# **IRISH TIMES**

Newsletter of the Irish-American Society of New Mexico <u>www.irishamericansociety-nm.com</u>

## SEPTEMBER 2014

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, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

## A Musical Performance by Apple Mountain Strings and Things!

At our first IAS meeting of the fall, we will be entertained by the Celtic music of *Apple Mountain Strings and Things*, an Albuquerque not-for-profit organization formed in 1996 to

promote folk music and fun! Bimonthly club meetings provide a safe, casual environment in which beginning players can enjoy making music with others and hone their skills, and where players at all skill levels can enjoy well-loved folk tunes with new friends.

The "strings and things" include mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, folk harp, fiddle, cello, guitar, banjo, mandolin, bowed psaltery, bodhran, flute, recorder, and harmonica, plus the occasional spoons, kazoo, wash tub bass, bells and triangle!

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

Entertainers Needed for our Monthly Meetings!

We are looking for performers for our monthly meetings in November and in the spring. We welcome any kind of Celtic musicians or anyone who wants to lecture on some aspect of Celtic culture. If you are interested, please let Ellen Dowling, newsletter editor, know. edowling@standuptrainer.com

lowling@standuptrainer.com 505-307-1700 Irish-American Society and St. Andrew Scottish Society Annual Family Picnic, Sunday, September 14!

See flyer on p. 5 for details.



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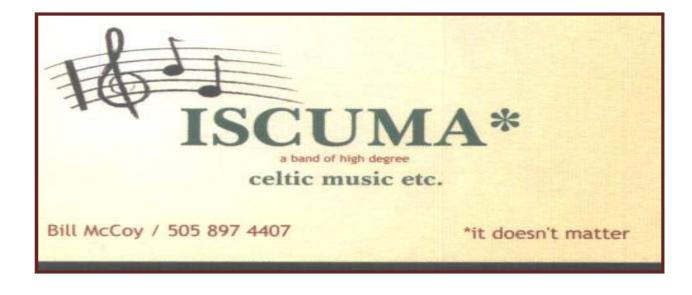
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## **President's Message**

#### Dear IAS Members:

Well, the summer "season" is over. By that I mean most vacations have been taken and kids AND adults are back in school. For me, it went by all too fast and I never got to "get out of Dodge."

I am guessing that most people were on vacation or studying when we had the Celtic Movie Night on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Only six people showed up; seven if you include me. Those who didn't attend missed a good one—"Dancing at Lughnasa" with Meryl Streep. The next one, in October, will be "Druids." Don't let the title fool you. It is a darn good movie about Celtic history, but with plenty of action.

Next up is the combined IAS/SASSNM Picnic on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September (a Sunday) from noon to 4 PM at Elena Gallegos Picnic Grounds. Our two groups will be supplying hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, soft drinks, plates, cups, and utensils. The rest is potluck. Remember, if you have anything that needs to be kept cold, bring ICE, as there is no refrigeration. Of course, we need volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up (contact a board member). Also, MUSICIANS are VERY welcome to bring and play their instruments (a jam session would be nice). We may even "pass the hat." So . . . Y'all come on down now! Ya hear?

The CORRALES HARVEST FESTIVAL is next on the agenda, on September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Corrales. The RGVCF (Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival) will have five spaces there this year. (Last year, RGVCF-IAS-SASSNM shared one space and had a good response.) The three groups are again working the booths this year and we need helpers! Grant Oliver, head of the RGVCF, is working on getting Mac-Tíre of Skye Pipes & Drum sto attend and play, and maybe have some sort of athletic competition (sheaf toss maybe, like a mini Celtic Festival). Come out, help out our Celtic organizations, and visit the Festival. Contact a Board Member if interested. Check it out at <a href="http://corralesharvestfestival.com">http://corralesharvestfestival.com</a>

Please help support both events this month. Together everyone achieves more!

Until next time, Buckaroos, Paul McDonough

### **Cans for Celts**

Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2015!

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 this time or large appliances. I don't have room for them.)

For pick up between meetings – contact Paul McDonough @ 505-294-8205 and leave a message. Thank you!



