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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 meeting location is the Memorial Hall at the First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE, SW corner of Comanche and Carlisle.

Next Event: Sunday, December 22nd, 1 PM



It's the IAS Annual Christmas Party!

For the first time this holly jolly year, the IAS will be hosting its annual Christmas Party at ABQ Party Space (300 Menaul Blvd. NW, Suite 200), from 1 to 4 PM. (Potluck starts at 1:00.)



We have two requests:

1. Bring a potluck dish to share. (And be sure to mark your plates and utensils so we can get them back to you.) Coffee and hot water for tea will be provided. Please bring any other beverages you would like.
2. Bring a dessert of any kind (cake, pie, cookies, etc.) to donate to the Cake Walk Contest! (It's also perfectly all right to bring store-bought goodies!)



Here's the lineup for the day's festivities:

- 1-2 PM: Musical entertainment by the Duke City Ceili Band.
- 2-2:30: Irish Step Dancing Performance by the Coleman Academy of Irish Dance!
- 2:30-2:45: A (VERY SHORT) business meeting to vote on the 2020 IAS Board of Directors.
- 2:45-3:15: A visit from Santa! [Please bring a wrapped (and labeled with the child's name) present for each of your children for Santa to give to them personally. And don't forget to bring your cameras!]
- 3:15-4:00: Cake Walk!



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President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

Such exciting news to report! Due to the amazing work of board members Gwen Easterday and Maureen Riley, we now have a slate of nominees for the **2020 IAS Board of Directors!** And here they are:

- President: Ellen Dowling
- Vice President: Larry Compton
- Treasurer: Kathy Wimmer
- Secretary: Tracee Edwards
- Membership Director: Brynn Cole
- Board Members-at-Large:
 - Maureen Riley
 - Gwen Easterday
 - Cian Fulton
 - Molly Martin
 - Davonna Armijo
 - Suzanne Taichert
 - Bill Nevins

We will vote on these nominees during a (very short) business meeting at our Christmas Party on December 15. We will also ask if there are any additional nominees at that time. And, as a reminder, at our last general membership meeting on November 8, we voted to accept the revised by-laws, which include this limitation on board terms: "Board officers may not seek re-election for officer positions for more than one additional consecutive term, with the exception of the Treasurer, which may be held until that officer resigns, decides not to run, or is removed from office." Non-officer board members (directors-at-large) may seek election for an officer position after serving one or two years on the Board." So this will be my last year as IAS president (although I will stay on for one last year as Past President). So great to have new folks and new viewpoints!

In other news, if you look at the last page of this newsletter (p. 12), you will see a revised version of our membership application form. Since some of our IAS members also enjoy participating in the events held by the German-American Club (and also like visiting the GAC bar), we have entered into an agreement with the GAC that individual IAS members can, if they so wish, choose to become associate members of the GAC by adding a \$5 fee to their IAS membership. You can do this both by mail (using the application form on p. 12) or online at our website (by [clicking the GAC button](#)). So if, say, my husband and I pay for an IAS family membership, as we do each year, if we also want to be associate GAC members, we would pay \$25 for the IAS and then add \$10 (2 x \$5) for a total of \$35. The IAS will then send us two GAC associate member cards, which we would bring with us anytime we visit the GAC. (Per State of NM Alcohol Commission rules, anyone visiting the GAC MUST have a valid membership card on their person.) It's your choice to join the GAC, but it's also our way of supporting the GAC, where we have been welcomed for so many years.

As I type this, it's coming close on Thanksgiving. Hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season this year! Hope to see you at the Christmas Party on December 15!

