

# The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News

March 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: MARCH 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,

First off, very exciting news: our Treasurer, Katie Morse McCrory, set up an Amazon Smile link for the IAS!!! Please consider having the IAS be the group that benefits when you shop through Amazon Smile! It is fast and easy to add the IAS to your Amazon profile at the link below. Items do not cost you any more on Amazon Smile than they do on regular Amazon, and you can still use your Amazon Prime membership, if you have one. However, each time you make a purchase, 0.5% of the price of eligible items will go to the IAS!!! That can really add up, especially if all IAS members ask our friends and extended family to select us for Amazon Smile. THANK YOU to Katie for getting this set up. https://smile.amazon.com/ch/ 87-0785664



Our February meeting was a great night for the IAS! We met in the front of Ascension rather than our usual location in the Community Center, because Ascension was hosting a homeless shelter there that week. To support the church's homeless shelter, the IAS had a VHAVE A HEARTV winter coat/scarf/hat/glove & mitten drive! My heart was warmed by the generosity and thoughtfulness of our members who contributed FIVE FULL BOXES of new and gently used winter weather gear for the less fortunate. And thanks to Eadlyn & Eilidh Crouch for decorating the boxes with love during the meeting. V

Continuing the heart theme for Valentine's Day, thank you so much to **Lynette Gilmour Crouch** for setting up a lovely refreshments area for the meeting and thanks to **Debra Taylor-Kelly** as well for helping with the decor. Thanks to all who brought treats to share, too. Some of you may already know that there is an Irish connection to **St. Valentine** — his relics are enshrined at a Carmelite church (**Whitefriar Street Church**) in Dublin, Ireland!

Thank you to **Edward Brash** for setting up the projector so we could watch my dvd of **IRISH ESCAPE**, the thrilling real life story of how some Irish political prisoners in the Australian penal



colony were successfully extricated from jail with an exciting sea chase taking place until ultimately they were brought safely to America! This was a great follow up to last month's program by Edward on the Irish in Australia.

Finally, thanks to those of you who paid your 2019 dues, bought your FW tickets, and signed up to either volunteer for jobs supporting FW and/or to participate in the Ocean View St. Patrick's Day Parade coming up on March 16th! Please see the VOLUNTEER LISTS elsewhere in this newsletter. We definitely need more volunteers!!!!!!! We also still have a limited number of tickets available for FW, so contact me immediately if you are interested.

#### IAS MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

We'll be back in our regular location, the Ascension Community Center, at 7 pm for our monthly meeting. Come help us nail down all the final details for Finnegan's Wake and the OV St. Patrick's Day Parade! Catch up with friends old and new while we celebrate what a glorious thing it is to be IRISH during IRISH MONTH!!!

#### FINNEGAN'S WAKE – COMMUNITY CENTER, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 6 pm - ???!!!

It's shaping up to be epic!!!!!!!!!! Don't miss the craic!

See the separate announcement inside this newsletter about this year's Finnegan's Wake. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!



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## The Irish American Society of Tidewater

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#### 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL OCEAN VIEW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – SATURDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

All are welcome – bring friends! Dress in your most festive Irish/IAS gear. Assemble in front of Northside Middle School, 8720 Granby Street, Norfolk. Arrive by 9 am to be able to park nearby. Step off at 10 am. We are in Section One, Position 30. The route is about 1.5 miles long, so wear appropriate shoes and also dress warmly and in layers for the weather. The parade usually goes on rain or shine, hot or cold. We have limited seating on our two floats which we reserve for members with mobility issues.

We will, as always, have our IAS PADDY PACK of Irish-owned and Irish breed dogs marching with us, including some of the magnificent local Irish Wolf Hounds. Members are encouraged to join the Paddy Pack with their dogs as long as the dogs are people-friendly and dog-friendly, are upto-date on their vaccinations, and are on a non-retractable leash. Don't forget to deck your doggies out in fine Irish style!

After the parade, some of us will head over to the parking lot party at the new location of **Bold Mariner** to support them. The owners are Irish

American. More details about the parade in the separate article inside this newsletter.

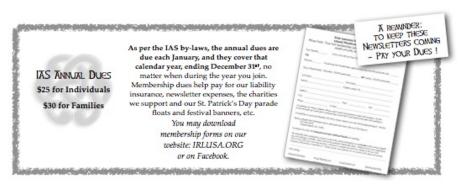
Finally, a repeat reminder: PLEASE don't forget to pay your 2019 IAS membership dues!!! We are a volunteer organization. The annual dues go 100% to support the IAS mission to promote and preserve Irish culture in our area. You may pay your dues to our Financial Secretary Michael Lawler by cash or check along with your membership form at the March meeting if you haven't already. If you would rather pay by credit or debit card, see our Treasurer Katie McCrory at the March 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 raíbh maith agaibh! Slán go fóill!