## **Membership Report**

By Jay Vandersloot, Membership Chair

*Céad Mile Fáilte*: A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members, Chris & Lisa Kinlin, Laurine Maxwell, and Brenda Dyer. And of course thank you to those of you who have renewed your memberships. As of August  $17^{th}$  we now have a total of 343 members, including 106 couples and 131 singles.

REMEMBER, you MUST have your new 2014 membership card, and have it with you, to enter the GAC facility for our meetings, events, or at any other time. Contact me for any questions concerning membership. Thanks,

Jav

505-362-1733, JayVandersloot@yahoo.com

P.S. We are still collecting the **pull-tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House here in Albuquerque (managed by IAS member Sharon Nolen). Thanks to Michael & Kathleen Begay and family, Dennis & Rosalie Pfeiffer, and Irene Gourlay.

Norita

Treasurer's Report August, 2014 Victoria Bryers, Treasurer				
Category	Income	Category	Expenses	
Membership	\$120.00	Newsletter Printing (July)	\$315.51	
		Funeral refund to Rose Marie		
		Keating	\$99.58	
		Total Expenses	\$415.09	
		August beginning balance	\$5257.25	
		Plus Income	\$120.00	
		Subtotal	\$5377.25	
		Less Expenses	\$415.09	
Total Income	\$120.00	Aug. Ending Balance	\$4962.16	

## Happy September Birthdays and Anniversaries!



Bruce Green Joan Kolbush Joe Donahue Michael Bolger Grace Carr Pattie Demas Tom Barger Stephanie Waldrop Janet Patterson Maureen Mulligan



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# It's the Irish-American Society's and the St. Andrew Scottish Society's

## Annual Combined Family Picnic!

at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area Kiwanis Reservation Area Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 12:00 noon to 4 PM With Malarky and Musicians!

The IAS and the SASS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins, condiments, and charcoal.

BYO coolers with ice and beverages of your choice (sodas will be provided).

PLEASE: NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED!

Potluck: Please bring a casserole, salad (potato, pasta, fruit, green, etc.) or dessert. Please remember to bring serving implements and remember to PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL IMPLEMENTS AND DISHES!

So we will have an approximate count for meat and bun purchases: PLEASE RSVP TO PAUL MCDONOUGH BY SEPTEMBER 10th (penthormul@aol.com; 294-8205) and tell him what dish you will bring and how many are in your party.

The Kiwanis Reservation Area is nestled in the picturesque Elena Gallegos Picnic Area (located east of Tramway, south of Paseo del Norte and just a little north of Academy). It is an outdoor facility with a sheltered picnic area that can accommodate up to 250 people. It is outfitted with three large coal grills; a recreation area with a volleyball net and a horseshoe pit; running water; electricity; restrooms; and access to the Elena Gallegos trails.

Note: The IAS and SASS have already paid for the facility, so just tell the ranger at the gate that you're with either group.

## Corrates HARVEST FESTIVAL a production of - Kiwanis Club of Corrales

The IAS, the St. Andrew Scottish Society, and the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival folks will have information booths at this year's Corrales Harvest Festival, Sept. 27 and 28, in Corrales. Volunteers are need to help work the booths. If you are interested, please contact Paul McDonough (<u>penthormul@aol.com</u>, 294-8205).

Activities over the two days of the festival include a Fun Run, a Ditch Pony Promenade, free tours of Casa San Ysidro, a performance by the McTeggart School of Irish Dance, a bagpipe demonstration, art classes, a Pet Parade, a Growers Market, and a Hootenanny Dance. For a complete list of activities and times, visit <u>http://corralesharvestfestival.com/</u>.

Admission either day is \$5.00 adults, \$2.00 children 5-11. (Admission includes the Village Rapid Transit, the Casa San Ysidro tour, and parking. The Hootenanny Saturday night will cost \$10.00.)