Treasurer's Report October 2019

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income		Category	Expenses
Cash/Check: membership	\$65.00		U-Stor-It monthly storage fee	\$35.00
Electronic/Square: membership	\$43.09		Ck#154: RGV Celtic Festival (booth rental for Edgewood Fest)	\$10.00
Edgewood Celtic Festival booth proceeds (do-dads/books/t-shirts)	\$146.00		Ck#156: Gwen Easterday (newsletter printing/mailling)	\$50.42
			Ck#157: Dain Forsythe (honorarium for September meeting)	\$50.00
Total Income	\$254.09		Total Expenses	(\$145.42)
			IAS Account prior month's ENDING balance	\$8,493.71
			Plus Income (current month)	\$254.09
			Less Expenses (current month)	(\$145.42)
			Current month's Ending Balance	\$8,602.38

Membership Report

By Brynn Cole

Céad Mile Fáilte (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes) to Caren Garcia & family, Sheri Hewitt, and Shannon Baxter!

As of 11/21, we have 5 students, 86 individuals, and 73 (x 2) families for a total of 237 members.

Only a handful of people have renewed their memberships so far, so please make sure you do that sooner rather than later. Additionally, we will be having a new level of membership this year: for those interested in being associate members of the GAC, you can get that membership for an additional \$5 for each person. If you have questions about this you can email me at 505.auntie@gmail.com or talk to any of the board members.

Message from Norita Callahan:

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 David & Jennifer Barnaby.



IAS General Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2019

Tracee Edwards, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Meeting was called to order a bit after 7:00 PM by Ellen Dowling, President. Visitors were welcomed and introduced: Jeanne Marie Bridge and Cyndi Cooper-Jones, Shelley and Gary Carter, Diane Gray and Patrick Phelan, Lloyd and Terri Kreitzer, Lisa Harrow and Manny Wright, and Dave Hesse. Introduction of Board Members who were present: President Ellen Dowling, Secretary Tracee Edwards, Treasurer Kathy Wimmer, and Members-at-Large: Maureen Riley, Laura Banks, and Gwen Easterday.

BUSINESS

Ellen presented the proposed changes for the IAS By-Laws that had been sent out earlier and the two new proposals that were discussed during previous evening's board meeting regarding Article I – first paragraph – (hereinafter referred to in these by-laws as “The Society” or abbreviated as “IAS”) and Article V – in reference to the Treasurer being a permanent member of the Board (until his or her resignation). Ellen advised that hard copies of the by-laws with proposed changes were available at each table for review. Ellen asked if members were ready to vote and a few concerns were brought up by Jay Vandersloot. Ellen asked that members stay after the musical performance to go over new by-law concerns/questions.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

- 12/5 IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC.
- 12/15 Annual Christmas Party 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Unitarian Church. Entertainment is Duke City Ceili Band and Coleman Step Dancers, a cake walk, and visit from Santa!

REFRESHMENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Meeting was temporarily adjourned for delicious refreshments and the beautiful music of the Canterbury Harp Ensemble, who entertained us with some wonderful arrangements of Irish Christmas music and other tunes!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ellen asked for members to stay and discuss by-law concerns and questions. Jay Vandersloot presented his concerns which were:

Article III Section 5 –use of “Membership Chair” and then in Article IV Section 1 “Membership Director” is used and may cause confusion.

Article IV Section 1 (bottom of 1st page and top of 2nd page) – Potential issue of no one running for officer positions.

Article V Section 1 – concern regarding being bound by Roberts Rules of Order.

Article V – Sections 4 and 5 – Section 4 states outlines a 2/3 majority for disciplinary or impeachment measures and a simple majority for voting. Section 5 states there must be at least 15 members present to conduct business at a general membership meeting which Jay states may create issues when 15 people do not show.

Discussion ensued about changing the wording of “Membership Chair” to “Membership Director” in Article III Section 5. Take out Roberts Rules of Order. Take out Section 5 of Article V completely and re-number the sections. Ellen called for a motion to adopt the by-laws as amended. Ken Callahan moved to adopt by-laws as amended; seconded by Larry Compton. By-laws adopted as amended by majority vote. Ellen thanked Laura Banks, Gwen Easterday and Maureen Riley for all their hard work!

