



The Irish Connection

The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

April 2016

The Irish American Society of Tidewater, Virginia, was established in 1980 to promote and preserve Irish culture, and all things distinctly Irish. Membership is open to persons of Irish birth or ancestry, as well as those persons who have an interest in Irish history and culture.

OUR NEXT MEETING:
APRIL 7, 2016

Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Church of the Ascension Community Center 4853 Princess Anne Rd Virginia Beach, VA. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the meeting usually gets underway at 7:00 p.m., ending at 9:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Fellow Irish Americans,

March was a busy month but lots of fun. First, let me say, I am writing this month because our President, **Joe Brady** is under the weather. Please keep him and Clan Brady in your prayers. We look forward to his quick recovery and return of his jokes!

On a happier note Finnegan's Wake was an incredible success. **Mike Bromley** and the kitchen crew did a terrific job as always. **Glasgow Kiss**, minus **Edward Brash** took the stage and entertained us all for the evening with their special flair. We were proud to recognize **Mike and Mary Ann Bromley** as IAS Couple of the Year for all their hard work and contributions to the Irish American Society over the years.

We also recognized **Gabrielle Brown** (granddaughter of **Cheryl Mulliken Brown**) as our 2016 Junior Irish Princess and **Laura Payne** (Goddughter of **Heather Mailey-Esposito**) of An Cor Rud Dance School as the 2016 Adult Irish Princess. Both girls did a fantastic job representing the Irish American Society in the Ocean View Parade this year!

The Parade was a fun time for all despite the cold weather the Irish American's shined! **Jim Hagerty** had all the county flags flying with pride. A special thank you to those that stepped

forward to Pull our Paddy Wagon and Irish Cottage **Tracy Rumpf** and **Mike Boyd**, all our flag carriers and banner carriers, as well as **Corey Roy** the bagpiper! **Debra Taylor-Kelly** marched in honor of our **John Johnson (JJ)** who carried the US Flag in 2015. Great presentation and show of Irish Pride for the Tidewater Area.

St Baldrick's Update we received \$ 125 in donations which the Irish Society will match. Great job everyone, we will still be accepting donations towards this cause at our April Meeting if you forgot to contribute.

On a business note, don't forget elections are coming up if you are interested in running for a Board position or know someone who is please notify **Mike Bromley** on the nominating committee. And as always, bring your friends and family to join us at a meeting.

April 17th Irish Breakfast is right around the corner! It will be held at the VFW on Bowland Parkway in Virginia Beach. We are still accepting donations for the Silent Auction. Please come out and join us to show our support for our nation's veterans and bring your checkbook as this is a huge fundraiser for your Irish Society.

In closing if anyone has ideas for topics, presentations, events and more please contact anyone on the Board all ideas are welcome!!

Jackie Trudell

IAS ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

Attention IAS Members,

At our monthly meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2016, the IAS will be voting on those who will lead us through the next two years. We are inviting nominations for the following:

President
Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Financial Secretary
Treasurer

The duties of each position can be seen in our official IAS By-Laws which are posted on our website www.IRLUSA.org (click on About Us) and in our Facebook group (click on Files).

You must have your 2016 dues paid in order to nominate, run as a candidate, and/or vote. You must be present at the May meeting to vote.

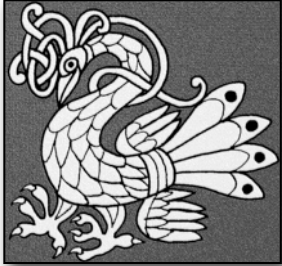
The election is crucial to the Society's future and all members are asked to attend the meeting.

The Society cannot continue as it is now without the support and active participation of the members.

If you want to nominate someone to run for office, please contact **Mike Bromley** (TheBrom@verizon.net).

The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 2016

♣ Start: 7:10

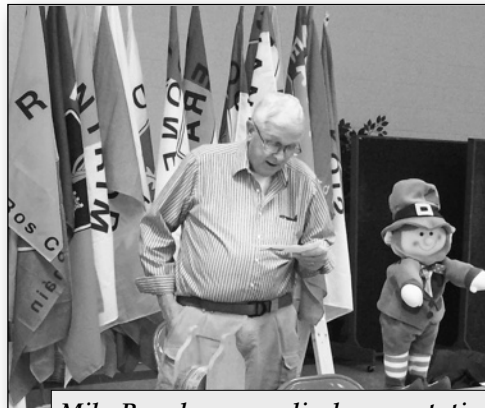
♣ New Business:

♣ An Cor Rud is having a fundraiser at Murphy's Irish Pub on 3/06/2016, from 5-8 pm. There will be a raffle and 50/50. The girls have won and are going to Scotland to continue to compete and win!

