



# The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News

April 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:**  
**APRIL 5, 2018**  
*\*\* This year, the May meeting will take place upstairs in the front part of Church of the Ascension. \*\**

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

Happy Spring, Irish American Society!!!

What a fantastic St. Patrick's Day Season we had! So many incredible, talented, and resourceful members, family, and friends helped to make each event in March a success that if I tried to thank each and every person by name, I would inevitably leave someone off. However, there are some big "THANK YOUs" that I have to say:

- **Mike Bromley, Lisa Liedl**, and all the volunteers who organized, set up, and ran Finnegan's Wake
- **Glasgow Kiss, Walker Academy of Irish Dance**, and **Crossroads Ceili** for awesome FW performances
- **Jack & Betsy Kennedy, Jim Hagerty, Terry Fahey, Joe & Mary Ann Brady, Michael Lawler** and **Lori Shea** for getting our floats parade-ready.
- **Jack Kennedy, Michael Boyd**, and **Joe Brady** for being our parade drivers.
- **Joe Brady** for finding a new home for the Irish Cottage(!) and **Jack Kennedy** for temporarily housing the Paddy Wagon. (We really need a new home for the Wagon! Looking for assistance/leads!)
- **Lori Shea** and **Jim Hagerty** for creating the beautiful tribute to **Jim Ramsey** on the Paddy Wagon.
- **Jim Hagerty** for organizing the flags at FW and the parade and **Teresa & Richard Diaz** for leading flag sign-ups.
- All the IAS members and friends that looked SO amazing marching in the Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade!!!

March was definitely a whirlwind, but we created some fantastic fun memories. I'm already looking forward to next year!

Speaking of next year (or the next two years to be more specific), at our monthly meeting on **Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, the IAS will hold an election to vote in new board members.**

**IAS ELECTIONS**  
to be held  
May 3rd, 2018

The newly elected officers will assume their offices at the end of the May meeting. Our elections always take place during the May meeting of even-numbered years, as per our by-laws. **\*\* This year, the May meeting and election will take place upstairs in the front part of Church of the Ascension due to a scheduling conflict. \*\***

You must have your 2018 dues paid in order to nominate, run as a candidate, and/or vote, so please make sure you officially join at the April meeting. (It's not too late!) You must be present at the May meeting to vote or to be a candidate. If you want to nominate someone to run for office, please contact the Nominations Chair, **Lynnette Fitch Brash**, at [L.Fitch.Brash@gmail.com](mailto:L.Fitch.Brash@gmail.com). Make sure you have asked your nominee in advance whether he or she is willing to serve.

I want to close this letter by sharing how much I appreciate and admire our members. Whenever there is a crisis, a problem to be solved, or a party to be made, this membership consistently goes above and beyond to make things happen. Being a member of and a witness to this community makes me want to be a better, more patient, more generous person because that is what I see and feel from so many of you. I am honored to serve as President of such an impressive organization.

See you all at our next meeting and social hour on **Thursday, April 5th.**

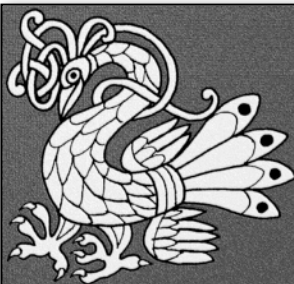
Sláinte,

*Katie McCrory*



## The Irish American Society of Tidewater

P.O. Box 9614  
Virginia Beach, VA  
23450



### OFFICERS

#### President

Katie McCrory

#### Sr. Vice President

Debra Taylor-Kelly

#### Jr. Vice President

Caroline Morse

#### Treasurer

Kate Sandoval

#### Recording Secretary

Cheryl Mulliken Brown

#### Financial Secretary

#### Past President

Joseph Brady

#### Membership

Betsy Kennedy

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

Jim Hagerty

#### HOSPITALITY

#### Volunteers Needed

#### NEWSLETTER

Lori Shea, editor  
lorishea@aol.com

#### Sunshine Bulletin

email Lori Shea

#### INTERNET NEWS

Vera Dotson

#### WEBMASTER

Michael Lawler

#### WEB SITE

IRLUSA.org  
look for us on  
Facebook!



### IAS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Wednesday, March 14th 2018

Glasgow Kiss was playing at

Grace O'Malley's

Irish Pub & Restaurant, Norfolk, Virginia

and Debra Taylor-Kelly

was taking applications!



