



# The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News

June 2018

The Irish American Society of Tidewater, Virginia, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization 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  
THURSDAY:  
JUNE 7, 2018**

Meetings are held the first Thursday of the 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

Dear Fellow Irish American Society members,

I am honored and excited to be back on the board to serve the IAS, an organization of which I have been a proud and active member for over twenty years now. Thank you for entrusting this society -- which so many of us love dearly -- to my leadership for the next two years. To begin my first President's Letter to you of this two-year term, I would like to take a moment to thank our Immediate Past President, **Katie Morse McCrory**. Katie has done an amazing job of leading our society, despite being in grad school and pregnant, then working full-time with a brand new baby, at the same time. I think she might secretly be Wonder Woman! ☺

In addition to maintaining our long-time IAS traditions, such as Finnegan's Wake, IAS Princesses, IAS parade floats, matching member donations for St. Baldrick's, IAS Failte Table at CVC in July and CVCF&HG in October, IAS Harvest Hooley, IAS Christmas Ceili, Irish breakfasts, etc., there were also some great new accomplishments and new traditions established during Katie's two years as IAS President, including:

- \* Attaining 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity status (a game changer!)
- \* Most recent revision of the IAS By-laws (fall 2016)
- \* IAS Save the Bay Day clean up volunteer participation
- \* IAS Christmas Market
- \* IAS Instagram account
- \* IAS Gmail account & updated email group list
- \* IAS PayPal account
- \* IAS full color promotional brochure
- \* IAS donation forms for 501(c)(3) purposes
- \* IAS AmazonSmile registration for IAS to receive .5% donations when members make purchases

Katie also had a wonderful team of elected officers supporting her. Many thanks to all of them (**Cheryl Brown** – Recording Secretary, **Kate Sandoval** – Treasurer, and **Caroline Morse** – Junior VP) as they rotate off the board for their dedicated service to the IAS. Extra thanks to Cheryl, who, after serving as Secretary with four different IAS Presidents, has been pitching in with Hospitality for our meetings. We all really appreciate that, Cheryl!

I am grateful to **Katie McCrory** for agreeing to remain on the board as our new Treasurer, putting her extensive background in Accounting to work for the IAS. I want to thank **Debra Taylor-Kelly** for enthusiastically agreeing to stay on as Senior VP, to which office she was appointed last November and elected this May. I am very excited about the

talented leadership team we have in place with three long-time IAS members but first-time IAS officers joining the board: **Mary Ann Brady** – Recording Secretary, **Maureen Cahill** – Junior VP, and **Michael Lawler** – Financial Secretary. Along with our Sergeant-at-Arms **Jim Hagerty**, Newsletter Editor **Lori Shea**, and Membership Chair **Betsy Kennedy**, we hope to get some exciting things planned and accomplished in our lead up to the IAS's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020!

Last but not least, I want to thank my husband **Edward**, whose emotional support, organizational advice, and willingness to help mean everything to me. I lean on him when the going gets tough, and he always pitches in for the good of the IAS. Thank you in advance for your help during this term, Edward. <3

Next month, I plan to roll out a number of initiatives and projects the new IAS board is already working on (IAS sailing squad, IAS trivia team, IAS running group, etc.), but for this month, let me close by asking you to each take a look at our schedule for the rest of the year and at the info about our BRAND NEW IAS JERSEY SALE!!!

*Slán go fóill!* ('Bye for now!')

*Lynnette*



## Outline of our current schedule for the rest of this calendar year:

### JUNE

- ❖ Sat. 06/02 – SAVE THE BAY DAY clean up 9am-12pm at First Landing State Park (followed by pints at Murphy's)
- ❖ Thurs. 06/07 – Membership meeting program: IRISH GARDEN PARTY w/ *DARE TO BE WILD* film
- ❖ Sat. 06/16 – BLOOMSDAY BASH featuring GLASGOW KISS at new FINN MCCOOL's location in Providence Square Shopping Center

### JULY

- ❖ **NO MEETING THIS MONTH** due to Independence Day holiday – Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!
- ❖ IAS Failte Table at CVC?
- ❖ Irish Breakfast at Murphy's – date TBD

### AUGUST

- ❖ Thurs. 08/02 – Membership meeting program: SPEED BLARNEY GAME
- ❖ Sat. 08/25 – DRINKING AT LUGHNASADH – dinner & drinks during GLASGOW KISS show at Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub, Norfolk

