



The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News November 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:
NOVEMBER 4, 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,

As the year winds down and the holiday events crank up, your IAS board encourages you to bring old friends to -- and make new friends at -- the various activities we have planned! The more the merrier! ☺

SAMHAIN COSTUME PARTY & SILENT



AUCTION -

Thursday, November 1st, 7-9 pm, Ascension

Don't forget that our November 1st meeting is going to be both a SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER for the IAS and a COSTUME PARTY in honor of Samhain (pronounced sow-in). In the ancient Celtic calendar, Samhain was the New Year and seen as the time when the divide between our world and the supernatural "other world" was at its thinnest. Thus, both friendly ancestors and evil spirits might come to call on the night straddling the old and new years. Many of our modern Halloween customs go back to Celtic Samhain practices.

Don't be a party pooper -- start planning a costume for the **SAMHAIN COSTUME PARTY!** Bragging rights and small 1st place prizes will be given in the following 7 original costume categories:

- ⇒ Best Couple/Duo Theme Costume
- ⇒ Scariest Costume
- ⇒ Funniest Costume
- ⇒ Most Irish Costume
- ⇒ Best Homemade Mask or Make Up
- ⇒ Best Baby/Toddler/Child Costume
- ⇒ Least Recognizable Person Under Costume

Please bring a dish to share; the refreshments are POTLUCK food & BYOB!

Also, start gathering any nice items you would like to contribute for the **IAS SILENT AUCTION** we will hold the night of the Costume Party. Our annual Silent Auction is to benefit the IAS Tom Porter Memorial Scholarship & our IAS programs. Please bring your checkbooks, credit cards, or cash

and help us raise the funds by bidding on items that catch your eye! I have been saving up some REALLY cool Celtic stuff for this auction, and I hope you have, too! You never know -- might be able to knock out some Christmas shopping at the Silent Auction!

"FIGHTING IRISH" VETERAN APPRECIATION PUB CRAWL -

**Saturday, November 10th, 5 pm start time at
Murphy's**

Don't be left behind for the "FIGHTING IRISH" VETERAN APPRECIATION PUB CRAWL on Saturday, November 10th! The crawl starts and finishes at Murphy's. Check in at Murphy's starts at 5 pm; bring a photo ID to pick up the special wrist band that gets you on the party bus! We will have a special commemorative item made by our own **Lynette Gilmour Crouch** for all US military veterans & active duty who participate, and we will be visiting 3 veteran-owned microbreweries on the crawl! Official IAS Bagpiper **Tom Crouch** will be piping us in and out of all the venues, and several of your favorite local Celtic singers (including our own **Katie McCrory** & **Edward Brash**!) will be leading a sing along on the bus.

As we go to press, only 8 seats on the Party Bus remain. Order NOW by sending \$20 per ticket through PayPal to: IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com - to make sure you don't miss out! See the invite on our Facebook page or website for more information.

IAS WHITE JERSEYS - GROUP ORDER SALE PRICES!!!

Please don't forget the IAS white jersey sale is ongoing; you will NEVER be able to get them for this amazing \$50 per jersey group order price again!!! They will cost at least \$20 more to order them online from the O'Neills website.

If we have a minimum of 18 jersey orders by mid-November, we can place the group order with O'Neills to definitely get them in time for Christmas!!! We are currently about halfway there.

There will be jersey order forms at our November meeting. If you can't make it, see the IAS Facebook page for the picture & order form, or send a message to: IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com.

IAS CHRISTMAS MARKET & CEILI

Thursday, December 6th, 7-9 pm, Ascension

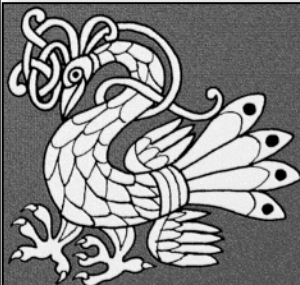
Heads up to all our creative members -- we definitely will be continuing our awesome Christmas Market tradition started several years ago by **Katie McCrory**! Please let either Katie or me know in person or at:

IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com - ASAP if you would like to have a table and sell your products at our December meeting. We are going to work hard to

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advertise this event outside of our organization this year so that hopefully we will have greatly increased foot traffic for you to make sales. There will be no vendor fee for IAS members to have a table; if you have crafty friends who are not IAS members but who want to participate, we will charge them a \$25 vendor fee and throw in a 2019 IAS membership to boot! ☺ The sooner we have a list of participating vendors/products for promoting this event, the better! All our usual IAS Christmas Ceili traditions and fun will be taking place as well; more details to come next month!