♣ Nominating Committee- for the elections - Jim Hagerty spoke about elections are every two years in May. Today he is here to stir the pot and get people thinking about volunteering. He will come up with a slate of people to run. 2016- Must be paid dues members, must be present to vote. The duties for each position is posted on the web site. This Society has been around for 35 years. If there are no volunteers - there is no IAS. We will start the dissolvent if it comes to that.

♣ Jim also added: there are many flags available to carry in the parade this year.

♣ Finnegan's Wake please come to church about 9am to help set up and if you could hang around to help clean up as well.



Mike Bromley gave a lively presentation of how Finnegan's Wake came to be- Thanks Mike!

♣ Financial Report:

Feb ending balance: 2014.25,
Expenses; Rent-50, newsletter-
126.13, hospitality-30.21
Income; Donations-125., Breast
cancer awareness-50., St Baldrick-75.,
Dues-280.00
Ending Balance-2237.89

♣ Birthdays: Mike Lawler, Mike Bromley, Jack Kennedy's grandson is on St.Patrick's Day

♣ Anniversary's: Kelly #2 Lenahan
Anniversary of 28 years of marriage.

♣ Coming Events: St Patrick's day Parade-
March 19th, April Monthly Meeting 7th,
Let us not forget that it is the 100th
anniversary of the Easter Rising, April 17th
is the V.F.W breakfast-8\$ for adults and 3\$
for kids.

submitted by: Cheryl Brown



*The Bakeoff;
First Prize - Mary Ann Brady,
Second Prize - Linda Kuhr,
Third Prize - Betsy Kennedy
Congrats you awesome Bakers!*



SUNSHINE BULLETIN

Best wishes to Joe Brady who is recovering from surgery on March 17th.

Also to Mike Bromley who is making strides with his knee replacement, done on March 15th.

Jim Ramsey was in the hospital for heart problems and we wish him well.

Also, best wishes and prayers to Linda Batten as she works with learning kidney dialysis at home.





CÚ CORNER



Submitted by
Lynnette Fitch Brash

Cead Mile Failte to Cassidy, the brand new pup belonging to Lisa, Earl, and Fynn Burgess! Lisa is thrilled to no longer be the only female – or the only redhead, for that matter – in the House of Burgesses!



(Note: Cú is Gaelic for dog)

Cassidy is a Golden Doodle, which is a cross of a Golden Retriever and a Poodle. Her name means “curly-haired” in Irish; they call

her Cass or Cassie for short. As you can see from the pictures, Cassidy and Fynn are already besties!

Hear all the latest about our Hibernian hounds!
Feel free to submit news and/or pictures relating to Irish breed or Irish-owned dogs!



THE PARTING GLASS

*Of all good times that e'er we shared,
I leave to you fond memory;
So fill to me the parting glass,
God bless, and joy
be with you all.*

from "The Parting Glass"

Our condolences to An Cor Rud Director and long-time member **Heather Mailey-Esposito's** father **William Stephen (Liam) MAILEY** passed away on February 2nd. She went home to Derry for the funeral.

John Buckley, brother of IAS member **Margaret Buckley** and **uncle of Teresa Buckley Diaz**, passed away on March 21, 2016 following a long illness. Affectionately known as Jack by his immediate family, John proudly served in the U. S. Navy. Following his military service, John enjoyed a rewarding career as an educator. An accomplished writer, John tutored many students in the complex language of English and enjoyed leading a writing club for adults in his later years. John was as a quiet, unassuming, humble man who was extremely proud of his Irish immigrant parents, Daniel and Nora, and his Irish heritage. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



HURLEY HAPPENINGS

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash
Congratulations to the inaugural **Coastal Virginia Gaelic Athletic Association (COVA GAA)** board, elected jointly by the membership of the **Hampton Roads Hurling Club (HRHC)** and **Cumann na mBan**

Camogie Club (CnamB) at the end of February 2016!

