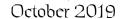
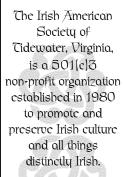


The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News





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: OCTOBER 3, 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.





Dear Fellow Irish American Society members,

Happy Fall, y'all! We survived the brutal summer heat and humidity, and now we are in the nice and cool pumpkin spice zone – YAY! Here is some detailed info about upcoming events for the IAS.... Hope to see many of you out and about. ?

Thurs. October 3rd IAS Meeting - 7 pm, Church of the Ascension Community Center SELKIE SPECIAL PROGRAM (held over from September meeting cancelled due to hurricane)

We will be doing a variety of activities at our OCTOBER meeting in honor of these *Irish mermaids*! Doors open at 6:30 for set up; meeting officially starts at 7 pm. Bring friends – the more the merrier!

- We encourage everyone to dress in mermaid/ merman clothing, maritime accessories, or at least ocean colors – a First Place Prize will be given for Best Thematic Costume!
- We hope to have a brief presentation on Celtic water creatures by our 2019 Jr. Princess Eilidh Crouch to kick the meeting off. We will also have thematic coloring pages for the wee ones and a handout of selkie-related information.
- We will show the family-friendly (rated PG) 1994 classic THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH. This movie has been one of my favorites for over twenty years, and I know you will love it, too! It appeals to all ages. Set on a fishing island off the coast of Donegal, the story's main character, a 10-year-old girl named Fiona, learns the local legend that her family has a selkie ancestor. Is her wee lost brother Jamie off with the seals? Watch and find out! (1 hr 43 min long)



- Two of our member vendors (Gilmour Grrrrl Goods & Thorny Seahorse) are bringing some AWESOME selkie/mermaid items for purchase. Shop from Debra Taylor-Kelly and Lynette Gilmour Crouch before, during, and after the movie!Don't forget to bring cash, because we will also have some thematic raffles and our donation bar of adult beverages! Some of our members are hitting up The Mermaid Winery and The Mermaid Factory for appropriate raffles; fingers crossed they will become new community partners for the IAS! We already have some SIREN SELTZERS ready to go for the adult beverage donation bar!
- For a COOK OFF, we encourage folks to bring HOMEMADE selkie-design, seafood-based, or beach-themed food items to share. You must bring a copy of your recipe in order to be considered for the First Place Prize!

Other IAS events coming up this fall:

- ♦ October 9th, 6:30 pm MacArthur Regal Cinema IAS & Friends meet up for THE CAMINO VOYAGE (IOMRAMH AN CHAMINO) United States Screenings BUY YOUR OWN TICKETS IN ADVANCE (link below & also on the invite on our Facebook page & website)!!! They are \$12 each, and they will not charge your credit card unless the ticket minimum threshold is met. If it's a go, you will receive an email confirmation of the purchase with instructions for downloading your ticket. If it is not a go, you will receive an email notification. When I ordered mine, there were about 75 tickets left, but they were only halfway to the 50 needed to make the event happen.
- ♦ Many thanks to IAS member Donna Looney-McGlynn (who is a Camino veteran and has presented on it for the IAS!) for getting this Irish film on our radar! They have to sell a minimum of 50 tickets to do the showing, so PLEASE order yours asap! Afterwards, perhaps we could grab a bite to eat &/or drinks somewhere in MacArthur & discuss the film before heading our separate ways. Here is more info from Donna:
 - Early Irish history and mythology feature many accounts of great Voyages to include Voyages to Santiago. For hundreds of years people sailed from Ireland to A Coruña in Northern Spain and walked the Camino to Santiago de Compostela from there.