#### Looking for Personalized Irish T-shirts and Such?

Check this site out: <u>http://nameomatic.com/</u>

And Find Even More Stuff with your Irish Family Name Here:

http://www.familycrestdb.com/irish/

## **Irish Tales and Whispers**

*Dia dhuit.* We wish to introduce ourselves. We are an Irishbased website called *Tales and Whispers*. We are an arts-based site which supports and promotes local Irish storytellers. These storytellers specialize in Irish mythology and fairy tales, which are the essence of Irish culture. Here at *Tales and Whispers* we believe that it is up to us to both preserve and enhance the ancient tradition of Irish storytelling, so it may live on as an authentic and unmistakable piece of Irish tradition in the 21st century.

http://talesandwhispers.com

## Are you interested in learning Irish Gaelic?

Then you want to check out David Joyce's site, <u>www.irishgaelictutoring.com</u>. The mission of Irish Gaelic Tutoring is to enrich the lives of students with the unique gift of Irish Gaelic. An ancient, honorable language that has influential roots in Western Europe, Irish has a strong association with everything Celtic, including the cultural pride of being Irish, whether by adoption or by birth. It is because of this positive mentality that many people have started an exciting, educational journey in this world.

**For IAS members only**, David is offering free access to his educational puzzles (usually \$.99 each), AND access to his lessons for only \$15.00 (normally \$25.00 each; the lessons also include access to the puzzles). To take advantage of this special offer, visit the site, then email David directly (<u>djoyce42@gmail.com</u>) to arrange for the discount.

## Old Irish Recipe for a Dessert Dating Back to the 1840s Workhouses

From Irish Central

Flummery, a semi-set dessert, was popular in Ireland and Britain from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Including oatmeal, honey – and whiskey for an extra kick – this is a dessert with a difference.

In Ireland, flummery, in a more simple form and made with bread and milk, was mentioned as a supper for sick inmates in workhouses in the 1840s.

The writer Bill Bryson described flummery as an early form of blancmange. It was first mentioned in Gervaise Markham's 1623 "Country Contentments" or the "English Housewife." She wrote, "From this small Oat-meale, by oft steeping it in water and clensing it, and then boyling it to a thicke and stiffe jelly, is made that excellent dish of meat which is so esteemed in the West parts of this Kingdome, which they call Wash-brew, and in Chesheire and Lankasheire they call it Flamerie or Flumerie."

#### **Ingredients:**

1/3 cup almonds (sliced)
2 ounces Irish oatmeal
1 cup heavy cream
4 tablespoons honey
1/4 cup Irish whiskey
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1-2 cup berries (optional)

#### Method:

- Toast the almonds and oatmeal in a pan until slightly browned. Set aside.
- Whip the cream until smooth, but not stiff.
- Warm the honey VERY slightly, so that it will run easily.
- Fold the honey, whiskey, half of the toasted almonds and oatmeal, half the berries (if using them) and the lemon juice into the cream.
- Mix thoroughly but lightly, and spoon into tall individual glasses. (Looks lovely in wine or champagne glasses).
- Sprinkle the remaining almonds/oatmeal and berries on top.
- Chill and serve.



## The Top Twenty Books Every Irish American Should Read

By Tom Deignan for Irish Central

Irish Voice "Sidewalks" columnist Tom Deignan is an expert in Irish-American literature and lectures often on the topic. Taken from one of his lectures, here is his list of the all-time Irish-American books to read in no particular order. (The list was compiled and published by <u>Irish America magazine</u> in celebration of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.)

1. *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood*, by Mary **McCarthv** 2. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith 3. The Studs Lonigan Trilogy: Young Lonigan, The Young Manhood of Studs Lonigan, and Judgment Day, by James T. Farrell. 4. Thomas Flanagan's historical trilogy: The Year of the French, Tenants of Time, and The End of the Hunt 5. Angela's Ashes, by Frank McCourt 6. American Requiem: God, My Father and the War that Came Between Us, by James Carroll. 7. The Last Hurrah, by Edwin O'Connor 8. *Ironweed*, by William Kennedy 9. *The Ginger Man*, by J.P. Donleavy 10. Banished Children of Eve, by Peter Quinn

11. Charming Billy, by Alice McDermott 12. Paddy's Lament, Ireland 1846-47: Prelude to Hatred, by Thomas Gallagher 13. The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys: An American Saga, by Doris Kearns Goodwin 14. Emigrants and Exiles: Ireland and the Irish Exodus to North America, by Kerby Miller 15. A Drinking Life, by Pete Hamill 16. How the Irish Saved Civilization: The Untold Story of Ireland's Heroic Role from the Fall of *Rome to the Rise of Medieval Europe*, by Thomas Cahill 17. Paddy Whacked: The Untold Story of the Irish American Gangster, by T.J. English 18. *How the Irish Invented Slang*, by Dan Cassidy 19. The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America, ed. by Michael Glazier 20. *The Irish Voice in America*, by Charles Fanning

*How many of these have you read?* If you would be interested in writing a short review of any of the books on this list (or any books about Ireland or things Celtic), we would love to have you do so! By way of a start, here's a brief review by IAS President Paul McDonough of *The Brothers O'Brien* by William W. Johnstone:

I moved to New Mexico in 1973. All I knew about the state was what I had learned from TV, movies, and a few books; so I went about learning more and came to love New Mexico.

