

The Irish Connection

Irish American Society of Tidewater News

March 2020



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 5, 2020

> 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,

We are in the final preparations for our **Comóradh 40 EMERALD BALL** taking place on February 29th!!! It promises to be a thrilling event, with the Irish Ambassador to the United States, **Daniel Mulhall**, and many other surprises and flourishes your IAS board & the Emerald Ball Committee have been working very hard on for a full year. By the time you read this, the Emerald Ball will be over. Look for a major spread of pictures from and write ups about this fabulous IAS event in the April newsletter!

CONGRATS TO OUR LUCKY RAFFLE REDUX WINNERS FROM THE FEBRUARY IAS MEETING!!!

1 GREEN version IAS Jersey in your size w/ personalization included from O'Neill's Irish Sportswear – **Roxanne Baer**

1 WHITE version IAS Jersey in your size w/personalization included from O'Neill's Irish Sportswear – **Jen O'Connell**

- 2 1 comped EMERALD BALL ticket
 - 1) Mary Ann Brady
 - 2) Dawn Fitch Carragino
- 2 1 Grace O'Malley's \$25 gift certificate
 - 1) Scott MacGregor
 - 2) Johanna Gross

1 signed copy of *The Tide Between Us* (a saga addressing class differences between two families stretching from the 1800s in Co. Kerry to the slave trade in Jamaica and then back again to Ireland in modern times) by bestselling Irish author Olive Collins – **Maureen Cahill**

1 signed copy of *The Memory of Music* (about a family's history starting in 1916 w/ the Easter Rising and continuing over the impacted generations up to 2016) by bestselling Irish author Olive Collins – **Cheryl Brown**



- 2 1 Complimentary Valet Parking Pass at the Sheraton Waterside for the Emerald Ball on Saturday, February 29th, 2020 –
 - 1) Johanna Gross
 - 2) Mary Ann Brady
- 2 1 Glasgow Kiss CD
 - 1) Kathleen Lapke
 - 2) Roxanne Baer

IAS MEETING - THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

Come help us nail down all the final details for the **OV St. Patrick's Day Parade!** We'll have a sign up sheet at the Fáilte Table when you enter for carrying our **32 Irish County Flags** (first come, first served!!!) as well as other tasks we need to have taken care of for our IAS & Friends St. Patrick's Day Parade Contingent. For example, we need 2 convertibles for our 2020 IAS Princesses to ride on, we need trucks & drivers to pull our 2 IAS floats (the Irish Cottage & the Paddy Wagon), we need people to carry banners, etc. All are welcome to participate – bring friends & family and BE PART OF THE FUN!!!

At the March meeting, we will also show the cute family-friendly romantic comedy *LEAP YEAR* starring Amy Adams! Yes, we were supposed to show it at the February meeting, but we had major technical difficulties beyond our control, for which we sincerely apologize. The film is set mostly in Ireland, where it was filmed on location. The movie is 1 hour and 41 minutes long; we will start it after a VERY brief business meeting. The film's premise is that there is an Irish tradition which allows women to ask men to marry them on a leap year. Ladies, I will repeat that this IS a leap year...

FINALLY, we will have some lovely shirts for Silent Auction at the March meeting with our IAS logo embroidered on them by **S&E Embroidery** and generously donated by same.

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FOCLÓIR = DICTIONARY, LEXICON, VOCABULARY $\overline{A}N = THE$

[This feature for our IAS newsletter is intended 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! ~LFB]

Motherfoclóir: A New Kind of Irish Language Revival

"Darach Ó Séaghdha has been putting the fun back into the Irish language by translating words into English in a humorous, thought-provoking way, and deftly using Twitter [@theirishfor] to expand his audience. He now continues the exercise in a new book, *Motherfoclóir*, in which he also reflects on the role the Irish language played in his own life."

https://irishamerica.com/2018/01/motherfocloir-a-new-kind-of-irish-language-revival

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By Tyler Klausmeier

Lesson 6

- troscán furniture
- bord table
- cathaoir chair

- deasc desk
- stól stool
- caibinéad cabinet

Pronunciation guide link: https://www.focloir.ie/

IRISH & IRISH-AMERICAN TRIVIA

Submitted by Maureen Cahill

Each month, test your knowledge at three levels:easy, middling, and most difficult.