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- In 2014, an inspiring crew began their own version of this historical journey in a traditional Naomh (a Kerry curragh) boat that they built themselves and started on a modern day Celtic odyssey - a 2,500km voyage from Ireland to Santiago de Compostela (which took place for 6 weeks each year; over 3 years).
- Pulling into coastal towns and villages en route, camping and cooking as they went this eclectic crew forged many new friendships; surprising those they met with a boat that seems to come straight out of the middle-ages.
- Demand Films will Screen the movie on Oct 9 at the Regal Theater at Macarthur Center (the Mall) at 6:30. Here is the link for tickets. https://tickets.demand.film/event/8469? fbclid=IwAR07PDDkmJB5fUXxxAiGCmc9Hr 67HgNvK6jHaYwY2tjuX5IBZmpW9XT43VQ
- ♦ Sat. October 26th & Sun. October 27th Richmond Highland Games (& Celtic Festival) – We shall set up our annual IAS Fáilte Table here again right next to our sister organization, the Richmond Irish American Society, at the top of Clan Row! Watch for more info soon on our Facebook page and website!
- Thurs. November 7th Our 2019 HARVEST **HOOLEY** meeting! We are hoping to have someone volunteer to be a VERY special guest presenter for this!!! Is there anyone interested in giving a brief presentation on BARLEY as a harvest ingredient for alcohol???!!! In past Harvest Hooleys, we have done programs with tastings of alcohol made with honey, apples,

- pumpkins, oats, and nuts. The Cook Off will also be recipes with BARLEY as an ingredient.
- Sat. November 16th SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd annual IAS "Fighting Irish" Veteran Appreciation Pub Crawl!!! Last year was so much fun that we are planning to do it again! Tickets to ride the party bus are \$25 per person, in advance only, no refunds, with any proceeds to benefit our IAS Irish American Honor Guard uniform fund. Only 50 lucky leprechauns can come, so get your tickets before they sell out!!! Lynnette will have them available asap. We are planning the following stops (tentatively) for this year's pub crawl. We will be spending approximately an hour in each stop.
 - 1. Start *Grace O'Malley's* (Granby Street, Norfolk) - Depart 6 pm
 - 2. *Farmhouse Brewing* (Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach)
 - 3. *Bold Mariner Brewing* (new location -Oceanview Avenue, Norfolk)
 - 4. *The Public House* (Colley Avenue, Norfolk)
 - 5. Finish *Grace O'Malley's* (Granby Street, Norfolk) - Arrive 12 am
- ♦ Thurs. December 5th IAS Christmas Market & Ceili – SAVE THE DATE!!! All vendors from 2018 are definitely invited to return for 2019!!!

And yes, we're STILL holding over an Irish Abroad feature until next month with lots of pix of IAS members' travels over the summer.

Slán go fóill! (Bye for now!)



IRISH & IRISH-AMERICAN TRIVIA

Submitted by Maureen Cahill

Each month, you will be asked to test your knowledge at three levels: easy, middling, and most difficult..

October 2019 Trivia Questions

What's a shillelagh?

In what years did the Celtic Tiger reign?

What is shillelagh law?

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IRISH AMERICAN LITERARY REVIEW



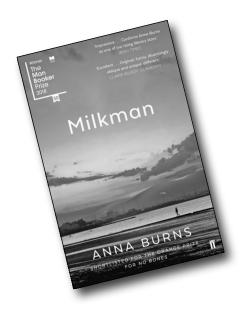
MILKMAN BY ANNA BURNS A review submitted by **Dr. Maureen Cahill**

Milkman is set in an unspecified city in Ireland during the Troubles. It won the 2018 Man Booker Prize (the first winner from Northern Ireland) and the 2019 National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction.

A quick look through the reviews on Goodreads.com and by professionals provide polar opposite recommendations. Some love it; others hate it.

~What's to love? The ethos of a time and place where women were vulnerable to whisper campaigns. Today's #MeToo generation would empathize with Middle Sister's situation. He's a middle-aged, married man, who, because of his position in the "renouncers of the state," wields power throughout the area. The main character is surprised and appalled by his interest until the whispers finally take over, and the town people treat her as if she has agreed to the affair even when there is no proof of it. Because of her perceived position, some people avoid her; others seek her out, and most allow her such privileges as moving to the front of the line or receiving free ice-cream. Nothing she says will stop others from believing she is having an affair, and The Milkman is fully aware of the power of the whisper campaign and uses it to his advantage. Even her mother will not believe the main character's innocence. The main character's frustration as she is not believed is timeless and current.

