



The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News - January/February 2019

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:
FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

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,

Many thanks to **Edward** for a FANTASTIC program (19 CRIMES: A MUSICAL HISTORY OF THE IRISH IN AUSTRALIA) for our January meeting! Seriously, if you missed it, you missed an outstanding program and a fun time. We had some new people there, which was great -- thanks to those of you who are working on recruiting, like **Tracy**! Thanks to everyone who showed up, and extra thanks to everyone who brought wine and/or food items to share for the cheeseboard! We had such a yummy selection! Special thanks to **Cheryl** and **Esther** for doing a fabulous job setting up the lovely buffet spread for us. Thanks also to our Raffle King **Joe** for running a great 50-50!

Esther had a great book suggestion of *The Tin Ticket: The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women* by Deborah J. Swiss for those who are really interested in the topic of the Irish in Australia! I would add to that my own suggestion of *The Great Shame* by Thomas Keneally.

**IAS IRISH BREAKFAST AT FINN MCCOOL'S
IN KEMPSVILLE
SUNDAY, JAN. 20TH**

Thanks to everyone who came to Finn's for the breakfast! We had a delicious meal and a fun jibber jabber! It was great to have **Marsha Montgomery**



back, and we were also delighted to welcome brand new members **John & Shannon Rice**! This was our first time doing an Irish breakfast at Finn's, and we really appreciate manager **Melissa Fossee**, her kitchen staff, and her wait staff taking such good care of us. We had the semi-private room to ourselves. They came up with a nice brunch menu for us, and the full Irish breakfast was really good value!

IAS MEETING – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – COMMON AREA OF CHURCH!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Our meeting this month only will be in the Commons area at the **FRONT** of the church as Ascension will be using their Community Center at that time as a homeless shelter. We will have 5 activities at this meeting:

1. To support the homeless shelter, the IAS will be doing a ♥HAVE A HEART♥ collection drive for *new or *gently* used winter coats, winter hats, winter scarves, and pairs of mittens/gloves*. It is bitterly cold outside during this season, so check your closets and see if there is any unused outer wear you can purge to help the less fortunate. Anything you or your kids have outgrown? Marie Kondo it for a good cause! We will have collection boxes set up at the meeting for these donations.
2. As a follow up to the excellent program at our last meeting on the Irish in Australia, we will show -- as promised -- the 1-hour dvd **IRISH ESCAPE** about the exciting 1876 jail break from an Australian penal colony and rescue on The Catalpa of six Irish political prisoners! This story is true and amazing!!! RTÉ and PBS were both involved in making the 2007 documentary, narrated by Live Schreiber with dramatic reenactments of the exciting events. BYOS – bring your own snacks!
3. Also, for those of you looking for nice ♥Valentine's Day♥ gifts for that special someone, we will have guest vendor **Allison Millard** with us at the February meeting. She will have a display of some of her unique customizable jewelry items from **Origami Owl** there for us to shop and order; she was one of our scheduled Christmas Market vendors, but came down with the flu and had to miss out. <https://uniquelocketsbyallison.origamiowl.com/>
4. Michael and Katie will be taking 2019 IAS Membership Dues and Forms.
5. I will be selling Finnegan's Wake tickets and signing up Finnegan's Wake volunteers.

IAS MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

Getting ready with final details for our 2 big Irish month events!!! More details next issue.

FINNEGAN'S WAKE – COMMUNITY CENTER, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SATURDAY, March 9TH

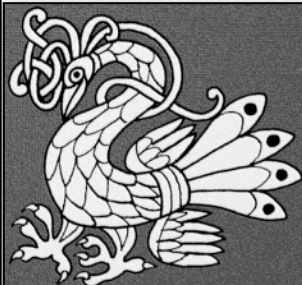
See separate announcement about this year's Finnegan's Wake. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

OCEAN VIEW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

All are welcome! Dress in your most festive Irish/IAS gear. Assemble in front of Middle School.

The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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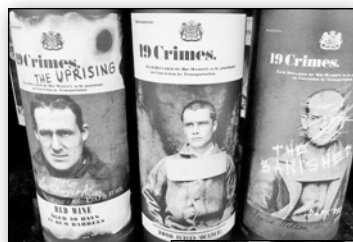
Arrive by 9 am to be able to park nearby. Step off at 10 am. More details next issue.