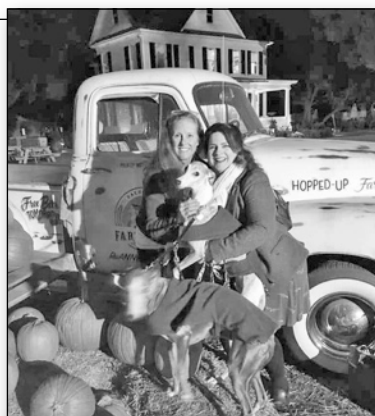
Slán go fóill! ('Bye for now!)

Lynnette



HOWL-O-WEEN PADDY PACK MEET UP FOR DOGTOWER

Joe Hardie, Maureen Cahill (& her German Short-haired Pointer **Ceili**), **Lisa Hunt Burgess, Edward Brash, Lynnette Fitch Brash**, and the Brash whippets **Glasnevin** ("Nev") & **Dalriada** ("RiRi") met up at the new Back Bay's **Farmhouse Brewing Co** on Kempsville Road October 19th for a very fun **HOWL-o-ween Paddy Pack Meet up for DOGTOWER**! We love our pints, we love our pups, so what could be better than **PINTS AND PUPS**?! We had a lovely fall evening for it -- crisp enough to break out our Aran knits and tweeds, but not actually cold. And what a huge crowd of friendly mellow people! I'm amazed they didn't run out of beer!!! Unfortunately, the parking lot was so crowded that a few IAS members who had hoped to join us changed their plans, but we will try again later in the fall, perhaps during the day on a Saturday. There is family-friendly fun for all ages at Farmhouse Brewing!



IRISH & IRISH-AMERICAN TRIVIA



Submitted by Maureen Cahill

Test your knowledge at three levels:
easy, middling, and most difficult.

November 2018 Trivia Questions

- ♣ What is black pudding?
- ♣ What is Sinn Féin?
- ♣ How do you say winter in Irish?

Answers on page 7
with web links for you to learn more. Sláinte!

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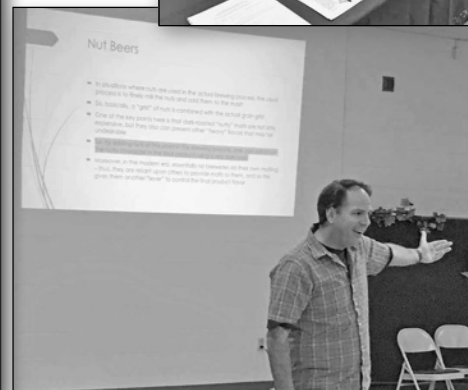
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HARVEST HOOLEY OCTOBER 4, 2018

