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Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, **except during June, July, and August** (and for special events), at the **Ramada Plaza** (2020 Menaul Blvd NE).

Next Event:
The Annual IAS Christmas Party!
Saturday, December 13
11 to 2 PM
Taylor Ranch Community Center
4900 Kachina St. NW



It's time again for our annual Christmas Party, once again at the Taylor Ranch Community Center on the Westside. Come wearing your Christmas garlands, bring the kids, bring some food to share, participate in the Silent Raffle, and enjoy fine music and Irish dancing with your fellow IAS members! (We will provide coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and soft drinks. Please bring a dish to share and be sure to mark your utensils.) **And please let us know if you have any items to donate to the Raffle by emailing President Caren Garcia (careng225@msn.com).**

Christmas Party Schedule:

11:00: Start time
11:15: Brightburn Academy of Irish Dance Step Dancers
12:00: Duke City Ceili Band
1:15: Announcement of Raffle Winners
1:30: Duke City Ceili Dancers (with audience participation)

Ongoing: Mrs. O'Halloran's Irish Money-Making Scheme Raffle!

Instructions:

1. Buy as many raffle tickets as you like (\$1.00 each; 6 for \$5) and put your name on the part you will use to enter the raffle.
2. Wander around the raffle area and peruse which items you'd like to win.
3. Put one of your raffle tickets with your name on it in the bag in front of the item you choose. (Or put 50 tickets in there if you really want to win!)
4. At 12:45, we will draw a ticket from each bag and paper clip it to the bag. Check to see if your ticket was drawn.
5. Collect your winnings! (And thanks for supporting the IAS!)

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President's Message

By Caren Garcia

Hello out there! I hope you all are having a wonderful autumn. The weather has been great, and I always enjoy getting out before it gets cold. There has been a lot going on this fall, and we try to keep you informed through this newsletter with a list of events in our state. Several of us attended a performance of the play *Translations* by Irish playwright Brian Friel. What a fun way to support Irish cultural events nearby! We had a ball.

Speaking of fun, we also enjoyed a performance by our friends from Celtic Coyotes at our November general meeting at the Ramada. Band member Doug Cowan educated us on various tin whistle styles along the way.



[Picture on left of IAS Board Secretary Belinda Martorelli, door prize winner!]



I'm excited about our Christmas Party next month! We always have a fun time at our parties, and this will be no exception. [See p. 1 for details.]

For those of you interested in the goings on in the Irish and Northern Irish governments, there is a new President in Ireland. (Please see the article about Irish Presidents on p. 6.) Christine Connolly is a fearless and outspoken advocate for women's rights and Irish reunification. Michelle O'Neill, Sinn Féin leader in Northern Ireland, reported that the Dail Eireann (lower house of the legislature in the Republic of Ireland) has voted unanimously to make moving toward a united Ireland a priority for the Republic and pursuing a referendum in the North toward that end.

Membership Report

By Molly Martin

Cead Mile Failte: A hundred thousand welcomes to new members the Grover (Leah and Brian) and O'Reilly (Judith et al) families! We now have a total of 139 members: 1 student, 40 singles, and 98 family members.

It was great seeing some of you at the last meeting. Hope everyone has a grand Thanksgiving!

Reminder: Please bring your pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to the monthly meeting for collection by Molly Martin!

Treasurer's Report October 1-October 31, 2025*

Kathy Wimmer, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership—electronic/Square (less fees; see expenses)	\$70.00	Square fees (membership)	-\$2..73
T-shirt sales: electronic/Square (less fees; see expenses)	\$20.00	Square fees (t-shirts)	-\$0.67
CABQ Elena Gallegos Open Space security refund for Sept. picnic	\$75.00	State Farm Ins. Premium: online payment	-\$122.00
Donation from the estate of Paul McDonough, from monies for a Celtic Community Center (split between IAS and SASS)	\$412.90	Ck#420: Suzanne Taichert for Jug O'Punch, Sept. Meeting entertainment	-\$100
Check Card credit: Ramada for October meeting	\$6.10	Check Card (POS) Ramada for Oct. General meeting	-\$152.50
Total Income	\$584.00	Total Expenses	-\$377.90
		IAS Account prior month's ENDING balance	\$4,533.03
		Plus Income (current month)	\$584.00
		Less Expenses (current month)	(-\$377.90)
	Loss/Gain	\$206.10	
		*Ending Balance as of date of report	\$4,759.13

Music Teacher Available in Albuquerque!

