



# The Irish Connection



The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

March 2017

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:  
MARCH 2, 2017

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 American Society members,

HAPPY MARCH to my fellow Irish American Society members!!!!

We have lots of exciting events coming up this month, so don't miss out! Join us for an **Irish Bake-Off** and ceili dancing at our next meeting on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This will be the last meeting before **Finnegan's Wake** on **Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** and the **Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Volunteers are still needed to carry flags and the IAS banner for the Norfolk parade.

If you are interested, please see **Jim Hagerty** at the next meeting, send an e-mail to [ias.tidewater@gmail.com](mailto:ias.tidewater@gmail.com), or see the sign-up sheet on the IAS Facebook page.

We will also need volunteers to join the Paddy Pack (for all of you dog lovers) and represent the IAS by walking in the parade! If you plan to walk your pup in the parade, please do NOT use a retractable leash. Irish gear for pups AND people is also strongly encouraged!

There is limited room to ride in the Paddy Wagon and Irish Cottage, as well, if you aren't able to walk the entire parade route. See **Jack Kennedy** if you are interested!

As in years past, the IAS will also be matching (up to \$125) donations made to the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Volunteers raise money and agree to have their head shaved at an annual event in support of raising funds for childhood cancer research. This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Westin in Town Center, Virginia Beach. This year will be **Scott MacGregor's** 10<sup>th</sup> year as a shavee and ambassador of this wonderful organization. He volunteers in honor of José Andres Hernandez, who we lost at age 14 in September 2009 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. You

may donate (to go towards the IAS matching) at the March IAS meeting.

If you have not already paid your **2017 annual membership fees**, they are now **PAST DUE!** Membership forms (for new and renewing members) are available at meetings, on the IAS website, and on the IAS Facebook page. Annual dues have not changed and are \$20 per person / \$25 per family (in the same household). For those members who do not pay their 2017 dues by the fourth week of April, newsletter delivery will be suspended until dues are paid. Our annual budget relies heavily on membership dues, so we appreciate your support!

Don't forget that our next meeting and social hour will be **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. March is the perfect time to invite friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to IAS events (since most people love St. Patrick's Day)!

The March meeting, Finnegan's Wake, or the Norfolk Parade may be *just* the right opportunity to connect with a potential new member, so don't be shy about sharing the Irish love!



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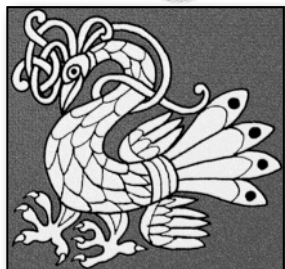
*Katie McCrory*



## Happy St. Patrick's Day

## The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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## SUNSHINE NEWS

Mary Ann Bromley saw Mary & John Ryan on February 18th at Church of the Ascension's "International Dinner." Mary always makes tons of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes for the "Ireland booth"

Good to see John looking well and he said things are healing fine.

Photo of John & Mary Ryan, with Maryann Hinds, and Cindy Laufer.



We have an additional bit of sad news this month. **Tamara Cervi's** mother **Dolores** is currently very ill at Chesapeake General and will start hospice care soon. Our prayers are with Tamara and her family.

Please notify **Lori Shea**, newsletter editor, at [lorishea@aol.com](mailto:lorishea@aol.com) if you would like a member to be included in sunshine news.

## CHKD - CHILD LIFE PROGRAM

### CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Please continue to support this program, which accepts donations of arts & craft supplies for hospitalized children. Bring any of the following items to the March Meeting.

Coloring books( non holiday and non religious)

Craft glue, Wooden craft kits,

Crayola paint and markers

Paint brushes-all sizes

Hasbro Play-Doh

Puzzles, Matchbox cars, Lego sets, Mega blocks

Barbie dolls, Action figures, children's books



Bubbles, Stickers, Batteries, stress balls

Sturdy items - No glass or brittle plastic or sharp edges.

No stuffed animals due to risk of infection.

No food or candy items.

No violent games or videos.

No guns, swords or fighting figures.

Items must be NEW and NOT be gift wrapped.

For more information see their website:  
[www.chkd.org/Support-Us/Other-Ways-to-Give/Donate-to-Child-Life](http://www.chkd.org/Support-Us/Other-Ways-to-Give/Donate-to-Child-Life)



Our condolences to Margaret Buckley and her family on the loss of her brother Patrick. He passed away on February 17th, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When Margaret was a child in New York, her mother was a nurse working odd hours. She was 8 years older than Patrick (the third of her brothers) and she was his "surrogate mother."

*submitted by Mary Ann Bromley*





## SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT



### A SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAY WISH TO RAY MARION

To honor his 90th Birthday this month, here is the "Spotlight" interview that Mary Ann Bromley did with Ray in September 2007.