Mary Ann Bromley &  
Mary Ann Brady

IAS MEMBERS WITH  
ASCENSION PARISH  
MEMBERS  
GETTING READY FOR -

FINNEGAN'S  
WAKE

MARCH 10,  
2018



Behind the camera - Debra Taylor Kelly



Lori Shea & Cheryl Brown

### MOBILE APPLIANCE REPAIR INC.

AC/HEAT • Refrigeration • Appliances  
Same or Next Day Service

757.403.6334

Certified Licensed & Insured  
789 Seahawk Cir. Suite 109  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Fax: 757.427.6385

Your Ad  
Here?  
Contact Lori  
Shea for details



### Mid-Atlantic Boat Storage

and Automotive Repair

Bubba  
Owner

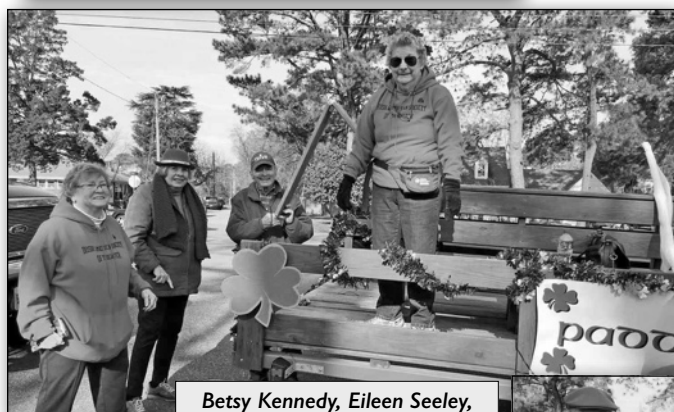
1732 Potters Rd. Phone (757) 425-5515 Cell: 406-0024  
VA Beach, VA 23454 Mon-Fri 8am to 7pm Saturday 8am to 5pm



2018  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE  
NORFOLK, VA  
MARCH 17, 2018



Mary Ann Brady & Lori Shea



Betsy Kennedy, Eileen Seeley,  
Jack Kennedy & Kate Sandoval



Michael & Jim Hagerty



Ed & Kathy Ramsey



Eadlyn Crouch, Caroline  
Morse, Lynette Crouch  
& Joe Brady





# FINNEGAN'S WAKE

MARCH 10,  
2018



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IRISH PRINCESSES FOR 2018

EADLYN CROUCH - JUNIOR PRINCESS  
CAROLINE MORSE - ADULT PRINCESS



Matt, Colin & Katie McCrory,  
Maureen Morse & Caroline Morse



Katie Morse, Eadlyn  
Crouch & Sandy Archer



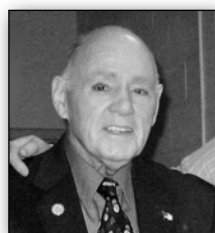
Kathy Ramsey, Lori Shea  
& Jim Hagerty



2018 Junior Princess, Eadlyn Crouch &  
2014 Li' Miss Princess Caelin Warren



Lynette & Eadlyn  
Crouch



the late Jim Ramsey -  
out of uniform!



Irish Princesses Reunion  
Erin Morrissey, Maureen Cahill, Mary Fien, Maggie Wilcox,  
Lynnette Fitch Brash & Lisa Hunt Burgess



Crossroads Ceili

There are more photographs of the parade  
to come in next month's issue. If anyone has additional  
photos please send them to the editor.

For photographs in this issue, our thanks go to:  
Lynnette Fitch Brash, Katie Morse, Mary Ann Bromley,  
Maureen Cahill & Heather Warren



The Crouch Sisters & Finnegan



Karen Twomey, Kathy Ramsey, Catherine Twomey,  
Mary Ann Brady & Joe Brady



Mike & Mary Ann Bromley



Katie Morse & Colin



Debra Taylor-Kelly Jennifer O'Connell & Sandy Archer



Betsy & Jack Kennedy



Cheryl Brown &  
Eileen King Walker



Lynnette Fitch Brash, Maureen Cahill, Lisa Hunt Burgess  
Caroline Morse, Sandy Archer & Erin Morrissey





## CU CORNER



*Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash*

CEAD MILE FAILTE to the newest member of our IAS Paddy Pack, **Rua Williams!** **Tamara Cervi Williams** (our 2003 IAS Adult Princess) & hubby **Rob** picked up baby girl Rua in mid-February and brought her back to their home in Florida.

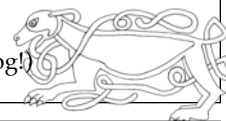
When they brought her home at 8 weeks, she weighed 12 pounds, but she will be 40-55 pounds full grown. Rua is a red labradoodle, and her name means "red" in Irish. Labradoodles are bred by crossing a Labrador retriever with a poodle. They are smart, friendly, and hypoallergenic. Rua is a lovely wee girl, and I can't wait to meet her in person someday!



**Hear all the latest about our Hibernian hounds!**

**Feel free to submit news and/or pictures relating to Irish breed or Irish-owned dogs!**

(Note: Cu is Gaelic for dog!)



## BARTENDER'S CHOICE



*Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash*

If you are still doing jello shooters for parades or festivals, that is so 2017! The cool kids have moved on to pudding shooters.

