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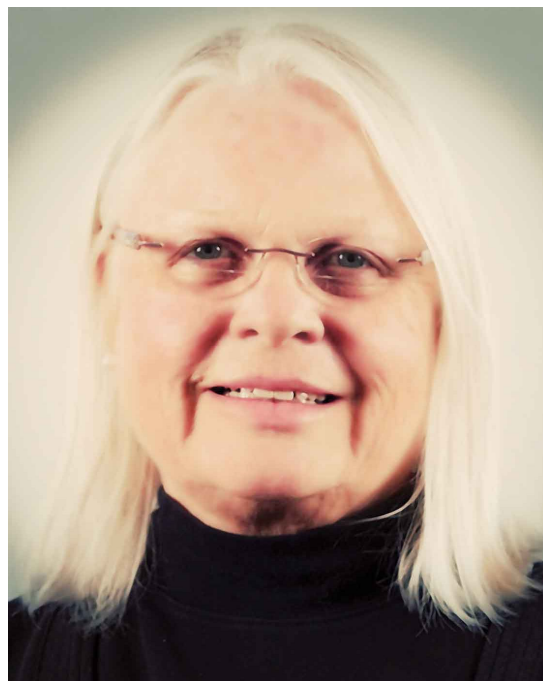
Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, except during July and August (and for special events). The usual meeting location is the Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC), 4821 Menaul, NE (west of San Mateo).

Next Event: Friday, February 9th, 7 PM

A Lecture on the Sacred Sites of Ireland by Dr. Catherine Carter

The history of a place and the history of religion in that place are inextricably entwined. This is true world-wide but especially so in a place like Ireland, where holy sites dot the landscape. These sites, some prehistoric and some medieval, attest to the religious culture that was dominant in Ireland for thousands of years. This talk begins at the beginning to describe some of the pagan sites in the north of Ireland; it will end with a look at the magnificent medieval cathedrals in Dublin.

Catherine Carter is a curious mix of academic, scientist, and artist. She holds a Ph.D. in Geography, a Master of Divinity, a Master of Science in Computer Science, and she is on the verge of completing a Master of Photography. In her geography research and her photography, she works with Sacred Space and often uses historic processes to print her photographs. She also photographs documentary stories about people as well as conservation projects. Her work can be seen at www.catherinecarter.photos.



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 2018 membership year. We are excited to announce that for the first time ever, the IAS will be accepting credit cards for membership dues! See p. 3 for information on how to pay by card, or check, or cash. (If your current membership card says "2018," your membership is good till Dec. 31st, 2018.)

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President's Message

By Ellen Dowling

Dear IAS Members:

What a lovely performance from harpers Gwen Easterday and Kathy Wimmer at our January meeting! If you're on Facebook, visit the Irish-American Society of NM page and you can see a short video of them that I posted. Now we're looking forward to Dr. Catherine Carter's lecture on the Sacred Sites of Ireland at our February 9th meeting.

And then looming on the IAS horizon is our St. Patrick's Day Party on actual St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th. It is now possible for you to buy tickets for the corned beef and cabbage dinner (as well as admission at the door) on our website: www.irishamericansociety-nm.com! (See the flyer on p. 6 for more info.)

We also need your help to put on this event. Please let me know if you can volunteer. We need folks to help take admission fees at the door, help set up the hall before the party, help clean up after the party, help chef Miguel in the kitchen, check dinner reservations, and generally assist as needed. It's always a lot of fun to be part of an event like this, so I hope to hear from you!

New! Now there are 3 convenient ways for you to pay for and/or renew your IAS membership!

1. Come to any meeting or event (like our February 9th meeting) and give Norita a check or cash with the application form filled out.
2. Use the application form on the last page of the newsletter, fill it out, and mail it to our PO box with your check.
3. Go to the IAS website (www.irishamericansociety-nm.com) and click on **Join the IAS!** **Get your membership here!** You will then be directed to a secure website where you can use a credit card to pay for your membership (family, individual, or student).

Membership Report

By Norita and Ken Callahan

Céad Mile Fáilte (A Hundred Thousand Welcomes) to our newest members: Jeannette Allen; John Charles Faubion & family; James E. Larkin & Cynthia Nagle and children Collin & Alain; Larry McGovern; Les & Tracy McGuire Rice and Shelby Rice; Paul Seeber; and Dr. Carol A. Williford. Welcome back to Henry Drees and Bill Nevins.