March 2020 Trivia Questions

- ♣ 1. Irish band who started life as The Hype.
- 2. What famous car was built in Dunmurray, Ireland
- ♣ 3. Coddling is an Irish cooking term that means

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Many thanks to **Susan Frohwitter** for organizing this! Do YOU have your IAS gear ready for the St. Patrick's Day Parade?!?! If not, these shirts could be just the ticket! I will post the available colors & sizes in the Facebook invite for the meeting when I make it early next week at the latest. Assuming we have broken even on the Emerald Ball, then all profits will go to the IAS Honor Guard Kilt Fund!



53rd ANNUAL OCEAN VIEW ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

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 33**. See our Facebook invitation for more info. 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 and friends with mobility issues. After the parade, some of us, including the **Walker Academy** dancers marching with us, will head over to the parking lot party at the "new" OV location of **Bold Mariner Brewing Company** (1901 E. Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23503) to support them. The owners are Irish American.

2020 IAS MEMBERSHIP DUES!!!

Finally, a repeat reminder: PLEASE don't forget to pay your 2020 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 2020 dues so we know to add you to the 2020 membership rolls.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST IAS NEWSLETTER YOU RECEIVE UNTIL/UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE CURRENT.

Don't miss out on all the AWESOME pictures of the EMERALD BALL and the St. Patrick's Day Parade we will have in the April newsletter!!!

Go raibh maith agaibh! Slán go fóill

(Thank you! 'Bye for now!)



FIRST FRIDAY IAS LUNCH BUNCH

inaugural monthly mid-day gathering was held:

Friday, February 7, 2020 at Murphy's Grand Irish Pub



FIRST FRIDAY IAS LUNCH BUNCH

The next will be:

Friday, March 6, 2020 12:30 pm

at **Murphy's Grand Irish Pub** 30th & Pacific - Virginia Beach

Please contact:

EILEEN RYAN SEELEY

to RSVP: 757-570-6921 or enrseeley@verizon.net so she can reserve a table at Murphy's

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

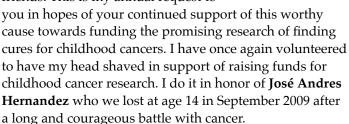
Lori Shea, Eileen Seeley, Cecilia Thomas, Frank & Maureen Honore, Johanna Gross & Anne Devereux Page - 4 March 2020

ST. BALDRICK'S 2020 😂

Hello My Friends,

Once again I'm at it, SHAVING my head towards raising funds in support of conquering childhood cancers.

Hopefully the past year has been good to everyone, your family, and friends. This is my annual request to



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 supposed to and their parents and relatives can enjoy their children's many achievements. I cannot accomplish this without your support so please donate today. All donations count, both large and small are greatly appreciated.

I need your HELP!!!

Here in 2020 only my youngest grandson, Brenny, is joining me in March for the shave. The others are continuing to grow their hair long to donate for wigs made for the young cancer patients. You can also find Brenny as part of the **Yes Way**, **Jose!** team.

The research support that St. Baldrick's provides has led 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 https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/ 1043647/2020

(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/e-mail it your way upon request.

You can further assist me in reaching this goal by forwarding this message on to anyone and everyone whom you think might be interested in helping to support this worthy cause.

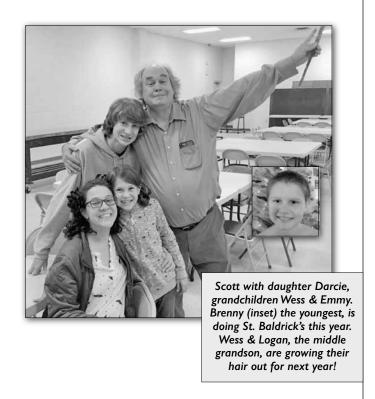
To see how the **Yes Way, Jose!** team is doing please visit our page at https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/mypage/127077/2020.