(Thank you! 'Bye for now!)

Lynnette Fitch Brash





## IRISH & IRISH-AMERICAN TRIVIA

Submitted by Maureen Cahill

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

#### March 2019 Trivia Questions

- How many Dublins are in the US?
- Which Irish legend has a wicked stepmother who turns her four step-children into swans?
- Which Irish band sang "Zombie?"
- What is the other name for the Liffey Bridge in Dublin?

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

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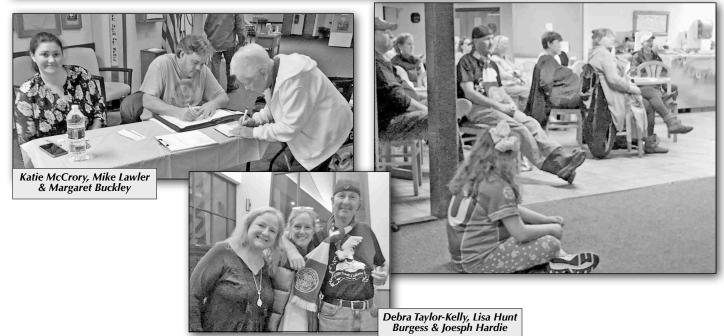
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Our HAVE A HEART winter coat/scarf/hat/gloves & mittens drive filled FIVE boxes of new & gently worn donations for the homeless.
Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed.
And thank you to Eadlyn & Eilidh Crouch for decorating the boxes so nicely.







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#### A MARCH TRIO OF RECIPES FOR IRISH SODA BREAD

#### IRISH SODA BREAD

by Betsy Rivers-Kennedy

4 cups King Arthur Flour (can be ½ whole wheat

3 tbs. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
4 tbs. butter
1 ½ cups raisins
2 tbs. Scotch
2 eggs

1 cup buttermilk

Preheat oven to 400\*

In a small bowl mix raisins, Scotch and caraway seeds.

Combine flour, sugar sale, baking powder and baking soda in a bowl. Cut or rub in butter until the mixture resembles bread crumbs. Stir in raisin mixture.

Beat eggs and stir all but 1 tbs. into buttermilk. Add wet to dry ingredients. Mix till it forms a ball; place in a well-greased 8" dish or cake pan. Brush top with remaining egg and 1 tbs. sugar. Cut a 4" cross on top of dough.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes.



### JULIA SHEA'S IRISH SODA BREAD

by Lori Shea

Preheat oven to 350°, grease 9" deep-dish pie plate (or two loaf pans) and dust with flour. Mix dry ingredients in a bowl;

4 cups flour

3/4 cup sugar

1 tsp. baking soda

4 tsp. baking powder

3 tbs. caraway seeds

1/2 box raisins (1/2 of 15 oz. box)

1/2 box golden raisins

Mix in separate bowl;

1 pt. (2 cups) of sour cream

3 egg

1 cup of buttermilk (or substitute 1 cup milk + 1 tbs. lemon juice)

Mix well by hand.
Pour in pie plate and bake for 1 hour.
turn oven off and leave in oven for 15 min. with
door closed -testing that it is done.

## COLLEEN;S ETASY IRISH SODT BREAD RECIPE

Prepared by her Dad, **Mike Bromley** for past Finnegan's Wakes

4 cups flour
11/2 cups buttermilk
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
1 stick butter, softened
2 eggs
Dash salt
1 cup raisins
1 cup sugar

Mix flour baking soda, sugar and salt together.

Add buttermilk, eggs and butter. Mix together. Add raisins.

Put in greased 9" cake pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes.

from the March 2013 newsletter



Flag waving - come rain or shine! - 2013



## FINNEGAN'S WAKE 2019 IRISH VOLUNGEERS NEEDED!!!

FINNEGAN'S WAKE is going to require a true team effort this year since the IAS is doing it on our own!!! Please contact us immediately (IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com) or at the March IAS meeting on Thursday, March 7th, if you'd like to be added to the volunteer list.

Please let us know which of the following task(s) you want to help with. THANK YOU!!

