



# IRISH TIMES

Newsletter of the  
Irish-American Society of New Mexico  
[www.irishamericansociety-nm.com](http://www.irishamericansociety-nm.com)

AUGUST 2019

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 Meeting: Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

We do not have general membership meetings in July and August. So the next time we will see you at our monthly meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We also hope to see you at the Annual Celtic Picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. More info on the picnic to come in the September newsletter. Have a wonderful summer!

### President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

Hope you're all keeping cool this long, hot summer! I hear that Europe also has been experiencing an awful heat wave, and most folks there (like my brother in Germany) have no air conditioning. 🤦‍♂️ And yet one time I was in Northern Ireland (in Five Mile Town, to be specific) in July and went to a Family Fun Day event with vendors and a pipe band and it was FREEZING. As I sat there in the pouring rain listening to the pipes and drums, I could actually see the breath coming out of my mouth. Oh, to be there now.

Although we are on hiatus for the summer, there are still some events to let you know about: The Duke City Ceili Band, for instance, will be performing at a house concert on August 4<sup>th</sup>. (See p. 4 for more info.) And in other good news, the Albuquerque Open Irish Music Session has a new home at the Hops Brewery Los Ranchos Taproom on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The first session there will be Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Address is 7222 4<sup>th</sup> St NW Rear, Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, just south of the old ABQ-BBQ location. Well lighted and safe off-street parking, and good food and drink is available.

You will notice that the newsletter is a bit on the thin side this month (8 instead of 12 pages) without much to report, but it will return to normal size next month, and will once again include a book review from the Irish Book Club (which anyone can join by going to Facebook [here](#)).

And that's it for now. Hope to see you all in September at our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> or at the picnic on September 7<sup>th</sup>!

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## Treasurer's Report June 2019

**Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer**

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Cash/Checks: membership	\$40.00	U-Stor-It monthly storage fee	\$35.00
		Ck.#199: Laura Banks (copies, postage, for hard copy newsletters)	\$91.80
		Ck.#151: Cleve Sharp, Jug of Punch (June entertainment)	\$50.00
Total Income	\$40.00	Total Expenses	(\$176.80)
		IAS Account prior month's ENDING balance	\$9,047.59
		Plus Income (current month)	\$40.00
		Less Expenses (current month)	(\$176.80)
		Current month's Ending Balance	\$8,910.79

## Membership Report

By Brynn Cole

**Céad Mile Fáilte** (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes): No new members to report.

As of 7/23 there are 65 family, 5 student, and 79 individual memberships, for a total of 214 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. Thank you to C. J. Korneychuck, Steve & Kari Laverty and family, Bruce & Cindy Miller, Barbara Nagey, and Bob & Dottie Newman.

### ***Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann*** **2019 Raffle!**

*Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann* (pronounced Col-tas Col-tu-ri Ei-ran) is an international non-profit organization based in Dublin with 400 branches throughout the world. *Comhaltas'* purpose is to promote traditional Irish music, dance, song, and culture. The *Sliabh* (pronounced Sleeve) *Sandia* NM CCE branch is participating in this raffle. 80% of each raffle ticket sold will go to *Sliabh Sandia*, who are here in Albuquerque. (80% WOW!!!) 😊 The money will be used for venue rentals, gas, food for visiting Irish musicians, dancers, singers, storytellers, poets, etc.

Tickets (\$5 each) can be purchased at any IAS meeting, from Norita Callahan or Laura Banks. First prize is 5,000 euros (about \$5,628).

Information about the *Comhaltas* international organization can be found here: <https://comhaltas.ie/about/>  
Information about the local *Sliabh Sandia* group can be found here: <https://www.ccenm.org/about/>



## Duke City Ceili Band

performing live at a house concert in  
Sandia Park, NM

Sunday Evening, August 4, 2019

Potluck at 4:00 pm; music at 5:30 pm

Hosted by Gloria Casale

(A donation of \$15 will be collected and paid to  
the performers.)

Reservations are required. To reserve your

place, and for location and details please contact me at [505 514-7185](tel:5055147185) or  
[Gloria.casale@gmail.com](mailto:Gloria.casale@gmail.com).

## Contemporary Irish Poets 5-week class with John Roche

**Where:** Jules' Poetry Playhouse, Placitas, NM; 11 Homestead Lane  
(We are 2.3 miles from the Bernalillo/Placitas exit off I-25.)

