



The Irish Connection

The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

June 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:
JUNE 2, 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

Dear Irish American Society Members,

Elections for the board members who will serve the IAS for the next two years were held at the May meeting. The results of those elections are below:

President - **Katie McCrory**
Sr. Vice President - **Jackie Trudell**
Jr. Vice President - **Caroline Morse**
Secretary - **Cheryl Mulliken Brown**
Financial Secretary - **Sheila Hetherington-Smith**
Treasurer - **Kate Sandoval**

Great big thank-you's go out to **Joe Brady** for serving as President for the past six months, to **Mike Bromley** and **Jim Hagerty** for their efforts on the 2016 elections committee, and to all the members who came out to vote and enjoy the May program!



We were incredibly lucky to have **Lisa Burgess** and **Maura Flatley** teach us more about Irish step dancing at the May meeting. Lisa and Maura explained the different types of dances, showed off shoe and dress styles, and even performed several steps. The program was so interesting and entertaining! Thank you Lisa and Maura!

Mike Bromley also announced at our last meeting that Finnegan's Wake exceeded our expectations and raised an impressive \$1,800

for the IAS. Well done! I can't wait for another big party next year!

The new Board and I are excited about the next couple of years. I have a few ideas for upcoming programs and events that I am eager to get working on and share with you all. However, getting members' feedback and input on what you would like to do and learn is so important to retaining the strong spirit of our organization.

Please feel free speak up at the monthly meetings about your ideas and concerns. A suggestion box will also be placed out at every meeting, so that members can submit questions and comments discreetly.

I hope that the IAS will continue to be a place where we can come and share stories, knowledge, and love of our Irish American heritage. Each of us has unique experiences and talents that together make our society pretty darn awesome!

I look forward to seeing everyone on June 2nd, at our next monthly meeting. Invite along that friend, neighbor, or coworker who always seems interested in what the IAS is all about! We welcome all visitors!



Sláinte,
Katie McCrory

The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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MEETING MINUTES MAY 2016

- ♣ Start time: 7:06 pm
- ♣ New people/visitors:
Margaret/Peggy Anthony; Irish with Scandinavian also Bromley family friend, Mike from Colorado, his son is with the U.S.S McFaul.
- ♣ Sunshine News: Rose Orlando had her second hip surgery.
- ♣ Thank you to everyone who attended the V.F.W. breakfast. Mother's Day is the last breakfast until the fall.
- ♣ Financial Report: Total as of today - 2172.25
Expenses: Hall Rental - 50.00, St. Baldricks contribution - 250.00
Income: Dues - 45.00,
50/50=28.00
Closing Balance: 1945.25
- ♣ Mike Bromley announced that he has brought a check for the proceeds from Finnegan's Wake, the check amount is \$1800.
- ♣ UPCOMING EVENTS; "Clean the Bay Day" on 6-4-16, Coastal Hurling/Camogie Cup on 7-23-16.
- ♣ Voting for Board positions for the IAS commenced, Mike Bromley asked for any new or last minute nominations- asked 3 times- no one came forward. Then Bromley asked for anyone opposing votes and then he asked for unanimous ruling. Sandy McGregor seconded the vote and the vote carried. The new board was voted in.
- ♣ Thanks to all who brought desserts to the meeting!

submitted by Cheryl Brown



*Lisa Burgess and Maura Flatley
Irish Dance Program
May 2016*





CU CORNER



(Note: Cu is Gaelic for dog!)



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

I'm very happy to announce we have a brand new member of the **IAS & Friends Paddy Pack**, **Ceili Cahill**! Ceili is a German Shorthair Pointer puppy that our IAS Adult Princess 2009 **Maureen Cahill** just added to her family. What a cute face!!! She's a little Houdini, though – check out the picture of her climbing skills! Baby girl is already feeling right at home, as you can see from the adorable picture of her sleeping on the sofa!