Finally, PLEASE don't forget to pay your 2019 IAS membership dues!!! We are a volunteer organization. The annual dues go 100% to support the IAS mission to promote and preserve Irish culture in our area. Enclosed as an insert in this newsletter is the 2019 membership form. You may pay your dues to our Financial Secretary **Michael Lawler** by cash or check along with your membership form at the February meeting if you haven't already. If you would rather pay by credit

or debit card, see our Treasurer **Katie McCrory** at the February meeting. You may also pay by PayPal to **IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com**; please make sure to include a note on the PayPal payment with your name, email, mailing address, and 2019 dues so we know to add you to the 2019 membership rolls.

Go raibh maith agaibh! Slán go fóill!
(Thank you! 'Bye for now!)

Lynnette



From January Meeting



IAS TREASURER'S REPORT

Month Ended 31 January 2019

Opening Balance		\$3,791.56
Add Revenue:		
2019 Dues	419.05	
Finnegan's Wake Tickets	165.00	
50/50 - January	37.00	
Total Revenue		\$ 621.05

Less Expenses:

Annual Insurance	322.00
January Rent*	50.00
Card Printing*	54.00
Stamps*	70.00
Christmas Ceili Decor	59.36
Hospitality	12.47
Square Fees	2.53
PayPal Fees	5.39
Total Expenses	(\$ 575.75)

Ending Balance 31 January 2019 **\$3,836.86**

* indicates a check has been written but not yet cleared

IRISH & IRISH-AMERICAN TRIVIA



January 2019 Trivia Questions

- ♣ What is the Gaelic word for snow?
- ♣ The Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6th) was also known as . . .
- ♣ How much bigger than Ireland is the US?

Submitted by **Maureen Cahill**

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

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

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IRISH DANCING UPDATE



Director **J. R. Walker**, TCRG, of The **WALKER ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE** took a large group of talented dancers from his school to the **Southern Region Oireachtas** last December in Houston, Texas, to compete. The group shot taken by **Angie Fortin** shows JR (3rd from right) as well as former director of the school [when it was called **An Cor Rud**, Irish for The Reel Thing] and Derry native **Heather Mailey-Esposito**, TCRG (2nd from left) as well as Walker Academy Instructor **Lisa Hunt Burgess**, TMRG (3rd from left -- our IAS Adult Princess 2002) and Walker Academy Assistant Instructor **Laura Payne** (1st on left -- IAS Adult Princess 2016).

The WA dancers did very well, including these two lovely ladies who you may recognize are also IAS members! The picture of **Kelly Ann Gould** was taken by her mom, **Tracy Fearon**. Kelly competed in U18 in Open Championship, and came in 5th in the region for her age group!!! The picture of **Mathisen Wood** was taken by her mom, **Samantha Wood**. Mathisen competed in U18 in Open Championship, and came in 14th out of 128 dancers in her age group!!! Both girls qualified for the World Championships of Irish Dance, where they will compete later this spring. Brava!



Oireachtas 2018 Kelly Ann Gould
photo by Tracy Fearon



Oireachtas 2018 Mathisen Wood
photo by Samantha Wood



Oireachtas 2018
Group photo by Angie Fortin

SOCIETY SHOUT OUT!



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

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash

CONGRATULATIONS to IS Teen Princess 2011 **Caitlyn Taylor** on graduating from Tidewater Community College in December 2018! Good on ya, Caitlyn! We're excited to see what your next chapter holds!



CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Brady who was recently selected as the "2018 Best Service Officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the state of Virginia"! This award, given by the Daughters of the American Revolution during a ceremony at the Princess Anne Country Club, is definitely much-deserved as Joe works tirelessly to take care of other veterans. Donna Crisp, RADM, USN, ret., Regent of the Great Bridge Chapter of the DAR, presented the award. Joe is a retired Senior Chief of the USN and a life member of VFW 392. He has provided assistance to veterans and veterans families in need in many different ways over the years. We are so very proud of you, Joe!