ADJOURNMENT

Donkeys, Guinness and the Hundred Thousand Welcomes

Story and Photos by IAS member Rachael Rodgers

One October morning in Cork, Ireland several weeks ago, I woke up with the Full Irish Hangover, a result of the Full Irish Dinner and the Full Irish *Céad Mile Fáilte* (Hundred Thousand Welcomes). I was on my first trip to Ireland, a whole 17 days that took me in a circle from Dublin, down the east coast to Wexford, up to Kilkenny, down to Cork, then across to Dingle, up the west coast's Wild Atlantic Way to Doolin and on to Galway, and then, finally, back across the country to the lovely sea-side town of Malahide, which is right above Dublin and conveniently near the airport.

Like many Americans of European descent, I knew I had some Irish ancestry and had long hoped to experience the country's million shades of green, lively trad music, and the best butter you'll ever have. Breaking in my brand new passport in Ireland was truly a dream come true. When you're a tourist, doing touristy things is expected and indeed, I did many touristy things, ranging from drinking my first Guinness in Ireland (which really IS better than Guinness anywhere else!) at the Temple Bar in Dublin to visiting Cobh (where the Titanic set sail for her doomed maiden voyage), to marveling at the Cliffs of Moher near Doolin. I also had a "falconry experience" in Dingle, bought a gorgeous D whistle in a magical music shop in Killarney, petted donkeys in a field outside Wexford at sunrise, wrestled unsuccessfully with my long hair on the extremely windy Inch Beach, and had a drink in Sean's Bar in Athlone, oldest pub in Ireland (according to the Guinness Book of World Records, anyway). And of course, being a lover of traditional Irish music, I listened to as much of it as I could, ranging from lackluster wannabe buskers to spectacular true musicians.

But I also enjoy making more personal connections on trips when possible, and having experiences that aren't about going on a museum tour or photographing a historic building or being waited on in a pub. I've made long-distance friends with people in other countries since I was a kid, first as pen-pals, sending red- and blue-striped international airmail envelopes full of missives written with actual pen and paper; and then later as an adult, via chatting over the Internet. Over the years, I've met quite a few of these far-flung friends. So it felt completely natural to get in touch with an Internet friend I'd made who lives in Cork, to say maybe we could have coffee or lunch or something. Michelle jumped right over coffee or lunch or something, and went straight to, "You must come stay at my house!" I demurred at staying with her, as the B&B had already been booked and paid for, so she offered to make dinner instead, which I happily and gratefully accepted.

What an honor to be invited into an actual Irish person's home and offered a home-cooked meal! It's one of the best ways to really experience a country and the people who live there. On the way from the B&B in Cork to her village, which was about half an hour outside the city, she asked if it would be ok to make a quick detour to meet her parents. Amused, I said yes, of course. Her somewhat startled Mum answered the door and reflexively offered us in for a cuppa, "But we can't stay," said Michelle. "I've got the roast in the oven—I just wanted to show you that I'm not about to have dinner with an axe murderer or anything like that!"

Being an Irish native, Michelle hurtled her car nonchalantly down uneven and narrow two-lane roads to her house at what felt like breakneck speed and in apparent unconcern with the closeness of the hedges, and I tried to act equally nonchalant, and not to shriek like a banshee when it seemed like the car was going to launch off the side of the road and into the trees. Driving in this country on the wrong side of the road on the wrong side of



the car on lanes that were not so generous as the ones here in America was starting to feel ever so slightly more normal, but there's no way I would've been comfortable driving that fast myself.