We had a great time at the beginning of October at the 5th IAS Harvest Hooley! Thanks to everyone who helped with setting up & breaking down, especially **Cheryl Ann Brown**, the **Bradys**, **Michael J. Lawler**, and all of the **Crouches**. Our theme this year was the NUT HARVEST. **Maureen Cahill & Edward Brash** prepared a fascinating ppt presentation and tasting table for us about **Nut Beers, Nut Ales, and Nut Ciders**. Thanks to everyone in addition to Maureen & Edward who contributed bottles/cans of nut beverages. That was so fun! **Lynnette Fitch Brash** prepared a handout about Nut Beers, Ales, & Ciders as well as how NUTS (specifically hazelnuts) figured in Irish culture & mythology; if you missed the Harvest Hooley, you can still access that handout as a file in our IAS Facebook page. The **Crouch & O'Banion-Levin** kiddos present for the Harvest Hooley did a marvelous job creating a gallery of squirrel & nut art! We had a DELICIOUS homemade NUT DESSERT BAKE OFF! Congratulations to all the winners, especially **Mary Ann Brady** in 1st place with her AMAZING pistachio cake; look for the recipe for this elsewhere in the newsletter! Many thanks to our raffle master **Joe Brady** and our generous raffle donors and a big congratulations to our raffle winners! I believe **Sandy MacGregor** won the bottle of Jamesons donated by **Peggy Anthony**, **Mary Ryan** won the lovely tricolor necklace & earring set donated by **Debra Taylor-Kelly's Thorny Seahorse** business, and **Tracy Fearon**, one of our awesome new members, won the free personalized IAS white jersey compliments of a \$50 O'Neills coupon donated to the IAS by **COVA**. We had TEN super nice new members attend last evening -- we are so excited to welcome them all to the local society "where Irish eyes are smiling"!





*The Canadian Air Force was
with us all afternoon*

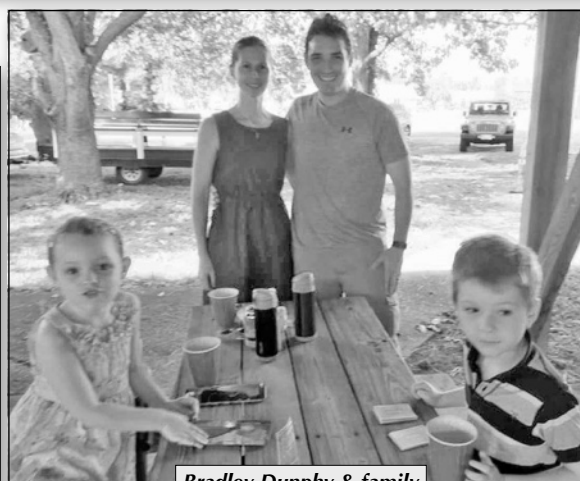
**CELTIC COUSINS COOK OUT
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**



*Jessica & Jordan
Boyd & Holly*



Tom Crouch the Piper



Bradley Dunphy & family



Ruaridh Dunphy & Bexley Benham



Matt, Katie & Colin McCrory



SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

We had lovely weather at the very end of September for our annual **CELTIC COUSINS COOK OUT** with the ***Scottish Society of Tidewater***! Thanks to everyone who helped set up & break down **ESPECIALLY *Dale Walker* & *Stacey Apelt***, thanks to the SST for generously providing the main dishes & grilling tools, thanks to everyone for bringing such delicious sides and desserts, thanks to ***Edward Brash*** for flipping the burgers and dogs this year and for setting up Celtic music for our listening pleasure, thanks to our IAS Jr. Princess 2018* **Eadlyn Crouch*** for arranging activities for the kids, and thanks to **ALL** for coming out for a very fun day!



Nanette Legette Emmerich & Peggy Anthony



Betsy & Jack Kennedy



Vera Dotson & Betsy Kennedy

Joe Brady, Matt & Colin McCrory
Joe's charm doesn't seem to be working!



Bexley Benham, Dawn Fitch Carragino & Lynnette



Vera Dotson & Lynnette Fitch Brash



Cheryl Brown & Gabby



The Kids - before

and after

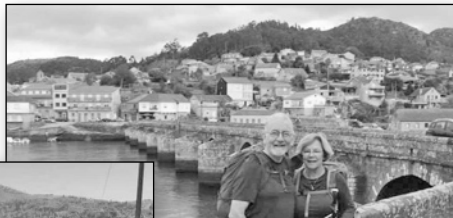


Jack Kennedy & Maureen Cahill

IRISH ABROAD



Submitted by *Lynnette Fitch Brash*



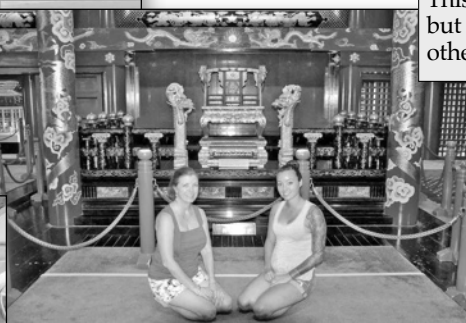
Donna & John McGlynn
in Portugal & Spain