- Chair – **Bronson Conlin**
- Vice Chair – **Liz Miller**
- Treasurer – **Lewis Smith**
- Secretary – **Donna Looney-McGlynn**
- Public Relations Officer – **Jeremy Hancock**

In addition, the Player Reps from HRHC's board and CnamB's Bord Cruinn will automatically serve on the board as well. Current Player Reps for the two clubs are:

- HRHC Player Representative – **Seth Miller**
- CnamB Player Representative – **Kelly Freno White**

These seven officers are voting members of the COVA GAA Board. In addition, they appointed/will appoint the following three ex officio (non-voting) members:

- Registrar – **Rebecca Norman**
- Games Development – TBD
- Youth Development – TBD

As mentioned in this feature last month, the COVA GAA will be a non-profit umbrella organization over the two clubs (HRHC & CnamB) to handle administrative tasks that affect both clubs, such as annual GAA registration of our athletes. The new COVA GAA board held their first meeting in mid-March and is busy at work hammering out their mission statement and by-laws. Their goal is to apply for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as soon as possible. This will help attract sponsors and donations to promote hurling and camogie specifically and Irish culture generally in our area, something they will surely love to partner with the IAS on! Best wishes to the new COVA GAA!

FINNEGAN'S WAKE MARCH 5, 2016



IAS JUNIOR PRINCESS - Gabrielle (Gabby) Brown with Cheryl Brown



IAS COUPLE OF THE YEAR - Mike and Mary Ann Bromley



IAS PRINCESS - Laura Payne with Katie McCrory, Jackie Trudell & Joe Brady



Katie McCrory, Cheryl Brown, Gabby Brown, Mike Lawler, Joe Brady, Laura Payne, Jackie Trudell, Kate Sandoval, Betsy Kennedy, Jack Kennedy



Mike Bromley, Michael Boyd, Finnegan (himself), William Brady



Gabby & Cheryl Brown, Bronson Conlin & Laura Payne



The Mikes' - Mike Bromley & Mike Lawler with fresh Soda Bread



Music by the Glasgow Bhoys- Dan, John, Tom





An Cor Rud Dancers



Mike Bromley, Katie & Matt McCrory



Heather Mailey-Esposito
& Lisa Hunt-Burgess



Monica Porter & Vera Dotson



Betsy & Jack Kennedy, Ed Kennedy, Harold
Saterfield, Mandy Kennedy, Kshitiz Uprety



Catherine Twomey & Karen



Mary Ann Brady & Lori Shea



Cheryl Brown & Jack Kennedy



Cecilia Thomas, Lynette Crouch & Mike Lawler



Pied Piper Tom Crouch leads the dance



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IrishCentral

WHY "THE QUIET MAN" ENDURES

Tom Deignan @irishcentral October 29, 2015 01:01 AM

The late, great Maureen O'Hara's most famous film "The Quiet Man" constantly turns up on TV channels like Turner Classic Movies, especially around St. Patrick's Day.

John Ford's 1952 film "The Quiet Man" has been a St. Patrick's Day staple for over 60 years now.

And for just as long, the film has had its detractors – those who grumble that the film is little more than a brightly-colored jaunt through Irish stereotypes: the drunks, the brawlers and all those be-freckled redheads.

Well, I have some bad news for the haters. "The Quiet Man" is growing in stature, not merely as entertainment, but as a work of art.

The sign of any great, enduring story is that it can be re-imagined and reinterpreted by younger generations. And so, "The Quiet Man" – for all of its legitimate flaws – is going to be with us for many more St. Patrick's Days.

Martin Scorsese, who's got tons of cinematic street cred to put it mildly, recently said "The Quiet Man" was a major inspiration.

But the most interesting new take on "The Quiet Man" is Roddy Doyle's 2010 book *The Dead Republic*.

Doyle is one of Ireland's more famous contemporary writers – his book "The Commitments" went on to become a classic indie film, while his novel "Paddy Clarke Ha, Ha, Ha" won several major awards.

One of Doyle's last projects was a trilogy of Irish historical novels based around the character Henry Smart, a sort of Irish Forrest Gump, who floats through the country's history and has a knack for being at the center of key events.