IAS CHRISTMAS MARKET & CEILI 2018 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 2018

Many, many thanks to everyone who put in the effort to make our **IAS Christmas Market & Ceili 2018** such a lovely evening!!! It was a fantastic team effort, and I am so happy and proud to know so many talented peeps, hardworking volunteers, and festive folks! Thanks to everyone who hustled there after a hard day at work, who moved mountains to get their kids there on a school night, who drove in from other cities, who donated nonperishable food and/or hygiene items for our Food Pantry box, who brought food for the pot luck feast, who helped set up or break down, who helped promote the event through social media and word of mouth, and who supported our vendors! Some extra special thanks **MUST** go to the following:

♥ **Katie Morse McCrory**, who first came up with the idea for an IAS Christmas Market in 2016! There were two vendors the first year, then that grew to about eight last year, and we had thirteen vendor tables this year!!! We are achieving her original vision for this event! Katie also made all the nice signs for the vendor tables, which I think really add a special touch and some visual continuity.

♥ VIP status to **Joy Brady-Boyd**, who was the source of the ideas for many of this year's additions, including Santa & Mrs. Claus, the wrapping table, and how to obtain a diverse list of great vendors! She also enlisted three generations of Clan Brady to help out!

♥ Speaking of vendors, many thanks to **Debra Taylor-Kelly**, who extended the invitation to many of her fellow vendors in the wider Tidewater area and convinced them to give our Irish Christmas Market a try!

♥ Thank you so much to **Eric Hodies** with the *VB Beacon* who did a fantastic article on the IAS Christmas Market & Ceili for us which absolutely generated new foot traffic for us! I met several new people who specifically told me they heard about us because of the article! They signed up for our email list, took membership forms, and are planning to come to the January meeting! Success!

♥ Thank you to **Mary Ann & Joseph Brady** who, as always, went above and beyond. Not only were they **AMAZING** portraying Santa & Mrs. Claus, but they got there early to help set up, helped break down at the end, and also had a table of beautiful wreaths prepared for sale!

♥ We are so very lucky to have an official IAS bagpiper, **Tom Crouch**, to add flair to our festivities, and also the gifted & talented **Edward Brash** who was able to put together an **OUTSTANDING** assortment of brilliant musicians **AND** a sound system to provide live Celtic music for our event! Thank you to **ALL** of the musicians who graciously came out during the busy holiday season and provided such lovely tunes for us, including IAS member **Connie Austin Smith**!

♥ Many thanks to our artistic genius **Michael J. Lawler** who made the awesome signs for out in front of the Church to advertise our event & guide people to the correct part of the building! He also pitched in w/ set up **AND** helped **Lori Shea** w/ the festive wrapping table for our guests!

♥ Thank you to **Tracy Lynn Fearon** who was ridiculously good at running the drink station! She pitched in immediately, brought a second crock pot & extension cord & ladle, and made **OVER \$50** in small donations to the IAS for mulled cider and hot chocolate!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

♥ Thank you to Joy's son **William Puckett** and my nephews **Rex & Parker Fitch** who were all extraordinarily helpful doing the heavy lifting of setting up for this event **AND** stuck around to help with the clean up afterward. You three young men all make me proud! Thank you also to Joy's twins **Jordan & Jessica Boyd** who were **ADORABLE** elves over in Santa's selfie area! Thank you also to our 2018 IAS Junior Princess **Eadlyn Crouch** who was there in her sash to help out, along with her sister **Eilidh**. It's so nice to see the next generation taking part in our events!

♥ Thank you to **Cheryl Ann Brown** for her help managing the buffet table **AND** for rescuing my crock pot/extension cord/ladle when I inadvertently left them behind!!!

♥ Thank you to **Lisa Liedl** from the **Church of the Ascension** who set up the room divider for us and keeps everything running smoothly for groups like us who rent the Community Center space for our meetings and events.

♥ Last but far from least, thank you to all of our **FABULOUS** vendors!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Your beautiful tables of amazing products were so impressive!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We are very grateful to all of you for your time, effort, and talent. People, hit them up if you didn't get a chance to finish your shopping! I know I have unfinished shopping with several!