Membership: As of January 22nd, there are 57 single members, 44 (x 2) family members, and 2 students. This is a total of 147 renewals and new members for the 2018 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 David & Jennie Barnaby, Don & Fran Hardy, Steve & Kari Laverty and family, Bruce & Cindy Miller, Dennis & Rosalie Pfeiffer, and Deedree Stukas.

Treasurer's Report December 2017

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income		Category	Expenses
Membership	\$708.84		U-Stor-It (Dec. rental)	\$35.00
Silent Auction sales	\$52.00		City of ABQ: picnic reservation 2018	\$75.00
GAC ½ Halloween door fees	\$254.00		Bob Bryers (reimburse for stamps)	\$42.00
			Cash for Christmas Party bank (and reserve for future banks)	\$100.00
			Michael Coy (Xmas entertainment)	\$125.00
			Coleman Academy (Xmas entertainment)	\$50.00
			Jeanne Page (Xmas entertainment)	\$125.00
			Postmaster (yearly bulk mail fee)	\$132.00
Total Income	\$1,014.84		Total Expenses	\$684.00
			IAS Account Nov. Ending Balance	\$7,428.69
			Plus Income (Dec)	\$1,014.84
			Less Expenses (Dec)	\$(684.00)
			December Ending Balance	\$7,759.53

Lúnasa

At South Broadway Cultural Center
1025 Broadway SE
Albuquerque Nm 87102
(505) 848-1320

February 22, 2018

Time: 7:30pm Doors: 6:30pm

Tickets are \$30 (plus applicable service charges). To purchase, visit

<http://www.ampconcerts.org/event/302196/lnasa>

Come early for a pre-show Irish music session in the SBCC lobby area! We'll have some food on hand and encourage people to bring instruments and come ready to jam. We'll have an instrument check-in so you won't have to leave anything in your car.

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Between the Idealized
and the Undeserving:
*Representing Refugees in
Irish and American Theatre*

Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at 7pm

Frank Waters Room, Zimmerman Library
UNM Main Campus

Free and open to the public.

 **IRISH STUDIES**
University of New Mexico

IAS General Meeting

January 12, 2018

President Ellen Dowling opens the meeting at 7:15 PM. She welcomes new members and guests. Introduces visitors Marie and John, and new members Larry McGovern and Jim Larkin.

Board Members present:

V.P. Bob Bryers, Treasurer Kathy Wimmer, Secretary Peter McKenna (late), Membership Norita Callahan, and Board Members Paul McDonough, Jay Vandersloot, Maureen Riley, and new board member Laura Banks.

Reports:

Treasury – Kathy reports we remain solvent and healthily so; announces membership renewals are now operative online with a credit card.

Membership – Norita reports that we have 40 families (x2), 52 single and 2 student members for a total membership of 134 souls to date. Members and prospective members are encouraged to pay their dues for 2018.

Tonight:

Maureen is selling raffle tickets for Celtic Nights: Oceans of Hope at Popejoy Hall on Sunday March 4th, 3PM. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 3 for \$10 (value of \$48/ticket) with the winner to be announced at the February 9th meeting.

IAS Raffle!

IAS Board members Bob and Vikki Bryers have donated two tickets to **Celtic Nights: Oceans of Hope** for the IAS to raffle off as a fundraiser. The performance will take place at Popejoy Hall on Sunday, March 4th, at 3 PM. Raffle tickets for the middle of 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 February meeting. (You need not be present to win.)

Upcoming Events:

- A silent auction will be held at the February 9th meeting. Details are outlined by Norita and Vikki.
- A few days left to get tickets for SASSNM's Burns Nite Dinner on January 27th.
- "Song of Granite" movie at the Guild this coming Monday through Thursday.
- Next meeting is February 9th with Catherine Carter talking about "The Sacred Sites of Ireland."
- St. Patrick's Day Party Saturday March 17th here at the GAC. Tickets now on sale online for Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Admission and dinner details both online, in newsletter, and to be repeated next meeting. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

New Business: none

No further business arising, Ellen adjourns the meeting at 7:30 PM. Refreshments followed by an Irish harp performance by the Bardic Sisters (Kathy Wimmer and Gwen Easterday) musically weaving the last hours of Turlough O'Carolan.