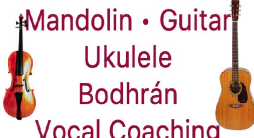
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For any of you who go way back with the IAS, here's a bit of a walk down memory lane. Who remembers The Raggle Taggle Gypsies band, featuring Dan and Jean McDermott? And their shop on Harvard called The Gypsy Wagon? Well, Jean McDermott (now using the name Jean Eichstedt) is back in Albuquerque from a stint in Alaska, and she is hoping to attract students to her music instruction business. From Jean herself: "My mother's maiden name was Bruce, and yes, it goes all the way back to Robert the Bruce. There are some Irish folk in that same line, too. I married Dan McDermott, and, as Raggle Taggle Gypsies, my husband and I and our bandmates played for the IAS fairly regularly, as well as at O'Niell's when they were on Central in Nob Hill. I also had a shop called the Gypsy Wagon, which was everything Celtic: jewelry, CDs, fiddles, hammered dulcimers, harps, flags, books, music books and lots more. I also gave music lessons. After my divorce in 2002, I moved to Alaska. I'm back now and happy not to have to shovel snow anymore. I just realized that I've been teaching music for 30 years! It's my passion. I love teaching, and I love music. I will teach anyone who is five years old or older. And no one is too old to have fun with music!"

The Irish Book Club

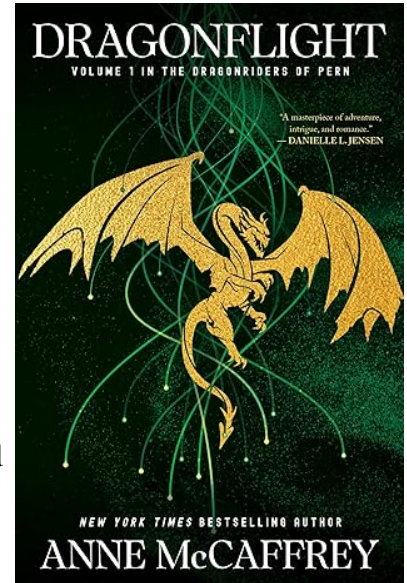
If you are on Facebook, just type The Irish Book Club into the search bar (or click on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022642747761043/>) and you'll find us. Our book for September was *Twist* by Colm McCann; for October, we read *The Dragonriders of Pern* by Anne McCaffrey; and for November, we are reading *Wild Houses* by Colin Barrett.

The Dragon Riders of Pern by Anne McCaffrey

Volume 1: *Dragonflight*

Amazon's description: "The first novel in the legendary and magical New York Times bestselling dragon riding series, from Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author Anne McCaffrey.

On a beautiful world called Pern, Lessa is an outcast survivor—her parents murdered, her birthright stolen—a fierce young woman who has never stopped dreaming of revenge. That is, until an ambitious young dragonrider, F'lar, offers her something even greater: the chance to lead Pern at his side by impressing a golden dragon with whom she will share a telepathic bond more intimate than any human connection. (Although there is also her intense relationship with F'lar himself.)



But Lessa's fierceness and courage will be put to the test when an ancient scourge returns to the land: a deadly silver spore that falls from the sky, destroying all it touches. Only dragons can fight this Thread, and there are not enough dragons to protect all of Pern. Lessa and her dragon may hold the key to their world's salvation . . . but executing her daring plan may be costlier than she ever envisioned."