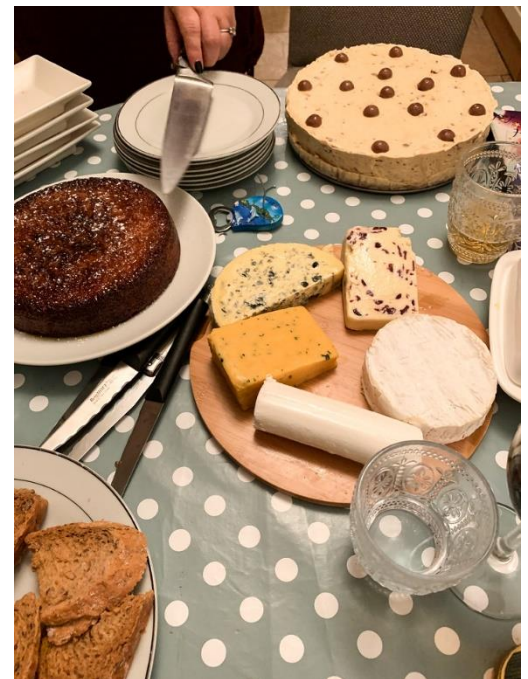
outside and creamy on the inside, and button mushrooms in gravy. I hadn't tried black pudding yet; as with haggis in Scotland, I was simultaneously intrigued and repulsed by the concept. But I did try haggis in Scotland a few years ago—at my very last breakfast. It was good, though I probably won't ever want it again, and I felt like I'd checked that off my life-experience-list. So, I'd wanted to check black pudding off that list, too. And here was this lovely meal this lovely lady had prepared lovingly from scratch in her own home, so of course I was going to try it. Except that the black pudding itself hadn't been lovingly prepared by her. "Did you make this yourself?" I asked, and she laughed: "Ain't nobody got time for that!" On the side, there were two kinds of bread, brown and white, and an enormous crock of that great Irish butter. To drink, plenty of beer and wine.

After such a meal I didn't know if I could handle dessert, but how could I turn away the enormous cheese plate full of a variety of delicious Irish, French, and English cheeses, and two cakes: Michelle's Irish-style caramel cheesecake with Maltesers (the British version of Whoppers) ringing around on top, and a juicy Moroccan orange cake her neighbor made. It was all delicious, the entire meal was incredibly delicious. Set on her best china, she said, taken out only for special occasions.

I'd brought a little gift from NM for her, and she had one for me too, one which echoed her meal with its abundant generosity. Getting to enjoy an evening with people who live here, in their home, laughing over wine and conversations and a meal—it was so special. Not sure how I got this lucky. It took many tries before I was finally allowed to leave: "It's an Irish tradition, I'll refuse you the first three times but keep trying!" she said with a smile, and oh she meant it—I had to keep trying and trying, more than three times worth. And despite my protests, she also packed up a takeaway of an entire second and third meals worth of leftover cheeses and cakes and slices of bread, complete with a tub of that delicious butter.

P.S. I never did have the Full Irish Breakfast. This means, of course, that I will need to return to Ireland to remedy this shortcoming. And I hope that I do. It wasn't just Michelle that gave me such an incredible welcome, it was the entire beautiful country, and I can't wait to go back. I'll need to fast for at least a month first, though. I think I'm still hungover from that Full Irish Dinner.

At Michelle's house ("just a standard semi-D", she said cheerfully as she pulled into the driveway), she quickly got back to work on dinner, which would also be attended by her husband and three sons, and four of her friends and neighbors, making it into a real party. Being a caterer, she was a great cook. Appetizers were a mountain of battered deep-fried Brie wedges, which she placed on rocket salad. I watched, fascinated, as she quickly cut up fat triangles from wheel after wheel of cheese, mixed up an eggy batter and a dry mixture, and then dipped the coated wedges into a deep fryer waiting on the counter. The main dish was a roulade of pork stuffed with black pudding and wrapped in spinach and bacon. On the side were perfectly fried potatoes, crispy on the

