

The Richmond Claddagh

Newsletter of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 16	Richmond Folk Music: Dana & Susan Robinson sing at “Folk in the Grove” (www.richmondfolkmusic.org). \$10 advance; \$12 at door.
Sept. 17, noon to 9 p.m.	Social Event: Halfway to St. Patrick’s Day party at Positive Vibe Café. Call Larry to be included in headcount: 266-4857 or horseplay217@hotmail.com .
Sept. 21, 7 p.m.	IAS Program: “Irish Destiny,” a silent film at Midlothian Branch Library (details inside)
Sept. 22, 6 p.m.	Social Event (pub night): meet at Rare Old Times for dinner & conversation
Sept. 25, 7 p.m.	“Born Fighting—How the Scots-Irish Shaped America,” by James Webb. Innsbrook Library.
Sept. 29-30	Williamsburg Scottish Festival http://wsfonline.org
Oct. 8, 7 p.m.	IAS Board Meeting; all members are welcome; call Gloria 233-2113
Oct. 12, 7 p.m.	Northern Ireland: An Update by Carol Daugherty Rasnic. Bon Air Library.
Oct. 28-29	Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival www.richmondceltic.com/site.asp
Nov. 10-12	Baltimore Irish Festival
Dec. 2	Christmas Party & Silent Auction at the Boat Club!

IAS Newsletter to go electronic! As a budgetary necessity, your IAS Board plans to start sending the newsletter to each member through your email. For those of you who do not use email: Don’t worry. You’ll still receive your Claddagh by U.S. mail. Look for your October newsletter on email. Call Chris with questions or concerns. See phone number in officers list below.

Letter from IAS President:

Dear IAS Members:

Hello and welcome back, hopefully everyone had a good break. Well now its time for another year for the IAS. I’m looking forward to seeing the membership. The officers and board members have been working on some ideas during the summer. I also recall asking the membership to come up with ideas, for events, programs, and fundraising. So I hope this has

occurred. Also, a commitment to help out in the 2006-2007 year. Yes, we will have fun.

You see the IAS will be celebrating 15 years as an organization in 2007. Not bad. The year 2009 is ? the official year of the Republic of Ireland was founded in 1949 60 years. The 2016 100th anniversary of the Easter Rebellion the year 2021 War of Independence 100 years anniversary. Oh yes the 2007 Jamestown 400 years. My hope is the IAS as an organization will be there to honor these events and more.

Now constructive criticism, yes. Negative criticism, no!! I treat it like a duck’s back in the rain. It will roll off without a thought. Or as I would say if you’re only negative just picture this. May you take a very long walk on a short pier and at the end of which I’ll be the one chumming for sharks.

Yours in service,

Christopher Wolfgang (von) Mecklenburg Garrett

P.S. I had a great time in Ireland. First time back since 1969. Yes, it has changed—some for better, some not. Yet I felt vindicated. A young

man at the Kilarney visitor center confirmed: If you visit relatives who have a working farm, you automatically still become farm labor after a day or two. His face said it all.

Genealogy Courses

Many of us enjoy learning more about our Irish ancestors. There's a new genealogy course this fall at the University of Richmond, in the enrichment series. It runs from Oct. 23 to Nov. 8 on Monday & Wednesday evenings. The cost is \$99, and you must pre-register.

You can look up more details at <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/scs/thinkagain/register/>.

Look on the "L" side column for Personal Enrichment and then to go "History." Under history will be the course for genealogy on the web, an introductory course. Also, there is a genealogy conference at the Library of Virginia on Sat., Sept. 16. For more information go to <http://www.griva.org>.

Social Events: Attention IAS Ladies! We had planned a trip to a local winery; however, the winery is not able to accommodate us. Please let us know if you are interested in such an outing in the future, and how far you might be willing to travel. There are nice wineries near Charlottesville, Williamsburg and Fredericksburg, for example. Or, is there a different activity that you might enjoy? Bowling? Brunch? Sightseeing? You tell us! Email Linda at LindaMayers@msn.com.

Fall Programs Kick-Off Sept. 21, with "Irish Destiny"

Join us on Sept. 21 for a viewing of the great spectacular silent film of the War in Ireland. This movie, running a little over an hour, is "one of the most significant films made in Ireland in the silent film period." [Irish Books & Media]. It was produced in 1926, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of the Easter Rising. The film weaves original newsreel footage of

British occupation & IRA resistance with a love story.

For this film, we will meet at the Midlothian Branch of the Chesterfield Public Library. The Library is located at 521 Coalfield Road, .8 miles south of the intersection of US Route 60 (Midlothian Turnpike) & Coalfield Rd., on the left.

LOOKING AHEAD....

Our October Meeting will welcome back the acclaimed Carol Daugherty Rasnic, who will give us an update on Northern Ireland. When sectarian conflicts are flaring throughout the world, Ulster is keeping the peace for the most part. Find out more from Professor Rasnic, who taught at Queens University in Belfast. Join us at the Bon Air Library on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 7:00 p.m.

Road Trip, Anyone?

Is there interest in attending the Irish Festival in Baltimore in November? The festival is held Nov. 10-12 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. If you'd like to form a group, contact Ed at Ehm1537@msn.com.

IAS Christmas Party & Silent Auction

The IAS is planning on doing a little something different during this year's Christmas Party. What we are planning on doing is holding a Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to help offset the cost of the different functions that we do during the year such as the Richmond Highland Games, the Williamsburg Highland Games, etc. And We Need Your Help!

What we are looking for are items that can be auctioned off. Do you have an Irish Cultural item that you would like to donate, a Special Service, or do you know a restaurant that will donate two dinners? The items that can be auctioned are endless. If you can help in any way please contact Ed Mayers, 804-379-5577 or ehm1537@msn.com. Deadline is October 31st.

Calling all volunteers! The IAS Board is looking for members who might enjoy serving on our committees. This is a fun way to get to

know new people and help the organization. We are especially in need of people with experience in fundraising! To get involved, call Chris. We are also trying to take inventory of all IAS property. Do you have any? Let Chris know.

The Membership Corner

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The Richmond IAS extends a warm welcome to our newest members:

Randy Kelly & Tamara Russell

Michael Strutton

Hope to see you all at our next IAS event!

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Do you own your own Business? Want to Advertise your Company? We would love to have you advertise in our monthly newsletter. The cost - **\$25 a year for a business card size ad.** Please contact Mayers for details: Linda Mayers; 1537 Hardwood Terrace Midlothian, VA. 23114; 804-379-5577 LindaMayers@msn.com

Thank you! To all of you who sent those delicious recipes for our upcoming IAS cookbook. There's still time to submit more! We are looking for your very best Irish Recipes. LindaMayers@msn.com.

If you need to contact Your IAS Officers:

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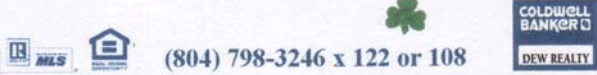
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Have you checked out our website lately?

Those of you who have internet access will love using our website as an additional resource. Jim Dacey keeps the calendar current, and you can click on the hotlinks for more information. The web address is <http://richmondias.org>.

Website of the Month:

Keep up with news from the Irish Times at <http://www.ireland.com>

Did you know?

None of the so-called Dublin Mountains are high enough to meet the criteria required to claim mountain status. The Sugarloaf is the tallest, yet only measures 1,389 feet about sea level.

Proverb of the Month: "A drink precedes a story."

Question of the month: According to the 1980 U.S. census, how many Americans claim Irish ancestry, wholly or in part?

- a) Over ten million
- b) Over five million
- c) Over forty-three million
- d) Over three million

See the answer in your next newsletter!

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