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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, September 8th, 7 PM

Oh, to be in Ireland in the summer!

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President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

Still hot. Still praying for rain, whether it be soft or hard.

Just a reminder: We will not have any meeting or program in August. (It's too hot!) Hope to see you all at our September 8th meeting and/or September 10th picnic!

Membership Report

By Norita and Ken Callahan

Céad Mile Fáilte (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes) to our newest members: Barbara Nagey, Francis P. Davis (Frankie's Irish Tours), and Tomas & Ernestine Chacon.

Membership: As of July 17th, there are 98 single members, 84 (x 2) family members and 3 students. This is a total of 269 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 month to Kari and Steve Laverty & family and Cindy and Bruce Miller.

Treasurer's Report May 2017

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership	\$170.00	U-Stor-It (first month's rent of storage facility, establishing fees)	\$58.00
Misc revenue at Celtic Festival	\$50.00	Mary Power: June meeting honorarium	\$50.00
Total Income	\$220.00	Total Expenses	\$108.00
		IAS Account May Ending Balance	\$7,942.34
		Plus Income (June)	\$220.00
		Less Expenses (June)	\$(108.00)
		June Ending Balance	\$8,054.34
		*Note: Ending balance includes \$5,000 from Heritage Acct. funds	

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Flowers of the Forest

We were saddened to learn of the passing on July 16th of Bill McCoy, longtime IAS member, Celtic musician, and bodhran player extraordinaire. Bill and his group, *Iscuma* ("It Doesn't Matter"), played for the IAS many times and were frequent performers at various events such as the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival. (Bill's fellow band member, Kathy Wimmer, reports that *Iscuma* will live on with herself and Marc Roberts. They are planning a memorial performance at our monthly meeting on October 13th.) Bill's sister Susan tells us that a memorial service will be held for him in New York and he will be buried at the Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island. We will miss him very much.



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. In August we will meet on the 31th to discuss *The Songman: A Journey in Irish Music* by Tommy Sands. If you're interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com).

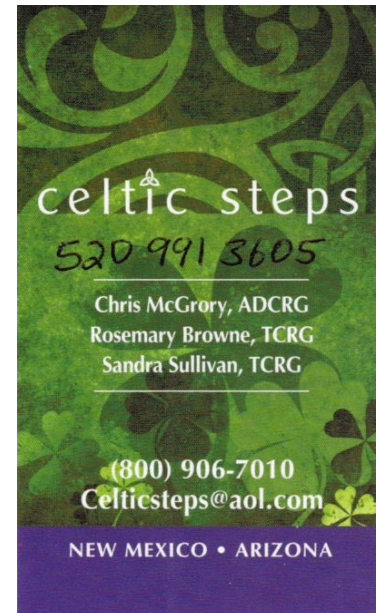
Culture All Around

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.irishdancenm.org and www.colemanacademy.com.
- ♣ **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 <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.)

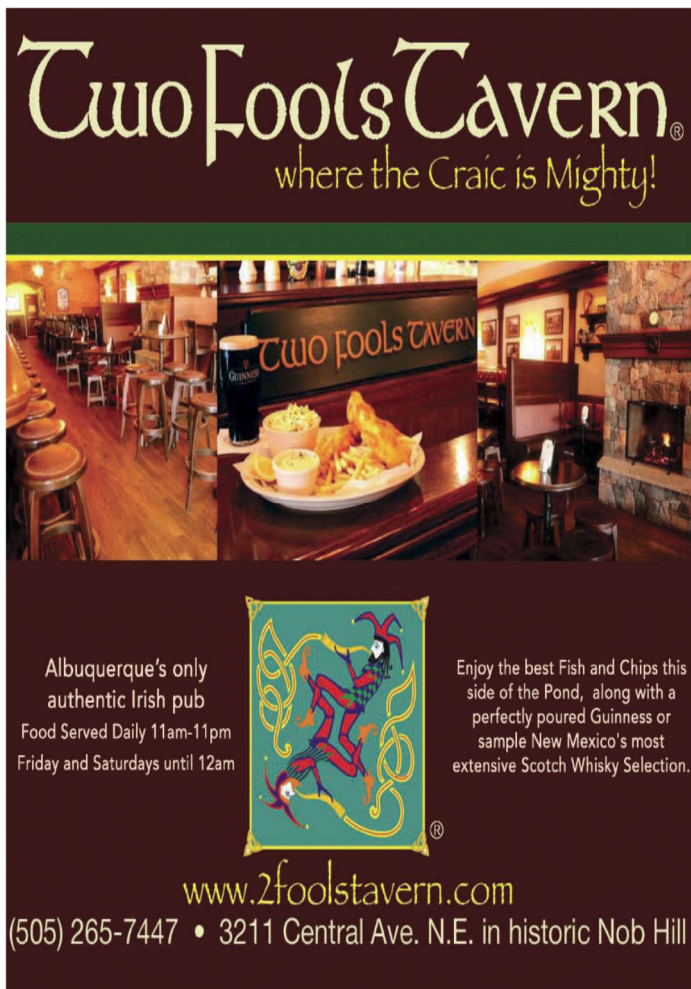


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Saoirse ("seer shih," Irish for "freedom")

Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galacia, 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)



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.

Cans for Celts

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!

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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.

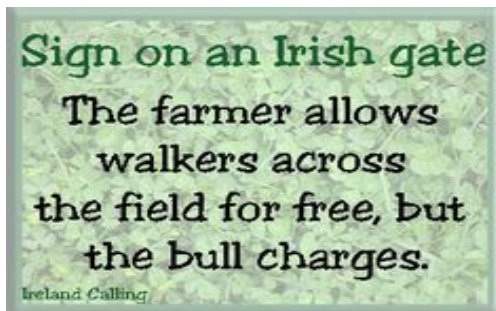
Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
August 1	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
		<i>Note:</i> There is no monthly meeting in August.
September 5	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
September 8	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. Program will be a lecture on the San Patricios by Professor Angelo Cervantes.
September 10	Sunday	<i>IAS Annual Family Picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society</i> , noon to 4 PM at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. More details to come.

Celtic/GAC Events

August 5	Saturday	<i>Slow Celtic Session</i> at Apple Mountain Music, 10 AM to 12 noon. (For more info, contact Apple Mountain Music, 10301 Comanche NE, 505-237-2048.)
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	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. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com .
August 12	Saturday	<i>Folk Music Jam</i> , led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.
August 12	Saturday	<i>GAC 52nd Anniversary Party</i> at the GAC, 7 to 11 PM with the Hit Squad Band. Cost \$10.
August 13	Sunday	<i>Scottish Session</i> at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.
August 14 & 28	Mondays	<i>The Singing Pilgrims</i> present <i>Ceilidh at the Crossroads</i> 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.
August 13	Sunday	<i>Jazz Sunday</i> at the GAC, 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Cost to IAS member \$5.00.
August 20	Sunday	<i>St. Stephens Day Celebration by the Hungarian Club</i> . 1 PM at the GAC. Cost: \$10 for entry and food. Call Steve at 265-7088 for more info.
October 1	Sunday	<i>Rye Creek</i> performing at O'Niell's Pub Heights (3301 Juan Tabo NE), 4 to 7 PM.



St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.



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