In the first two books, "A Star Called Henry" and "O Play That Thing," Henry rose from the Dublin slums to become a leader of the Easter Rising, before traveling to New York and Chicago to rub elbows with gangsters and guide the career of a young musician named Louis Armstrong.

One of Doyle's key aims here is to reexamine Irish-American history. Believe it or not, this has made him some enemies.

Traditional historical writers such as Morgan Llywelyn believe Doyle is playing fast and loose with the facts.



The problem is, history is more than just a collection of facts. So, Doyle feels free to have some fun undermining readers' conventional wisdom about the past.

In Doyle's 2010 book *The Dead Republic*, Henry Smart finds himself on the set of a film with Henry Fonda and the irascible Irish-American director John Ford.

They are shooting a western, but Ford desperately wants to make a movie about Irish rebellion. So, he has hired famous rebel Henry Smart to serve as "IRA consultant."

But what began as a gritty tale of Irish liberation gets crammed into Ford's myth-making machine and what emerges, instead, is what some believe to be the worst piece of paddywhackery Hollywood ever produced "The Quiet Man.

" Along the way, Henry Smart sees that Ford is transforming the story. "All references to the war and the IRA had gone. The Sean in the picture wasn't a kid of the Dublin streets, and all the killings had become one big punch in a boxing ring," writes Doyle.

But Doyle is not merely lamenting the whitewashing of Ireland's past. He is examining the deeply complicated way myth and reality collide. How complicated?

Well, if it seems like an "IRA consultant" for a Hollywood movie is a priceless slice of Doyle's imagination, guess again – Ford's film, indeed, had just such a hard man on set, the Irish Civil War veteran Ernie O'Malley.

And that begins to explain why "The Quiet Man" endures. For all of its donnybrooks and thatched-cottage charm, there are deep, violent undercurrents in the film.

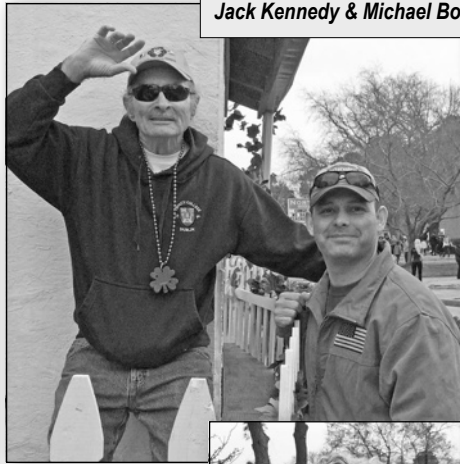
As Professor Luke Gibbons has written: "'The Quiet Man' bears out the Celtic stereotype that, in Ireland, the tear and smile seem twin-born, and comedy is shadowed by tragedy."

Is that why millions love the film? No. Many, indeed, love Barry Fitzgerald's drunken shenanigans. But such stuff cannot carry a film for decades.

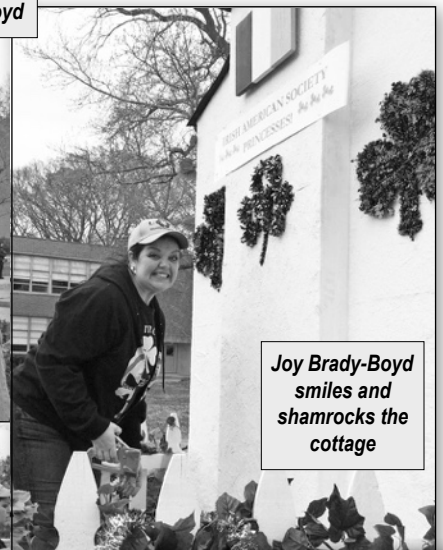
So give "The Quiet Man" another viewing. And really watch it this time. You might be surprised.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
NORFOLK, VA
MARCH 19, 2016



Jack Kennedy & Michael Boyd



Joy Brady-Boyd
smiles and
shamrocks the
cottage



Gabby & Cheryl Brown



Kate Sandoval decorating the
cottage - with gloves on - it's
cold out there!



Corey Roy the bagpiper



Jackie Trudell & her BFF - who with her
husband drove from Syracuse, NY & will carry
a Princess in the Parade



Jessica & Jordan the Brady twins



Vera Dotson
and family



Hampton Roads Hurling Club



The Camogie team



ST. BALDRICK'S

Hello Friends,

Yesterday was our BIG St. Baldrick's shave event day. My youngest grandson, **Brenny**, and I once again went under the clippers while the rest of our entourage cheered us on.

