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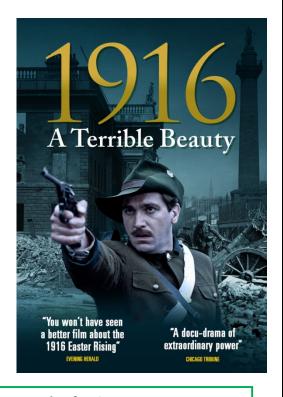
Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, except during July and August (and for special events). The usual meeting location is the Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC), 4821 Menaul, NE (west of San Mateo).

Next Event: Friday, October 14th, 7:00 PM

Movie Night! A Terrible Beauty

At our October meeting, we will show a film to continue our commemoration of the centenary anniversary of the Irish Rising of 1916. *A Terrible Beauty* is a 90-minute feature docudrama, which takes a unique look at the events of Easter Week 1916 in Dublin. Focusing on the ferocious Battle of Mount Street Bridge and the engagements around Ned Daly's Four Courts garrison, this is the first film to tell the story from three different perspectives, showing the human cost of the fighting on all sides. First-hand accounts tell the little-known stories of the ordinary people involved in the Rising: Irish Volunteers, British Soldiers, and the innocent civilians caught in the middle. This gives the viewer an up-close and personal view of the often brutal and bloody fight which affected the lives of the men and women caught up in the chaos.

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



Important Announcement from the IAS Board of Directors:

As you may already know from reading the treasurer's reports, printing and mailing a hard-copy version of this newsletter costs the IAS well over \$3,000 a year (even with no publication in July and August). The Board has thus decided that, beginning with the January 2017 edition, the *Irish Times* will be published electronically only. For those of you who have been getting the e-newsletter all along, you won't notice any change. For those of you who do not have a computer or access to one, we have several options to make sure you continue to get your newsletter. Please contact membership chair Norita Callahan for details (noraabq@yahoo.com; 298-2708).

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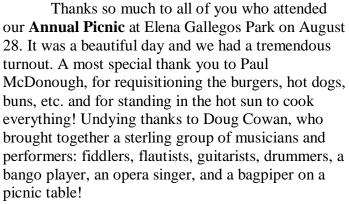
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President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

By Ellen Dowling





Our thanks as well to the talented musicians of

The Gaelic Golondrinas, who played and sang so beautifully at our September meeting. It's just astonishing to me how much talent, especially in the area of Celtic music, we have here in New Mexico!

I mentioned at our September meeting that we are now looking ahead to St. Patrick's Day 2017, which for the first time (that I can remember) will take place on actual St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, a Friday. Instead of our usual Sunday afternoon affair, in 2017 we will be partying in the evening from 6 to 10 PM. We are thinking we should re-think the party design for 2017, and to that end I am trying to put together a "task force" to help plan the event. I already have 3 stalwart volunteers to help me, but could use a few more. We'll figure out ways to "meet"—maybe by Skype or conference call—so no one will need to be inconvenienced. If you want to join us, send an email to edowling@standuptrainer.com.

And lastly, **I hope to see all of you at our annual Halloween Party on October 29th!** It's always great craic, and nobody cares if you wear a costume or not. (See the flyer on p. 8 for more info.)

Treasurer's Report August 2016					
Category	Victoria Bryers, Trea Income Category Expense			Expenses	
Membership (July)	\$20.00		Norita (P.O. expenses)	\$5.75	
			IAS Donation to Garnet Waldrop	\$100.00	
	40000				
Total Income	\$20.00		Total Expenses for August*	\$105.75	
			Previous checks cashed in August	\$150.00	
			Total July checks cashed	\$255.75	
			IAS Account August Beginning Balance	\$1781.77	
			Plus Income (August)	\$20.00	
			Expenses (August)	\$255.75	
			Uncashed checks (*)	0	
			Subtotal	\$1546.02	
			IAS Heritage Fund Account	\$5,000.00	
			August Ending Balance	\$6,546.02	

Membership Report

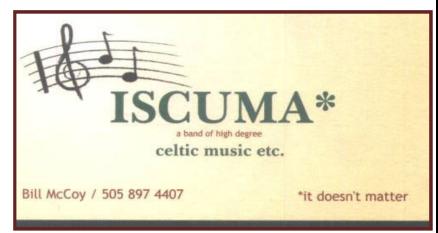
By Norita and Ken Callahan

Céad Mile Fáilte (*A Hundred Thousand Welcomes*) to our newest members: Myles & Teresa Hall and children Shane & Ashleigh. And welcome back to Bill Murray!

