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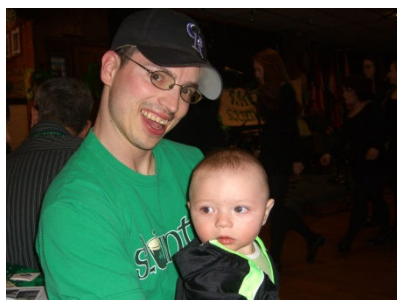
MARCH 2015

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: Sunday, March 15th, 1:00 PM

Annual IAS St. Patrick's Day Party!

If it's March, it must be time for the wearin' o' the green! There are a ton of things to do to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this month (see the Calendar on p. 11 for a list of choices) but of course none more important than our own annual Party on March 15th from 1 to 5:30 PM. (See the flyer on p. 8 for detailed information.) Here are some pictures from last year's fabulous party:



This March newsletter is your last newsletter unless you renew. Please send in the renewal form (on the last page) and check to the IAS PO box. IF YOU ARE NOT RENEWING, I would appreciate a call (if I'm not home, leave message) or an email. And again, THANK YOU to members who have renewed. ☺ Magda Romero, Membership Chair

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President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

Well, we are already into March 2015! As they say, "time flies when you're having fun," and we have another month packed with activities from all around, starting with daylight savings time on March 8th, our annual St. Patrick's Day Party on March 15th, and of course the first day of spring on March 20th. Those of us at the last general meeting may have noticed that we now have a Roadrunner Food bank barrel that is located in the bar of the German Club and which will be brought out to the band floor during our meetings. Nonperishable and canned food items will gladly be accepted and the barrel will remain here until the end of June.

At our St. Patrick's Day party on Sunday March 15th, we will be having the Tír Conaill Irish Step Dancers, Mac-Tíre of Skye Pipes and Drums, Ceili dancing, as well as two of our favorite bands, Rye Creek and A Jug O' Punch. There will also be door prizes and a pot luck and I hope to see you all there. [See p. 8 for more details.] I also want to thank all those who volunteered to help Norita Callahan decorate for the St. Pat's Party. We are always in need of volunteers to help with our functions, and I know that you will all help out in your own way—these functions are for you, our members.

Speaking of assistance, our Newsletter editor, Ellen Dowling, is always looking for input from you, our members, to put in our newsletter; nothing is too insignificant, especially if it concerns the Society and Celtic history, tradition, visits, or elements of local lore. Publishing it in our newsletter will enlighten the society as a whole.

As always, Magda Romano, our membership chair, is still busily processing and updating memberships for the Society, so keep them coming in. Magda and all of the Board of Directors are there every function to assist you in whatever way possible that we can for the good of the Society.

Until next month, be well and don't forget Sunday March 15th!

Bob Bryers

A Road Runner Food Bank Barrel has been placed in the German-American Club. Please bring **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** (prepackaged and canned goods) if you care to donate. The food drive will be going on through the month of June.

Cans for Celts

Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2015!

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 this time or large appliances. I don't have room for them.) For pick up between meetings – contact Paul McDonough @ 505-294-8205 and leave a message. Thank you!



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Membership Report

By Magda Romano, Membership Chair

Céad Mile Fáilte: A hundred thousand welcomes to our new members, Gerri Campbell (also our new secretary!), Janie Jordan, Eric Mehringer, Isabel Cobos, Arnold Ray Gutierrez, Sandra Baca, Rebecca Rockett-Liero, and John & Patti Sugg. And of course thank you to the many of you who have renewed your memberships. As of February 20, 2015, we have 371 members: 111 couples (222), 1 college student, and 148 singles. (41 couples and 41 singles have not renewed.)

REMINDER: Your dues are now due for the 2015 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 Magda Romano or mail it to the PO address on the form. (If your current membership card says "2015" your membership is good till Dec. 31, 2015.)

P.S. We are still collecting the **pull-tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House here in Albuquerque (managed by IAS member Sharon Nolen). Thanks to Bruce & Cindy Miller, Jeanine Blair, Viola Pinkham, Magda Romano (several baggies 😊), and one anonymous baggie donor.

Norita

Treasurer's Report February, 2015 (as of 2/20/2015)

Victoria Bryers, Treasurer

Category	Income		Category	Expenses
Membership	\$310.00		Office Supplies (stamps)	\$58.80
50/50 Raffle	\$27.00		Feb honorarium (Jug of Punch)	\$50.00
Newsletter ads	\$180.00		Entry Fee for 3 Tír Conaill in World Step Dancing competition	\$200.00
Book Sale	\$6.00		Print Express (newsletter)	\$314.49
			Total Expenses	\$623.29
			Feb beginning balance	\$9084.03
			Plus Income	\$523.00
			Subtotal	\$9607.03
			Less Expenses	\$623.29
Total Income	\$523.00		Feb. Ending Balance	\$8983.74

Minutes of the Irish-American Society General Meeting Friday, February 13th, 2015

President Bob Bryers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Announcement that the Roadrunner Food Bank delivered a collection barrel on February 5th to the GAC. Any non-perishable and canned goods are welcome. This food drive will go through end of June.

