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Newsletter of the
Irish-American Society of New Mexico
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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 Meeting: Friday, January 13th, 7 PM

Getting to Know You Social!

For our first meeting of the New Year, we are continuing a tradition we started in January of 2016: We are planning an evening of fun and games, with the primary objective of providing a whole bunch of entertaining opportunities for our members to get to know each other better.

We realize that, at our regular monthly meetings, there's often little time for our members to interact and chat, what with a business meeting followed by some form of entertainment. Folks tend to sit with other folks they know and rarely get a chance to talk with someone "new."



Audience participation!

On January 13th, all that will change! ☺ Come join IAS president Ellen Dowling as she leads us all through a series of enjoyable games and activities, such as solving an Irish puzzle, playing "Irish Charades," taking part in "Irish People Bingo," and so much more! Be prepared to laugh a lot, maybe sing a little, and end the evening knowing many more of your fellow IAS members.

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

A Friendly Reminder:

Your dues are now due for the 2017 membership year. In order to keep your membership current, please fill out the form on the last page of this newsletter and give it to Norita Callahan or mail it to the PO address on the form. (If your current membership card says "2017" your membership is good till Dec. 31, 2017.)

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President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Happy New Year! We have so many exciting events and programs planned for you all during the coming year. Our first big event will be our **Annual St. Patrick's Day Party** on March 17th. For the first time ever, we will hold our party on actual St. Patrick's Day (a Friday) and we will have food for sale (corned beef and cabbage, Irish bread, and desserts). More details will come in the next newsletters, but the important thing to note here is that, since we will be providing food, we will **NEED YOU TO MAKE A RESERVATION IF YOU PLANNING ON EATING AT THE PARTY**. Norita Callahan will be taking your reservations (noraabq@yahoo.com; 298-2708). (I will be nagging you also. ☺)

Other big events in 2017 will be our participation in the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festive (May 20 & 21), our annual joint picnic with the Scottish Society on September 10 at Elena Gallegos Park, our joint Halloween Party with the GAC on October 28, and our annual Christmas Party on December 10. Our monthly programs will include various musical groups, as always, but this year we're also adding some sure-to-be interesting lectures: Prof. Maya Sutton on the history of Dublin (April 14); Prof. Mary Power on James Joyce and "Bloomsday" (June 9); and Prof. Angel Cervantes on the story of the San Patricios (September 8).

Lastly, my thanks to all who helped make our 2016 Christmas Party such a success: Bob & Vikki Bryers for the children's gift bags and running the raffle and the cake walk; Maureen Riley and Rose Marie Keating (and others) for "personing" the food table; our wonderful entertainers (Anslovers, Coleman Dancers, Singing Pilgrims); Jim Brauer for providing sound; our own Don "Santa" Hardy; and all of you who brought cakes for the cakewalk, as well as so many delicious dishes! And congratulations to Jim and Kathy Hanlon, who won the tickets to the Danu concert!

Treasurer's Report November 2016

Victoria Bryers, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership (November)	\$340.00	Nov entertainment	<\$50.00>
GAC (from Halloween Party)	\$468.50	Candy for children's bags	<\$29.43>
O'Niells Ad	\$30.00	Misc gifts for children's bags	<\$30.42>
		Amazon: gloves for children's bags	<\$23.29>
Total Income	\$546.60	Total Expenses for November*	<\$133.14>
		Previous checks cashed in November	<\$413.46>
		Total November checks cashed	<\$546.60>
		IAS Account November Beginning Balance	\$410.83
		Plus Income (November)	\$838.50
		Expenses (November)	<\$546.60>
		Uncashed checks (*)	0
		Subtotal	\$702.73
		IAS Heritage Fund Account	\$5,000.00
		November Ending Balance	\$5702.73

Membership Report

By Norita and Ken Callahan

Céad Mile Fáilte (*A Hundred Thousand Welcomes*) to our newest members: Tino & Flora Garcia and Jim Crowley & Michelle Tan.

As of December 18th, there are 33 single members, 24 (x 2) family members and 1 student. This is a total of 82 members who have renewed or are new members for this new 2017 membership year. Do appreciate and thank you for the early renewals. (BTW: IAS ended 2016 with 302 members.)