As of September 19th, there are 121 single members and 87 family members (x 2). This is a total of 295

members for the 2016 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 Elena & Joe Gallegos and Carol & Doug Cowan.



IAS Raffle!

IAS Board members Bob and Vikki Bryers have donated two tickets to **Danú: A Christmas Gathering** for the IAS to raffle off as a fundraiser. The performance will take place at Popejoy Hall on December 9th at 8 PM.

Raffle tickets for the mezzanine will be sold for \$5/ticket (for the pair of tickets) and 3 for \$10. (The tickets are worth \$48 each.) Raffle tickets can be bought at our October meeting and at the Halloween Party. The drawing will be held at our November meeting. (You need not be present to win.)

IAS General Meeting Minutes September 8, 2016

By Pete McKenna

Ellen calls the meeting to order at 7:12PM. @40 people attending. She then introduces visitors and Board Members present: Maureen Riley, Paul McDonough, and Peter McKenna.

Treasurer report (via Ellen): We are solvent but income has plateaued for the year; we have an ending balance for August of \$6,546.07.

Membership report (via Peter): We currently stand at 296 members with 121 single and 87 family memberships.

Ellen reminds everyone that the newsletter is going entirely electronic in January. If you do not have internet access you will still get a printed newsletter. Norita is organizing a list of members who need a hard

copy as they have no computers. The benefit of this change is that it will save us pots of money and members will get a newsletter sporting full-color pictures.

Ellen announces a book sale this evening – a fire sale of lingering tomes: \$1 paperback, \$2 hardback – your choice, see Paul at the table in the back.

Ellen announces upcoming events:

- October 14th we will have a film about the Easter Rising, "A Terrible Beauty," which is an acted documentary (actors play key Rebellion figures) and features a very even-handed treatment of the event. (90 minutes.)
- October 29th Annual Halloween Party Get your costumes ready; kids are more than welcome and are encouraged to join.
- ♣ December 4th Christmas Party details to come.
- ♣ St. Patrick's Day March 17th of 2017 on a Friday evening. We anticipate this will be a well-attended event. Ellen pleads for a volunteer committee of 4-5 people to design and organize this Party. Anyone willing to get involved with this please contact Ellen.

Other happenings:

- ♣ October 1-2 Aztec Highland Games & Celtic Festival in Aztec, NM
- October 15-16 Corrales Festival. Paul will host a IAS/Celtic Booth volunteers requested.

We are having a raffle tonight. Bob & Vikki Bryers have donated two (2) tickets to the Dec. 9th performance of "A Christmas Gathering" by the Irish group *Danu* at Popejoy Hall. \$58 value, tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$10 for 3; see Paul at the book table.

New Business/Announcements – none

Paul McDonough speaks to the 15th anniversary of 9/11. The membership takes a moment of silence in remembrance.

Ellen asks for adjournment. Motion so made, seconded and approved by all. Meeting adjourns at 7:24PM. Snacks, books and raffle tickets purchasing followed by music from The Gaelic Golondrinas.

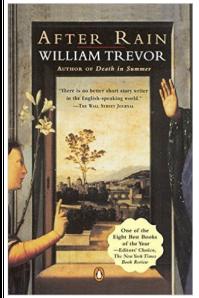


The IAS Book Page

The IAS Book Club is moving! As the nights get colder and darker, we have had to forego our outdoor stay at the Quarter Celtic Brew Pub and from now on we will meet at O'Niell's Pub at Washington and Central at 7:30 PM. We will still meet on the last Thursday of the month. If you're interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com).

Review: After Rain, by William Trevor

Reviewed by Pete McKenna



Twelve short stories.

This is the most sepia-toned book I have ever read. Technically elegant and beautifully constructed, each of these stories is an homage to some aspect of the human character: jealousy, the question of independence and continuance, rationalization, the primacy of personal interest, faint hope, love—lost, sustained, or maneuvered—and life-views forged by personal histories. There is no simple central theme, other than the human condition and the behaviors and feelings around that fact, about which each of these stories revolves. We are given the natural fissures of human interaction and how they develop along lines of character, assumptions, and human frailty. We glimpse a friendship sundered by personal weaknesses and leveraged by traditional roles of dominance; the chimerical free will of the young constrained and ordered by adult lives; the overwhelming despair and consequences assumed by those who trespass on sacred traditions of society or family; the fate of innocents in a world a-swirl with brutish behavior. This is a work of serious literature and offers the reader an

opportunity to experience—enjoy would be too glib a term—short, intense excursions into recognizable domains of our lives. And short stories are the appropriate venue for this journey. A novel of this character would never do.