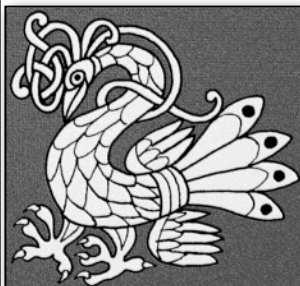
### SEPTEMBER

- ❖ Thurs. 09/06 – Membership meeting program TBD
- ❖ Sat. 09/15 – possible Halfway to St. Paddy's Day PUB CRAWL, details TBD
- ❖ Sat. 09/29 – CELTIC COUSINS COOK OUT, Ascension Picnic Area, 1:00-4:00 pm

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# The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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## OCTOBER

- ❖ Thurs. 10/04 – Membership meeting program: HARVEST HOOLEY
- ❖ Sat. & Sun. 10/27 & 28 -- IAS Failte Table – CENTRAL VIRGINIA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES @ Richmond Raceway Complex

## NOVEMBER

- ❖ Thurs. 11/01 – SAMHAIN SILENT AUCTION & COSTUME PARTY
- ❖ Arlington National Cemetery IAS project kick off for Veterans Day
- ❖ Service project for Thanksgiving?

## DECEMBER

- ❖ Thurs. 12/06 - IAS CHRISTMAS MARKET & CEILI
- ❖ IAS Solstice Social – details TBA
- ❖ Portsmouth Hogmanay Walk – IAS contingent w/banner?

## IAS JERSEY SALE!!!

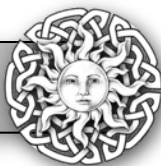
As part of the lead up to our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 2020, we have designed a "top class" jersey (to quote our O'Neill's rep) to show our IAS pride in style!!! As you can see from the details on the CAD, every design element was chosen to emphasize our IAS history and Irish culture. They look to our past as well as to our future. We want these IAS jerseys to be something that not only draws attention to our upcoming 40th Anniversary but that also advertises to the public who we are and that helps us to launch some NEW group bonding and recruiting activities like an IAS trivia "team", an IAS sailing "team", an IAS running "team", an IAS pub crawl "team", etc. We envision our members wearing these jerseys to events we volunteer at, concerts, Celtic festivals, sports outings, bus trips, Irish breakfasts, membership drives, etc.

The jerseys are made of Koolite, a fabric O'Neill's Irish International Sports Company developed to wick sweat away from athletes. O'Neill's, an iconic Irish brand, was founded in 1918 in Dublin, Ireland, and we are very proud to be working with them on these jerseys. The jerseys will be available in Women's UK sizes (8-18), Unisex sizes (S-XXL; costs more for higher than XXL), and Children's sizes (1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 10/11, 13). You can get them personalized with one, two, or three lines of names/ words on the right side of the chest, or you can get them with no personalization. (Images for the IAS jerseys both with and without personalization are included in the newsletter.)

We hope that you love them as much as we do – and if you buy one now during this initial group order, you can get them for the bargain cost of \$50 each INCLUDING free personalization (\$40 each for children's sizes up to 13, including free personalization)!!! This is a FANTASTIC deal; if you wait to order it individually on the O'Neill's website, Adult jerseys in normal sizes cost \$60 PLUS \$5 for personalization PLUS \$12 for shipping (so \$72 for a non-personalized jersey, \$77 for a personalized jersey).

THE IAS WILL NOT BE PAYING ANY MONEY UP FRONT FOR THESE JERSEYS AND THEN GETTING REIMBURSED, TO BE CLEAR. We need to sell a minimum of 18 of these jerseys before O'Neill's will put the jersey order in production. As soon as we have a minimum order of 18 jerseys paid for, we will submit the order, so get your orders in asap! Jersey order forms will be in the newsletter as an insert, on the IAS Facebook page, at the June meeting, sent around by IAS email, and on our website. REMEMBER: it's never too soon to start ordering Christmas presents!!! ☺

## SUNSHINE NEWS



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

Best wishes to **Capt. Rex B. Fitch, Jr.** (USN, ret.), father of **Lynnette Fitch Brash**, as he recovers from hip replacement surgery. Rex is a long-time parishioner of The Church of the Ascension and a Kempsville resident. Hopefully he will be back on the pitch helping his son **Trip** coach all his grandson's soccer teams again very soon!