**Darcie**, one of **Scott Macgregor's** lovely twin daughters, introduced me to these (pictures attached). Before you turn your nose up at the idea of a pudding shooter, let me assure you that I tried one of the Coconut Cream ones, and it was absolutely DELICIOUS!!! I do not know where she got the recipes from, but I am very glad she shared them with me, and I am, in turn, sharing them with you. Just mix all ingredients, dollop into plastic shot containers and put caps on, and then place in refrigerator to set. Perhaps in larger portions, they would make a scrumptious adult parfait for your family Easter dinner. The basic recipe is so easy; you could also mix other flavors of pudding and other liqueurs to get other recipes. Enjoy!



### Chocolate Fudge Pudding Shots

1 box (3.5 ounce) chocolate fudge instant pudding  
 ½ cup Bailey's Irish Cream  
 ½ cup Kahlua (or Godiva Chocolate liqueur)  
 1 cup milk  
 1 tub Cool Whip, thawed

### Coconut Cream Pudding Shots

1 box (3.5 ounce) coconut cream instant pudding  
 1 cup coconut rum  
 1 cup milk  
 1 tub Cool Whip, thawed

### Orange Creamsicle Shots

1 box (3.5 ounce) vanilla instant pudding  
 1/8 cup (30 mil) Frangelico  
 ½ cup orange vodka  
 1 cup milk  
 1 tub Cool Whip, thawed



## ST. BALDRICKS 2018

*Submitted by Scott MacGregor*

My daughters, **Darcie** and **Jamie**, granddaughter, **Em** and I just want to thank everyone for their support once again this year. All donations given go to a wonderful cause towards conquering childhood cancers through funding much needed research.

To read much more on what St. Baldrick's is and has been doing please visit the blog at: [www.stbaldricks.org/blog](http://www.stbaldricks.org/blog).

To see how the **Yes Way, Jose!** team is doing please visit our page at

[www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/115837/2018](http://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/115837/2018).

For this year's event to date the four of us have raised over \$3,000, plus each of the girls donated their hair to either "Pantene beautiful lengths" for adults or "Wigs for Kids" for children. The "Wigs for Kids" organization has since recognized Emmy with a certificate for her donation.



Just raising funds was not enough for little **Ms Em**, just 8-1/2 years old at event date, she also donated her shaved locks of hair to "Wigs for Kids". In the weeks leading up to the event she convinced her mother, **Darcie**, to go all the way to BALD, not just a pixie cut. Em's **Aunt Jamie** was more difficult and held out until shave time. Dad helped out with a challenge that if she'd go all the way that he would give another \$100 to the cause. The room took that and double it so by going all the way Aunt Jamie raise an additional \$207 on the spot. Both Darcie and Jamie's donated hair will be going to "Pantene beautiful lengths" who create free, real-hair wigs for women with cancer.

**Way to GO ladies, you are strong and brave. Dad is very proud of each of you.**

Since going bald my girls have been great ambassadors for St Baldrick's and conquering childhood cancers. They are often asked why they are bald or why they shaved their heads. They have no problem providing insight and answers.



So some of you may be questioning what happened to my three grandsons who last year donated their hair. Well they are on another quest to grow their hair long and donate it again next year. You'll see them in a few of the pictures with their shaggy heads.

At this point I am within reach of raising \$1,500, I just need \$165 more. With the help of our Irish society



members we can easily raise \$85 which would then be matched by the society. \$85 is not the limit, just a goal. You all are the GREATEST!

Thanks,

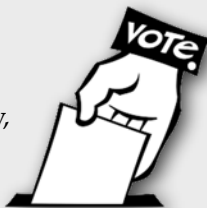
Scott  
MacGregor





## IAS ELECTIONS 2018

At our monthly meeting on Thursday, May 3rd, 2018, the IAS will be voting on those who will lead us through the next two years. The newly elected officers will assume their offices at the end of the May meeting. Our elections always take place during the May meeting of even-numbered years, as per our by-laws. **This year, the May meeting & election will take place upstairs in the front part of Ascension due to a scheduling conflict.**



We are inviting nominations for the following:

- President - open
- Senior Vice President (**Debra Taylor Kelly**, incumbent, is running)
- Junior Vice President - open
- Treasurer (current President, **Katie Morse McCrory**, is running)
- Financial Secretary - open
- Recording Secretary - open

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

You must have your 2018 dues paid in order to nominate, run as a candidate, and/or vote. You must be present at the May meeting to vote or to be a candidate. If you want to nominate someone to run for office, please contact the Nominations Chair, **Lynnette Fitch Brash**, at [L.Fitch.Brash@gmail.com](mailto:L.Fitch.Brash@gmail.com). Make sure you have asked your nominee in advance whether he or she is willing to serve.

Any new candidates as well as any incumbents running opposed are encouraged to submit to the Nominations Chair a paragraph or two (maximum one page) detailing previous experience and training that could benefit the IAS. I will be emailing a compilation of all the nominees received by the end of April to Lori for the May newsletter and to Katie to circulate by email to the membership prior to the election. Copies will also be available at the May election meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the May meeting by any current IAS member.



Joe Brady & William



The Paddy Pack

2018  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
PARADE  
NORFOLK, VA  
MARCH 17, 2018