Here is the list of small businesses in alpha order:

AVON Products & Makeovers /
HOLIDAY DECOR - **Joy Brady-Boyd**
CHRISTMAS DECOR by Mimi -
Mary Ann Brady
COLOR STREET Nail Polish Strips
(Free Instant Application w/
Purchase) - **Danah Stover-Hubbard**
THE ENCHANTED FAWN Baby &
Child Hairbows, Bowties, etc. -
Gabrielle Benham
GILMOUR GRRRRRL GOODS Decor,
Clothing, & Gifts - **Lynette Gilmour**
Crouch

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TIDEWATER Gear & Membership -
Katie Morse McCrory
KNIT IT GOOD! Gorgeous Knit
Clothing & Accessories - **Maureen**
Cahill
OTHER WORLDLY SOAP
Handcrafted Luxury Soaps &
Bathbombs - **Louise McGinnis**
THIRTY-ONE GIFTS Totes, Bags, etc.
- **Caroline Morse**
THE THORNY SEAHORSE
Accessories, Decor, & Gifts - **Debra**
Taylor-Kelly
VINTAGE ELEGANCE BY MVK
Shabby Chic & Coastal Decor -
Marianne V. Kleber



IAS CHRISTMAS MARKET &
CEILI 2018
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6 2018

CU CORNER



*submitted by Heather Hanchett Burns,
founding member of the IAS Paddy Pack & officer of the
Irish Wolfhound Association of the Mid South*

Hi all!

In 2018, Irish Wolfhound Rescue of the Mid South rescued 20 Irish Wolfhounds in our normal region of VA, NC, SC, WV and took on GA and FL last January when that Rescue Coordinator retired. Sadly, this is a record. In order to support our future efforts we are having a raffle for a trip to Ireland - valued at \$3500. We also have runner up prizes shown on our website (new choices also being added).

Tickets are \$35 each for a 1 in 600 chance of winning. To buy a ticket, please fill out the "Contact" form at www.iwams.org/contact.

PLEASE buy a ticket - or more than one ticket - and spread the word to co-workers, relatives, and friends! About 200 tickets are

Irish Wolfhound Rescue of the Mid South

Presents: Hounds of EIRE Tour Raffle!

First prize* is a trip to Ireland: Value \$3500

Raffle opens: January 15, 2019

Drawing date: April 28, 2019

Raffle tickets are \$35 each

Only 600 raffle tickets

will be sold

You do not
need to be
present
to win!



Net proceeds benefit rescue for

North and South Carolina, Virginia, W. Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

* Additional information and prizes will be listed at:

www.iwams.org/raffle on January 15, 2019

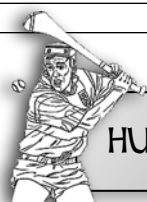
Drawing open to U.S. participants. Some states do not allow the sales of raffle tickets.

It is the responsibility of the purchaser to be aware of their state's laws.

sold and we need to sell 400 more by April 26, 2019. Rules of the raffle are under the "Raffle" tab on our website.

Help fund the rescue efforts of this noble ancient Irish breed and icon of Ireland in our region.

Hear all the latest about our Hibernian hounds!



HURLING HAPPENINGS



posted by Jackie Trudell

Congratulations to the 2019 COVA Board ; **Joshua Parker**, Chair ; **Ryan Norman**, Vice Chair; **Megan Allen**, Secretary; **Nikki Jones**, Public Relations; **Skylar Stewart**, Camogie Representative, **Tony Gaar**, Hurling Team Representative, **Natalie Bennett**, Fundraising, and I will be staying on as Treasurer. And although he will try to avoid it **Robert Akamine**, you're stuck with Games and Ref scheduling. Remember April 27th is CVC and we still need help !



**Cheryl Brown at COVA
GAA Jan 2019 AGM at
Oozlefinch Craft Brewery**

THE PARTING GLASS



*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.*

Condolences to IAS Teen Princess 2008 **Maggie Wilcox**, her mother **Michelle "Mimi" Wilcox**, her grandmother **Gaye Sollberger**, and their entire family on the loss of her beloved maternal grandfather, **Henry Antoine Sollberger** of Slidell, LA, in mid-December 2018. Henry was 82-years-old and had been battling pancreatic cancer. Maggie's grandparents were married for 59 loving years. Thankfully, Maggie was able to fly from Germany to New Orleans to be with her family for the funeral. Henry's obituary can be seen at this link.

www.honakerforestlawn.com/m/p=memorial&id=2153401&fbclid=IwAR1NEvhoXsGOkEVrzVf7_WE7Ux6wC7igjEpAW2QE6UQCqbrfAy2xg5R3Fs

