



The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News February 2018

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:
FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the

Church of the Ascension
Community Center
4855 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

To my fellow Irish American Society members:

It feels like ages since I have seen you all, and I am looking forward to our next meeting on February 1st! I am very sorry that I was unable to attend the Celtic Cousin's Christmas Ceili. My dear uncle and godfather passed away unexpectedly in early December, and I traveled down to Texas to be with my aunt, cousins, and our extended family. It has been a difficult and exhausting year for me, losing two beloved uncles and welcoming my first child while saying farewell to sleep. Thank you all for your patience, help, and kindness throughout it all.

All of the reports I've heard of the Christmas Ceili have been excellent, though, and I am so happy it was a success! Thank you to our new Vice-President, **Debra Taylor-Kelly**, and to the rest of the IAS board for stepping up and helping make the party such a success.

February is a short month but an important one... This is the month we prepare for March festivities!

Finnegan's Wake, is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10th** at the Church of the Ascension. Mike Bromley will be on selling tickets at the February meeting: \$15 for Adults and \$10 Children under 12. Mike will not be keeping track of who is sitting where, so please purchase all your tickets at one time to ensure your group will sit together. I was not able to attend FW last year as Colin was born just a few days earlier, but my whole family is looking forward to partying it up with you all this year!

The annual **Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade** will actually be ON St. Patrick's Day this year, **Saturday, March 17th**! How cool is that! The IAS will need volunteers to carry the banner and flags and to walk in the parade. We will have a sign-up sheet for flag carriers at the February meeting that will then be posted on the IAS Facebook page. There is limited room to ride in the Irish Cottage. See **Jack Kennedy** if you are interested! We will also need volunteers to join the Paddy Pack (for all of our dog lovers) and represent the IAS by walking in the parade!

Please remember that **2018 membership dues are now due AND that they have increased to \$30/family (in the same household) and \$25/individual!** Membership forms (for new and renewing members) are available at meetings, on the IAS website, and on the IAS Facebook page. Among other things, these dues help the IAS produce and send our monthly newsletter, provide beverages at meetings, and pay the rental fee(s) for our monthly meetings. Beginning in March, anyone who has not paid 2018 dues will not receive a newsletter in the mail.

Our next meeting and social hour will be held on **Thursday, February 1st**. We will have much to discuss with Finnegan's Wake and the parade around the corner! **We will also have a few IAS sweatshirts (\$30) and hats (\$20) available for sale.** Both would be perfect for showing your IAS pride in the Norfolk parade this year, so get them while you can!

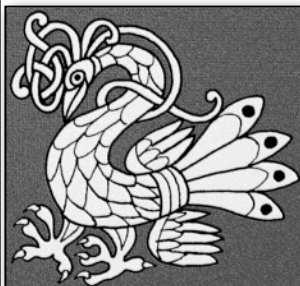


Sláinte,

Katie McCrory

The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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Virginia Beach, VA
23450



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CELTIC KITCHEN



IRISH SODA BREAD

by Betsy Rivers-Kennedy

Betsy's Irish + Scotch Soda Bread

4 cups King Arthur Flour (can be $\frac{1}{2}$ whole wheat)

3 tbs. Sugar

1 tsp. Salt

1 tsp. Baking Powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. Baking Soda

4 tbs. Butter

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cups Raisins

1 tsp Caraway Seeds

2 tbs. Scotch

2 Eggs

1 Cup Buttermilk

Preheat oven
to 400°

1. In small bowl
mix raisins, Scotch
and caraway seeds

2. Combine Flour, sugar,
salt, baking powder and
soda in a bowl. Cut or
rub in butter until the
mixture resembles bread
crumbs. Stir in raisin
mixture.

3. Beat eggs and stir all but 1 tbs., to buttermilk
Add wet to dry ingredients. Mix till it forms
a ball; place in well greased 8" dish or cake pan.

4. Brush top with remaining egg + 1 tbs. sugar.

5. Cut a 4" cross in top of dough.

6. Bake 45 to 50 minutes.



IRISH ABROAD



Submitted by **Lynnette Fitch Brash**

IAS former president **Lynnette Fitch Brash** and hubby **Edward** spent an amazing holiday season in Scotland in between academic semesters. Some highlights included attending the beautiful wedding of their dear friends **Karen & David Hamilton** at the University of Glasgow Chapel followed by the awesome wedding reception at Bocclair House, checking out the fun and festive Christmas Markets in both Glasgow and Edinburgh, spending a magical white Christmas in the highlands, spending time with two of Edward's cousins and their spouses, and watching the Hogmanay fireworks over Edinburgh Castle.