I listened to the book on *Audible*, and the pacing set by the author mixed with the Irish accent of the reader, **Brid Brennan**, provided hours of listening and relistening pleasure.



~What's not to love? The book is written in a rambling, stream of consciousness style that takes time to understand and to follow. I doubt I would have finished the book if I hadn't listened on *Audible*. Still, I almost gave up a few times. Not one character is named. Middle Sister is the main character; she has a host of siblings, also not named. The Milkman is not a real milkman, her mother's friend has that role; however, we never learn his real name or that of the real milkman. As a reader, I am used to not learning Mom's real name (Mom is enough); the same goes for Dad. Minor characters can be called the milkman, the storekeeper, the... whatever. This technique of not naming names reinforces the need to maintain secrets and the paranoia of the era, so it works, but it took quite some time for me to become accustomed to the lack of names and figure out the different characters (hence the relistening).

It's an important book from both historical and current perspectives, so it is definitely worth a read, but I'd recommend enjoying the audio version to hear the Irish accent.

We are launching a new feature this month to promote Irish literary studies! Anyone who has read a book written by an Irish or Irish American author and/or set in Ireland is welcome to submit a review for consideration. This feature probably will not run every month, but look for it when it does! Many thanks to Maureen Cahill for the outstanding inaugural review. Please contact Maureen directly (maltcahill@gmail.com) if you have any interest in getting together to discuss this or any other Irish reads; we are considering starting an IRISH READING BOOK CLUB to facilitate Hibernian literary chat and fellowship.



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





Some more pix and kudos for our IAS members who participated in OOH RAH DAY 2019 at Capt. Slade Cutter Park in Norfolk at the end of June. Tracy Fearon shared these additional fantastic pix on our IAS Facebook page. As you can see, our IAS Teen Princess 2019 Kelly Gould looks gorgeous — I don't know how she does it in the heat! And Tim Foley & Joseph Brady did a FANTASTIC job on the IAS Fáilte Table — it looks beautiful!!! An extra thank you is in order for Tim who signed up nearly 30 new people at the event for our IAS group email list AND who returned the bin of Fáilte Table items to me in BETTER condition than he received it. What a class act!



CONGRATS also to two newer friends to the IAS, Irish American couple Kerry & Michael Stacks, on the "soft opening" of their brand new OV location of BOLD MARINER BREWING! Norfolk Mayor Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Councilman Tommy Smigiel, and State Senator Lynwood Lewis joined them on the gorgeous front porch for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Dawn, Debra, and I also stopped by to support. Everything looks SO BEAUTIFUL there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They had some delicious smelling food as well as the usual delicious beer going on. I'm thrilled the 2nd annual IAS Pub Crawl will be going to Bold Mariner on Sat. Nov. 16th! The weather will be nice and cool by then, so the two wrap-around porches will be GLORIOUS drinking and socializing locations!



Bold Mariner is now open for business at the new Oceanview Ave location:

Monday-Thursday: 3 PM-9 PM Friday & Saturday: 12 PM-10 PM Sunday: 12 PM-9 PM

SOCIETY SHOUT OUT! cont'd.

CONGRATULATIONS to long-time IAS friend **Michael Regan-Waugh** on the upcoming 10th anniversary of his company **WILD WEST IRISH TOURS!!!** What an impressive achievement and exciting milestone! Their motto is "Expect great things in simple places", but they have gone from success to success in such a relatively short amount of time! To celebrate their 10th anniversary in 2020, they have a variety of special events and promotions going on.

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Foclóir = dictionary, lexicon, vocabulary An = the

By Tyler Klausmeier

Hello, everyone! My name is **Tyler Klausmeier**, and I'm **Allen and Kathleen Klausmeier's**' grandson:. My grandfather was IAS President quite a few (though it may not seem long ago to some!) years ago. I had the pleasure of meeting some of you at Murphy's in August.

I'll be contributing to *An Focloir*, the IAS newsletter's Irish language section. I am very interested in language study and instruction. I studied Arabic for 4 years and did a semester abroad in Jordan, I lived in Japan for 4 years teaching English and passed level 3 of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), I studied Latin in high school, and I have tried to teach myself Korean (largely unsuccessfully, at least for the time being). Of course, I'm interested in other languages, too.