50/50 raffle to benefit Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival was held.

Other announcements:

- ♣ Reminder that Celtic Movie Night occurs every other month on the 3rd Friday. On February 20, the movie will be “Waking Ned Divine” at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.
- ♣ St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 15th at the GAC. Admission will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Entertainment will be provided by A Jug o’ Punch, the Mac-Tír of Skye Pipes and Drums, the Tír Conaill Step Dancers, and Ceili dancing with Norita. [See p. of this newsletter for other details.] Cindy Kloss will be selling jewelry. Volunteer signup sheet for the party was passed around.

Board of Directors reports:

- ♣ Treasurer, Vikki Bryers [See p.4 of this newsletter for details.]
- ♣ Membership, Magda Romano [See p.4 of this newsletter for details.]

Introduction of new secretary, Gerri Campbell.

Joe Gallegos from the Tír Conaill Academy of Irish Dance thanked the Society for the \$200.00 sponsorship for their dancers.

Other Events:

- ♣ March 8, Tír Conaill will present a show at the African American Pavillion. [See p. for details.]
- ♣ March 14, the High Desert Pipes and Drums will present a fund raiser at the Balloon Museum. [See p. for details.]
- ♣ March 17, the Mac-tíre of Skye Pipes and Drums will cohost (with Cactus Brewing Co.), the First Annual
- ♣ St. Patrick’s Day at the Railyards. Anyone interested in having a booth, contact Dana Koller at 505-379-5073 or visit www.indulgenm.com.

Discussion about this year’s Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival. Past-President Paul McDonough moved to donate \$1,500 to the Festival (a Gold Thistle sponsorship) to help ensure that the Festival will happen. Jay Vandersloot seconded. Bob Bryers pointed out that this proposal needs to be discussed by the Board before it is brought to the general membership. Paul rescinded his motion.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded, followed by refreshments and a wonderful performance by A Jug of Punch.

Gerri Campbell, IAS Secretary



Flowers of the Forest

We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time IAS member Frank Hellwig, who passed away at the age of 91 on January 17, 2015. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Shirley E. Elliott-Hellwig, who was president of the IAS from 1999 to 2002. The Hellwigs were also grand supporters of the Children’s Friendship Project for Northern Ireland, and took in many pairs of teens over the years that the CFPNI was in existence. May he rest in peace.



Sláinte!



Julie Walsh
Vikki Bryers
Ozzie & Mati Heck-Oswald
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John Menicucci
John Pacheco
Suzanne Taichert
Willow Durand
Florence McCullough
Pamela Hamblin



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Dennis & Julie Mitchell
John & Lorraine Kirk
Edward & Therese Sims
Michael Bolger & Julie Walsh



64th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner A fun Irish feast for the entire family with live music, entertainment, and children's games

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary presents the 64th Annual Brother Mathias Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, Tuesday, March 17th, 2015 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The event will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center Northwest Exhibit Hall, 401 2nd Street NW. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children and may be purchased at the Good Shepherd Center, Garson and Sons, Faithworks, Immaculate Conception Church, Holy Family Religious Supplies, and at the door. If you would like more information about this event, please contact

Mayra Martinez at 359-4048 or
goodshepherdcenternm@yahoo.com.

Irish Coins and St. Patrick!

Peggy Wolff-Dedurloo, John Fryar, and Rod Frechette of the Albuquerque Coin Club will present a program on Irish coins and currency on Saturday, March 14th, at 10 AM at the Esther Bone Memorial Library in Rio Rancho. They will discuss a little bit of Irish history and, of course, St. Patrick. (Beginning March 4th, the display case at the library will house a selection of Irish coins and currency, courtesy of the Coin Club.) This program is free and open to the public.

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SANTA FE Saturday, March 7, 7:30 PM
 Unity Santa Fe, 1212 Unity Way in Santa Fe 87505
 \$20. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1173749>

ALBUQUERQUE Sunday March 8, 3:00 PM
 First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque
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will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 12-5 PM at the Albuquerque Balloon Museum. This event is sponsored by the City of Albuquerque &

Balloon Museum and our good friends at O'Niell's.

Our event is on its way to being a huge celebration and we hope to see you all there. A parade will start at NOON, followed by two stages of jam-packed Celtic entertainment. We're having a kids and dog costume contest, so bring on the green!! There will be delicious food trucks, artisan vendors, Gaelic football and Rugby demos, Celtic dogs and horses, cars . . . and beer!! Face painters, arts and crafts, dog adoptions, Pot O'Gold Silent Auction, and much more!

"Women of Ireland" in Performance at Popejoy Hall on March 17th!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us at 7:30 PM. Erin Go Bragh! Women of Ireland showcases Ireland's leading female talent. The performance includes highly acclaimed musicians, the vocal talents of The O'Neill Sisters, and impressive performances from award-winning aerialist Elena Marina. Along with a full cast of world-class Irish dancers, the show features a special guest dancer, the four-time world champion and former lead dancer with *Riverdance*, Anthony Fallon.