#### \*Set up at 10 am -- the tables, chairs, & decorations Sat. Mar. 9th - no less than 10 volunteers

- 1. Lynnette Fitch Brash (layout & décor)
- 2. Michael Lawler (flags & flag stands)
- 3. Edward Brash (stage & sound)
- 4. Debra Taylor-Kelly (décor)
- 5. **Tracy Fearon** (décor asst.)
- 6. Samantha Wood (décor asst.)
- 7. Marsha Montgomery (décor asst.)
- 8.
- 9. 10.
- \*Greeter (can do in shifts) take tickets at door from 6-9 pm, rip stub off for door prize jar
- 1. VFW guys Joe Brady
- 2. VFW guys Joe Brady
- \*Bar tenders (run two cash bars, check IDs, can do in shifts) no less than 4
- 1. VFW guys Joe Brady POC
- 2. VFW guys Joe Brady POC
- 3. VFW guys Joe Brady POC
- 4. VFW guys Joe Brady POC
- \*Food servers (dish out corned beef, cabbage, potatoes) no less than 6 - there will be 2 food tables with 3 stations each
- 1. Lynette Crouch
- 2. Eadlyn Crouch
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

- \*Food clean up (take food trays to kitchen, put any leftovers in zip lock bags, wash trays and utensils) no less than 3
- 1. VFW guys Joe Brady
- 2. VFW guys Joe Brady
- 3. VFW guys Joe Brady
- \*We also need TWENTY loaves of Irish soda bread, one per table, so PLEASE let us know if you are willing to bake any!!!!!!!!! Indicate the number of loaves you are planning to make. Put one loaf on each of the 20 tables when you arrive at FW. If there are extras, we will add them to the Door Prizes!
- 1. Lori Shea
- 2. Mary Ann Brady
- 3. Betsy Kennedy
- 4. Eilidh Crouch 4 loaves
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8. 9.
- 10.
- \*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 volunteers
- 1. Lynnette Fitch Brash
- 2. Lisa Hunt Burgess
- 3. **Edward Brash** (stage, music & sound equipment, food trays & serving utensils)
- 4. Deb Plummer
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8. 9.
- 10.
- \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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#### 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 our current Financial Secretary and longtime Webmaster **Michael Lawler** and his family on the loss of his grandmother, **Margaret Lawler**, in early February in Lindenhurst, NY. She was a beloved wife, mother of seven, grandmother of nineteen, and great-grandmother of twenty-seven! Visit this link to see her obituary.

www.legacy.com/obituaries/Newsday/obituary.aspx? page=lifestory&pid=191542127



Condolences to IAS Teen Princess 2008 **Meagan Oglethorpe Garibay**, our Youth Outreach Chair, and her family on the loss in February of her paternal grandfather, **Gene C. Newsome**. By all accounts, he was a true gentleman and unfailingly positive human being. Visit this link to see his obituary.

www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=genec-newsome&pid=191578360&fhid=11903 I am sorry to have to share terribly sad news for those of us who knew **Phil Duffy**, one of the most active trad musicians/singers in our area. He passed in late February due to complications from an eye surgery. This is especially shocking due to the fact that Edward was just telling me last weekend about how much fun they had playing at the Irish session at Grace O'Malley's Sunday.

Phil loved to sing and play guitar (and tin whistle and bodhran). He was a regular (or Irregular, as the case may be!) at the Wednesday night session at the White Horse Pub in Pembroke Mall back in the late '90s that many of us used to go to. He was also an active contra dancer back then, and I am honored that he

used to ask me (and some of the other Irish step dancers and Highland dancers there) to waltz at the White Horse sessions.

Phil was an actor as well as a musician. He was very active in TFFM and then TFAM. He played in most of the local sessions AND actively organized many of the regular sessions over the years. The picture is of him (on the right; Dave McNew is on the left) playing for the IAS when he came to our 2018 Christmas



Dave McNew & Phil Duffy at IAS Christmas Ceili 2018

Market & Ceili. RIP, Phil Duffy. You will be missed greatly. Thanks to **Steve Suhring** of OBeX for forwarding the link to Phil's obituary along to Edward.

www.hollomon-brown.com/obituaries/Philip-Joseph-Duffy? obId=4197912&fbclid=IwAR0ovqFRv2p1UmsStsH9ZMXquopoe MP5X\_J5A59JnUmonn5FYwSr4qNFCmQ#/obituaryInfo

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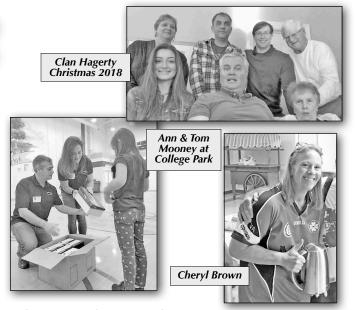
Please feel free to submit news about yourself and/or other current or former IAS members, with or without pictures!