Some of you hopefully know/remember quite a bit of the Irish language and how it is pronounced from your own independent studies and/or previous lessons you've taken. Please feel free to talk to me and each other in and about Irish!

Lesson 1

- Teaghlach (family) / tea_gh_lach (pronounced tea, as in tea, gh, but more hardened/emphasized, and lach, la like la in English and ch as in cheer, not a k sound)
- dearthair (brother) / pronounced as it looks but d is pronounced with tongue pressed against back of upper teeth and rs are pronounced more forcefully
- deirfiur (sister) / d_e_i_r_f_i_u_r (aforementioned pronunciation, e as in deck, i as in fit, and u as in chute)
- mathair (mother) / aforementioned pronunciation, a as in hat
- athair (father)

This is a brand new monthly feature for our IAS newsletter to help get us speaking IRISH together! Each month, there will be a new batch of thematic vocabulary words in Irish. Try to memorize the new vocabulary each month and then practice using the Irish words INSTEAD OF the English ones whenever we are together at meetings, social events, etc. Just sub the Irish words you know into otherwise English sentences. It will be fun! We'll have our own Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking area) before we know it!





To catch up on international Irish sports news, the 3rd GAA World Games took place this summer (late July/early August) in Waterford, Ireland. Teams from regions all over the world participated, with an Irish-born competition and a native-born competition; the native-born teams were each twinned with a Waterford GAA club host. Renault was the sponsor, O'Néills Sportswear (who also makes our sharp IAS jerseys!) kitted out all the teams in custom gear, and the finals were played up in Croke Park, Dublin. Here are links to some great articles about related news.

https://www.gaa.ie/stories/renault-gaa-world-games-day-1-roundup/

https://www.gaa.ie/stories/waterford-lays-on-magnificentwelcome-for-native-teams/

The Mid-Atlantic GAA fielded hurling & camogie teams at the GAA World Games this year, so both regional and local players took part, which is really cool! They were hosted by the Lismore GAA. From COVA GAA, hurlers included Josh Parker (also President of COVA GAA) and Beau Bennett and camogs included Natalie Bennet and Mandy Wolkowich. The Mid-Atlantic hurlers finished an excellent 2nd place in the A group and in the very respectable upper mids of the entire A & B groups combined field. **Pearse Óg** beat **Canada Hurling** in the native-born hurling finals.

https://www.gaa.ie/worldgames/hurling-native/tables

The Mid-Atlantic camogs finished a very respectable middle of the pack. **Europe Rovers** beat **Canada Native** in the nativeborn camogie finals.

https://www.gaa.ie/worldgames/camogie-native/tables

In regional Irish sports news, ADDITIONAL CONGRATULATIONS to the **Washington**, **D.C. Gaels** who went 4 for 4 at the **Mid-Atlantic GAA Division Finals** with **Men's Gaelic Football**, Ladies Gaelic Football, Camogie, and Hurling ALL winning a Mid-Atlantic Division Cup this July! When we originally went to press with this story in August, the results of the Men's Gaelic Football final were still not known. Way to dominate the division, D.C.!!! 'Mon the Gaels!

The Mid-Atlantic Division includes the following clubs:

- Baltimore Bohemians Camogie, Hurling, Men & Ladies Gaelic Football
- Coastal Virginia GAA Camogie & Hurling
- D.C. Gaels Camogie, Hurling, Men & Ladies Gaelic Football
- Fairfax Gaelic Football Club Co-ed Gaelic Football
- Mason-Dixon Gaelic Football Club Men's Gaelic Football
- Michael Collins Gaelic Football Club Men's Gaelic Football
- Richmond Battery GAA Camogie & Hurling



THE PARTING GLASS

I askyou 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 **Mary Ann Bromley** and family on the loss of her aunt, **Helen Schultes**, who passed away September 18th on her 96th birthday. Helen was Mary Ann's Dad's last living sister, and Mary Ann had just visited her last month in a lovely nursing home in Hatboro, PA. Mike and Mary Ann attended the funeral in Philadelphia.