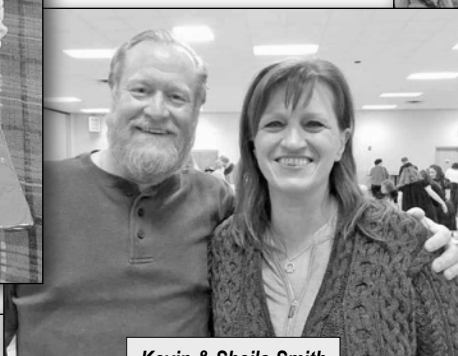
COMBINED IAS/SST/SAS CHRISTMAS CEIL
THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017
(IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY/SCOTTISH SOCIETY
OF TIDEWATER/ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY)



Laurie M. Macpherson
& Debra Taylor-Kelly



Glasgow Kiss



Kevin & Sheila Smith



Catherine Twomey, Cheryl Brown
& Karen Twomey



Michael Lawler, Joe Brady, Lori Shea, Mary Ann Brady,
Catherine & Karen Twomey & Lynette Gilmour Crouch

Photos by Lynnette Fitch Brash & Lori Shea





*Dawn Fitch Carragino, Lynnette Fitch Brash,
Jim Hagerty, Erin Morrissey, Sandy Archer &
Jennifer O'Connell*



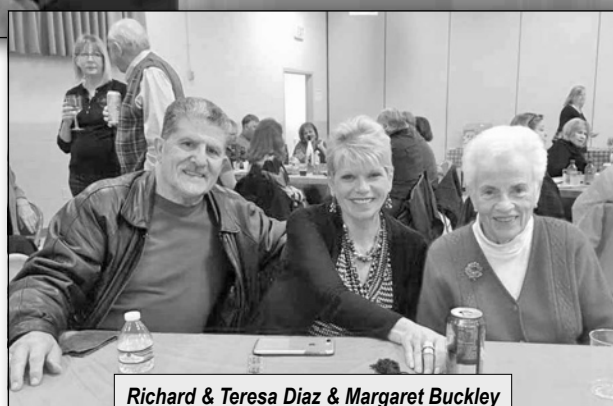
*Lynnette Fitch Brash, Dawn Fitch Carragino Jennifer O'Connell,
Sandy Archer, Cheryl Brown, Debra Taylor Kelly & Erin Morrissey*



Lynnette Fitch Brash & Catherine Twomey



*Maureen and Frank Honore, Richard & Teresa Diaz
& Margaret Buckley, John & Mary Ryan*



Richard & Teresa Diaz & Margaret Buckley



*Pam & Jim Hagerty and their grandson
& Ann Marie Donahue*



ST. BALDRICK'S DAY 2018

Hello Friends,

First, I hope everyone's Christmas and New Year's was most enjoyable with your family and friends.

This is my annual request to you in hopes of your continued support of this worthy cause towards funding the promising research of finding cures for childhood cancers. I have once again volunteered to have my head shaved in support of raising funds for childhood cancer research. I do it in honor of **José Andres Hernandez** who we lost at age 14 in September 2009 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Over the years we, together, have done an excellent job in raising funds in support of such a worthy cause. Providing the funding needed to find the cures for the many childhood cancers so that all children can live the childhood they are suppose to and their parents and relatives can enjoy their children's many achievements. I cannot accomplish this without your support so please donate today. All donations count, both large and small are greatly appreciated.



As we move into our second decade in support of St. Baldrick's effort towards finding a cure for childhood cancer I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly look back on what we've accomplished. Together over the ten years we have raised over \$13,000 and have spurred younger generations to get involved. As many of you already know my daughters and grandkids frequently volunteer. Just last year alone my three grandsons raised over \$1,800 themselves and two of them donated their hair for wigs. They are taking this year off as all three of them are letting their hair grow long enough once again to donate. This year it's the girls turn as both my daughters and granddaughter are participating with my granddaughter going all the way "BALD". More power to her. You can find all three of them on the **Yes Way, Jose!** team's web page.

The research support that St. Baldrick's has provided has lead to a number of new FDA approved drugs to fight these cancers.

Your contributions are tax-deductible as allowed to the extent allowed by law.

You can contribute toward my goal in one of three ways:

- By donating online at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/938067/2018> (This is my personal shavee page).
- By calling toll free at 888-899-BALD (2253).
- By printing out and returning the attached donation form (*my participant information is already printed on the form*). (See next page for form)

You can further assist me in reaching this goal by forwarding this message on to anyone and everyone whom you think might be interested in helping to support this worthy cause. To see how the **Yes Way, Jose!** team is doing please visit our page at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/115837/2018>.

To learn more about our local event that's happening on **Saturday, 24 February 2018**, starting at 9:00AM and going until 1:00PM, at the Westin hotel at Town Center in Virginia Beach, please visit the event website at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/8040/2018>.

To learn more general information about what **St. Baldrick's** is all about, please visit their website at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/>. Visit this link <http://www.stbaldricks.org/financials> to see how the funds raised over the past several years have been used to date. Thank you for taking a little time out of your busy day to read my request for your support towards this worthy cause.

Your support
is greatly appreciated,

Scott MacGregor





Donation Form

Want your donation posted to the website faster?
Give by credit card online at StBaldricks.org or by
phone at 888.899.BALD (2253).