The Book Club take by Ellen: "Here there be dragons! I recently finished the first three of Rebecca Yarros' *Empyrean Series* books, which are also about dragon riders. Thus I was intrigued by Anne McCaffrey's *Dragon Riders of Pern* series, which contains many of the same "romantasy" tropes: Dragons and humans exist harmoniously (for the most part) in some past medieval time, where the only weapons are knives and spears; dragons can speak with their riders telepathically; and the two main characters always hate each other so much at the beginning that you know they're going to fall in love.

There is magic in both authors' works—riders in the Yarros series each have special magical powers, like the ability to stop time or control shadows; dragons in the McCaffrey books can time travel. I think the biggest difference between the two is that in the McCaffrey books, lovers Lessa and F'lar are very discrete about their love-making, while in Yarros's books, lovers Violet and Xaden are a lot more volatile. (The first time they come together, Violet—whose special power is that she can wield lightning—blows out the wall of their bedroom!"

Kathy Wimmer, Edie Henderson Brooks, and my own sister, Trisha Dowling (weighing in from Canada), are also fans of the series. (Trisha also provided this salient quote: "Mythic creatures make way more sense when you realize humanity went a couple hundred thousand years without eyesight aids.")

The Presidents of Ireland

By Caren Garcia

By way of introduction, don't let the title fool you, in Ireland (as in most countries other than the US) the President is the Head of State, but not the Head of Government. A Head of State leads diplomatic missions, meets and greets other foreign diplomats and is the face of the nation. Someone else—the Prime Minister in most countries, and the Taoiseach in Ireland—does the political maneuvering and policy planning. In the United Kingdom, the Head of State is the King. In the US, the President does both jobs.

The Republic of Ireland just elected a new President, **Catherine Connolly**, 68. She is only the 10th person to hold this office and she won by a very large margin (63.4%). She was an Independent in the legislature, the Dail, and hails from Galway. In November she takes over from two-term President Michael D. Higgins. She will serve under Taoiseach Michael Martin and Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) Simon Harris. Connolly is very athletic and has competed in basketball, soccer and hurling. She has said she will represent everyone regardless of how they voted.

Michael D. Higgins was elected President in 2011, so although limited to two terms, the terms are rather long! He had served in both the Lower and Upper houses of the Irish legislature for over 30 years, pursuing his goal to further human rights and related causes worldwide. He encouraged the arts, language, and culture of Ireland and more recently focused on a troubling housing situation at home. He is also dedicated to his Bernese Mountain dogs. He has been ill in recent months and was recently hospitalized, so he is surely ready to rest a bit.



Going back to the beginning, **Douglas Hyde** served as the first President following the establishment of the Irish Constitution in 1937. His term ran from 1938-1945. Hyde had been a university professor and a member of the upper house of government, the Seanad Eireann or Irish Senate. He came from County Roscommon and was known for founding the Gaelic League, whose goal was to restore Irish language and culture in the still new Republic.

Sean T. O'Ceallaigh served two terms, from 1945-1959. He was a Dubliner and one of the founding fathers of Sinn Féin and was also active in the Gaelic League. He came up through the ranks in government after having served time in an English prison for his involvement with the Easter Uprising. His most significant acts were to address the US Congress and to officially remove Ireland from the British Commonwealth.

Many would call **Eamon de Valera** the most significant of those who have held the office and he wasn't even born in Ireland! He was born in New York, and his Irish mother and Spanish father brought him to Ireland when he was two. His mother was from County Limerick. He was President from 1959-1973. He participated in the 1916 Easter Uprising and was sentenced to death for it. That sentence was "reduced" to life in prison, but ultimately he was released under a general amnesty. He continued to be active, serving as an MP (Representative) for County Clare. De Valera went back to prison the next year for leading the charge opposing the drafting of Irishmen by Great Britain. He also stood against the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty that established the Irish Free State, but not an independent republic, although he later served as "president" on its Executive Council and as a government minister. De Valera was Taoiseach for many years before becoming President of the Republic. He died in Dublin in 1975 at the age of 92. Whether he is remembered as a hero of the Republic from his early years or a supporter of conservative policies that held the people back and firmly under the thumb of the Archbishops varies from person to person, but no one can deny the imprint he left behind.