IRISH SUNSHINE

Happy to report that **Joe Brady**, former IAS President & current IAS Honor Guard Captain, is home from the hospital as we go to press and doing MUCH better! He spent about 2 weeks at Princess Anne Hospital in Virginia Beach with severe breathing problems -- possibly bronchitis and related issues. We know his lovely bride of more than half a century, Mary Ann, kept the nurses on their toes to get him better! And daughter **Joy** activated the prayer and positive energy chain on social media for him.

Our thoughts are also with Mike Bromley, former IAS President and founder of the IAS Honor Guard. We heard the following about him from his Mary Ann: [he's] "undergoing Chemo treatments for prostate cancer...has had 7 rounds, with round #8 on Oct. 2nd...this last treatment has left him very tired, with some complications...after 8th treatment, body scan will determine if he needs more Chemo or not...we are praying he is finished with this!" Hang in there, Mike! Hope this does the trick once and for all.

Best wishes go out to **Reed Dail**; father of our IAS Adult Princess 2015 Anne-Bernadette Dail; husband of Erin Howerton-Dail; and son-in-law of the inimitable Anne **Howerton**, a very active IAS member in our earlier years. Reed is currently undergoing treatments for his recent diagnosis, and -- while the family is feeling very optimistic about things -- they welcome prayers and positive thoughts for his healing and

recovery.



Joe & Mary Ann Brady



Mike & Mary Ann Bromley

Erin Howerton-Dail & Reed Dail

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and the toughest man won. http://fightland.vice.com/blog/real-irish-fighting-a-history-of-shillelagh-law-and-hob-• Shillelagh law is an idealized representation of Irish strength and patriotism. Two fighters use shillelaghs to hit each other,

 Late 1990s – late 2000s. https://www.mtholyoke.edu/~falve22h/classweb/recession/recession/Celtic_liger.html walking sticks today though.

According to dictionary com they are thick sticks of blackthorn or oak, typically used as a weapon. Many know them as erouen Anivir 9102 rodotoO







IAS Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2019
7 pm, Church of the Ascension
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SELKIE SPECIAL PROGRAM
(held over from September meeting
cancelled due to hurricane)
for details see the President's Letter



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OCTOBER ITS MEETING SELKIE PROGRAM



In Celtic mythology, mermaids and mermen are seals who can shed their seal skins to come on land in human form. If you hide their sealskin from them, they cannot return to the sea and will marry a human. If they ever discover their sealskin, however, they will leave spouse and children behind and return to their seal colony in the sea.



COMÓRADH 40!!!

Our own **Michael Lawler** has outdone himself with this gorgeous new COMÓRADH 40 (40th Anniversary) version of our IAS logo!!! We will be selling beautiful metal & color enamel lapel/sash pins of the COMÓRADH 40 IAS logo starting in November to help fundraise for the IAS COMÓRADH 40 **EMERALD BALL** being held the evening of **Saturday**, **February 29**, **2020**, at the Sheraton Waterside in Norfolk! Please support this fundraiser -- the pins will make great stocking stuffers, greeting card inserts, "challenge coin" reciprocations, etc.

And don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for the **EMERALD BALL**, a class special event that you DO NOT want to miss! Tickets for the **EMERALD BALL** will also be going on sale in October for \$50 per person, \$500 for reserved table for 10, absolutely no admission without ticket, advance tickets ONLY, and NO refunds. Corporate sponsorship packages are definitely available; please ask **Katie Morse McCrory** for more details. If your business or organization wants to be a community partner with us for this, we would LOVE it!!! We definitely support those who support us!

OTHER ITS EVENTS COMING UP THIS FALL:

- ◆ Saturday October 26th & Sun. October 27th **Richmond Highland Games (& Celtic Festival)**
- ◆ Thursday November 7th November Meeting 2019 HARVEST HOOLEY
- ◆ Saturday November 16th The **2nd Annual IAS** "**Fighting Irish**" **Veteran Appreciation Pub Crawl**
- ◆ Thursday December 5th December Meeting IAS Christmas Market & Ceili