Condolences to IAS Teen Princess 2001 **Ashley Fordice Valdez**, her mother **Jackie**, and her entire family on the loss of her

wonderful grandmother, **Sheila Rose McNerney Quigley**, right before Christmas. Sheila was born in London, England, and survived bombings and evacuations during WWII. She and her husband **James** met and married in England and then moved to the USA in the early 1970s to raise their family. Sheila passed peacefully at home here in Virginia Beach, surrounded by family. Sheila's obituary can be seen at this link.

www.hollomon-brown.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=3961082#/obituaryInfo

Condolences to **Michael Waugh**, long-time friend of the IAS and owner of **Wild West Irish Tours**, on the passing of his younger brother **Tommy** from cancer in late December. Tommy leaves behind three children and a loving wife. Michael posted, "... Tom was a fighter right to the end. Being two years older than him, when it came to things like athletics I had to do everything I could to stay ahead of him. That wasn't easy. He made me better at everything I played. I was proud when he joined the Coast Guard a few years after I did, and did his time for the country. He joins my sister Virginia, my mother, my father and the ancestors."

CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte



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

Welcome to **Mila Sue Cahill**, first baby for **Jeremiah & Elizabeth Cahill**. Mila is the first grandchild of **Maureen Cahill**, our Jr. Vice President. Mila is destined to be a social butterfly like her vivacious grandmother Maureen – she arrived on New Year's Eve! Maureen will get to meet Mila in person at the end of the semester as Jeremiah is stationed in Okinawa. She posted regarding Mila's arrival, "Welcome to the world! Let the spoiling begin! I mean restrained grand-parenting."



Mila, Elizabeth, & Jeremiah Cahill

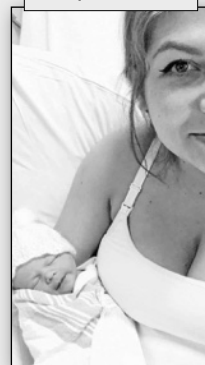


Welcome to **Rustyn Jagger Benham**, second child of IAS members **Gabrielle & Tyler Benham**, sister of **Bexley Rose Benham**, granddaughter of **Dawn Fitch Carragino**, great-granddaughter of **Rex & Lynnée Fitch**, and grandniece of **Lynnette Fitch Brash**! Rustyn entered the world a week early on January 24th after minimal labor. All are healthy and happy at home now, with grandmother Dawn taking a week off work to help out. Let the wild rumpus start!

Did you recruit someone new?

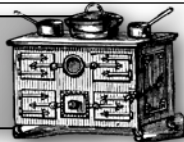
*Send us a picture and/or tell us about our newest members!
Want to make a birth announcement from within the local Celtic
Community? Send us a photo and/or the details!*

*Gabrielle &
Rustyn Benham*



Tyler & Bexley Benham "twins"

CELTIC KITCHEN



BAILEY'S IRISH CREAM DARK CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash

Here's a lovely recipe I found on *Ireland Calling* – try making some confections with an Irish flair for your sweetie for Valentine's Day! Visit this link to see the video instructions.

<https://ireland-calling.com/baileys-irish-cream-dark-chocolate-truffles-recipe/>

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- 50 grams Dark Chocolate
- 25 grams Butter
- ¼ cup Cream
- 2 Tb Baileys
- Coconut Flakes (in a small bowl -- enough for coating)
- Hot Chocolate Powder (in a separate small bowl – enough for coating)

In a double boiler or in a glass bowl fitted securely over a pot of gently boiling water, melt the chocolate and the butter, stirring them with a wooden spoon until they are completely melted and mixed. Add the cream, and stir it in completely. Then do the same with the Baileys. Remove mixture from the heat, and refrigerate for 3 hours.

Using a metal table spoon, scoop out enough of the mixture to roll a small ball in the palms of your hands. Drop it in the coconut flakes and shakes around until it is coated all over, and then set it in your serving dish. Repeat, only this time drop it in the hot chocolate powder. Repeat with the rest of the mixture, alternating between the coconut flakes and the hot chocolate powder. Serve to that special someone before you're tempted to enjoy them all yourself!!!

We welcome recipe submissions from ANY AND ALL Irish American Society members for the Celtic Kitchen column! Got a dish that always gets compliments? Share your recipe along with a little background history with the rest of the IAS! Send submissions to our editor, Lori Shea, at lorishea@aol.com.