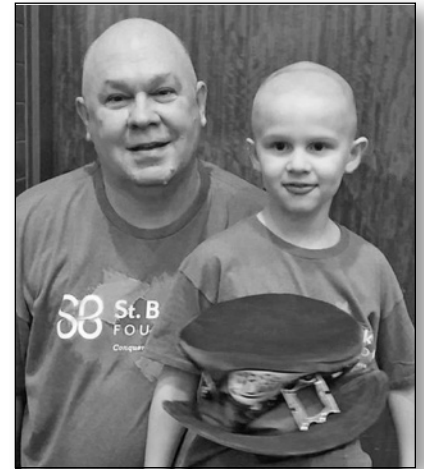
The others are holding out for next year when their hair will be long enough to also donate to make wigs for those in need. It's very thoughtful of them. Through your generous support for this year's event, **Brenny** raised roughly \$675, exceeding his goal of \$600, and to date I've raised roughly \$1,050 meeting my goal of \$1,000. Because it's not too late to donate I'm expecting a few more donations.

It was reported in today's *Virginian Pilot*, the local newspaper, that Brenny and I were just two of the **160 shavees**; that as of yesterday roughly \$130,000 was raised, and that our event is **one of the top 40 fundraisers for St. Baldrick's**.

I can also say that team "**Yes Way, Jose!**" has raised over \$15,000 for this year's event. We couldn't do this without your support.

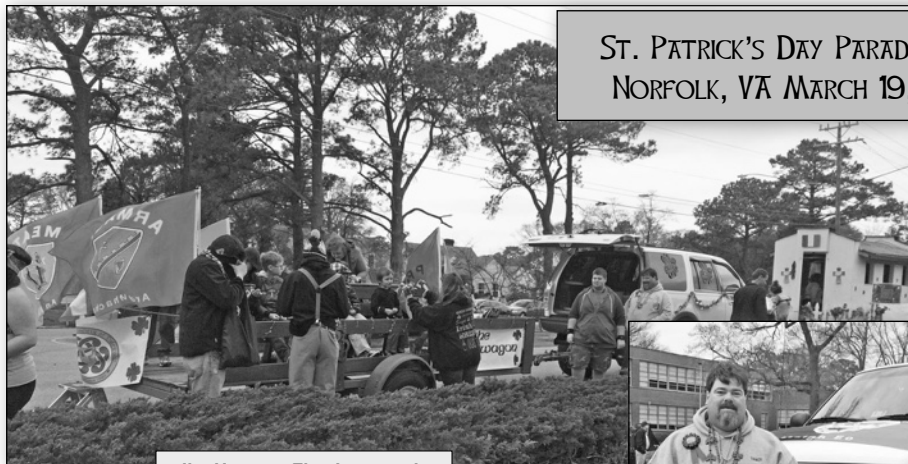
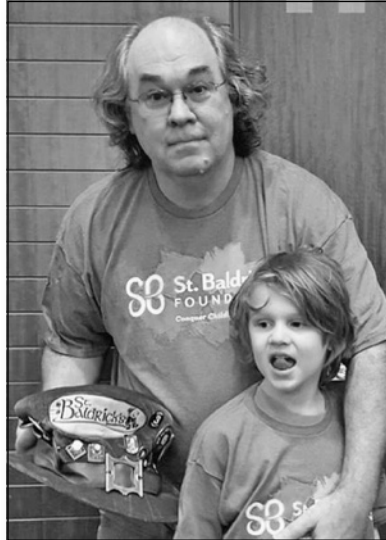
Here are the before and after pictures of the two of us.

Again **THANK-YOU** for all your generosity and support.



Sincerely,

Scott MacGregor, March 13, 2016



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
NORFOLK, VA MARCH 19,

Jim Hagerty, Flag Impresario,
at the start of the Parade



Linda Kuhr with her grandson &
Kate Sandoval



Tracy Rumpf, who, with his wife Brande, pulled the Paddy Wagon. He volunteered to prepare the wagon by repairing the lights and power-washing it before the Parade - thanks!