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## SOCIETY SHOUT-OUT



*Please feel free to submit news about yourself and/or other current or former IAS members, with or without pictures!*

**KUDOS** to **Dr. Edward Brash** who was invited to give a talk ("Elastic Electromagnetic Form Factors in the Space-like Region: Recent Results and Future Experiments") at an international nuclear physics conference on Baryon Form Factors last month. He traveled to Germany as the guest of the conference.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Patrick Fien**, son of IAS Adult Princess 1998 **Mary Fien**. Patrick made Eagle Scout earlier this year (see pic)! That is quite an accomplishment!



**Mary & Patrick Fien**

**LOOKING GOOD!** **Laurie Macpherson** and hubby **Dale Walker** went to the Kirking of the Tartan for Tartan Month at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. in April (see pic). Congrats also to Laurie on being elected this May for another year-long term as President of the **Scottish Society of Tidewater!**



**Laurie & Dale**



**Jack Kennedy**



Speaking of Looking Good, **WOWZA!** to **Jack Kennedy**, who now adds professional model to his many other accomplishments! Check out these two great pix of Jack posing for a local art class.



**Erin Morrissey NNPd LEU**

**GOOD STUFF!** IAS Adult Princess 2007 **Erin Morrissey** just completed her twelfth year of providing support to the cyclists on the annual **Law Enforcement United** bicycle ride to DC to raise funds for the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty (see picture).

**HIGH SOCIETY!** IAS Adult Princess 2003 **Tamara Cervi Williams** made "The Shiny Sheet" from the *Palm Beach Daily News* in the write up about her cousin **Erin MacTavish Rooney's** recent Florida wedding. Here's the link to the feature. [www.palmbeachdailynews.com/lifestyles/weddings/palm-beach-wedding-erin-mactavish-and-michael-rooney/uRdIgzBM7Vv3HfkBkq1SI/](http://www.palmbeachdailynews.com/lifestyles/weddings/palm-beach-wedding-erin-mactavish-and-michael-rooney/uRdIgzBM7Vv3HfkBkq1SI/)

## CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte



*One hundred thousand welcomes from the IAS to new members & to newborns in the local Celtic Community!*

Welcome to **Kiera Morse**, daughter of **Mai & Danny Morse** of Washington, DC. Kiera, who is **Caroline Morse & Katie Morse McCrory's** niece, arrived just last month! See the two beautiful pictures with each of her proud paternal aunts!

*Did you recruit someone new?  
Send us a picture and/or tell us about our newest members!  
Want to make a birth announcement from within the local Celtic Community? Send us a photo and/or the details!*



**Caroline Morse,  
Katie McCrory &  
niece Kiera Morse**



## MEET OUR 2018 IAS PRINCESSES

Adult Princess ♣ **Miss Caroline Elizabeth Morse**

Teen Princess ♣ **Miss Cara Loughran (*In Memoriam*)**

February 21, 2003 - February 14, 2018

*Student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (Parkland, Florida)*

*& The Drake School of Irish Dance*

*Rest in peace, anam cara séimh.*

Junior Princess ♣ **Miss Eadlyn Crouch**



While walking through Back Bay or hiking in First Landing, you may find **2018 Adult Princess Caroline Morse** with her camera, capturing images of turtles or birds or any variety of wildlife. Caroline has loved the wilderness her whole life and was once a wildlife science major at Virginia Tech before

she discovered that her true calling is teaching young children to love reading and science. The IAS has also benefited from her passion: Caroline presented a fascinating program on Native Animals of Ireland in April 2017 and volunteered with the IAS for Clean the Bay Day in 2017 and 2018.

Caroline is one of four siblings in a close-knit, proud Irish-American family. Some of her favorite family memories include traveling to Ireland in 2003, St. Patrick's Day "parade days" in Alexandria and Norfolk, and attending traditional Irish music concerts.

Caroline graduated from First Colonial High School and Old Dominion University, where she earned a Masters in Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching at Luxford Elementary in Virginia Beach for three years and currently loves teaching her kindergartners. As if spending every day with 5-year-olds isn't enough, Caroline loves to spend time caring for her two toddler nephews and brand new niece. They, like her students, light up when she walks in the room! Caroline's other interests include country music, crafts, reading, photography, and the IAS. She served as IAS Jr. Vice-President for two years and has been an incredibly hard working, behind-the-scenes volunteer at countless events. Caroline's sweet disposition and ever-present smile, along with her impressive resume, make her the perfect choice for our 2018 IAS Princess!