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Collin Hagerty who graduates from boot camp March 14 in Fort Leonard Wood, MO! He is the grandson of Jim & Pam Hagerty, the son of Michael & Amy Hagerty, and the brother of IAS Teen Princess 2015 Caitlin Hagerty. After his initial active duty at Fort Eustis, VA, Collin will be US Army Reserves and will complete his engineering degree at Old Dominion University. We are proud to have such a fine young man affiliated with the IAS!

**WELL DONE** to Ann & Tom Mooney, owners of Murphy's Irish Pub in Virginia Beach, who continue to spread their love of running and fitness to others. As per the post on the Murphy's Facebook page, Ann & Tom "visited College Park Elementary last week to distribute 50 pairs of running shoes that they bought for Title 1 students running the Operation Smile Shamrock Final Mile. Tom and Ann's gift also provides these students with free race entries, a race shirt, and transportation to and from the race. Thank you to J & A Racing for this community partnership opportunity and good luck to all students running the Final Mile on Saturday, March 16th!" That is awesome! And on top of all that generous philanthropy, Ann recently qualified for the **Boston Marathon!!!** WOWZA!



**FOR ALLYOU'VE DONE,** thank you to **Cheryl Brown** for all your work on the Hospitality Table every month. From tea to soda to spoons, to napkins - Cheryl added a smile to all, our thanks! And welcome to **Lynette Gilmour Crouch** will be taking over next month.

### ST.Baldrick's 2019

Hello Friends,

First, I hope the past year has been good to everyone, your family and friends.

This is my annual request to you in hopes of your continued support of this worthy cause towards funding the promising research of finding cures for childhood cancers. I have once again volunteered to have my head shaved in support of raising funds for childhood cancer research. I do it in honor of **José Andres Hernandez** who we lost at age 14 in September 2009 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Over the years we, together, have done an excellent job in raising funds in support of such a worthy cause. Providing the funding needed to find the cures for the many childhood cancers so that all children can live the childhood they are suppose to and their parents and relatives can enjoy their children's many

achievements. <u>I cannot accomplish this without your support so</u> please donate today. All donations count, both large and small are greatly appreciated.

Here in 2019 my three grandsons are once again joining me in March for the shave. The three of them are actually going one step further and donating their hair, grown over the past two years, towards having wigs made for the young cancer patients. You can find all three of them on the Yes Way, Jose! team's web

The research support that St. Baldrick's has provided has lead to a number of new FDA approved drugs to fight these cancers. Visit the St Baldrick's home page http://www.stbaldricks.org/and scroll down to see the "Latest News and Stories" and how they are "Funding the best research". These are just a couple of the many insights available.

Your contributions are tax-deductible as allowed to the extent allowed by law.

You can contribute toward my goal in one of three ways:

 By donating online at www.stbaldricks.org/participants/ mypage/998173/2019 (*This is my personal shavee page*).

• By calling toll free at 888-899-BALD (2253).

• By mailing a check to St Baldrick's at 1333 S. Mayflower Ave. Suite 400, Monrovia, CA 91016. A donation form with my participant information is already included can be printed from my shavee page or I can send it your way upon request.

Inote from Lynnette: There is actually a 4th way you can donate to this worthy cause. If you write your check to the IAS but put St. Baldrick's in the memo line, the IAS will match that donation, thus doubling it. We will do so up to a total donation amount of \$125, and then cut a check to Scott's St. Baldrick's team for the doubled amount! You can make your donations at the March IAS meeting. If you make a donation in cash, please put it in a labeled envelope or with a stickie on it designating that it is for St. Baldrick's. Thank you for your generosity in Jose's memory.]

To see how the Yes Way, Jose! team is doing please visit our page at www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/121844/2019. To learn more about our local event that's happening on Saturday, 02 March 2019, starting at 9:00AM and going until 12:00PM, at the Westin hotel at Town Center in Virginia Beach, please visit the event website at www.stbaldricks.org/events/ hrgoesbald.