Maureen is our second IAS princess to have a GSP fur baby! Our IAS Adult Princess 2011 **Bridgett Cherry Sakach** got her boy **Ruger** a couple years ago, so he's full-grown now. They are happily ensconced in their new home down in Macon, Georgia. Ruger has a nice backyard to play in with grass, trees, and even a crick!

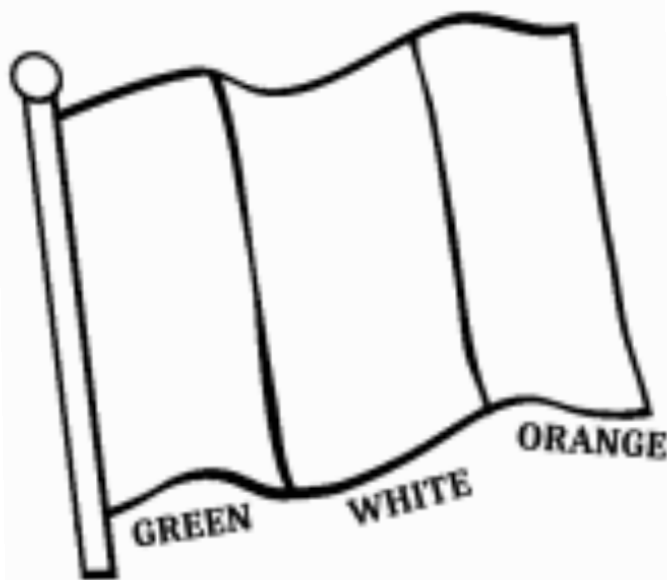


The **Brash** whippets, **Glasnevin & Dalriada**, continue to enjoy life in Glasgow, Scotland. Nev & RiRi recently went for a nice walk on the West Highland Way with their babysitter, **Charis**; her boyfriend, **Craig**; and his dog, **Simba**, while mom **Lynnette** and dad **Edward** were on a weekend trip to the Isle of Skye.



Celtic Kids' Corner

COLOR ME IRISH!



The flag of Ireland is called the

IRISH TRICOLOUR

Symbolism:

Green: the Gaelic tradition of Ireland

Orange: the followers of William of Orange in Ireland

White: the peace between them

Go on, give us a Smile!!!



Pat was telling Murphy that the doctor told him he would have him back on his feet in two weeks. Well did he asked Murphy? Sure replied Pat,

"I had to sell the car to pay off his bill"

Despite the best effort of Lawyer Murphy, Pat was convicted of murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair. On the night before the sentence was to be carried out, Pat called Murphy for some final words of advice. Murphy told him-"Not to sit down"



Pat, Murphy, O'Brien died in a car crash and immediately like good Irish men went straight to Heaven for orientation. "When your in caskets and your friends and family are mourning you" they were asked,

"What would you like to hear them say about you?" "I would like to hear them say that I was a fine singer and a great man" O'Brien said. "I would like to hear them say "I was a wonderful friend to all" says Murphy. And I says Pat "I would like to hear them say, look he's moving!!!"

Bridget Jr. called home to tell her parents that Murphy had passed his medical exams and they were going to get married next week. But don't you think you ought to wait until he's been practicing for a year or two? But mother she replied-"We've Been Practicing!!!"



Pat asked Murphy had he heard about the Corkman who had an inferiority complex? He thought other people were nearly as good as he was!!!



... from the "Tom Porter Archives"





SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT

IAS Junior Princess 2016 **Gabby Brown**, granddaughter of our Secretary **Cheryl Brown**, just performed on violin as part of an orchestra concert in Virginia Beach. Cheryl says she practiced her little fingers off and did a great job. You go, Gabby!

IAS Junior Princess 2015, **Olivia Sandoval**, granddaughter of our Treasurer **Kate Sandoval**, performed in the production of "Hairspray, Jr." at Green Run High School May 11 - 14. The comedic musical, which was adapted for younger students, was put on by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from Old Donation & Kemps Landing Middle School. Congratulations to Olivia on a fantastic performance!



