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Newsletter of the Irish-American Society of New Mexico www.irishamericansociety-nm.com

MARCH 2017

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, March 17th, 7 PM

Annual IAS St. Patrick's Day Party!

For the first time in a long time, our annual St. Patrick's Day party will be on ACTUAL St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. And also for the first time in an even longer time, we will be offering food for purchase: corned beef and cabbage dinner and sheet cake dessert. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST IF YOU PLAN TO GET FOOD. (You don't need reservations if you just plan to attend without eating.) See the flyer on p. 6 for detailed information.

We will also have a wonderful variety of performers, from the band A Jug o' Punch (pictured on the right), to Irish Step Dancers, to Pipes and Drums, to audience participation Ceili dancing, to a musical performance from Jim Brauer and Derek

Swinson. The craic is guaranteed to be mighty that night, so be sure to get there early to get a seat.



A Jug o' Punch will perform again for us this year!



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. ^(c) Norita Callahan, Membership Chair.

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By Ellen Dowling

President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

Thanks so much to our February performer, Robyn Mackenzie, who entertained us with her own creative and frequently comical songs. (My favorite was "I Stole a Walrus from the Zoo.")

Thanks so much, also, to those of you who have volunteered to help out with our St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th. Because we are selling food at this event, we need more folks than usual to help sell and take tickets, serve food, etc. We can always use more help, so if you're interested, let me know (edowling@standuptrainer.com, 307-1700).

I'd like to take a minute here to explain the fees for the various aspects of our party. The admission fee you pay at the door (\$5 adults; \$2 children) goes to pay for the performers. The food fee (\$10 corned beef and cabbage; \$1 slice of cake) goes to pay for the cost of the ingredients and the preparation. (Our chef this year will be GAC president Miguel Mata.) Any profit left over goes to our fundraising efforts.

Also let me make it clear that you do not need to make reservations if you plan just to attend the party. You only need to make a reservation if you plan to eat. **We need your reservations by March 13** so that Miguel will know how much corned beef and cabbage to buy and prepare. (Reservations go to Norita at noraabq@yahoo.com, 298-2708.)

And don't forget Shamrock Fest on March 11th! (See flyer on p. 8.) The IAS will have a booth there, so be sure to stop by.

Lastly, I want to congratulate one of our newest members, Pegeen Mouser, who won the tickets to the Altan concert at Popejoy on March 17th. And special thanks to Bob and Vikki Bryers for donating the tickets!

		urer's Report 1uary 2017		
Sanuary 2017 Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer				
Category	Income	Category	Expenses	
Membership (January)	\$875.00	Print Express November newsletter	\$314.92	
		Coleman Academy, for World Competition contestant (entry fee,	¢150.00	
		expense stipend)	\$150.00	
Total Income	\$875.00	Total Expenses	\$464.92	
		IAS Account Jan Beginning Balance	\$6,275.93	
		Plus Income (January)	\$875.00	
		Expenses (January)	(\$464.92)	
		Less previously reported uncashed		
		checks from December	(\$175.00)	
		Subtotal	\$6,511.01	
		IAS Heritage Fund Account	\$5,000.00	
		December Ending Balance	\$6,511.01	

Membership Report

By Norita and Ken Callahan

Céad Mile Fáilte (*A Hundred Thousand Welcomes*) to our newest members: Brynn Cole and Robert Schumaker.

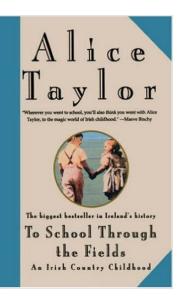
As of February 15th, there are 70 single members, 55 (x 2) family members and 1 student. This is a total of 181 members who have renewed for the 2017 membership year. THIS MARCH NEWSLETTER (for both the electronic and hardcopy) IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER UNLESS YOU RENEW. Please fill in the application on the back of this newsletter and mail with your check to the PO box. Also, it would be very helpful for me (Norita) to know if you are not renewing IAS. (My contact info is on page 2.) And again, appreciate and THANK YOU for renewals I have received both at the PO Box and in person.

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 Desi & Virginia Garcia, Mary & Brian Monaghan, and Bob & Vikki Bryers.



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 March 30, when we will discuss *Watermelon*, by Marion Keyes. If you're interested in joining us, contact Ellen at 307-1700 (edowling@standuptrainer.com).



For our January meeting, we discussed *To School through the Fields* by Alice Taylor. Here is book club member Edie Brooks-Henderson's review:

To School through the Fields by Alice Taylor is a gentle tale of growing up in North Cork, Ireland. Everyone will find echoes of their ancestors' childhoods in these chapters told from a child's point of view—milking the cows, visiting colorful neighbors, haymaking, and walking to school. The joyful innocence of childhood shines through in a down-to- earth way. The pastoral beauty of nature also pervades the stories. Homespun poems and black-and-white photos of household items liven up the text, along with a few Gaelic terms here and there. This book might not keep you up at night wanting to find out how the story turns out, but it will warm your heart like a childhood visit to Grandma's.