POPEJOY HAS ARRANGED A SPECIAL PRICE FOR IAS MEMBERS! Click here to order tickets:

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Come Join Us! The Annual IAS St. Patrick's Day Party

Sunday, March 15th, 2015

1:00-5:30 PM

GAC Hall—4821 Menaul NE

\$5 Adults; \$2 Children 2 - 12 (under 2: free)

Featured Entertainment:

1:00 PM: **A Jug O' Punch**

Brought back by popular demand (from our February meeting), t triple distilled Irish-American fun with Cleve Sharp on flutes and vocals, Tom Tunney on mandolin and violin, and Scott Ware on guitar and vocals.

2:00: *Mac-Tíre of Skye Pipes and Drums*

2:30: *Audience Participation Ceili Dancing with Norita*

3:15: *Tir Conaill Dance Academy*

Featuring step dancers who qualified for the World Championships!

3:45: *Rye Creek*

Also brought back by popular demand (from our January meeting), with Ron Trellue (guitar, vocals), Mike Murphy (fiddle, mandolin, vocals), Catherine Hubbard (percussion), Ray Darnell (fiddle, mandolin, vocals), and Terry Axline (fiddle, concertina, Irish whistle, vocals).

MC: Ellen Dowling

Pot Luck!!

Please bring a dish to share and mark your utensils with your name.

Door Prizes!!

Cash bar provided by the German-American Club

Parking Information:

You may park at the GAC, or any of the side streets (Monroe, Quincy, Manzano) or at McKesson's (across Menaul). Do NOT park at Samon's, or the typewriter store next to the GAC.

For more information, contact

Bob Bryers (792-2026; tccrb5@aol.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, and classes in Socorro on Saturdays, 3:30 - 6 PM at the Cottonwood Valley Charter School. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at Irishdancenm@gmail.com.

♣ **Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance,** Saturdays at Triple Threat Performing Arts Studio (on Tramway between Academy and Paseo), 12700 San Rafael, Suite 6, Albuquerque, NM. 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.

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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: Suzanne Taichert at 331-0991, e-mail susawin@mac.com

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

Got a Party? Make it Irish!

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IAS T-Shirts for Sale!

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Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
March 3	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
March 15	Sunday	<i>IAS Annual St. Patrick's Day Party</i> , 1:00 at the GAC. (Details on p. 8.)
April 6	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors meeting</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
April 10	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program</i> , 7 PM at the GAC. Entertainment by <i>Eagle's Whistle</i> .

Celtic/GAC Events

March 8	Sunday	<i>Tír Conaill Academy of Irish Dance SHOW</i> at 2:30 PM at the African-American Center in Expo New Mexico. (See p. 6 for details.)
March 8	Sunday	<i>Legends of the Celtic Harp: The Door Between the Worlds</i> , 3:00 PM at the First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque. (See p. 7 for details.) Tickets: http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1219539
March 8	Sunday	<i>1848 Hungarian Revolution</i> celebration at the GAC.
March 14	Saturday	<i>High Desert Pipes and Drums St. Paddy's Day Party & Parade</i> , 12 noon to 5 PM at the Balloon Museum. (See p. 7 for details.)
March 14	Saturday	<i>Presentation on Irish Coins and Currency</i> , 10 AM, Esther Bone Library in Rio Rancho. (See p. 6 for details.)
March 14	Saturday	<i>GAC St. Patrick's Dance</i> , 7-11 PM, music by Jim Brauer's band. \$10.
March 16	Monday	<i>Resolana Celebration Featuring the Saiorse Celtic-Eclectic Band and the Celtic Singers of New Mexico</i> , 7 PM at the South Broadway Cultural Center. Free admission. This event will also include the Native-American rock duo <i>Sihasin</i> , as well as readings by local poets.
March 17	Tuesday	<i>St. Patrick's Day Party</i> at the ABQ Railyards, 4-10 PM. (See p. 7.)
March 17	Tuesday	<i>Annual Brother Mathias St. Patrick's Day Dinner</i> , 4:30-7:30 PM. (See p. 6 for details.)
March 17	Tuesday	<i>Women of Ireland</i> , 7:30 PM at Popejoy Hall. (See p. 7 for details.)
March 17	Tuesday	<i>Rye Creek Band</i> performing at the Taos Inn, 5:30 and 7:30 PM.
March 22	Sunday	<i>Jazz Sunday</i> at the GAC, 2-5:30 PM. Cost to IAS members: \$5.
March 28	Saturday	<i>Western Night</i> at the GAC, 7-11 PM with Paul Pino's band. \$10.
March 29	Sunday	<i>St. Andrew Scottish Society Annual Membership Meeting</i> , 1-5 PM at the GAC. Potluck.
April 1	Wednesday	<i>Altan, traditional Irish band</i> , 7:30 at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central NW. To purchase tickets, go here: https://holdmyticket.com/checkout/event/181087
April 12	Sunday	<i>Tartan Day</i> , 1-5 PM at the GAC, sponsored by the St. Andrew Scottish Society. Admission: \$2.



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