Erskine Childers only served one year as President, from 1973-1974, as he died in office. He was actually born in London into a British family who supported home rule for Ireland and other related causes.

Erskine was involved in a gunrunning incident in 1914 and moved to Ireland as a young newspaperman. He later served in several positions in government including Tanaiste (Deputy PM).

The successor to the short-lived Childers was **Cearbhaill O'Dalaigh**, a barrister (trial attorney) who had been Attorney General and a Supreme Court Judge and Chief Justice. Clearly Ireland's Justices are not appointed for life, as he followed this up as a judge for the European Communities (EC) Court of Justice just prior to being elected Irish President. He served a short term because he took mighty offense to having one of his decisions called "a thundering disgrace" by Patrick Donegan, Minister of Defense, which he said irretrievably damaged his ability to work with the man! He evidently left office in a huff.

These two very short presidencies in rapid succession could not have contributed to the stability that the young nation needed while dealing with the deadly and disruptive time of "The Troubles." It was best then that a doctor of medicine hailing from County Clare, **Patrick J. Hillery**, served the next two full terms from 1976-1990. He had come up the ranks from the Dail to be a minister in several areas before being sent to serve as Vice President of the Commission of the EC, but he was called back to Ireland to take up the position of President when O'Dalaigh resigned.

A campaigner for women's rights, the first woman to hold the job was **Mary Robinson**, from 1990-1997. She was a barrister like O'Dalaigh and a senator serving 20 years in the Seanad Eireann. Her election represented a sea change from the conservative party, who had been invincible in Irish politics until this point, so she was not heavy-handed as she helped to move Ireland forward. Mary represented the Labour Party and was aware of the significance of her election. She moved into the role of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights just before her term was set to end.



Mary McAleese was President for two terms from 1997 when Robinson went to the U.N. until 2011 when the currently serving Higgins came to power. She broke a different barrier: she was from Belfast, Northern Ireland! She was also an academic and then a journalist for the one and only Irish media machine RTE. She advocated for reconciliation between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland, as well as improving the political climate with Great Britain. Toward this end, she met with Elizabeth II when the Queen visited Ireland at the end of McAleese's term.

I owe a lot of the information about past presidents to the BBC website, but numerous other sources contributed to it as well. I hope you learned something you didn't already know! Thanks for reading.



IAS Members Find the Irish in Mexico!

IAS members Roger and Lisa Garza would like everyone to know about their recent experiences as missionaries in Mexico! From Roger: "Lisa and I are working at an indigenous small village called Colonia (near Mazatlán). The village is extremely old, with dirt roads and limited electricity and water. The villagers are descendants from an indigenous people that the Spanish enslaved and they grow different fruits and vegetables such as corn, bananas, and coconuts. They are an amazingly resilient people, hardworking, humble, and generous. To think that we gave up post-retirement careers working for private industry for work in a foreign country, in a small sub-tropical village, with indigenous farmers for a dollar a year! The history about the Irish here in Mazatlán is that a family of Kellys immigrated here instead of to America, and now they have over 600 direct descendants! They even have their own Irish Pub (<https://www.facebook.com/Kellysmzt/about>)."

Kerrygold Macaroni and Cheese

By Elena Gallegos

Why not add a wee bit of Irish fare to your Thanksgiving table this year? Some Irish side dishes I can think of include colcannon, leek and potato soup, or how about “Irish” Macaroni and Cheese made with three kinds of Kerrygold cheese? The recipe and product information can be found at <https://www.kerrygoldusa.com>.