♣ About 140 times bigger: www.mylifeelsewhehere.com/country-size-comparison/united-states/ireland
♣ Little Christmas or Women's Christmas www.whychristmas.com/cultures/ireland.shtml

January 2019 Trivia Answers

♣ Sneachta



FINNEGAN'S WAKE!!!

OUR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR takes place on Saturday, March 9th -- get this on the calendar and get your tickets so you don't miss Finnegan's Wake! You do NOT need to be an IAS member to attend -- you just have to buy a ticket!

For the first time ever, our traditional corned beef, boiled cabbage, and boiled red potatoes meal is being prepared professionally by **The Route 58 Delicatessen!** Those of us who have eaten there know how DELICIOUS their food is! We are, as always, relying on our fabulous IAS bakers to provide the homemade Irish soda bread and other desserts

We are thrilled to have live Celtic music by **GLASGOW KISS**, an Irish step dancing performance by **THE WALKER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE**, a ceili demo by **CROSSROADS CEILI**, the announcement of our 2019 IAS IRISH PRINCESSES, a CASH BAR of good beers & ciders, DOOR PRIZES for ticket holders who stay until the end, and much more!!!

FINNEGAN'S WAKE TICKETS & TABLES

We are keeping it as simple and straight forward this year as we can. Tickets are \$15 per person, tables seat 10, and there are 20 tables. In order to buy seats at the tables closest to the dance floor, you must purchase the entire table of 10 seats at once (\$150). We strongly recommend dance schools buy their entire tables at once. We also recommend groups of friends or family groups club together to buy entire tables at once. Smaller groups and individuals can purchase seats at tables further away from the dance floor.

***6 of the 10 tables closest to the dance floor are already purchased. The other 4 must be purchased an entire table (\$150) at a time.

***The seats at the other 10 tables on the second ring may be purchased in part by smaller groups; the entire table does not have to be bought at once.

We will be selling tickets at the February 7th IAS meeting, but you can get them sooner (and ensure you don't miss out if we sell out!!!) by sending the IAS money via [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) at IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com. *Send \$15 per ticket, and please do not forget to give the names these tickets should be held for and a contact email or phone number in the PayPal note.*

FINNEGAN'S WAKE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are doing Finnegan's Wake (Sat. Mar. 9th) on our own this year, as you know if you were at the January meeting. **Mike Bromley** is completely retired from spearheading FW after many years of heroic effort on our behalf, and Ascension decided it was too much work without him, so they bowed out as well. We have done this on our own in the past, so not to worry -- we can get used to doing it on our own again.

Ascension has very generously allowed us to use the facilities for free this year, and we have an outstanding professional caterer (**Route 58 Deli**) lined up to make the food, but we will have to do ALL the other set up and clean up ourselves. We need to line up a team of volunteers to help -- the board CANNOT do it on our own. Here are some of the tasks at hand -- please let us know if you can help! Remember: many hands make light work! :)

- Set up the tables, chairs, & decorations Sat. am - no less than 6, done in an hour or two
- Greeter (can do in shifts) - take tickets at door, rip stub off for door prize jar - no less than 2 -- done after food is served
- Food servers (dish out corned beef, cabbage, potatoes) - no less than 8 -- done in an hour or less
- Food clean up (take food trays to kitchen, put any leftovers in zip lock bags, wash trays and utensils) - no less than 3 -- done in an hour or less
- Bar tenders (run two cash bars, can do in shifts) - no less than 4 -- length of shift depends on number of volunteers for this
- Clean up at end of the night -- tables have to be cleared, floors need to be cleaned of any spills, trash needs to be taken out to dumpster, etc. -- no less than 10 -- should be able to knock it out in an hour or less
- We also need TWENTY loaves of Irish soda bread, one per table, so PLEASE let us know if you are willing to bake any!!!!!!

IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER PRESENTS

FINNEGAN'S WAKE

MARCH 9th, 2019



Live Celtic Music! Step Dancers!
Ceili Dancing!

Menu
Corned Beef
Cabbage
Potatoes
Soda Bread
Cake



Non-refundable Tickets \$15 each

Kids under 5 y.o. free

Table of 10 seats - \$150

Remaining tickets for sale at Feb. 7th meeting

Doors & Cash Bars open at 6 pm! Program starts 7 pm

Ascension Community Center