One day, while I was getting the oil changed in my truck at Wal-Mart, I discovered a paperback book entitled *The Brothers O'Brien*. As I read the back cover, I found out that it takes place in New Mexico and the family is, indeed, Irish. It takes place after the Civil War as CSA Colonel Shamus O'Brien moves his family to New Mexico, where they settle on a piece of land between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Okay. That got my attention.

I'll tell you that I am still reading the first of four books about "The Brothers O'Brien," but it flows just like you were watching a John Ford Western. So far, I highly recommend it. I just hope that other five (*Shadow* of the Hangman, Last Man Standing, A Time To Slaughter, The Killing Season, and The Law of Violence), are all equally interesting.

William W. Johnstone has passed on, but he has 200 Western novels to his name. If you are interested, check out this series and some of his others.

## **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 Irishdancenm@gmail.com.

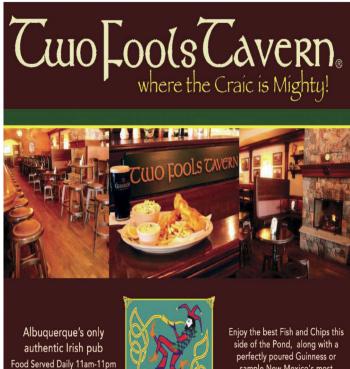
Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance, Saturdays at Triple Threat Performing Arts Studio (on Tramway between Academy and Paseo), 12700 San Rafael, Suite 6, Albuquerque, NM. Call 379-3753 or visit www.tirconaillacademy.org for further information.

• *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.



★ 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 <u>www.ktao.com</u>.)



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## Support Your Local Irish/Scottish/Celtic Musicians/Performers!

[Editor's Note: To be listed on this page free of charge, you or at least one member of your group must be a member in good standing of the IAS.]

#### 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 Bill McCoy and Kathy Wimmer. For information, contact Bill McCoy at 897-4407.

#### 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 <u>susawin@mac.com</u>

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

#### Carol Benson

Strolling Café Fiddler, Vocalist, Suzuki Teacher, and symphony violinist. Contact: 505-268-0906 (carolbens@gmail.com)

## Michele Buchanan and Shanachie Harpers

765-1288 (<u>tmbuchs@gmail.com</u>)

#### Rye Creek

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

#### 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; <u>mmcoy3@msn.com</u>. *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 <u>mmcoy3@msn.com</u>



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

You can get yours at any IAS meeting, or contact Paul McDonough to arrange purchase (<u>penthormul@aol.com</u>, 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
September 2	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
September 12	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. Musical
		performance by Apple Mountain Strings and Things.
September 14	Sunday	Annual Irish-American Society and St. Andrew Scottish Society
		Combined Family Picnic, 12:00 noon at Elena Gallegos Park. (See p. 5
		for details.)
October 7	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
		invited to attend.
October 10	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. Program to be
		announced.

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

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September 4-7	Thursday-	Long's Peak Scottish-Irish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado.	
	Sunday	For info, visit http://www.scotfest.com/Scottish_Festival/Home.html	
September 6	Saturday	Weinfest at the GAC with Jim Brauer's Schunkel Bub'n band, 7 to	
		11PM. Admission \$10.00.	
September 20	Saturday	Sadie Hawkins Dance at the GAC, 7 to 11 PM. Band to be announced.	
		Admission \$10.00.	
September 21	Sunday	Jazz Sunday at the GAC, 2 to 5 PM. Admission for IAS members:	
		\$5.00. (Call 888-4833 for more info.)	
September 27 &	Saturday &	Corrales Harvest Festival. For more details, see p. 6 of this newsletter.	
28	Sunday		

## 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.



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.

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