If your current membership card shows 2017, you're good until 12/31/17. Remember, when you attend meetings or functions at the GAC, a private club, your IAS card must be with you. Foremost, you cannot be served at the bar—a regulation of the Santa Fe Alcohol Commission.

Please fill in the application on the last page of this newsletter or a piece of paper with the renewal information - send with your check or MO - and mail to PO Box or just hand it to me. IF you are not renewing, would be helpful to me to know: 298-2708, noraabq@yahoo.com or send a note to PO Box.

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 John Uher, Pat Philips, Bruce & Cindy Miller, Bob & Vikki Bryers, Jeanine Blair, and for several “no name” baggies.



Another IAS Raffle!

IAS Board members Bob and Vikki Bryers (who donated the tickets we raffled off at the Christmas Party to the Danu concert in December) are donating two more tickets to a performance by the legends of Irish music, **Altan**, for the IAS to raffle off as a fundraiser. The performance will take place at Popejoy Hall on March 17th 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 meeting in January and February, when the drawing will be held. (You need not be present to win.)

Irish Genealogy Research

As some of you know, there is an active Genealogical Society here in Albuquerque (www.abqgen.org). A branch of the Society is the Irish Research Group, which meets on the last Tuesday of the month at the downtown public library, around 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited to stop by and get help with their own genealogical research.

A Message from IAS Member and Musician Michael Coy:

For anyone in the Albuquerque area looking for an opportunity to grow musically, consider attending a jam I am leading at Apple Mountain Music (10301 Comanche Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 Phone: (505) 237-2048) the second Saturday of each month, coming up Saturday, January 14, from 2:00-3:30 PM. Our goal is for beginners and intermediate players of folk instruments to learn tunes and songs that other players in the area like to play, or maybe even introduce their own favorite tunes and songs to the local music scene.



A Preview of Coming Attractions!

IAS St. Patrick's Day Party

Friday, March 17!

Where: GAC

When: 6 PM to ?

Entertainment: A Jug O' Punch, Mac-Tíre of Skye Pipes and Drums, Ceili Dancing, Tir Conaill Irish Step Dancers, Jim Brauer & Derek Swinson

FOOD: Corned beef and cabbage, Irish bread, dessert

Admission: \$5 adults; \$2 children 2-12 (to pay the entertainers)

Tickets for Food: \$10 (to cover the cost of the food and as an IAS fundraiser)

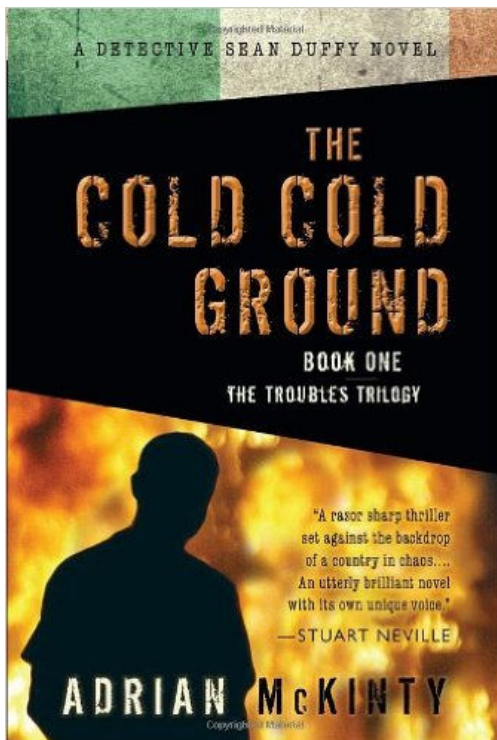
If you want to purchase food, YOU MUST MAKE A RESERVATION! RSVP to Norita Callahan (298-2708; noraabq@yahoo.com) by March 13!

The IAS Book Page

The IAS Book Club is now meeting at O'Niell's Pub at Washington and Central at 7:30 PM, usually on the last Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on January 26th. If you're interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com).