Come Join Us!

The Annual IAS St. Patrick's Day Party

Friday, March 17th, 2017 6:00-10:00 PM GAC Hall—4821 Menaul NE \$5 Adults; \$2 Children 2 - 12 (under 2: free)

Featured Entertainment:

6:00 PM: A Jug O'Punch Band 7:00 PM: Celtic Steps Irish Step Dancers 7:30 PM: Audience Participation Ceili Dancing with Norita 8:15 PM: Mac-Tíre of Skye Pipes and Drums 9:00 PM: Music by Jim Brauer and Derek Swinson

MC: Ellen Dowling

Food:

Corned Beef and Cabbage (with potatoes, carrots, and onions): \$10.00/plate Sheet Cakes for Dessert: \$1/slice

RESERVATIONS* FOR FOOD MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 13th TO NORITA (noraabq@yahoo.com; 298-2708)

(*Reservations not needed if you do not plan to eat.)

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.





Get Your Irish Flag Cape Here!

The nice folks at <u>www.flagcapes.com</u> 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 17th.

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!"

IAS General Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2017

Ellen calls the meeting to order at 7:16PM. Ellen introduces herself and inquires for guests and first time visitors. We have Jim Crowley, a first time visitor, and Brynn Cole, a childhood attendee now returning. They are greeted with applause and blessings for coming. Ellen then acknowledges the Board, and members present salute the members when their names are heard. All Board Members are present except Treasurer Kathy Wimmer.

Reports:

Treasurer - Ellen reports for Kathy – We are solvent with a balance of \$6,511.01, having received \$875 in memberships and \$464.92 in expenses.

Membership – Norita announces we have 70 single members, 1 student, and 53 family memberships for a total of 177 members to date.

Events:

Ellen reminds the Society that we'll be having two raffles this evening, one for the Altan concert on March 17th at Popejoy (an \$80 value); see Bob for tickets at \$5 ea. or 3 for \$10. The drawing will be held after refreshments. Our second raffle will be for an Irish Flag Cape, which Maureen Riley models for the meeting, which will be \$2 ea. or 3 for \$5; that drawing will take place at the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th. See Maureen for tickets.

Our IAS fundraiser will be at the Quarter Celtic Brewpub on Wednesday, February 22nd, all day. When you stop in for food and refreshments, please tell your server you're there for IAS and 10% will be donated to our Society.

Next month is our St. Patrick's Day celebration, Friday March 17th here at the GAC! RESERVATIONS to eat are required –so we can order the right amount of food. Please make reservations with Norita Callahan as soon as possible. We need a lot of help to host this event: door, food sales, clean up, kitchen assistant, dessert sales,

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and likely others. Ellen starts around a volunteer sheet to aide. See newsletter about this party and prices (\$10 for food, \$1 for dessert, door is \$5 adults and \$2 children).

Shamrock Fest is Saturday, March 11th, at the Balloon Fiesta Museum. A half- day event, this is like a small Celtic Festival and we host a tent. Volunteers are needed for set up and working this tent; Ellen starts a volunteer list.

Miscellaneous

- Paul announces we have books for sale as well as T-shirts, baseball caps, and candy for Celts.
- Ellen announces that Amazon Smile for the benefit of IAS is now operational and if you buy stuff on Amazon and sign up for Amazon Smile with IAS as the 501(3)c beneficiary, our Society will receive a small, but accumulative rebate at no extra charge to you.
- Rosemary Keating calls attention to the stack of lost and found stuff we have and places it on a table for members to recover their long-lost goods.

Ellen requests adjournment. Emmett O'Sullivan moves to adjourn; Maureen Riley seconds; all say "aye" and business meeting adjourns at 7:32 PM. Refreshments followed by a whimsical musical interlude by Robyn Mackenzie cap the evening. 30-35 members attend.

Respectfully submitted, Peter J. McKenna, Secretary

Singing Pilgrims Hosting Ceilidh at the Crossroads

The Singing Pilgrims (AKA Jeanne Page and Natasha Coffing) will perform on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at The Blue Grasshopper Pub (at its new Westside location at 6361 Riverside Plaza Lane NW, near Coors and Montano) from 7 PM-9 PM beginning on Monday, March 13th.