Scott MacGregor

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Name of Recipient: Participant / Fundraiser / Memorial / Hero Fund

Recipient ID#

2018

Yes Way, Jose!

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Event Year

Team Name

Team ID#

Event Title

Event ID#

Donation

Amount: \$

☐ This is an anonymous gift. (Only the recipient will see your name.)

☐ Please make this gift:

☐ **Check** Make checks payable to **St. Baldrick's Foundation**.
Please write the recipient ID# in the memo line
of your check.

In Memory of:

or

In Honor of:

☐ **Cash** **Please do not mail cash.** Turn in your donation to
the recipient or at the event.

Recognition name to display on website:

Donor Information

Name of Business / Organization / Foundation (if applicable)

Prefix

First Name

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Last Name

Job Title

Email

☐ Home

☐ Work

Address

City

State

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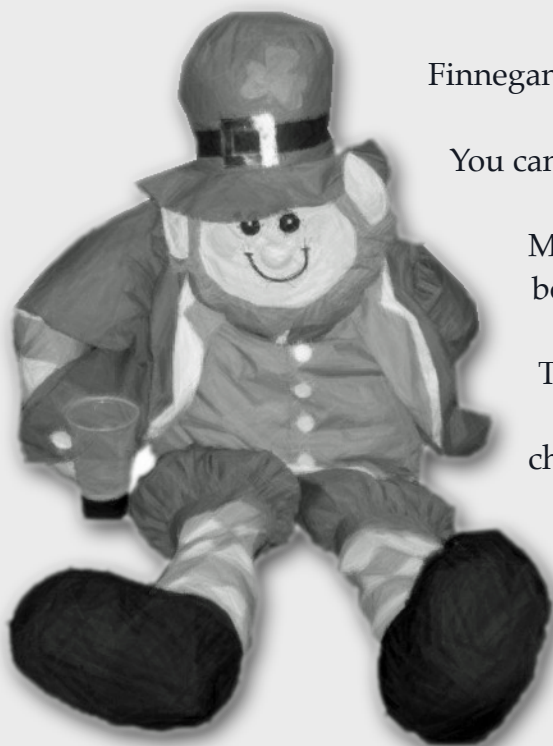
Double Your Donation!

Many companies support charitable giving by matching employee donations. For more information, check with your
Human Resources Department or email MatchingGifts@StBaldricks.org.

Donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. IRS nonprofit ID# 20-1173824.

Please return this completed form with your donation to the recipient or mail it directly to St. Baldrick's Foundation:

1333 S. Mayflower Ave., Suite 400, Monrovia, CA 91016 | 888.899.BALD | 626.792.8247



FINNEGAN'S WAKE 2018

Finnegan's Wake (Saturday, March 10, 2018) tickets will be for sale at the February meeting.

You can also call Mike Bromley at 757-572-2835 (cell) or 757- 471-2007 (landline) to reserve them.

Mike will NOT be keeping track of seating (who bought which seats, who is sitting where, etc.), so please buy all of your tickets together.

Tickets are \$15/
adults & \$10/
children under 12.

FINNEGAN'S WAKE

MARCH 10TH 2018
Performing once again! By Popular demand



MENU

IRISH STEW
CORNED
BEEF
CABBAGE
POTATOES
SODA BREAD

Irish Music
Irish Dancers



Adults \$15.00
Children \$10.00
Cash Bar **No refunds**
Doors open at 6:30 PM

IAS ANNUAL DUES
\$25 for Individuals
\$30 for Families

As per the IAS by-laws, the annual dues are due each January, and they cover that calendar year, ending December 31st, no matter when during the year you join. Membership dues help pay for our liability insurance, newsletter expenses, the charities we support and our St. Patrick's Day parade floats and festival banners, etc.

*You may download
membership forms on our
website: IRLUSA.ORG
or on Facebook.*

**A REMINDER:
TO KEEP THESE
NEWSLETTERS COMING
- PAY YOUR DUES !**

Irish American Society
Please Note: Your IAS membership dues are due each January, and they cover that calendar year, ending December 31st, no matter when during the year you join.

New Member _____ If new, how did you hear about the IAS?

Renewal _____ If renewing IAS membership, approximately how long have you been a member?

Type of Membership: Individual - \$25.00 annual dues _____ **Family** - \$75.00 annual dues _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ Children (under 18): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I would like my Name, Address, Phone, and E-mail to be released to other IAS members. Yes/No _____
(I agree through my e-mail address address that you do NOT want shared with other IAS members.)

Please complete the information above and return this form to the IAS postoffice/office. Yes/No _____
P.O. Box 9634
Virginia Beach, VA 23460

On hand it is to the IAS Financial Secretary (Edward Walsh) at a meeting.

We need this form completed to ensure we have the current information on everyone in the society, even if you were already a member. Please sign and be assigned within this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Signature (Edward Walsh) for receipt for use: _____ Thank you for your patience as we work to the improved contact.

IAS meeting: _____

Financial Secretary: _____ Postcard Mailing List: _____ Group Email List: _____ Membership List: _____