#### Happy Birthday, Ray!

#### Ray Marion

Let's meet....

RAYMOND PATRICK MARION, better known as "Ray". In 1993 Ray saw an article in THE BEACON about The Irish American Society. There was a phone number to call for more information, so he did! He spoke to Tom Porter (former President) and decided to attend the meetings. He enjoyed everything about the I.A.S., eventually becoming the treasurer for 4 years and did a wonderful job!

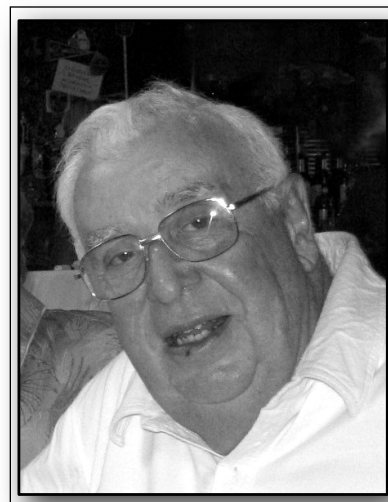
Ray was born in Scranton, Pa. on none other than ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1927. No wonder he has such a terrific IRISH name!! Both maternal and paternal great grandparents came from Ireland during the Irish famine in the 1840's and settled in Penna. Ray grew up in Archbald, Pa. with his brother and 2 sisters. His Dad was a coal miner and unfortunately died of black lung disease at age 51. His mother was a school teacher before she married and after Ray's Dad passed away, she went back to teaching in Catholic schools. Ray grew up during the Depression and remembers the hard times. When he was a teenager he was a cashier in Big Chief Supermarket in Pa. He remembers the customers using ration books during World War II.

Ray married Ann in 1950 and they had 8 children, 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Ray worked for 20 years at Eureka Printing Co. where he printed "S & H" green stamps, plus trading stamps of various kinds. When the company closed, he moved his family to North Philadelphia, where he worked for Zabel Brothers Printing

Co., printing baseball cards. In 1992 the Marion's moved to Va. Beach where their daughter and 2 sons lived. They liked it very much and decided to stay. Ray says "the weather is much nicer here than up North!" Ray and Ann were married 50 years. Shortly after their anniversary, Ann sadly passed away.

In November, 2003, Ray married Pat. Pat has 4 children and 6 grandsons. Together they have a VERY large family! Fantastic!! Ray and Pat took a cruise in 2006 and sailed over to Ireland, spending one day in Dublin and one day in Waterford. They also enjoyed seeing the beautiful country side. While in Ireland, they saw a replica of the ship that the Kennedy family sailed on when they came to America.

Ray is now enjoying his retirement. He loves to cook and told me making desserts are his favorite dishes to make. O.K. Ray, next meeting we are looking forward to one of your delicious goodies!! He also likes to swim in his in ground pool....wonder if he ever skinny dips?.....Ray used to play golf, but since back problems, he had to give this up. He does enjoy watching sports on T.V., especially the Phila. Phillies baseball games and Phila. Eagles football games. Ray and Pat are active members of Catholic Church of the Ascension. They both attend the Irish American Society meetings, Irish breakfasts at Murphy's, Finnegan's Wake and our picnics. They are truly a wonderful asset to our Society. May God continue to bless these two wonderful Irish folks!





## BARTENDER'S CHOICE

*Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash*

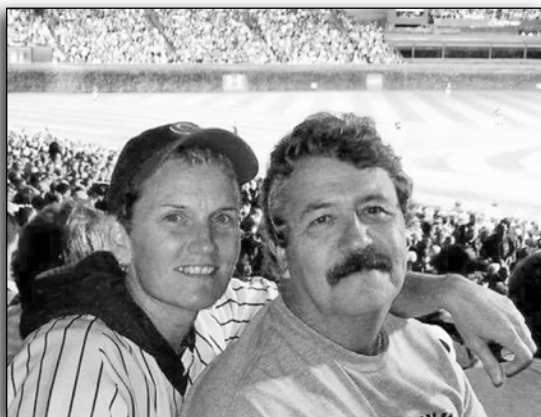
Just in time for Irish Month, we have two delicious cocktails brought to you courtesy of our own lovely **Debra Taylor-Kelly** and her niece **Michele Fischler**! Michele invented the following cocktail when she was a bartender at the **Claddagh Ring Pub** in Chicago. Debra says it is quite potent, hence the name!

### IRISH FUNERAL

1 part Vodka  
1 part Kahlua  
1 part Amaretto  
1 part Jameson  
2 parts Bailey's

Blend well in blender; serve chilled. Best if you store it in refrigerator overnight before serving. You can make it and shake it over ice to serve immediately, but that waters it down a bit, plus you have to have a really big shaker. Serve in chilled shot glasses or on the rocks in an Irish whiskey glass.