Dervish in Performance on March 25th

Dervish is an Irish traditional music group from County Sligo who has been described by BBC Radio 3 as "an icon of Irish music." They were formed in 1989 by Liam Kelly, Shane Mitchell, Martin McGinley, Brian McDonagh, and Michael Holmes and have been fronted by singer Cathy Jordan since 1991. They represented Ireland in the final of the Eurovision Song Contest 2007. On March 25th, Dervish will perform at the KiMo Theatre, 423 Central Ave. NW, at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30 (plus applicable service charges). Kids 12 and under are just \$7 (including all service charges). They are available through the KiMo Box Office and Hold My Ticket (112 2nd St SW), 505-886-1251, Monday to Friday 9 AM - 6 PM, Sat & Sun 11 AM - 6 PM. They can also be purchased online: http://www.ampconcerts.org/event/250659/dervish

Sharon Shannon's New Album

Some of you will remember Sharon Shannon, who was here last March with her "Breaking Trad Tour for Children in Need," at the Taos Mesa Brewery and the Kimo Theater. Sharon now has a new album of music based on her experiences in the Southwest, and you can get it here: https://www.celticcollections.com/shop/sharon-shannon-sacred-earth-pre-order-/



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.

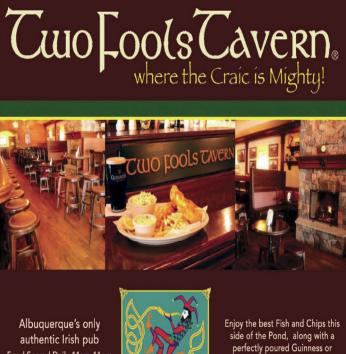
Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico (formerly Tir Conaill Academy of Irish Dance), Saturdays at the New Mexico Irish Dance Company, Suite 3, 12700 San Rafael (Quail Run Shopping Center), Albuquerque. Call 379-3753 or visit http://celticsteps.org/albuquerque/ for further information.

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.)



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/



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Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galacia, spiced with jazz and world beat. Contact: Harlow Pinson at <u>hpinson@indepthl.com</u> or 994-2135.

The Anslovers: Teenagers Emily, John, and Jamie on violin, guitar, and upright bass. Contact: John & Lorraine Anslover at <u>anslovernavy@comcast.net</u>.

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)

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Rye Creek

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

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Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan <u>celticcoyotes@yahoo.com</u> (710-0583).

Friends Forever

Michael and Donna Coy and Chris Nelson play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy and Originals. Contact: 296-2017 or 250-4429; <u>mmcoy3@msn.com</u>. *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 <u>mmcoy3@msn.com</u>



IAS T-Shirts for Sale!

You can get yours at any IAS meeting, or contact Paul McDonough to arrange purchase (<u>penthormul@aol.com</u>, 294-8205). The Tshirts 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

		IAS Events		
Date	Day	What		
March 7	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 PM at the GAC. (See p. 5 for		
		more info.)		
April 4	Tuesday	IAS Board of Directors meeting, 7 PM at the GAC. All members are		
		invited to attend.		
April 14	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program, 7 PM at the GAC. Program: A		
		lecture about Dublin by Maya Sutton.		
		Celtic/GAC Events		
March 2, 9, 16,	Thursdays	Irish Music Session, every Thursday night at Joliesse Chocolates, in the		
23, 30		North Valley at 6855 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, 7 to		
		9 PM. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at <u>hpinson@indepthl.com</u> .		
March 4	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.)		
March 12	Sunday	Scottish Session at Apple Mountain Music, 2 PM to 4 PM.		
March 12	Sunday	<i>Rye Creek</i> playing at O'Niell's at Washington and Central NE, 4 to 7		
	-	PM.		
March 11	Saturday	Folk Music Jam, led by IAS member Michael Coy, at Apple Mountain		
		Music, 2 to 3:30 PM.		
March 11	Saturday	GAC St. Patrick's Day Party. Music by Street Scene from 7 to 11 PM.		
		\$10 door admission. Dinner served from 5:30 to 6:45 PM. \$10 food		
		charge. Make reservations by Thursday, March 9 th by calling 888-4833.		
March 11	Saturday	Shamrock Fest at the Albuquerque Balloon Museum, 11 AM to 6 PM.		
		(See flyer on p. 8 for more info.)		
March 13	Monday	The Singing Pilgrims present Ceilidh at the Crossroads at The Blue		
		Grasshopper Pub (at its new Westside location at 6361 Riverside Plaza		
		Lane NW, near Coors and Montano) from 7 PM-9 PM.		
March 19	Sunday	Rio Grande Jazz Society from 2:00 to 5:30 PM. Cost \$5.00 for IAS		
		members.		
March 25	Saturday	GAC Roaring 20's Ball. Door Fee: Members \$10. Music by Hit Squad		
		from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Meal Served from: 5:30 to 6:45 PM. Meal		
		charge: \$10. Reservations required by March 23 rd 888-4833.		
March 25	Saturday	Dervish in concert at the KiMo, Theatre, 423 Central Ave. NW, at 7:30		
		PM. Tickets are \$20, \$25 and \$30 (plus applicable service charges).		
		http://www.ampconcerts.org/event/250659/dervish		
March 27	Monday	The Singing Pilgrims present Ceilidh at the Crossroads at The Blue		
		Grasshopper Pub (at its new Westside location at 6361 Riverside Plaza		
		Lane NW, near Coors and Montano) from 7 PM-9 PM.		



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