Our December Selection: *The Cold Cold Ground*, Book One of the Troubles Trilogy by Adrian McKinty

Reviewed by Diane Barrios



This first Detective Sean Duffy novel won the 2013 Spinetingler Award and was picked as one of the best crime novels of the year by *The Times* (of London). Adrian McKinty was born and grew up in Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, five miles north of Belfast.

From Amazon's description: "Spring 1981. Northern Ireland. Belfast on the verge of outright civil war. The Thatcher government has flooded the area with soldiers, but nightly there are riots, bombings, and sectarian attacks.

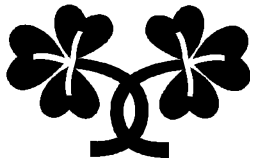
Amid the chaos, Sean Duffy, a young, witty, Catholic detective in the almost entirely Protestant Royal Ulster Constabulary, is trying to track down a serial killer who is targeting gay men. As a Catholic policeman, Duffy is suspected by both sides, and there are other layers of complication. For one thing, homosexuality is illegal in Northern Ireland in 1981. Then he discovers that one of the victims was involved in the IRA but was last seen discussing business with someone from the Protestant UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force)."

The Cold Cold Ground is a police procedural but a procedural set in extremely unusual circumstances exploring the poisonously claustrophobic time and place of Northern Ireland during the Troubles.

P.S. The other two books in the trilogy are *I Hear the Sirens in the Street* and *In the Morning I'll Be Gone*.

A Note from Ellen: Our book for January will be *To School Through the Fields*, by Alice Taylor. (All the books we choose are available on Amazon.) Here is the description from Amazon:

The biggest bestseller ever published in Ireland, this sparkling memoir of life in the Irish countryside is a book of charm and lasting appeal. "A delightful evocation of Irishness and of the author's deep-rooted love of 'the very fields of home', this picture of bucolic life in an earlier time, with its rituals of religion and the antics of local characters, has universal appeal."--Publishers Weekly. "One of the most richly evocative and moving portraits of childhood [ever] written ... A journey every reader will treasure and will want to read over and over again."--Boston Herald.



Flowers of the Forest

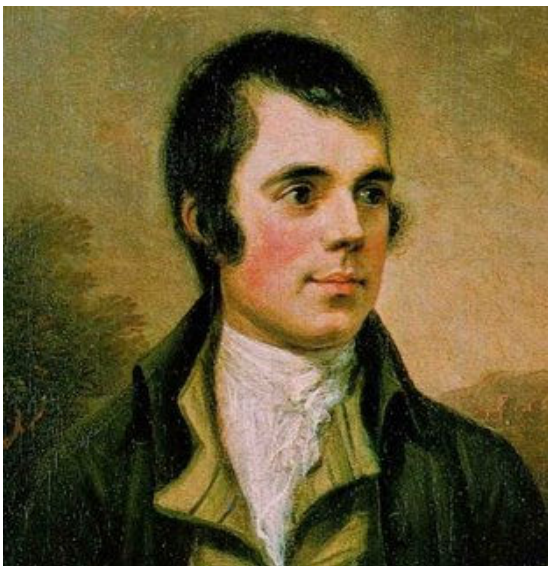
On November 14, 2016, we lost our friend and long-time IAS member John Murray. John was very proud of his Irish heritage (his mother was born in Co. Monaghan) and joined us often in IAS activities. (It still makes me smile to remember how he would deliver the motion to end the business meeting portion of our monthly meetings by announcing, grandly, "In the words of the great Emmett O'Sullivan, I move that we adjourn!") John was also an active participant in the Children's Friendship Project when it was still active (90s-2000s).

Outside the IAS, John had a long and distinguished career as an engineer. He is survived by his four daughters (Ann, Ruth, Catherine, and Margaret) and many grandchildren.

We will miss him very much. May he rest in peace.



St. Andrews Scottish Society Annual Burns Night Dinner January 21st, 2017 Hotel Cascada 2500 Carlisle Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87110



Dinner Details:

- Appetizer: Summer sausage and cheese plate, with an order of smoked salmon, pickles, and soda bread
- Main Course: Thin-Sliced Roast Beef
 - Fish Option: Baked salmon (or haddock depending upon supply).
 - Side Dishes: Rumbledethumbs (Irish Colcannon)
- Dessert: Trifle
- Beverages: Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Coffee, water, plus of course a fine selection of whiskys.

