



The Irish Connection

The Irish American Society of Tidewater News

April 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:
APRIL 6, 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

To my fellow Irish American Society members:

Happy Spring, everyone!

As you all may have noticed, I wasn't able to attend Finnegan's Wake or the Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. I was disappointed to have to miss the March festivities but so happy to welcome my first child, Colin Edward McCrory, to the world on March 8th! It has been a whirlwind few weeks, but Colin, Matt, and I have been settling into our new routine at home. Colin can't wait to come to his first IAS meeting and meet all of you in a few months!

From what I've heard, Finnegan's Wake and Parade Day were huge successes! Thank you so much to all the volunteers who put in the time and effort setting up, decorating, and cleaning up! Special thanks to **Mike Bromley**, who does an amazing job coordinating Finnegan's Wake every year, and **Jim Hagerty**, who masterfully organized the IAS contingent at the Norfolk parade. Many more people helped so much this year, and I am so grateful for all of you! Thank you!

Although, we already kicked off the official New Year in January, I can't help but see March as the start of a new year for us Irish-Americans and a chance for a fresh start. Our new IAS Princesses, **Sandy Archer, Samantha Libasci, and Alyssa Libasci**, will no doubt be excellent representatives for our organization this year, but I encourage all IAS members to share their ideas and act as ambassadors of the organization, inviting potential members to meetings and events. The more we all share and work together, the stronger we will be as a group!

Our next monthly meeting and social hour will be **Thursday, April 6th**, and, in honor of Earth Day on April 22nd, the IAS Jr. Vice-President **Caroline Morse** will be giving a short presentation on the Native Animals of Ireland. It should be a fun program! Bring a dish to share if you can and your lovely selves!



Sláinte,

Katie McCrory



Tom Crouch lead the parade

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
MARCH 18, 2017

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SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT



CÉAD MÍLE FAILTE

Welcome Colin Edward McCrory!

Born March 8, 2017 ~ 8 lbs. 10 oz.



Congratulations to Katie and Matt!



Birthday Wishes to Linda Batten, who celebrated her 75th Birthday on March 13th.
Pictured with Linda are her husband Gene and son Terry and family.



FRESH EIRE

Submitted by Lynnette
Fitch Brash

You might be wondering, and rightly so, what on earth an exhibit featuring the work of famous FRENCH artist **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec** and his iconic PARISIAN subjects has to do with Ireland, Irish culture, or Irish people. His famed love of redheads and dancers was enough to bring out IAS members and art history fans **Debra Taylor-Kelly** and **Lynnette Fitch Brash** respectively on a joint outing to the **Chrysler Museum** in Norfolk to see the exhibit. There is, actually, even more of an Irish connection than that!

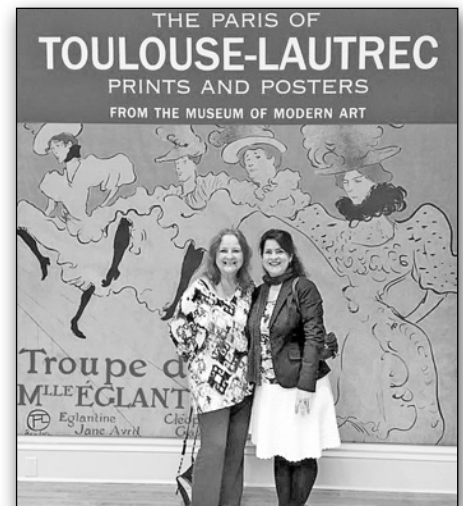
As it turns out, several of his works were done of subjects in a bar in Paris on the Rue Royale known sometimes as **The Irish American Bar** and sometimes as **The Irish and American Bar**. Who knew?! Sounds like a mandatory excursion for any of us who happen to visit Paris in the future! If you go view the exhibit, you will notice the name of this bar in the titles of multiple fantastic pieces by Toulouse-Lautrec.

The Paris of Toulouse-Lautrec: Prints and Posters from The Museum of Modern Art will be at the Chrysler until June 18th, 2017.

There also are some great books and gift items relating to this exhibit in the Chrysler Museum Shop. And don't skip refreshments before or after in the Chrysler's lovely Wisteria café! As the weather gets warmer, their

outdoor section extends its hours. A bit of bubbly after enjoying the work of one of the all-time greats is most appropriate!

www.chrysler.org/exhibitions/the-paris-of-toulouse-lautrec



THE PARTING GLASS

*Of all good times that e'er we shared,
I leave to you fond memory;
So fill to me the parting glass,
God bless, and joy
be with you all.*

from "The Parting Glass"

Condolences to our IAS Adult Princess 2003

Tamara Cervi and her family on the loss in late February of her beloved mother, **Dolores Anne Lyons Cervi Deamer**.

Tamara and her mother were extremely close, and luckily Tamara was able to be with her during her final days before she left this earth. The Funeral Mass for Dolores was held

Saturday, March 25th, 10 am, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Virginia Beach; the IAS **Irish Honor Guard**, consisting of **Joe Brady**, **Jack Kennedy**, and piper **Tom Crouch**,

carried Dolores's remains up to the altar to the bagpipied notes of "Amazing Grace". Mass was followed directly by a reception at St. Benedict's Hall (Knights of Columbus), on the church property, from 11 am -1 pm. Thanks also to our IAS Sgt.-at-Arms, **Jim Hagerty**, for making sure the Co. Cavan flag



was proudly displayed in the foyer and at the reception. After this, the family and friends shared memories over drinks at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center on Shore Drive. Tamara relayed that, "We are taking mom home, in November, spreading some of her ashes on the family land, Clinch Mountain, and then burying her in the family plot in County Cavan."