[Editor's Note: Here is Pete's description of just one of the stories, called "The Potato Dealer."]

Here is a story of people trapped in their personalities, inflexible slaves to key moments in their past. Joseph Larrissey, a life-long bachelor, his widowed sister, and her daughter Ellie live on a hard-scrabble Irish farm. Ellie is pregnant as a result of a summer fling with a priest and the adults are apoplectic and unforgiving of this breech; a grave sin requires dictated and just retribution. Mr. Larrissey, as he is called by Ellie, sells her to a stolid and self-absorbed potato dealer, one Mulreavy, as a dowry bride. Each character evaluates the arrangement in terms of personal advantage to their unique situation in life, each acting as an island with Ellie a pawn frozen in guilt by the actions and attitudes of her elders. Mulreavy will inherit the farm with other perks and solidify his shaky social and financial status; Larrissey will get help on the farm and the shame of illegitimacy will be hidden; Ellie will keep the child of her true love. Each character continues to operate in their own private sphere. Mulreavy and Ellie never consummate their "union" and the Larrissey siblings slide toward mean old age. Ellie breaks this arrangement after 10 years when she tells her daughter of her parentage. Shame and predictable recriminations ensue and Mulreavy becomes a local laughing stock. After a year, an exchange with Mulreavy during field work seems to awaken Ellie to the fact she has missed an opportunity to get to know Mulreavy because of her fixation on a summer a decade ago, but it is a reflection, not a shift in attitude. Mulreavy remains unloved, a jumped-up potato dealer.

An Irish Step Dancer in Japan!

[Editor's Note: What follows is a message from Lisa Shaffer-Harris, whose husband, Geoffrey, is a former IAS board member, and whose daughter, Zahreen, is an Irish step dancer.]

We moved in 2008 from Okinawa, Japan to Crownpoint, NM in the Navajo Nation. In August 2012 we left the reservation and came to Albuquerque. Zahreen started with Coleman Academy of Irish Dance in January 2013. We had always wanted to return overseas, and I received a job offer with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) in October 2015. We moved in December 2015. In April 2015, Geoffrey was fortunate enough to find a research position at Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST). He is still hoping to get back to teaching at some point and has an active application with DoDDS, but in the meantime is enjoying the diverse and stimulating environment at OIST. It is an English-based university with faculty and staff from all over the world. I am currently working at Kadena High School, where Zahreen is a freshman.



Before we left New Mexico, we found out there was an Irish Dance group here in Okinawa, run by Victoria Hamlin, and we were thrilled that Zahreen could continue to pursue her passion for Irish dance. The kids went to an International Feis last May (2016) in Hong Kong and did really well. Irish Dance Okinawa scored 48 medals overall. Zahreen got 5 medals plus a second place trophy—she missed first place by one point! Alas, as of last weekend, Victoria has left the island in order to pursue her graduate degree at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA; however, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Ardagh School of Irish Dance in Tokyo will help Zahreen achieve her goal of becoming a champion Irish dancer. Tomoko-san, the founder of the school, has studied Irish dance in Ireland. Japan is having its first Feis October 29th. I will send pictures.

Thanks so much! Best regards to everyone there.

Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman in Concert



Apple Mountain Music is very excited to host the virtuoso partnership of England's premier flatpicking guitarist, **Chris Newman**, and "the greatest Celtic harper of our age" (LIVE IRELAND) **Máire Ní Chathasaigh** - a breathtaking blend of traditional Irish music, hot jazz, bluegrass and baroque, spiced with striking new compositions and what *The West Australian* calls "Chris's delightfully subversive wit." Their performances are an emotional rollercoaster, deeply rooted but eclectic and adventurous too. Don't miss your opportunity to see this amazing duo! For more

information please visit maireandchris.com

This House Concert will be held at Apple Mountain Music, 10301 Comanche Rd. NE, Albuquerque on October 1 at 7:00 PM. (Doors open at 6:30 PM). Admission is \$20. Please call 505-237-2048 to reserve your seat as soon as possible. Space is limited!