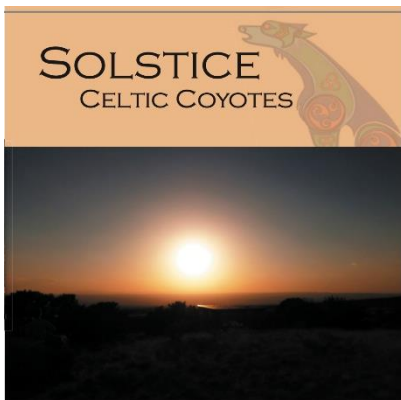
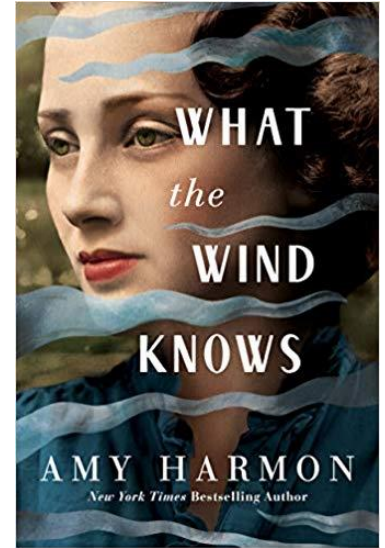


The Irish Book Club

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. Our book for discussion in November is *What the Wind Knows* by Amy Harmon. In December, we'll discuss *Milkman* by Anna Burns. All the books we read are available on Amazon, and many are also available in local libraries.

What the Wind Knows, by Amy Harmon

OK, all you *Outlander* lovers, listen up: If you are a fan of Diana Gabaldon's series about a British woman in 1946 who is magically transported back to Scotland in 1743, you will be equally delighted by Amy Harmon's (much shorter) tale about a woman (a New Yorker) in 2000 who is magically transported back to Ireland in 1921, arriving just in time to experience the Irish Civil War up close and personal. Irish Book Club readers loved this book, both for the suspense as well as the historical details (including an up-close depiction of Michael "Mick" Collins). No spoiler alerts here; in case you want to read this very entertaining book, we won't reveal the (very surprising, we thought) ending. Here's a short assessment from Irish Book Club member (and author herself), Heidi Daniele: "I really enjoyed this book for so many reasons. When I realized it was time travel, I thought for sure it would lose me. But I stayed with it and felt Amy Harmon did a beautiful job of weaving time. The historical pieces really drew me in—I feel like I have a better understanding of the difficult time and decisions my ancestors were faced with during the rising and revolution."



CD Review: *Solstice* by The Celtic Coyotes

(Reviewed by Gwen Easterday)

Recently I have been enjoying the Celtic Coyotes' CD, *Solstice*. Having searched for months for Irish holiday ensemble music for the Canterbury Harp Ensemble, I know how difficult it can be to find specific seasonal pieces for a group of musicians. So, it almost seems like it was fate that brought me to the small stage at the RGVC in Bernalillo in 2019. I really enjoyed hearing IAS member Doug Cowan and the rest of the Celtic Coyotes performing just before Colleens and Lassies. And the Celtic Coyotes still had a handful of their 2017 CDs available for purchase. So, I quickly scooped up a CD right then. How did I miss this CD before May?

At any rate, here we are coming up on the holiday season when such traditional tunes as "the Coventry Carol," "We Three Kings," and "I Saw Three Ships," plus original songs such as "Solstice Chant" and "Happy Holidays" can lift our spirits and set our hearts ready for this most joyful time of the year. I especially like the use of traditional Celtic instruments such as concertina, whistles, and small pipes.

If you'd like to hear songs from this CD, you could go to <http://www.stepjmil.com/solstice-cd/>. I'm not sure if there are still more CDs available for purchase, but if you are interested, I'm sure IAS member Doug Cowan could respond to any questions in that regard. The Celtic Coyotes performed for the May 2017 IAS general meeting and their contact information is listed on p. 10 of the newsletter.

Merry Christmas, Auspicious Solstice, Happy Holidays, and Prosperous New Year!

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. (Their website is currently under construction, but you can contact them on [Facebook](#).)
- ♣ **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, \$4.00. 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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Free Genealogy Research Days!