Our **2018 Junior Princess** is **Eadlyn Crouch** of Norfolk, VA. A voracious reader and budding astronomer, ten-year-old Eadlyn is currently a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Sewells Point Elementary School where she was recently selected for membership in the National Elementary Honor Society. Beyond excelling in her academics, Eadlyn is an Irish step dancer with **Rhythm of Ireland** and recently endured a 12-week training program with Girls on the Run which culminated in her completing her first 5K run. It's no wonder Eadlyn's achievements, perseverance, and positive attitude have earned her the nickname "super girl" from those who know her best! Daughter of former IAS Jr. Vice-President **Lynette Gilmour Crouch** and **Glasgow Kiss** band member **Tom Crouch**, Eadlyn has been a part of the Irish-American community since she was a wee one and an enthusiastic attendee, along with her beloved sister **Eilidh**, of almost every Finnegan's Wake in her young life. Eadlyn hopes to someday live in Ireland and teach dance, and we're sure that with her winning spirit, she'll be achieving that dream (and others) before we know it!



Our **2018 Teen Princess** honor is being given *In Memoriam* to **Cara Marie Loughran** of Parkland, Florida. Cara was a sweet, happy, friendly, first generation Irish American girl with auburn hair, amber eyes, and freckles. She was a bright Honor Roll student at **Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School** and a talented Irish step dancer in the **Drake School of Irish Dance**. Cara's favorite color was purple. She was creative and compassionate, volunteering in several service organizations and clubs. She loved surfing and gymnastics and was looking forward to a trip "home" to Toomebridge, Co. Antrim to visit her grandparents, **Paddy** and **Ellie Loughran**, and other relatives this summer. Unfortunately, her beautiful young life was one of seventeen lives stolen on Valentine's Day 2018, exactly one week before her fiftieth birthday, during a school shooting massacre. Thanks to the kindness and generosity of **Lori Huenerberg** at **Tidewater Emblems** in Virginia Beach, we are sending three IAS Teen Princess 2018 sashes to Florida in Cara's memory: one to her parents, one to her high school, and one to her dance school. We want her parents **Damian** and **Denise**, her older brother **Liam**, and all her family and friends to know that their sorrow is felt throughout the Irish diaspora. Cara's name is now on the permanent IAS Princesses list on our website and in our Facebook group page files for all to see, helping to ensure she is never forgotten.





## IAS ELECTIONS HELD AT MAY MEETING



**Thanks to the Present Board Officers:**  
**Cheryl Brown, Katie McCrory, Debra Taylor Kelly, Caroline Morse & Kate Sandoval**



**Michael Hagerty had the ballot box**



**Jim Hagerty introduced the nominees**



**2018 - Newly elected Officers with Jim Hagerty:**  
**Michael Lawler, Maureen Cahill, Lynnette Fitch Brash, Debra Taylor Kelly, Mary Ann Brady & Katie McCrory**

## FRESH EIRE



### BLOOMSDAY BASH 2018 featuring GLASGOW KISS!

- Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the NEW Finn McCool's in Providence Square
- 7pm – show up for dinner to get a table then stay for drinks & craic!
- 8 pm – live music by Glasgow Kiss starts
- All evening – ceili dancing, socializing, and photos with Dublin flag

We have an IAS & Friends Bloomsday-themed Bash in the works for **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** at the BRAND NEW Kempsville location of **Finn McCool's in Providence Square Shopping Center, VB!** Come early for dinner at 7 pm to make sure you have a table, and then stay for drinks & shenigans! Our own **GLASGOW KISS** will be kicking out the Celtic jams from 8 - 11 pm! Irish ceili dancing will be led throughout the evening by **Crossroads Ceili** -- ALL dancers (and even non-dancers!) welcome to join in! Let's show up in large numbers, take over this venue, and have a really IRISH evening!!! The more we support local businesses, the more they support US!

### What is Bloomsday?

Well, Bloomsday is celebrated world-wide, but especially in Dublin, on (or as close as possible to) June 16 annually. Bloomsday is named after Leopold Bloom, the main character of **James Joyce's** novel *Ulysses*. All the events of Ulysses take place during one day (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 1904) as Bloom makes his way around various iconic locations in Dublin, Ireland. I'll bring a Dublin flag for pix throughout the night!

GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THINGS FOR OUR BLOOMSDAY BASH BY DRESSING LIKE JAMES JOYCE! An eye patch, circle glasses, a hat (he sported fedoras, paper boy caps, straw boaters, etc.), a necktie (he is pictured in a variety of types - ascot, bowtie, etc.), a cane, SOMETHING Joycean! ;) For that matter, any kind of Dublin gear is very appropriate for Bloomsday! Any IAS or Irish wear at all would be welcome to let people know the Irish are in the house. A prize will be given for best Bloomsday / Dublin outfit! :)



## CU CORNER



Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash

The summer has had an incredibly sorrowful start for the IAS Paddy Pack with two members headed to the Rainbow Bridge.

Our deepest condolences to IAS Paddy Pack members **Kat & Brad Rickerson** who lost their sweet baby girl **Ms. Grumbles** this month. Brad posted about her:



*She was our companion. We did life with her. She went everywhere with us: New York, DC, FL, GA, on planes, backpacking, tubing down rivers, canoeing, the beach, parties, restaurants, shopping, countless sunsets and a few sunrises. She was an adventure dog. She was a city dog. She was a trail dog. Even now, she smells like the beach. We only had her for six and a half years but we packed a lot into that time with her.*

They really did. She was even IN their wedding! Goodbye, sweet Ms. G. <3

Our deepest condolences to original IAS Paddy Pack member **Heather Hanchett Burns** and her husband **Mark** on the recent loss of their beautiful Irish wolfhound daughter **Caragh**. Caragh loved nothing more than to go romping in the woods and water with her human Mom and furry siblings. First generation Irish American Heather turned to some beautiful Irish poetry to announce the terribly sad farewell.



"Faeries, come take me out of this dull world,  
For I would ride with you upon the wind,  
Run on the top of the dishevelled tide,  
And dance upon the mountains like a flame."

~ W.B. Yeats, "The Land of Heart's Desire"

Caragh Burns  
4/18/12 - 5/3/18  
T-cell Lymphoma

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



## HURLING HAPPENINGS



submitted by Jackie Trudell

Well, the 2018 season is upon us and Coastal Virginia GAA teams are proving to everyone that they are a force to be reckoned with. The season kicked off with our first tournament March 24<sup>th</sup>, in Nashville TN for the Music City Tournament. The Hurling team won the tournament and brought home the championship cup! The Camogie team more than held their own, beating both St. Louis and Indianapolis!

The Hurling team moved on to a tournament in Allentown PA on May 5<sup>th</sup>, taking their shot at the Northern Teams. While we fell short of the win, we played very well against some excellent hurlers.

We have grown to SIX teams for the Pub League. We now have a solid two competitive Hurling teams and TWO competitive Camogie teams to compete in tournaments. We are now focusing on our Coastal Virginia Cup Tournament, here in Virginia Beach on July 21<sup>st</sup>, and winning the Mid-Atlantic Championship in both Hurling and Camogie.

If you are following us on Facebook you know we have been working hard at fundraising for the upcoming USGAA National Tournament in Philadelphia PA on Labor Day weekend. This year COVA will send both a Hurling Team and Camogie team! Both teams are training hard to get the opportunity to shine in the National Spotlight.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting our second Youth Clinic to grow our Youth Leagues into future Champions.

A Special shout out to our sponsors who have helped

make it all possible, please support them:  
Guinness, Colony Tire, Elation Brewing, Giving Tree Chiropractic, Grace O'Malleys, Murphy's Irish Pub, Oozlefinch Brewery, Park Lane Tavern, Patriot's Grill, The Virginia Beach Rock Gym, and Whiskey River Tattoo.

If you haven't seen it check out our new website :

[www.Covagaa.org](http://www.Covagaa.org)  
UP COVA GAA!!!



**Camogie Team in Nashville**



**Hurling Team in Nashville**



**Pub League 2018**



## IRISH ABROAD



Two IAS Adult Princesses each took trips west to Nevada and Arizona this spring, **Lisa Hunt Burgess** (2002) and **Erin Morrissey** (2007)!

Lisa went with her husband **Earl** and son **Fynn**, while Erin went with her good buddy **Brittany Kay**.

Highlights on both trips were visits to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas, but there were tons of other amazing stops on both itineraries as well.