Pete McKenna, Secretary





Come Join Us!

**The Annual IAS
St. Patrick's Day Party**

Saturday, March 17th, 2018

6:00-10:00 PM

GAC Hall—4821 Menaul NE

\$10 Adults; \$2 Children 2 - 12 (under 2: free)

(The door admission charge pays for the hall rental and the entertainers.

If you're not eating dinner, you can pay the admission fee at the door with cash.)

Featured Entertainment:

6:00 PM: *Celtic Band Saoirse*

7:00 PM: *Audience Participation Ceili Dancing with Norita*

7:30 PM: *Celtic Steps Irish Step Dancers*

8:15 PM: *NM Fire & Police Pipes & Drums*

9:00 PM: *Music by Jim Brauer and Derek Swinson*

MC: Ellen Dowling

Dinner (served from 6 to 8 PM):

Corned Beef and Cabbage (with potatoes, carrots, onions, roll and butter): \$10.00/plate

**DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7th!**

You can purchase tickets online (for both dinner and door admission) at

www.irishamericansociety-nm.com

or you can pay by cash or check at our February 9th meeting.

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.

Door Prizes!!

Cash bar provided by
the German-American Club



The Irish Book Club

The Irish Book Club meets 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 February 22nd, when we will discuss *The Boy at the Gate: One Man’s Journey Back to a Lost Childhood in Ireland*, by Danny Ellis. If you’re interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com). [Note: There is no book review this month because we did not meet in December.]

Bucket List Filled: The Shermans Go to Ireland (Part 2)

[Editor’s Note: On August 28th, 2017, IAS members Natalie Sherman and her husband Ash arrived in Dublin for their first-time-ever visit to the Emerald Isle. Ash kept a journal of their daily adventures, and I’m including here—and in subsequent newsletters—some of his particularly interesting observations of Irish life and culture. Also please note that after their return on September 8th, Natalie’s cancer came back big time and she is now in hospice but hanging in there (as of this writing), and really appreciates your good thoughts and prayers.]

By car to the Rock of Cashel, Tipperary, Mt. Shannon, and Ennis

[Natalie’s cousin] Chris met us at 8 AM, loaded our luggage into her little car and we set off for Tipperary. More rolling hills in infinite shades of green to see, and I slept. We arrived in Cashel for breakfast, and were able to tour the Rock of Cashel. This is a major attraction that we had earlier cut because of the complications of visiting while traveling by Irish Rail that doesn’t come closer than 20-30 miles. This is the traditional Capitol of Ireland from the 12th century when Brian Boru was dealing with Norman invaders. It is a ruin now perched atop a craggy summit. It was a steep walk up, but worth the effort. The medieval construction has sort of survived; survived enough to appreciate what it once was. Outside the main buildings, the Rock is surrounded by green, and in the green are buried local dignitaries from ancient times right up until the mid-20th century. Some stones have weathered so long that their inscriptions are faded and difficult to read. From the outer walls, one can see long distances of rolling green hills divided by hedgerows and rock walls ranging from a few feet in height to over ten feet. The sun shone down, and the temperature was comfortable. I took a whole lot of photos and video clips of the Rock of Cashel, but the memories of that place will not soon fade from our memories.

Further down the road we came to Tipperary and met more cousins. Kernan, Anne, and their daughter had lain on a memorable lunch. They live in an upscale suburban house that one might see anywhere in the States. Windows and skylights made the interior bright and comfortable. The dining table was formally set to a standard far above almost any restaurant. Carrots and parsnips were a featured side dish, with several versions of potatoes as sides to the side. Wonderfully cooked ham and chicken made up the mains, and were moist and flavorful. I loved their lemonade, though it was simple. Kernan was the chief cook, and his *mise en place* would have made any Michelin chef proud. After lunch, the cousins yakked and I enjoyed their grounds. They have a half acre edged with a 12-foot boxwood hedge and banks of flowers. Everywhere we went in Ireland the profusion of flowers and decorative, exotic plants filled the view.