Hallowe'en AKA Celtic New Year Celebration

Saturday, October 29th, 2016 at the German-American Club 4821 Menaul NE 7 to 11 PM Variety Dance Music By Showcase



\$7 Adults – 21 & under free Costume Prizes - Judging at 8:00 PM (Costumes always optional! We need folks to be judges, too!)

Door Prizes & Sur-prizes!
Please bring a salty or sweet snack to share
Coffee/Tea Provided – Cash bar

Sponsored by The Irish-American Society The German-American Club

Bring all your friends for some howlin' good craic!



For more information, contact Norita Callahan (noraabq@yahoo.com, 298-2708).



Culture All Around

Dance Classes:

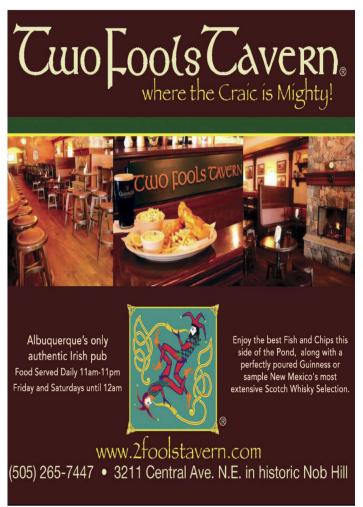
* Coleman Academy of Irish Dance. Saturdays, 8 AM to 1 PM at the Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal SE. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at www.irishdancenm.org and www.colemanacademy.com.

- ♣ *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 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.



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.)



Celtic Music at O'Niell's:

Music every Sunday from 4 to 7 PM at the "old" O'Niell's, 4310 Central Ave SE (Corner of Central & Washington in East Nob Hill) and the "new" location (3301 Juan Tabo NE, between Comanche and Candelaria). For more info, visit http://www.oniells.com/



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 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: 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)

A Jug of Punch, featuring triple distilled Irish-American fun! Flutes, accordion, mandolin, violin, and guitar. Contact: Cleve Sharp, 505-507-9915 (clevelans@comcast.net)

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.

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



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.

Candy Bars for Celts!

Besides the Cans for Celts fundraiser for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival, we are now also trying to raise money by selling candy bars at \$1.00 each. Candy can be purchased at any meeting from Paul McDonough.



Calendar of Events

IAS Events

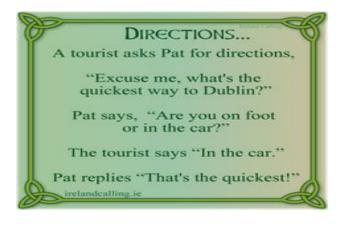
Day	What
Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
	invited to attend.
Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. Showing of the
	short film, "A Terrible Beauty," about the Irish Rising.
Saturday	Halloween/Celtic New Year's Party, 7 PM at the GAC. See flyer on p. 8
	for info.
Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are
	invited to attend.
Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. A musical
	performance by Michael and Donna Coy.
	Tuesday Friday Saturday Tuesday

Celtic/GAC Events

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October 6, 13, 20,	Thursdays	Irish Music Session, every Thursday night at Joliesse Chocolates, in the
27		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 .
October 1	Saturday	Slow Celtic Session at Apple Mountain Music, 10 AM to 12 noon. (For
		more info, contact Apple Mountain Music, 10301 Comanche NE, 505-
		237-2048.)
October 2	Sunday	An Hour of Irish Storytelling by David McDonnell at Mountain Vista
		Music in Moriarty at 4 PM. (Mountain Vista Music is located at 95
		Sunset Road, off I-40 and Rte. 66.) Admission: free. Potluck at 4 PM,
		storytelling at 5 PM, singer-songwriter Robyn Mackenzie at 6:30 PM. If
		you plan to attend, please RSVP to Karen Ziegler by text (505-239-
		8647) or email (<u>mkziegler78@hotmail.com</u>).
October 8	Saturday	Folk Music Jam, led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain
		Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.
October 8	Saturday	Oktoberfest at the GAC, with Jim Brauer's Schunkelbubn Band. Cost:
		\$10.
October 9	Sunday	Scottish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.
October 15	Saturday	Open Irish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.

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.





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