Donna Looney-McGlynn is off on another Camino de Santiago, this time taking along her hubby **John**! They are doing the pilgrimage entirely on foot starting in Portugal this time, and traveling from there into Spain concluding at the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in Galicia. Some of you may remember that Donna did a program for the IAS in September 2013 titled "**Gaelic Galicia: More Irish than Spanish!**" Afterwards, they will fly to Scotland for a visit with John's family outside of Glasgow before returning to Virginia just in time for the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Highland Games.



Maureen & son Jeremiah
in Okinawa



Elizabeth & Jeremiah Cahill
- expecting!

IAS Jr. Vice President **Maureen Cahill** had a fabulous month-long trip to Japan this summer visiting her son **Jeremiah** and daughter-in-law **Elizabeth**! They are currently stationed in Okinawa, Japan. Even more exciting, Maureen's first grandbaby is on the way!!! Elizabeth is due in late January. Mazel tov! That lucky baby is going to have the most gorgeous hand-knit items from her beautiful and talented grandmother!



Maggie Wilcox
visiting the lavender
fields of France



IAS Teen Princess 2008 **Maggie Wilcox** moved across the pond to start a job in GERMANY earlier this year! She is all settled in and has room for visitors if anyone is near Landstuhl. She has also started a fantastic travel blog. Her first post was about visiting the magical lavender fields in Provence, France. Go give her a read! <https://maggiesgermanadventure.wordpress.com/>

Darcie MacGregor-Schauf & WESS
- Costa Rica July 2018



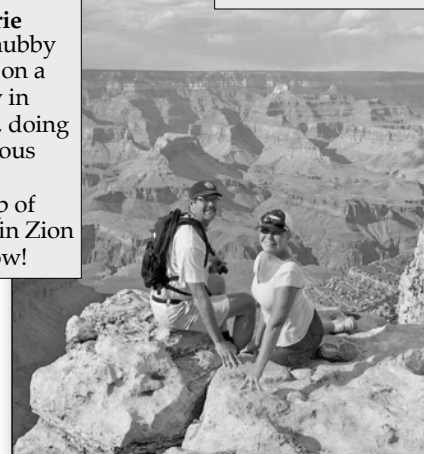
Scott MacGregor's daughter **Darcie MacGregor-Schauf** and her son **WESS** went on a fantastic 10-day trip to Costa Rica this summer! WESS finished his final year at the Academy for Discovery at Lakewood School in June before heading to high school this fall. While in Costa Rica, Darcie, WESS, and the rest of the Lakewood International Travel Club tour group visited a volcano, the beach, a rain forest, a cloud forest, and some hot springs. They went white water rafting, zip lining, night hiking, and kayaking. They saw monkeys, sloths, bats, tree frogs, tarantulas, humming birds, toucans, and iguanas! This trip was a very special 14th birthday present for him.

IAS Adult Princess 2011 **Bridgett Cherry Sakach** & hubby **Darryl** took an absolutely glorious trip together this September to Greece! This picture was taken in Athens, but they were able to visit several other amazing areas as well.



Bridgett Cherry Sakach
& husband Darryl

SST President **Laurie Macpherson** and hubby **Dale Walker** went on a very active holiday in Utah in September, doing some pretty strenuous hikes and climbs, including to the top of Observation Point in Zion National Park! Wow!



THE PARTING GLASS



Condolences to IAS member **Eileen King Walker** and family on the loss in August of her mother, **Mary McKeown King**. Mrs. King was the grandmother of IAS Adult Princess 2014 **Heather Walker Warren** and great-grandmother of IAS Little Miss Princess 2014 **Caelin Warren**.

Mrs. King passed at the age of 93 at her home in Kearny, NJ. Her obituary may be viewed at the following link: www.thiele-reid.com/notices/Mary-King.



