

The Richmond Claddagh

Newsletter of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 19, 8 p.m.	Richmond Folk Music: "Folk in the Grove" (details inside).
August 25, 6 p.m.	Pub Night at Rare Olde Times (details inside).
Sept. 10	IAS Board Meeting; all members are welcome; call Gloria 233-2113
Sept. 21, 7 p.m.	IAS Program: "Irish Destiny," a silent film at Midlothian Branch Library (details inside)
Sept. 23	Ladies Get-Together at James River Winery (details below)
Sept. 29-30	Williamsburg Scottish Festival http://wsfonline.org
Oct. 28-29	Richmond Highland Games & Celtic Festival www.richmondceltic.com/site.asp
Dec. 2	Christmas Party & Silent Auction at the Boat Club!

Dear IAS Members:

Festivals are fun for all, and working at our IAS Booth is a great way to enjoy the day. You meet new people, you have a place to "hang your hat," and you feel a part of it all. Of course, you have to learn to work the booth, too. If you'd like to try it, then Chris, our IAS president, will give up his pass this year to someone who would like to "learn the ropes" of working at an IAS booth. Call him! (Phone numbers of all our officers on next page.)

We are starting a library. If anybody wants to donate a book—a history book, a coffee table book, or a children's book—then get it to us and we will add it to our lending library. Soon members will be allowed to check out our great library of books.

Speaking of history, we are looking for some of our original members, and memorabilia, for our grand anniversary celebration next year. Please call any of the officers if you can track down either!

And we have something special just for the women of the IAS! Join us for an afternoon and evening at the James River Winery. Call Joan Finnegan at 840-0080.

The Corner Pub

By Ed Mayers

For Centuries in Ireland people have used the Corner Pub as a meeting place where they could socialize with old friends, meet new ones, spread a little blarney, enjoy a song, discuss local or national events or maybe even enjoy a pint or two.

The Greater Richmond IAS has started what we hope will be the same tradition here. We are planning to gather as many people as possible one night each month at an Irish Pub to partake in good conversation, food and drink. This will be a great time for everyone to get to know the members of our Irish family a little better, exchange ideas, spread the blarney, laugh, listen to some good music and maybe even partake in a pint or two. After each visit we will write a review so that all members will get a flavor of the places we visit. Who knows we might even take it on the road and meet some of the other Irish American Societies like Virginia Beach or Fredericksburg to get to know them better.

So watch your email or look in the newsletter for the places we will visit next.

THE CORNER PUB REVIEW

July, 2006
Ed Mayers

Rosie Connolly's

Twenty-seven members of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society were treated to a night in the Old Country on Friday, July 28th. Those who attended the Pub Night at Rosie Connolly's will remember the night for its good food, good conversation and a well run restaurant / pub. . Tommy Goulding and his wife Gladys have done themselves proud in opening one of the truly great Irish Pubs anywhere. The food was very good and priced reasonably. For starters there is a choice of many great classics as well as Crab Dip and a variety of fresh salads. The dinner menu has many Irish Dishes as well as American favorites such as Salmon, Steaks, and some of the best Bangers you will find anywhere. There is a large amount of sandwiches and burgers to choose from, and the wait staff is very friendly. We also had a birthday to celebrate that night, Happy Birthday Joyce Blunt. Also, a special thanks to Sonya Moore for having a Birthday cake for everyone to enjoy. Rosie's is truly a place that you will want to add to your list of places to visit for dinner or just to enjoy a cocktail. They have live Irish music the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. This is one you don't want to miss.

Rosie Connolly's is located at 41548 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. Call 804-343-1063 for directions or reservations.

**Next Pub Night –
Friday August 25th
Rare Olde Times,
10602 Patterson Ave., Richmond,
Virginia 23238.
804-750-1346.**

**Time 6:00 pm – so mark your calendars and plan to join us.
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....

October Meeting May Feature Storytelling

Start kissing the Blarney Stone now, so you can join in when we invite anyone to tell some good 'ol Irish yarns at our October meeting. Don't have a story? Come anyway, and you'll learn some! Date to be announced.

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!

We are looking for 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.

The Membership Corner

August 2006

Welcome to our newest members, **Joe McMenamini**; and **Violet & Bill Dixon**. We will soon start the new fiscal year. Some renewals are past due, so please check the date on the mailing label of your newsletter – if you are due to renew or are past due, send your renewals in so that the membership records will be up to date. **Email notices:** If you have a new address or email address, please send the updated information to Nancy Emig at bearfan@earthlink.net. You'll get newsletters and emails on activities.

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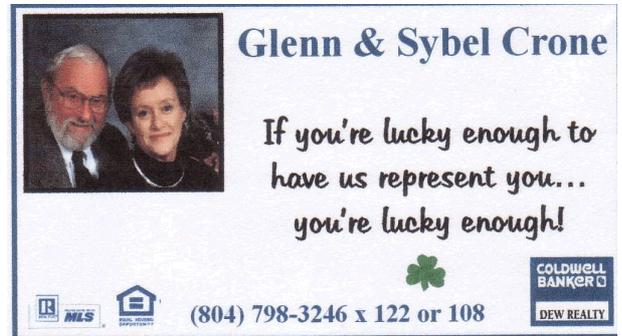
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WANTED!!!!!! We are looking for your very best Irish Recipes. What we are looking to do is compile a booklet that we can sell at all the different events we do. So put your thinking caps on. Look for Grandma's favorite dishes. What do you make that is totally Irish? Forward them to Linda Mayers. Her address is above.

If you need to contact Your IAS Officers:

President/Chris Garrett – 272-1971
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Klezmer with a Brogue at “Folk in the Grove”:

Thanks to Congregation Or Ami, our concert series is back on track! Come & celebrate! Klezmer Band Klez'm'or'ami'm and Traditional Celtic Duo Mary Smith & John Robison will perform a blend of traditional Irish & Jewish music (inspired by the “Shalom, Ireland” program hosted by Congregation Or'Ami in 2005). Singing along, clapping & dancing in the aisles encouraged! Concert is held at Congregation Or Ami, 9400 Huguenot Rd., Richmond. Tickets are \$10 in advance. Purchase securely at www.richmondfolkmusic.org. Or \$12 at the door. Light refreshments will be available. For more information, call 647-7856.

Did you know?

Dublin's famous O'Connell Bridge is the only traffic bridge in Europe that is wider than it is long. When it was originally built, it was made of rope and could only carry one man and a donkey at a time. It was replaced by a wooden bridge in 1801 and the current concrete bridge was built in 1863.

“No country in the world, in the history of the world, has endured the hemorrhage which this island endured over a period of a few years for so many of its sons and daughters. These sons and daughters are scattered throughout the world and they give this small island a family of millions upon millions...in a sense, all of them who visit Ireland come home.”

John F. Kennedy