



# The Irish Connection

The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

May 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:  
MAY 5, 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,

It is hard to believe April is here and gone already, but I am looking forward to warm weather and planning some outside activities. Our President, **Joe Brady** is still under the weather but doing better. We all look forward to his return.

Our Breakfast at the VFW was a lot of fun, it gave us the opportunity to enjoy telling stories and getting to know each other better. We had a great turn out, even Joe and MaryAnn Brady came out for a short while to greet us. We had several old friends and a couple of new ones, too. And we are hoping JJ's fiancé Debra enjoyed it and will come back to join us. The food was wonderful as well and I highly recommend that breakfast to all.

At the breakfast we got a few ideas for new topics; we will be working together on those for

future meetings. It is always nice to hear thoughts on the meetings and presentations.

For May's Meeting **Lisa Burgess** will be speaking on the **History of Irish Dance** and explaining to us the different types of dance and dance steps.

I will be heading to Charleston this weekend for our first Hurling and Camogie tournament of the year. I will be sure to update everyone on how we make out. The Hurling Team won the Tournament last year so we are hoping for a repeat performance! Wish us luck.

On a business note, don't forget elections will be held at this meeting. All registered members can vote. So if you have not paid your dues yet, please do so before the elections.

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.

**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.**

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 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 list of candidates:\*

President - **Katie Morse McCrory**

Vice President - **Jackie Trudell**

2nd Vice President - **Open**

Treasurer - **Sheila Smith**

Financial Secretary - **Caroline Morse**

Secretary - **Cheryl Mulliken Brown**

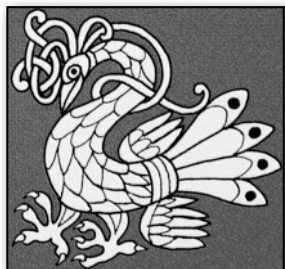
If you wish to nominate someone to run for office, please contact **Mike Bromley** ([TheBrom@verizon.net](mailto:TheBrom@verizon.net)).



\*(The current list of candidates as we print this newsletter)

## The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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### MEETING MARCH 2016

Jackie Trudell gave a talk on the Centennial of Ireland's Easter Rising of 1916. She was ably assisted by Jack Kennedy, who read the original proclamation.



From the pages of **IrishCentral**



In Dublin last month, for Easter proper, the 1916 Centenary was celebrated in Dublin and throughout Ireland.

Photo by: RollingNews.ie







## 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 Rebecca Conti, Lynnette Fitch Brash, & Heather Hanchett Burns*

We are deeply sorry to report that a founding and beloved member of our **IAS & Friends Paddy Pack**, beautiful and gentle Scottish deerhound **Piper**, has passed over the Rainbow Bridge. Piper, along with **Rebecca Conti's** Irish Wolf Hounds (Einstein is pictured below with Piper), was always a hugely popular part of our Paddy Pack in the Ocean View St. Patrick's Day parade each year. Sincere condolences to his human family: **Brian Mason, Tori Stamps, and Reese.**

Last fall, Brian was walking Piper in Norfolk when an elderly man hit them with his car as they were crossing the street. Piper took the hit; his legs were cut up, and there was bleeding from his nose. Brian got him to the ER Vet asap. Miraculously, Piper sustained no fractures to his legs, head, or front end but was treated for road rash.

Subsequently, Piper was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in a front leg. Despite all of the loving care from his family and the expert help of vets and hospice, he continued to decline, and, at the end of April, he passed.

Sweet Piper, you were very loved and will be greatly missed. Run free, handsome boy.



## IRISH ABROAD



Long-time IAS member **Tamara Cervi** will be joining her partner **Rob** in Nottingham, UK, this month! Yes, as in Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham! Rob has been stationed there for work, and Tamara is taking a sabbatical from her job in Florida to cross the pond with him, planning to stay for most if not all of the rest of 2016. This puts her in easy striking range to make frequent trips to Ireland to visit family. Look for pictures in future newsletters after she gets settled.

While being based in Glasgow, IAS Immediate Past President **Lynnette Fitch Brash** and husband **Edward** have had the good fortune to visit Dublin, Ireland; Venice & Trento, Italy; and the Isle of Skye in the Scottish Hebrides over the course of March and April! Look for an article from Lynnette on 1916 Easter Rising commemorations they have been able to attend in both Ireland and Scotland in a future newsletter.



*John & Donna McGlynn with Edward & Lynnette Brash in Glasgow*

IAS member **Donna Looney-McGlynn** and hubby **John** have also been jet setting recently! After flying to London to visit friends, they headed north for a family wedding in an amazing Tudor estate. Next they went hiking along Hadrian's Wall -- in sun, wind, rain, and even hail!!! The **McGlynn**s and the **Brashes** had a great weekend visit together in Glasgow catching up, and then John and Donna headed back down to London to see more friends and finally fly back to Virginia!



*John & Donna McGlynn hiking Hadrian's Wall*



*Edward & Lynnette Brash at Eilean Donan Castle in Scotland*





## IRELAND

*I called you by sweet names by wood and linn.  
You answered not because my voice was new.  
And you were listening for the hounds of Finn  
And the long host of Cugh.*

*And so, I came unto a windy height,  
And cried mu sorrow, but you heard no wind.  
For you were listening to small ships in flight.  
And the wail on the hills behind.*

*And the I left you, wandering the war  
Armed with will, from distant goal to goal.  
To find you at the last free as of yore.  
Or die to save your soul.*

*And the you called to us from far and near  
To bring your crown from out of the deeps of time.  
It is my grief your voice I couldn't hear  
In such a distant clime;*

**Francis Edward Ledwidge**

(19 August 1887 – 31 July 1917) was an Irish war poet from County Meath.

Sometimes known as the

"poet of the blackbirds,"

Having survived huge losses

sustained by his company in the Battle of Gallipoli, he was killed in action at the Battle of Passchendaele during World War I.

Lord Dunsany, was a writer and a man of letters who promoted him in Dublin, introduced him to W.B. Yeats, and published Ledwidge's work after his death. He commented on the work with words such as:

"[I was] astonished by the brilliance of that eye and that had looked at the fields of Meath and seen there all the simple birds and flowers, with a vividness which made those pages like a magnifying glass, through which one looked at familiar things for the first time."



submitted by Joe Brady

## OLIVIA SANDOVAL



## SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT



**Olivia Sandoval** Is a student at Old Donation Middle School in 7th grade where she was student of the month for December 2015. She also made the Principal's List this January. She performed this Spring at the Sandler Center and again in the All City Chorus. She will also be performing in the musical *Hairspray* at Old Donation this year. Olivia is being Inducted

Into the National Junior Honor Society on Wednesday, April 27th. **Kate Sandoval** is very proud of her granddaughter Olivia, who represented the IAS as Junior Princess for 2015 and we add our congratulations.





# IRISH BREAKFAST

VIRGINIA BEACH VFW  
APRIL 17, 2014



*Joe & Mary Ann Brady*



*Joe Brady, Karen & Catherine  
Twomey*



*Frank & Maureen Honore and their visitors.  
Maureen's cousin Maureen McGovern, of  
Glasnevin, Dublin and her daughter and  
granddaughter, Suzanne & Olivia Willard  
of New Bern, NC*