*Oh all the time that e'er I spent,
I spent it in good company;
And any harm that e'er I've done,
I trust it was to none but me;
May those I've loved through all the years
Have memories now they'll e'er recall;
So fill me to the parting glass,
Goodnight, and joy be with you all.*

*Oh all the comrades that e'er I had,
Are sorry for my going away;
And all the loved ones that e'er I had
Would wish me one more day to stay.
But since it falls unto my lot
That I should leave and you should not,
I'll gently rise and I'll softly call
Goodnight, and joy be with you all.*

*Of all good times that e'er we shared,
I leave to you fond memory;
And for all the friendship that e'er we had
I ask you to remember me;
And when you sit and stories tell,
I'll be with you and help recall;
So fill to me the parting glass,
God bless, and joy be with you all.*

CU CORNER



Submitted by **Lynnette Fitch Brash**

Hear all the latest about our Hibernian hounds!
Feel free to submit news and/or pictures relating to Irish breed or Irish-owned dogs!

If IAS Paddy Pack founding member **Rebecca Conti** can come up with a fantastic group costume for all the fur babies in her family, SURELY you can think up something for yourself to wear to the IAS SAMHAIN COSTUME PARTY & SILENT AUCTION on Thursday, November 1st! ☺



photo by: **Sofia Stepasiuk-Tassinari**



November 2018 Trivia Answers
A pudding of pork fat and blood with the addition of barley or oatmeal. www.goodfoodireland.ie/blog/rise-and-raise-irish-black-pudding/ [Note from LFB: Black pudding is now also considered a "superfood", believe it or not, due to some health benefits!]
What is Sinn Féin? Sinn Féin (we ourselves) is an Irish political party whose goal is to end the political partition of Ireland. www.britannica.com/topic/Sinn-Fein
How do you say winter in Irish? Gheimhridh [Note from LFB's December 2004 wedding program: The ancient Gaelic word for winter (gaimrad) comes from 'gam', meaning marriage, as the elements of earth and water were intertwined in wintertime...]
www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/03/22/black-pudding-hailed-as-a-superfood/

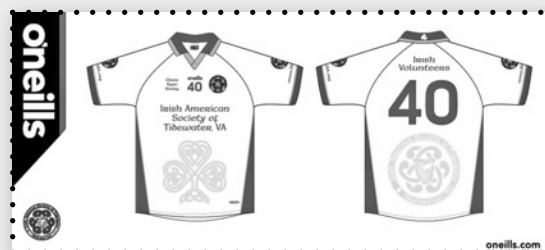
COMING EVENTS & NOTICES

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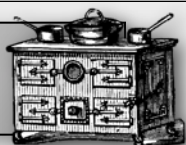
"FIGHTING IRISH"
VETERAN'S APPRECIATION PUB CRAWL -
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
5 PM START TIME AT MURPHY'S

IAS CHRISTMAS MARKET & CEILI
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 7-9 PM, ASCENSION

IAS WHITE JERSEYS - GROUP ORDER SALE PRICES!!!
AT NOVEMBER MEETING



CELTIC KITCHEN



PISTACHIO INSIDE OUTSIDE CAKE RECIPE

winning recipe submitted by Mary Ann Brady



Ingredients

1 package (2 layer size) white or yellow cake mix
1 package Jello Pistachio Flavor Instant Pudding and Pie Filling
3 eggs
1 cup club soda
1 cup oil
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Directions

Blend all ingredients in large mixer bowl, then beat 2 minutes at medium speed. Bake in greased, floured 10" Bundt pan at 350 F for 50 minutes.
Cool 15 minutes; remove from pan and cool on rack. Split into 3 layers. Spread about 1 cup of frosting between layers, spoon rest into center. Chill. Garnish with chopped nuts.

To make frosting: Blend 1-1/2 cups cold milk, 1 envelope Dream Whip Whipped Topping Mix and 1 package Jell-O Pistachio Flavor Instant Pudding. Whip until thickened; about 5 minutes.