Ingredients:

1 pound macaroni, penne or ziti, cooked tender and cooled
4 tablespoons Kerrygold Unsalted Butter
¾ cup onion, small dice
Pinch of sugar
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 cups milk
1 cup heavy cream
1 bay leaf
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup Kerrygold Aged Cheddar Cheese or Reserve Cheddar Cheese, grated
1 cup Kerrygold Swiss Cheese (Emmental), grated
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup grated Kerrygold Dubliner® Cheese (used as a topping)
1 cup breadcrumbs



Instructions:

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions and set aside to cool. In saucepan, melt Kerrygold Unsalted Butter over medium heat, add onion and lightly season with salt. Add a pinch of sugar and cook onion until translucent.
2. Add flour and cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Do not cook long enough to color. Whisk in milk and cream and incorporate totally. Bring mixture to a simmer; add bay leaf and cloves.
3. Reduce burner to low heat. Cook for 25 minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn off heat and remove bay leaf.
4. Whisk in 1 cup each of the Kerrygold Aged or Reserve Cheddar and Swiss Cheeses, until incorporated. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. In large bowl, combine pasta and cheese sauce. Spoon into 2 ½-quart casserole dish. Top with grated Kerrygold Dubliner® Cheese, thyme or other chopped herb, and a small handful of breadcrumbs. Bake at 375° F for 8 to 10 minutes.

*“May the blessings of this season fill your heart with gratitude,
your home with warmth, and your table with bounty.”*

Glorious Guinness

From [Celtic Life International](#)



When you walk into a bar in Ireland you could shout across at the barman and ask for a pint of plain, the good stuff, your best, or Irish mother's milk. You could even just walk up to the bar and hold your forefinger in the air—any barman worth his salt would know that you were asking for a pint of Guinness. Officially the most internationally recognized symbol of Ireland, Guinness is the most popular alcoholic drink in Ireland and in many other countries.

Pouring a glass or pint of Guinness is a skill. A "perfect pour" should take 199.50 seconds. This is the result of pour at an angle of 45 degrees followed

by a rest. This is crucial. Most Irish people would cringe if they saw anyone pour it any other way. After a pause, long enough so what's in the glass is a perfect black, the rest of the glass is filled, again at a 45-degree angle. What is handed across the bar should have a creamy head and should be served at exactly 42.8F.

It is a known fact that the Irish love to travel around the world, but did you know that Guinness is brewed in more than 150 countries? These include Nigeria and Indonesia. Though the Irish obviously love a pint of plain, 40 percent of all Guinness is sold in Africa. Who would have thought that in such a hot climate it would go down so well! Over 10 million glasses are sold every day. Are you doing your part? That's quite a high quota to fill.

Guinness is the perfect diet drink. A pint of the good stuff contains only 198 calories. That's less than most light beers, wine, orange juice, or even low fat milk. Guinness does not contain oatmeal, contrary to a popular myth. This wonderful stuff is made of roasted malted barley, hops, yeast, and water. Also it's not black. It's actually a very nice dark ruby red. The famous advertisement slogan "Guinness is Good For You" is still used around the world. Though Guinness has now officially gone on the record as denying this claim, some research does support that Guinness is good for your heart. It was not so long ago in Ireland that pregnant women were told to drink a glass of Guinness every day to fortify themselves and their baby.

St. James' Gate Brewery, in Dublin City, was leased for 9000 years at an annual fee of about \$65. In 1759 when Arthur Guinness was just starting out in the brewing business, he had such confidence in his product that he knew his brewery would still be running in 9000 years time. Well, that's 251 years over with. I'm pretty sure Guinness will make it the next 8,750.

The Guinness breweries in Counties Louth and Kilkenny were shut down in 2013. There was also talk of closing down the Dublin brewery and moving it back to Leixlip, in Kildare, where Arthur's career in stout-making began. A national outcry ensued. Guinness will be staying put on the banks of the River Liffey, undergoing multi-billions in renovations.