Interested in learning more about your family history but don't know where to start? Come to THE GENEALOGY CENTER at the ABQ Library (2nd floor), on the corner of 5th and Copper, where volunteers will help you one-on-one in your quest. Celtic Research is held from 1-3 PM on the last Tuesday of the month.

Free parking for two hours at the parking garage on the SE corner from the library, just get your ticket stamped at the library.

Questions? Contact Robert Harper at robertharper48@comcast.net

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

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.

A Jug O'Punch

A trio playing Irish music galore! Contact Suzanne Taichert: suzytmusic@earthlink.net

The Duke City Ceili Band will entertain you with fast paced jigs and reels, lilting waltzes, and rousing sea shanties from the Irish traditional repertoire. Find them on Facebook or contact Jim Crowley: jabbas40@yahoo.com.

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, Harper

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

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

Cans for Celts

Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2020! 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
December 5	Thursday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
December 15	Sunday	<i>IAS Annual Christmas Party</i> , 1:00 to 4:00 at the Unitarian Church. Potluck with Irish music, dancers, a cakewalk, and a visit from Santa! (See front page for more details.)
January 2	Thursday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
January 10	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> , 7 PM at the Unitarian Church. Lecture/presentation on the Irish and Brexit by Jim Crowley.

Celtic/GAC Events

GAC hours are Mon, Tues, Wed: 3 to 8 PM; Thurs, Fri: noon to 10 PM; Sat: noon to 11 PM; Sunday: noon to 6 PM.

For info about GAC events, call 505-888-4833 during open hours.

November 27-December 29	Weekends	<i>The Miracle of Ballydonal</i> , an Irish play presented by Fusion theater . Go online for tickets or call 505.766.9412.
December 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays	<i>Albuquerque Open Irish Music Session</i> , 7 PM at Hops Brewery Los Ranchos Taproom on 4 th Street, 7222 4 th St. NW Rear, Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, just south of the old ABQ-BBQ location. For info, contact Harlow Pinson (hpinson@indepthl.com).
December 6	Friday	<i>Karaoke</i> at the GAC, 5:30 to 7 PM.
December 6	Friday	<i>House concert with band Steam!</i> , featuring modern, old time, Irish, and French Canadian music from around the world. Contact: Pat Aruffo pataruffo@yahoo.com or Bill Balassi william_balassi@yahoo.com for directions or reservations.
December 7	Saturday	<i>Fasching Royal Ball</i> at the GAC, 5:30 PM. Contact the GAC for more info.
December 7	Saturday	<i>First Saturday Open Irish Music Session</i> , from 12 to 2 PM at High and Dry Brewing, 529 Adams St. NE, ABQ. (Contact Jim Crowley jabbas40@yahoo.com) For beginning to intermediate musicians and music lovers.
December 15	Sunday	<i>Jazz Sunday</i> at the GAC, 2 to 5:30 PM.
December 20	Friday	<i>Karaoke</i> at the GAC, 5 to 7 PM.
December 21	Saturday	<i>Third Saturday Open Irish Music Session</i> , from 1 to 3 PM at High and Dry Brewing, 529 Adams St. NE, ABQ. (Contact Jim Crowley jabbas40@yahoo.com .)
December 21	Saturday	<i>Christmas Dance</i> at the GAC, 5:30 PM. Contact the GAC for more info.
December 31	Tuesday	<i>New Year's Eve Ball</i> at the GAC, 7 PM, music by Hit Squad. Contact the GAC for more info.
January 18	Saturday	<i>St. Andrew Scottish Society Annual Burns Night Dinner</i> , 5 PM at the Crown Plaza. For more info/to buy tickets, visit https://sassnm.org/ .

Irish-American Society of New Mexico

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Please Check One: ☐ Membership Application ☐ Membership Renewal

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

If this is a renewal, has your contact information changed? Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please choose your membership level:

☐ Student (\$10) ☐ Individual (\$20) ☐ Family (\$25) *

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