To learn more about our local event that's happening on **Saturday**, **07 March 2020**, starting at 1:00PM and going until 4:00PM, at the O'Conner Brewing Company at 211 W 24th St in Norfolk, please visit the event website at **https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/hrgoesbald**.

To learn more general information about what **St. Baldrick's** is all about, please visit their website at **http://www.stbaldricks.org/**. Visit this link **http://www.stbaldricks.org/**financials to see how the funds raised over the past several years have been used to date.

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



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SEAN HEELY CELTIC TRIO IN OLDE TOWNE PORTSMOUTH

Submitted by Lynnette Fitch-Brash

If you love Celtic music and you have the opportunity to catch **the Seán Healey Celtic Trio**, you don't want to miss this treat!!! The Seán Heely Celtic Trio features **Seán Heely** (U.S National Scottish Fiddle Champion, Irish fiddler, Celtic music scholar, & local boy done good!), the 2019 All-Ireland Men's Singing Champion **Kevin Elam**, and acclaimed border piper **Tracy Jenkins** - WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have been meaning to write about this concert since October when it took place. Kat & Brad Rickerson and I met up and had an awesome time, and I saw several other IAS members (Connie Austin Smith, Eileen King Walker) and some fellow IAS Princesses (Carlyn Aasheim & Amanda **Aasheim-Knapp**) there enjoying themselves as well! A little bird tells me Tracy and Carlyn are sweet on each other. Isn't that adorable - a pair of pipers! I also ran into my friend Ruth Fraser, President of the Sister Cities Association of **Virginia Beach**, and caught up with her. There were quite a few members of **Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music** there. Local lawyer and folk music aficionado Bart Tuthill had lent his office for the occasion, and I must say it worked really well and had nice acoustics and ambience. Another of Seán's patrons, Anne McGowan, proprietress of The Glencoe Inn (a Scottish B&B in Old Towne Portsmouth), was there greeting attendees and making everyone feel very welcome. And I am delighted to relate that a dram of single malt as well as sandwiches were included in the price of admission — love it!!! They may LOOK more like a Scottish band in the pix because of the kilts, but let me tell you — Irish music was VERY well represented in this outstanding concert. I was so impressed.



I had not realized that all three of these lads play multiple instruments -- and play them well. I also had not realized that Seán could sing as well as play fiddle. He and Kevin (who a few months earlier in 2019 had competed in men's English language singing at the Fleadh Cheoil, beating out native Irish to take the top spot!) created gorgeous harmonies together. The trio traded turns taking the lead, they played a good mix of vocal and instrumental tunes, and they also switched seamlessly back and forth between Irish and Scottish songs. I loved the music history relayed to introduce songs as well. When they busted out a set of polkas, I was ready to leap up for a round of the North Kerry Set! One of my favorite songs of the evening was "The Cregan White Hare" which tells the humorous tale of some pedigreed greyhounds unable to catch this rascally rabbit! The Irish do love to course their sight hounds. The lyrics reminded me of my two whippets chasing rabbits, albeit much more successfully, in the backyard!



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Hear all the latest about our Hibernian hounds!

Feel free to submit news and/or pictures relating to Irish breed or Irish-owned dogs!

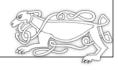
Submitted by Lynnette Fitch Brash

I am VERY sad to report that we lost a cherished member of our IAS Paddy Pack at the end of January. **Milo Brady** started doing poorly and left us quickly. He was Joe's special friend, and Holly Brady's "boyfriend". Here are some words from Mary Ann about their handsome and good boy.

"Milo was 5&1/2-years-old. Passed on January 29th. Australian shepherd. The Brady family inherited him last year, and he stole all our hearts and Holly Christmas Angel his best four-legged friend. Michael and Leslie Martinez are in the Navy and had orders to Germany and could not take him. So our Jennifer and Lissett said we will take him. So the rest is history."