Chris had to return to Waterford, so we took some pictures and piled into the various cars. Kernan and Anne drove at least 30 miles out of their way so that Natalie could visit the old family farm. The original



building looks ancient, but was built in 1933. The farm is still run by another cousin, who seems at least semi-prosperous. (Prosperous farmers in Ireland are as rare as successful family farms in the US.) We were given a small bag of soil from the farm as a memento.

The farm is quite near Mt. Shannon and looks out over a large body of water. It looks like an estuary, but is in fact a fresh-water lake that feeds into the sea near Galway. Kernan and Anne have a motor launch berthed there, but we didn't go out onto the water. On our way to Ennis we drove over some hills that opened wide prospects. We stopped for some photos, and I sat down on the rail of a rock fence. Kernan joined me, and what appeared to be rock turned out to be reinforced concrete made to look like rock. The rail broke under our combined weight, and we tumbled backwards in the lush field of clover that covered the hill top. Laughing, we tried to hold our poses until photos were taken to commemorate the event, but unless Anne was faster than Natalie nothing exists but the memory. It was early evening when we arrived at our hotel, The Temple Gate, and bade farewell to a most enjoyable company.

To be continued . . .

**The Great River Music Festival
for Children in Need**

February 24th - March 2, 2018

February 24, 2018
10 am: Fiddle Contest Judging

March 2, 2018
7 pm: Concert and Awards
Special Guests from Ireland
Sharon Shannon and Band
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Second Place \$75
Third Place \$50
Entrance fee \$30

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house of hamill

At [Los Griegos Library](#)

1000 Griegos Rd NW
Albuquerque NM 87107

505-761-4020

February 23, 2018

Time: 12:00pm Day: Friday Doors: 11:00am
Ages: All Ages

Rose Baldino and Brian Buchanan met 10 years ago, late one night backstage at a theatre in rural Pennsylvania. Brian's band, *Enter the Haggis* and Rose's group, *Burning Bridget Cleary* were sharing a stage that evening, and the two bonded over a love of Irish fiddle tunes, Radiohead, and 4 AM whiskey. Their paths crossed a dozen times over the next decade on the road, but it wasn't until the Folk Alliance 2014 conference in Kansas City that they finally became musical collaborators.

Brian and Rose are both accomplished traditional fiddle players and classical violinists, and despite being young, have over 25 years of writing and performance experience between them. This is the latest in a monthly series of free events in collaboration with the [Friends for the Public Library](#).

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.
- ♣ **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.)



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Carol Benson

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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.

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

Cans for Celts

Help raise funds for the Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Highland Games in 2018! 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
February 6	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
February 9	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. Program will be a lecture on "The Ancient Sacred Sites of Ireland" by Catherine Carter.
March 6	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM at the GAC. All members are invited to attend.
March 17	Friday	IAS Annual St. Patrick's Day Party , 6 to 10 PM at the GAC. (See flyer on p. 6.)

Celtic/GAC Events

[GAC hours are Mon, Tues, Wed: 4 to 10 PM; Thurs, Fri, Sat: noon to 10 PM; Sunday: noon to 5 PM]

February 1, 8, 15, 22	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 .
February 3	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.)
February 10	Saturday	Damen Ball (Ladies Ball) at the GAC with Jim Brauer's Schunkel Bubn playing, 7 to 11 PM. Cost: \$10.
February 10	Saturday	Folk Music Jam , led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.
February 11	Sunday	Rye Creek Band playing at O'Niell's Heights (3301 Juan Tabo NE), 4 to 7 PM.
February 11	Sunday	Scottish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.
February 13	Tuesday	Kehraus (Sweep Out)The End of Fasching at the GAC, with Walter Kirsch playing. No cost. Call 888-4833 for more details (when the Club is open).
February 18	Sunday	Jazz Sunday Mardi Gras Celebration at the GAC, 2 to 5 PM. Cost: \$10.
February 22	Thursday	The Power Lecture in Irish Studies , 7 PM at UNM. Free. (See p. 4 for more info.)
February 22	Thursday	Lunasa performing at the South Broadway Cultural Center, 7:30 PM. (See p. 4 for info.)
February 23	Friday	House of Hamill performing at Los Griegos Library at noon. (See p. 8 for info.)
February 24 – March 2	Sunday through Friday	The Great River Music Festival for Children in Need , various times at the Outpost Performance Space. (See p. 8 for info.)

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.



**The Irish-American Society
of New Mexico**

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