The Haggis will be served in platter for each table like before, but this year, there will also be green chile to add to your haggis, to give it that unique New Mexico twist!

To purchase tickets, visit: <http://sassnm.org/home>

Warm and Indulgent Guinness Gingerbread Recipe

Dark, luscious, and full of spices, warming ginger and, of course, Guinness, this recipe will really hit the spot.

Ingredients

1/4 sticks 10 (tablespoons) butter, plus some for greasing
1 cup golden syrup (such as Lyle's)
1 cup (packed) plus 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
1 cup stout (such as Guinness)
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 cups sour cream
2 eggs
1 rectangular aluminum foil pan or cake pan,
approximately 13 by 9 by 2 inches



Directions

Preheat your oven to 325F.

Line your cake pan with aluminum foil and grease it, or grease your foil tray.

Put the butter, syrup, dark brown sugar, stout, ginger, cinnamon, and ground cloves into a pan and melt gently over a low heat.

Take off the heat and whisk in the flour and baking soda. Be patient and whisk thoroughly to get rid of any lumps.

Whisk the sour cream and eggs together in a measuring jug and then beat into the gingerbread mixture, whisking again to get a smooth batter.

Pour this into your cake/foil pan, and bake for about 45 minutes; when it's ready it will be gleamingly risen at the centre, and coming away from the pan at the sides.

Let the gingerbread cool before cutting into slices or squares.

Get Your Irish Flag Cape Here!



The nice folks at www.flagcap.es.com have given us one of their Irish capes (see picture on the left) to raffle off as a fundraiser. We will begin modeling the cape and selling raffle tickets at our January meeting; the winning ticket will be drawn at our St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17. The flag capes—there are Mexican, American, and English flag capes, too—sell for \$28.88. We will sell raffle tickets at \$2 each or three for \$5.

“Be ever proud of your country with this great Ireland flag-inspired cape. It is absolutely perfect for concerts, festivals, parades, demonstrations, fairs, and sporting events. It looks great year round, and can be worn over everything from a T-shirt to a cold weather coat ... but it is extra fun for patriotic holidays such as St Patrick's Day!”

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.)

An advertisement for Two Fools Tavern. The top half features the logo "Two Fools Tavern" in a stylized font with the tagline "where the Craic is Mighty!". Below the logo is a photo of the interior of the pub, showing a bar, stools, and a fireplace. The bottom half contains text: "Albuquerque's only authentic Irish pub", "Food Served Daily 11am-11pm", "Friday and Saturdays until 12am", a small logo of two fools, "Enjoy the best Fish and Chips this side of the Pond, along with a perfectly poured Guinness or sample New Mexico's most extensive Scotch Whisky Selection.", the website "www.2foolstavern.com", and the address/phone "(505) 265-7447 • 3211 Central Ave. N.E. in historic Nob Hill".

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/>

An advertisement for O'Niell's. It features a large, stylized green logo for "O'Niell's". Below the logo, the text reads "Award Winning Food", "Best Late Night Happy Hour", "Dog Friendly Patio", and "Good Food. Honest Drink". The background of the ad shows a photo of the restaurant's interior with a sign that says "TRY OUR NEW SUMMER MENU".

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

Date	Day	What
January 3	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
January 13	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program , 7 PM at the GAC. "Getting to Know You" evening with games and activities.
February 7	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
February 10	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program , 7 PM at the GAC. Musical performance by Robyn Ruff-Wagner.

Celtic/GAC Events

December 31	Saturday	New Year's Eve Dance at the GAC with the band Showcase playing. \$50 including dinner and champagne at midnight.
January 5, 12, 19, 26	Thursdays	Irish Music Session , 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 .
January 7	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.)
January 8	Sunday	Scottish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.
January 14	Saturday	Folk Music Jam , led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.
January 15	Sunday	Rio Grande Jazz Society from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Cost \$5.00 for IAS members'
January 28	Saturday	Crazy Ball at the GAC from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Cost \$10.00. Call 888-4833 for more information.

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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