May 6, 2016, at "Change of Command" Ceremony when, **Commander Joseph Bromley** became the new Commanding Officer (C.O.) of the **USS McFaul**, a Navy Destroyer, DDG-74. In photo is his father **Mike Bromley** a retired Senior Chief! The ship was commissioned in 1998, named after Navy Seal Donald McFaul, who died during operations in Panama, 1989. Congratulations to Mike & Mary Ann Bromley



IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER
ELECTIONS HELD AT MAY 2016 MEETING MEET THE NEW OFFICERS



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Katie first joined the Irish American Society of Tidewater in 2003 when she was working as a waitress at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub in Virginia Beach. Shortly after attending her first event, she was hooked! Although she and her family are originally from Maryland, Katie has strong ties to the Tidewater Irish community. She danced with The Rhythm of Ireland from 1996 - 1999, performed at Busch Gardens Williamsburg dancing and singing Irish songs from 2001 - 2003, and represented Tidewater in the D.C. Rose of Tralee competition in 2005 & 2006. After living and working in D.C. for six years, she is so happy to be back in Virginia Beach and an active member in the IAS once again! She lives with her husband, Matt, and dog, Murphy, and currently works as an Accountant for the Navy in Norfolk.

Sr. Vice President

Jackie Trudell

I live in Virginia Beach with my two boys, Scott (19) and Stephen (17). Stephen is a Junior at Kellam HS. I am originally from Syracuse, NY. My Grandparents Hugh and Susan Fay came from Caven County, Ireland in 1927 to join family in Upstate NY.

I have worked as an accountant for over 25 years now, and currently work for a government contractor in Chesapeake VA. In addition to the Irish Society, I play on the Camogie team, Cumann Na Mban. And am also the treasurer for the team.

Recording Secretary
Cheryl Mulliken-Brown

I am a mother of three and have three grandchildren. I have been married for 30 years, and we have lived in this area for almost 18 years. I am originally from the Boston area and have lived in several states and Germany, as my husband was active duty in the Army. I worked for the American Federation of Government Employees, (AFGE), Local 53, as a union steward and recording secretary and then as the office manager. I recently graduated from T.C.C with my paralegal degree.

Treasurer

Kate Sandoval

I have been a member of the IAS since Feb. 2013. I am a retired Oncology nurse. I have 2 children and 2 grand children-including Olivia Sandoval who is a IAS Princess 2015. My hobbies include family genealogy, cake decorating, sewing and gardening. I have also been a volunteer with Cancer care foundation since retiring. We make and serve lunch to patients and family members while they are getting treatment at the out patient offices. I also belong to the Virginia Beach Genealogy Society. I have traced my mothers family back to County Cavan in the late 1890's. Still working on the rest of the family. I have been to Ireland once and would love to go back especially if I find out where the rest of the family came from. I want to thank the previous board for their support in continuing in the role of Treasurer.

Jr. Vice President
Caroline Morse:

Caroline has always celebrated her Irish culture and is so happy to be a member of the IAS board. She danced with The Rhythm of Ireland in Virginia Beach, was a founding member of the Cumann na mBan Camogie Team, and has been a member of the IAS for several years. Caroline's true calling is teaching and is a beloved third grade teacher at Luxford Elementary School in Virginia Beach. Some of her hobbies include wildlife photography, knitting, and kayaking.

Financial Secretary

Sheila Hetherington-Smith

Haven't been too involved with IAS but I am on the Camogie team. I have been married for 23 years, my husband is Kevin and my oldest daughter Riley is 21 and going to graduate from Averett University this December. My youngest daughter is a full time student at TCC and works for Barnes and Noble part time as a barista! I am a Hospital Corpsman in the Navy.

I like to read, play camogie, travel, and spend time with the family. I spent 20 days in Ireland in 2014 and travelled all over the country. My family have roots in Donegal and Cork.