**Earl & Fynn Burgess in Winslow AZ**



**Lisa & Fynn Burgess - Hopi Art**



**Lisa, Earl & Fynn Burgess - Grand Canyon**



**Erin - Desert Flowers**



**Erin Morrissey's photo of the Rim of the Grand Canyon, AZ**

**Lynnette Fitch Brash** and hubby **Edward** flew north over spring break to visit Edward's daughters, **Sarah** and **Olivia**, where they live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

After seeing the sites in Calgary, all four plus Sarah's boyfriend **Dusty** headed to the Canadian Rockies for a winter wonderland vacation together! Downtown Banff and Lake Louise were fabulous. Lynnette even **FINALLY** got to go on her first sleigh ride!



**Lake Louise**



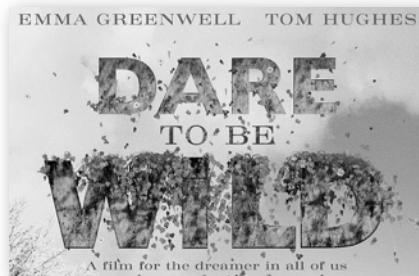
**Spring Break in Canada**



## JUNE IAS MEETING SPECIAL PROGRAM

§ For our **Thursday, June 6th** meeting, we are going to have an **IRISH GARDEN PARTY!** With help from our community partner **FAIRFIELD FLOWERS**, we will be transforming the Community Center into a lovely bower in which to watch the award-winning 2015 Irish film *DARE TO BE WILD!*

This 100-minute PG film (see its IMDb link below for more info) tells the true story of an Irish woman who -- against all odds -- won first place in the stuffy Chelsea Garden Show in England with a wild, Celtic nature-scape! We will skip the usual business meeting in order to start the film at 7:00 sharp.



[www.imdb.com/title/tt2989350/](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2989350/)

§ You do not have to be an IAS member to attend; all are welcome! Members, please bring any friends or family members who might be interested in this special program.

Please do bring a finger food suitable for a garden or tea party (scones, Irish soda bread, cucumber sandwiches, shortbread, etc.) if you can to share pot luck buffet style.

Please note that while the doors will open at 6:30, we will not start going through the buffet until 6:45 pm in order to get everything set up properly. If your dinnertime is earlier, then please eat a snack in the afternoon that will tide you over until 6:45 pm.

§ The IAS will provide lemonade (no alcohol) and a bubbly cocktail (some alcohol). If anyone can donate bottles of champagne, prosecco, cava, or other sparkling wine towards the cocktail bar, that would be MUCH appreciated. Feel free to bring your own cooler, also, if you would rather have other drinks.



§ To make this film showing extra fun, we are encouraging everyone to dress for a **GARDEN PARTY!** Summer dresses, long skirts, white or cream trousers, linen or seersucker suits, anything floral, pastel polos/golf shirts and khakis, etc. Think croquet, Galway Races, Downton Abbey, country club, *Howard's End*, Thurston Howell III & Lovey, even *The Great Gatsby*! Feel free to interpret the garden theme as creatively as you like for your attire! There's a rumor someone might even be coming dressed as an actual flower!!!

§ If anyone wants to loan a bit of real or faux greenery to help us create our "pop up" garden, please feel free to come a little early with your item(s). We'll have special tables set up for flower arrangements. We will display floral wreaths on the blue room dividers; please bring wreaths AND over the door hooks to hang them with. You will, of course, be able to take all your items home with you afterwards.

§ We will be giving prizes for the following **SIX** categories, so start planning your outfits & entries!

1. Prettiest Amateur Arrangement of Real Flowers (please bring your own vase and flowers)
2. Prettiest Handmade Wreath of Faux Flowers (please bring your own "over the door" hook to hang your wreath with)
3. Best Female Garden Party Outfit
4. Prettiest Millinery (Ladies' hats & fascinators)
5. Best Male Garden Party Outfit
6. Yummiest Homemade Finger Food



**Extra special thanks to owner CHARLENE WESSELER (right) and general manager/wedding consultant AMBER FLOYD (left) of FAIRFIELD FLOWERS who so graciously provided floral decor, materials, and ideas for our Irish Garden Party! <3**



**Many thanks to our awesome community partner FAIRFIELD FLOWERS in Virginia Beach! They also do our IAS Princess bouquets every year!**

**BUSINESS HOURS:**  
MON.-FRI. 9:00am - 6:00pm  
SATURDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm  
SUNDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

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**Stop by our community partner FAIRFIELD FLOWERS not only for gorgeous floral arrangements and plants, but for a wide variety of beautiful gift items seven days a week! They also teach floral design classes. Check out their Facebook page for more info about all they have to offer!**