We are so very sorry for your loss, Clan Brady. Milo, you are missed and loved.





Condolences also to the family of IAS Adult Princess 2017 Sandy Schlatman Hafner Archer. Sandy's stepmother, Joan Marie Oyer Hicks Schlatman, who was married to Sandy's dad for a LONG time, passed on February 3, 2020, of Alzheimer's. Joan leaves behind a devoted husband, 4 loving daughters/stepdaughters, grandkids, greatgrandkids, and many friends who all loved her and will miss her. Sandy, we are very sorry for your loss.

https://www.amosfamily.com/joan-schlatman/?fbclid=IwAR2zh_3uU3LHZZuYTB-

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B30o9IBzrBlyToRlJPW2A#.XksitZkfjuI.facebook

Condolences to **Bernadette Lenahan** and the entire Lenahan family on the tragic passing of her 22-year-old grandson **Sean Patrick Lenahan** in February. Sean was a senior at Bloomsburg University in Danville, Virginia, and would have graduated *Magna Cum Laude* this May. His major was Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations. The school will be awarding his diploma to him posthumously. Bernadette and her late husband, Capt. **Robert Lenahan**, were IAS members back in the day. Thank you to **Kelly Taylor Lenahan**, who is married to Bernadette's nephew **John**, for letting the IAS know.

https://bunow.com/senior-sean-lenahan-dies-shocking-campus/?

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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.

Ob 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.

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IAS Newsletter Celebrates an Anniversary!

In March 1999 the IAS newsletter published the first edition with it's new name. It was voted on and adopted at the next meeting.



Newsletter Name

this side of the Atlantic!

self what you are missing!! Next meeting 6:50 p.m., 1 March 1995. We have the best Irish tea and soda bread

We have selected the above name for this month's newsletter, but we will be voting on a name at our next meeting.



Go on, give us a Smile!!!



Pat was telling Murphy that the doctor told him he would have him back on his feet in two weeks. Well did he asked Murphy? Sure replied Pat,

"I had to sell the car to pay off his bill"

Despite the best effort of Lawyer Murphy, Pat was convicted of murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair. On the night before the sentence was to be carried out, Pat called Murphy for some final words of advice. Murphy told him-"Not to sit down"

Derry man visiting Cork lost his post office savings book. A few weeks later it was handed to the police with

£ 500 extra deposited in it!!! (I think I'm in a mess here)!!!

Q. Did you hear about the Wicklow
man who thought he was a
great wit?

A. He was half right!!!

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(I think that will be all for this month)!!!

Q. What do you call a Belfast man with a Derry accent?

A. A Social Climber!!! Yes!!!

from the "Tom Porter Files"
IAS news April 1999

* 3. To simmer Here's a little extra information about Newfoundland's version: Jiggs' Dinner. https:/www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/jiggs-dinner

4 2. The Delorean https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DMC_DeLorean

* I. U2 No need to support that one with a link. Go take a listen: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdR-AONQ23U&list=PL0n75a7HekRJneQyEbIbJOSWo1ChCubr3

MARCH 2020 Trivia Questions



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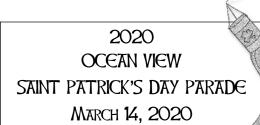
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PARADE ROUTE

The parade begins at Northside Middle School which is located at the corner of Westmont Ave and Granby Street. From that point it travels North on Granby, turns left at A View Ave, turns left on First View Street, and ends at the intersection of First View and Government Ave.

The parade route is approximately 1.5 miles.

PARKING

On-street parking is available on most of the adjacent blocks along the parade route. Off- street parking is available at the Sarah Constant Beach Park, Ocean View Beach Park, and Ocean View Elementary.

PARTY AFTER THE PARADE

Remember that the parade after- party, thrown by the Columbian Club of Ocean View, is held at 211 W. Government Ave. There will be food, refreshments and live music. Free admission and open to the public. Come join the fun!

Check us out on the web at: www.NorfolkParade.com