Here is a link to the online obituary for Dolores. The beautiful family picture attached shows Tamara with her boyfriend Robert, brother, niece, and Mom at the family reunion in Co. Cavan, Ireland, that is mentioned in the obituary. Love and sympathy to the entire extended clan.

www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=dolores-cervi&pid=184254148&

Sympathies to **Mary Ryan**, her husband **John**, and the rest of their family on the recent loss of her sister-in-law back home in Ireland.

Sympathies to **Lynnette Fitch Brash** and her extended family on the loss of her great-aunt, **Marion Ferguson Regan Gates**, who passed at age 97 on March 20th. "Aunt Mike" or "Auntie Em" was her paternal grandmother's last surviving sibling and the only remaining link in her Dad's family to that generation.

Sympathies to IAS Adult Princess 2009 **Maureen Tobin Cahill** and her extended family on the loss at the end of March of her aunt, **Gertie Ryan Best**, who was a major influence on her growing up in Newfoundland, Canada. As Maureen said, "Until we meet again, may God continue to hold my wonderful aunt in the palm of His hand."

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IAS & Friends Irish Contingent!
Many thanks, as always to the Irish
Wolfhound Association of the Mid South and
An Cor Rud, The Reel Thing School of Irish
Dance for marching with us!





*Glasgow Kiss provided the music
Edward Brash, John McGlynn & Tom Crouch*

FINNEGAN'S WAKE MARCH 10, 2017



*Mary Ann Bromley & the Brady-Boyd
twins bringing in Finnegan*

*Sandy Archer, Jackie Trudell, Jim Hagerty, Samantha & Alyssa Libasci,
Heather Warren & Laura Payne*



FINNEGAN'S WAKE MARCH 10, 2017

this year's honorees
Sandy Archer - Adult Princess
Samantha Libasci - Teen Princess
Alyssa Libasci - Junior Princess
Man of the Year - Jim Hagerty



IAS Princesses '07, '17, Y2K, & '98 with Mike Bromley





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!

These two chocolate-colored fur babies are the PERFECT feature for April since the Easter Bunny is coming late this year! "Chip", the larger dog, is a chocolate lab/pit bull mix. "Miss Hersey" is an adorable chihuahua/daschund cross.



In the attached pictures, you can see Chip with **Zack Bromley** and both Chip and Miss Hersey with **Logan Bromley, Mike & Mary Ann Bromley's** two handsome grandsons. Both dogs were adopted in San Diego before the family relocated back to Virginia Beach. Parents **Joe and Lisa Bromley** have quite the menagerie going in their house with a guinea pig named **Mohawk** as well!

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash



CELTIC KITCHEN



MARCH MEETING IRISH BAKE-OFF

WINNER - BETSY KENNEDY

My Daughter's Guinness Cupcakes
with Jameson Ganache and Bailey's Buttercream

While the Guinness in the cake gets mostly baked out, the Baileys and the Jameson are fresh and potent. (Makes 20 to 24 cupcakes.)

<u>Guinness Chocolate Cupcakes</u>	<u>Jameson Ganache Filling</u>
1 cup Guinness	8 ounces bittersweet chocolate
2 sticks unsalted butter	2/3 cup heavy cream
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	2 tablespoons butter, room temperature
2 cups all purpose flour	1 tablespoon Jameson Irish Whiskey
2 cups sugar	
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda	<u>Baileys Frosting</u>
3/4 teaspoon salt	4 cups confections sugar
2 large eggs	2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
2/3 cup sour cream	4 tablespoons Baileys

Make the cupcakes:
Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 24 cupcake cups with liners. Bring 1 cup stout and 1 cup butter to simmer in heavy large saucepan over medium heat. Add cocoa powder and whisk until mixture is smooth. Cool slightly. Whisk flour, sugar, baking soda, and 3/4 teaspoon salt in large bowl to blend. Using electric mixer, beat eggs and sour cream in another bowl.

Add stout-chocolate mixture to egg mixture and beat to combine. Add flour mixture and beat briefly on slow speed. Fold batter until combined. Fill liners 3/4 of the way. Bake until toothpick comes out clean, about 17 minutes. Cool cupcakes on a rack.

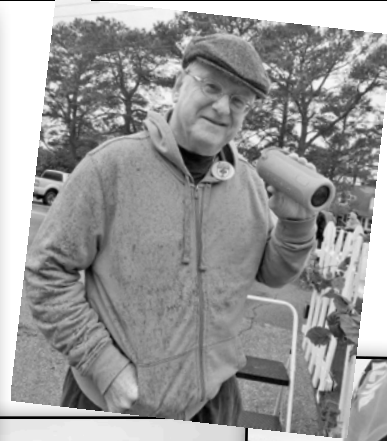
Make the filling:
Chop the chocolate and transfer it to a heatproof bowl. Heat the cream until simmering and pour it over the chocolate. Stir until smooth. Add the butter and whiskey and stir until combined.

Fill the cupcakes:
Let the ganache cool until thick, but still soft enough to be piped. Use a 1-inch round cookie cutter or an apple corer, to cut the centers out of the cupcakes without cutting through the bottoms. Use a piping bag with a wide tip to fill the centers.

Make the frosting:
Whip the butter in the bowl of an electric mixer, or with a hand mixer, for several minutes. Slowly add the powdered sugar, a few tablespoons at a time. When the frosting looks thick enough to spread, drizzle in the Baileys and whip it until combined. Ice and decorate.

Submitted by Betsy Kennedy compliments of her daughter, Tracey Burnett





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CELTIC KIDS CORNER

COLOR ME IRISH

LEARN IRISH GAELIC

Earrach: [ARR-ah]

Spring