On September 24, 2009, at 5:50 (or 17:59 in the 24-hour clock) Ireland and the world celebrated 250 years of Guinness with "Arthur's Day." The time 17:59 was cleverly chosen as 1759 was the year that Arthur signed his lease on St. James' Gate. It also gave most people enough time to finish up work and meet their friends at their favorite pub. It may have been nothing more than massive marketing ploy, but it was also one of the largest united parties ever held in the world. In almost every country across the globe merry makers raised their glasses and cheered "To Arthur!"

Culture All Around

Dance Classes:

♣ **Brightburn Academy of Irish Dance (formerly Celtic Steps Arizona/New Mexico)**, at the McDermott Athletic Center, 801 Loma Colorado, Rio Rancho. Call 505-415-4390 or visit <https://www.brightburnacademy.com> for further information.

♣ **The McTeggart School of Irish Dance**, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. Founded in Cork, Ireland, in 1939, and in New Mexico in 1997, they offer classes to children and adults ages 4 and up, from beginner to championship. For more info, visit <https://irishdancenewmexico.com/>

♣ **Ceili dance classes** are held every Wednesday at the GAC. The **new** time is 6:30 - 8 PM, \$5.00. No experience necessary! (For info, call Steve Lavery at 505-688-4756.)



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Celtic Music on the Radio and the Web:

♣ **Larry Kirwan's Celtic Crush radio show** happens on The Loft station on SIRIUS XM radio according to his schedule (times in ET). Eclectic styles of music from Ireland, Scotland, and the world's "Celtic music" diaspora! Great fun! More info: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNloyz-LHidbztD_eGnKScyMQr-NWxVrq

♣ **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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Questions? Contact Robert Harper at robertharper48@comcast.net

Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
December 4	Thursday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM on Zoom. (All members are welcome; email Don Hardy for the link.)
December 13	Saturday	IAS Annual Christmas Party , 11-2:00 PM at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. (Details on p. 1.)
January 8	Thursday	IAS Board of Directors meeting , 7 PM on Zoom. (All members are welcome; email Don Hardy for the link.)
January 9	Friday	IAS Monthly Meeting and Program : A musical performance by the Celtic Singers!)

Celtic Community Events

January 3	Saturday	First Saturday Irish Session , from noon to 2 PM, at The Lucky Goose, 3503 Central NE. All levels are welcome. Our pace can be fast or moderate, but hopefully always fun. The food is vegetarian and terrific. For info, contact Susan Sponar at https://www.facebook.com/susan.sponar/about
January 4 & 18	Sundays	Two Leaf Clover (Nikelle Gessner and David Garcia) play for Sunday Brunch at Two Fools Tavern every 1 st and 3 rd Sunday of the month from 11 AM – 2 PM.
January 6, 13, 20 27	Tuesdays	The Irish Slow Session meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in the Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational center, near Central and Eubank. For info, contact Kip Malone on Facebook .
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays	Ceili Dancing Classes at the GAC , 6:30 - 8 PM, \$5.00. No experience necessary! (Call Steve Lavery at 505-688-4756 for info.)
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays	Celtic Music Session at the Singing Arrow Community Center (13200 Wenonah Ave SE) from 5:45-7:45 PM. This is a sheet-music-discouraged (but not prohibited) format and the music is the High & Dry list. For more info, contact Bob Deaver (bpdeaver@gmail.com).
January 7, 14, 21, 28	Wednesdays	Irish Trad Music Session in Taos , 6-8 PM, at the Barra Vino, 241 LeDoux St. For more information, contact Jamie at jaima@taosnet.com or 575-779-1018.
January 8, 15, 22, 29	Thursdays	Albuquerque Traditional Irish Music Open Session from 7-9 PM at Hops Brewery, 7222 4 th Street. For more info, contact Harlow Pinson at hpinson@indepthl.com .

Irish-American Society of New Mexico

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