Here's another great drink recipe (or is it an Irish dessert?!) Debra posted on Facebook. She found it on IrishCentral.com.



### GUINNESS ICE CREAM FLOAT

3 cups Vanilla (or chocolate) Ice cCream  
1 can of Guinness  
1 (or more!!!) shot of Jameson  
Chocolate syrup  
Caramel  
Whipped cream

In blender, blend the first three ingredients. Drizzle chocolate syrup down sides of pint glass. Pour in the shake. Top with whipped cream and caramel.

There's a variation of that which I've had, and it is absolutely scrumptious!!! Put a couple scoops of coffee ice cream in a pint glass, pour in some Hershey chocolate syrup, and then fill the glass the rest of the way up with Guinness from a can. Soooooooooo good!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm sure everyone knows what to do with the extra Guinness. ;)

*It is fitting to kick off our first article in this new feature with a picture of our beloved John "JJ" Johnson, who was our official IAS mixologist, literally inventing drinks for us and teaching us classes about beer. He is pictured with his fiancée Debra Taylor-Kelly's niece, Michele Fischler. Here is Debra's comment about the picture. "I love the one of Michele and John... she treated him to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field during our visit to Chicago! He was absolutely thrilled because he had never been to Wrigley Field and it was on his bucket list!"*



## ART NOTES

### Calligraphy - Beyond Italic

with Betsy Rivers-Kennedy

Wednesday evenings, for five weeks  
beginning March 1, 2017  
from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

In this class, explore:

Vertical Alphabets  
Roman Caps  
Uncial (Celtic)  
Foundational Hand  
Humanist Book Hand  
Carolingian Hand

Tuition: \$125

at One 11 Art  
111 Pennsylvania Ave, Norfolk, VA 23504

contact Betsy at 757-625-8041





## CÚ CORNER



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

Many thanks to IAS Paddy Pack member **Rebecca Conti** for the picture of the wolfies by the King Neptune statue at the Virginia Beach oceanfront and to her daughter **Sofia** for the picture of the wolfies at the Botanical Gardens in Norfolk! We look forward to seeing many of these gorgeous hounds and their awesome peeps at the **Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade** in March!

We were fortunate to have a lot of really lovely weekends this February, and the local **Irish Wolf Hounds** and their friends were out and about enjoying themselves!





## ST. BALDRICK'S DAY 2017

Why donate to the annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser in support of childhood cancer research? Because all of our children deserve to enjoy their childhood and not have to cope with battling any form of cancer. Whether it is our child battling cancer or someone else's child; our combined efforts can make a difference in a child's life. St. Baldrick's is a young organization having been founded in 1999. In its short existence it has raised significant funds towards supporting research into many different approaches to finding cures. Since 2005 over \$200 million in grant funding of research projects has been awarded by St. Baldrick's. From these research projects many milestones have been accomplished. One such milestone as highlighted on their website is in "2015 when the FDA approved a new drug that drastically increases the cure rate for high-risk neuroblastoma patients. It's only the third approved drug in twenty years made specifically for kids with cancer."

Through our local event, held each March since at least 2007, I have supported or participated as a shavee as part of the Yes Way! Jose team. This will be my tenth year as a shavee, offering my hair in exchange for donations to this worthy cause. For all my years of support, St. Baldrick's has bestowed upon me the recognition of "Knight Commander". Through your gracious support over the years we have raised nearly \$11,000.

In recent years, since 2013, it has become a family event with my two daughters and four grandchildren joining me. One or more of my grandsons have participated each year since 2013. They are all recognized as a "Squire of Hope" by St. Baldrick's, meaning they have participated in at least three yearly events. In 2015 my daughters and granddaughter in addition to raising funds they each gave enough hair to make wigs for cancer patients. My oldest two grandsons have been working for the past two years to not only have their heads shaved this year but to also donate their hair for wigs. The grandkids alone have raised several thousand dollars towards this worthy cause.

Our children have a whole lifetime ahead of them, let's keep up the hard work to make it a happy one. I hope you can find it in your hearts to give what you can towards supporting the efforts involved in finding a cure for childhood cancer. All donations are tax deductible according to the extent allowed by the law.



2008, my first time under the clippers!

Donations can be made by visiting my donation page at [www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/882387/2017](http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/882387/2017). To see how the Yes Way! Jose team is doing or my three grandson's effort please visit the team page at [www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/110437/2017](http://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/110437/2017).

Thanks for all your support.  
Sincerely,  
**Scott MacGregor**



2009, i was an honored to be able to participate with the team.  
Jose is the second from left in the back row.  
Unbeknown to all of us this would be the last time we would have Jose physically with us in person. He is still with us in spirit.



**Scott MacGregor has joined the ranks of:  
Knight Commander**

Be it known to all that this participant has dedicated at least ten years of service to the St. Baldrick's Foundation helping kids with cancer throughout all the land.