To learn more general information about what **St. Baldrick's** is

all about, please visit their website at www.stbaldricks.org/. Visit this link www.stbaldricks.org/financials to see how the funds raised over the past several years have been used to

Thank you for taking a little time out of your busy day to read my request for your support towards this worthy cause. I hope you'll take the time to provide your assistance and support.

Your support is greatly appreciated, Scott MacGregor



### FINNEGAN'S WAKE 2019 DOOR PRIZES!!!

Brand new this year for FW -- DOOR PRIZES!!! Ticket holders must be present and have their ticket stub at 9 pm when the Door Prizes will be awarded! See our list below in alpha order. Many thanks to all the businesses who donated and to the one and only **Joe Brady** for lining up the lion's share of these. ♥ ♥ ♥

No FW ticket yet? We still have a few left -- contact us IMMEDIATELY at IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com !!! Have a business who would like to donate a Door Prize for FW?!?! Let us know, and we will update this list on Facebook as well as in the program for this event! We are hoping to add gift certificates from some of our awesome local microbreweries to this list within the next few days, so check on Facebook...



- 1 gift certificate from **The Bold Mariner Brewing Company!**
- 1 gift certificate from CP Shuckers!
- 5 One-Time Treatments from **Ehrlich Pest Control!**
- 1 gift certificate from **Finn McCool's Fish House & Tavern Kempsville!**
- 2 gift certificates from Grace O'Malley's Irish Pub & Restaurant!
- 1 gift certificate from **Mobile Appliance Repair!**
- 1 gift certificate from Murphy's Irish Pub!
- 1 gift certificate from Pixie Treasures Celtic Shoppe!
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- 16 www.irishcentral.com/roots/how-many-dublins-are-there-in-america

March 2019 Trivia Answers





#### 34.75.36.2 Irish American Society of Tidewater Contingent Ocean View St Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16, 2019

Everyone must be in place by 9 am or you won't be able to park close enough to beginning; we are in Section One, Position 30, and step off is 10 am sharp. We need to get all these slots filled in advance.

\Please let us know immediately by email (IAS.Tidewater@gmail.com) or on the IAS Facebook page or at the Thursday, March 7th IAS meeting if you want to participate, indicating which slot you wish to be added in.

#### Princess Convertibles & Drivers - Need 2

- 1. Joe Brady

#### Truck, hitch, & driver to pull parade floats

- 1. Irish Cottage Joe Brady
- 2. Paddy Wagon Joe Brady

#### IAS Banner -- Need 2 carriers

- 1.

#### Color Guard -- Need 4 carriers, one for each of the following <u>flags</u>

- 1. USA -
- 2. IRELAND -
- 3. IRISH 4 PROVINCES -
- 4. COMBO USA/IRISH FLAG -

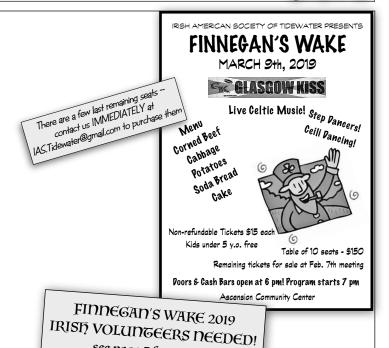
#### IAS Paddy Pack Banner -- Need 2 carriers

#### **IRISH COUNTY FLAGS -**

Sign up to carry one of these in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16th! First Come, First Served!!! Our Senior VP, Debra Taylor-Kelly, will be distributing the flags before the parade and collecting them afterward using this list.

- 1. ANTRIM -
- 2. ARMAGH -
- 3. CARLOW -
- 4. CAVAN -
- 5. CLARE -
- 6. CORK Joe Hardie
- 7. DERRY
- 8. DONEGAL -
- 9. DOWN -
- 10. DUBLIN Marsha Montgomery
- 11. FERMANAGH -





- 12. GALWAY Mary Ryan
- 13. KERRY -
- 14. KILDARE -
- 15. KILKENNY -

see page 5 for details

- **16. LAOIS**
- 17. LEITRIM -
- 18. LIMERICK John Ryan
- 19. LONGFORD -
- 20. LOUTH -
- 21. MAYO Debra Taylor-Kelly
- 22. MEATH -
- 23. MONAGHAN -
- 24. OFFALY -
- 25. ROSCOMMON -
- 26. SLIGO -
- 27. TIPPERARY -
- 28. TYRONE -
- 29. WATERFORD -
- 30. WESTMEATH -
- 31. WEXFORD -
- 32. WICKLOW -

## Willing To Carry Any Unclaimed Irish County

- 1. Lara Lazar
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.