**When:** September 4 to October 2, 2019 (Five Wednesday nights,  
6:30-9:00 PM)

**Cost:** \$125 (Class Limited to 12 students, plus one scholarship)

Scholarship info: email [julesnyquist@gmail.com](mailto:julesnyquist@gmail.com)

**REGISTER ON LINE:**

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A five-week course beginning with the legacies of Seamus Heaney and John Montague, then focusing on living Irish poets like Michael Longley, Paul Muldoon, Eavan Boland, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, Medb McGuckian, Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, Mark Granier, and Paula Meehan. We'll also consider three Irish poets who visited New Mexico recently, Kevin Higgins, Eamonn Wall, and Annemarie Ní Churreáin. This class will concentrate on reading and discussion. No lectures or tests. But we will try our hand at some poetry writing exercises.



**About the instructor:** John Roche is Associate Professor Emeritus of English at the Rochester Institute of Technology (where he taught creative writing and literature courses, including Irish Literature), and Co-Director of Jules' Poetry Playhouse. He holds an MA in Anglo-Irish Literature from University College Dublin, as well as a PhD in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Dr. Roche is also a poet who has published four books of poems and produced a number of poetry anthologies, including, most recently, the Poets Speak series.

## 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](http://www.irishdancenm.org) and [www.colemanacademy.com](http://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:

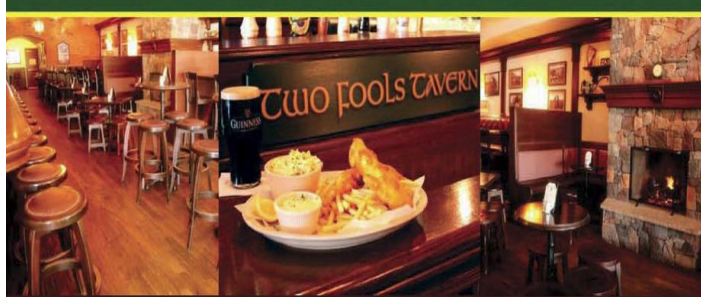
♣ **The Thistle and Shamrock** program, featuring Fiona Ritchie, airs on KANW 89.1 FM, Mondays at 6:00 PM.

♣ **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](http://www.ktao.com).)


	<p><b>CHILDREN'S BEGINNER SOLO CLASS</b> TH 4:30-5:30</p>
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:anslovernavy@comcast.net).

### *A Jug O'Punch*

A trio playing Irish music galore! Contact Suzanne Taichert: [suzytmusic@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:tmbuchs@gmail.com))

### *Rye Creek*

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

### *Celtic Coyotes*

Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan [celticcoyotes@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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
August 1	Thursday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
August		No monthly meeting. Enjoy your summer!
September 5	Thursday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
September 7	Saturday	Annual Celtic Family Picnic with the St. Andrews Scottish Society, 12 to 4 PM at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. (Details to come in the next newsletter.)
September 13	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> : Film showing—"Out of Ireland: The Story of Irish Emigration to America."

### 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.

August 1	Thursday	<i>Lunasa Fundraiser for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival</i> at both Quarter Celtic Brewpub locations, the original at the NE corner of Lomas and San Mateo and the newly opened Pub at 1930 Juan Tabo Blvd. Both locations will donate a portion of your tab in support of the Celtic Festival. This is an all-day fundraiser at both locations.
August 2	Friday	<i>Karaoke</i> at the GAC, 5 to 7 PM.
August 3	Saturday	<i>Edgewood Parade</i> , which forms up at 9 AM and steps off at 10 PM. Members of all clans and societies are welcome to join us; wear your kilts and other Celtic garb. The parade begins at the Good Shepherd Church, 5, Entrada del Norte in Edgewood.
August 3	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 <a href="mailto:jabbas40@yahoo.com">jabbas40@yahoo.com</a> ) For beginning to intermediate musicians and music lovers.
August 3	Saturday	<i>Luau at the GAC</i> , 5:30 PM.
August 8, 15, 22, 29	Thursdays	<i>Albuquerque Open Irish Music Session</i> , 7 PM at Hops Brewery Los Ranchos Taproom on 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, 7222 4 <sup>th</sup> St NW Rear, Los Ranchos De Albuquerque, just south of the old ABQ-BBQ location.
August 16	Friday	<i>Karaoke</i> at the GAC, 5 to 7 PM.
August 17	Saturday	<i>Celtic Fundraiser Yard Sale</i> , 9 AM to 2 PM at 4821 Menaul Blvd (corner of Quincy St.) in the parking lot of the German American Club.
August 17	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 <a href="mailto:jabbas40@yahoo.com">jabbas40@yahoo.com</a> )
August 18	Sunday	<i>Jazz Sunday at the GAC</i> , 2-5:30 PM.
August 24	Saturday	<i>Blues Night Dance</i> at the GAC, 5:30 PM.



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