**Squire of Hope**

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### COASTAL VIRGINIA (COVA) GAA (GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION) HAPPENINGS

*submitted by Donna Looney-McGlynn*

Busy days are ahead for your Coastal Virginia GAA! First off, congratulations to the newly elected 2017 Board! Bringing their experience from HRHC and CnamB Camogie and their love of the game, the Board members also have close ties to IAS!:

Chair: Jackie Trudell (current IAS Senior VP)

Vice chair: Ryan Norman (husband of Princess Rebecca Allison Norman and Dad of Little Princess, Ellie Norman)

Secretary: Donna Looney-McGlynn (current IAS Member)

Treasurer: Sheila Hetherington-Smith (current IAS Treasurer)

Public Relations Officer (PRO): Jason Wilson

Also on the Executive Board is camogie and hurling player Mandi Wolkowich, CnamB Player Representative. (The 2017 HRHC Player Rep hasn't been announced yet).

Second, there are lots of upcoming events for CoVA GAA! The hurling and camogie players of CoVA GAA are looking forward to marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 18 March.

The Spring Pub League will be starting soon so come out and

support your favorite players and join them for a beevy after the games at one of CoVA's fantastic sponsors (more details forthcoming!).

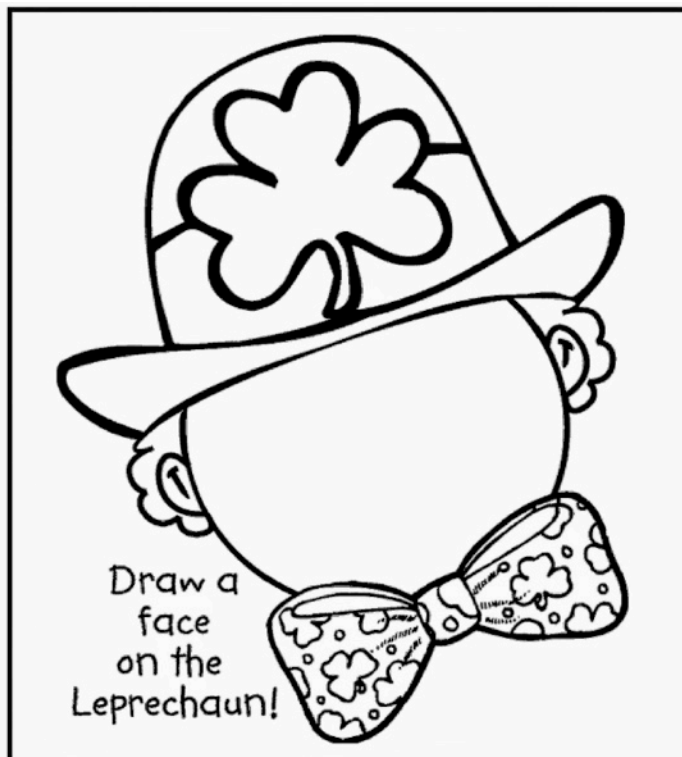
The weekend of 25-26 March, HRHC and CnamB will travel to Nashville for the Music City Tournament – CoVA's first tournament of the year! Both teams have been practicing very hard so give them a hearty "Good Luck" as they head off to represent us in Nashville.

Mark your calendars now for the best sports event all year – the 3rd Annual Coastal Virginia Cup! It will be held on 22 July at the same location – Princess Anne Sports Complex. CoVA looks forward to working with our IAS friends to once again put on a world class Tournament! Details to follow!

The 2017 CoVA GAA Board sends its thanks to the IAS for the years of support and looks forward to an amazing year of hurling and camogie – brought to you by your GAA right here



## CELTIC KIDS CORNER



## COLOR ME IRISH







# ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2017 SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

SIGN UP TO ADOPT A FLAG FOR  
THE PARADE!

**Jim Hagerty** is taking names.

Sign up with him to carry one of the  
flags

Represented are the the U.S. Flag,  
the Republic of Ireland Flag,  
the Provinces Flag, and  
the 32 County Flags.

email Jim at  
[jimbohagerty@gmail.com](mailto:jimbohagerty@gmail.com)



## PARADE ROUTE

The parade begins at Northside Middle School which is located at the corner of Westmont Ave and Granby Street. From that point it travels North on Granby, turns left at A View Ave, turns left on First View Street, and ends at the intersection of First View and Government Ave.

The parade route is  
approximately 1.5 miles.

## PARTY AFTER THE PARADE

Remember that the parade after-party, thrown by the Columbian Club of Ocean View, is held at the 211 W. Government Ave. There will be food, refreshments and live music. Come join the fun!

Check us out on the web at:  
[www.NorfolkParade.com](http://www.NorfolkParade.com)

