , every Thursday night at Joliesse Chocolates, in the North Valley at 6855 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, 7 to 9 PM. More info, contact Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com .
June 5	Friday	<i>Irish Band Solas</i> performing at the Balloon Fiesta Museum, 9201 Balloon Museum Dr NE (off of Alameda), 8:00 PM. For tickets, go here: http://www.ampcconcerts.org/event/197117/solas
June 6	Saturday	<i>Albuquerque Folk Festival</i> , 10 AM to 10 PM at Balloon Fiesta Park. See flyer on p. 6 or visit www.abqfolkfest.org
June 6	Saturday	<i>Strawberry Fest</i> at the GAC with the Swingshift band, 7 to 11 PM. Cost: \$10.
June 19	Friday	<i>Celtic Movie Night</i> , at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 5301 Ponderosa Ave NE. Doors open at 6:00 PM; movie starts at 6:30. Movie: "The Long Gray Line," starring Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara and directed by John Ford (1955).
June 20	Saturday	<i>Woodstock Party</i> at the GAC. Band still to be booked. 7 to 11 PM. Cost \$10.
June 21	Sunday	<i>Jazz Sunday</i> at the GAC, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Cost to members \$5.00.

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.



**The Irish-American Society
of New Mexico**

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