



## The Richmond Claddagh

JUNE 2012

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The Richmond Irish American Society

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### It's June and in Gaelic that's Meitheamh

#### From the President's Desk:

**Exciting News!!** As you all know, this is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Richmond Irish American Society, and we have been promising news of a big party. The Board has been diligently looking for a venue. Most places were too expensive; some put restrictions on us that we felt were onerous.

We had a separate problem as to where to have the Christmas Party this year. Our IAS Member, Judy Garrett has graciously gotten us into the Boat Club for several years and, while we thank her – after some problems last year, it was decided to find a new venue for that as well. A Board Member suggested we have the two parties together and really do it up right. Enter Nancy Emig – who lives in the Shenandoah Subdivision. She and I looked at their Community Center together and it meets all of our needs.

The price is reasonable. It is handicap-accessible. There is plenty of parking. It is easy to get to. It has a full kitchen with stove and microwave for those who might want to do some last minute warming of their Pot Luck dishes. It has an Ice Machine. There is a perfect area for the Christmas Party's "Famous Silent Auction" – so it will be easier to maneuver and see everything. PLUS, there is an area to show off the IAS scrapbooks.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – for what I hope will be a memorable night for all. More details will follow as the date nears. Sonya S. Moore, IAS President

**20 YEARS!**



**CHRISTMAS  
& PARTY!**



**A Night to Remember!**

**(Start looking for Silent Auction Items!!)**

#### **JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> – IAS ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC BRING THE FAMILY OUT FOR FUN!**



Starting at 1 pm at Pat and Helen Burke's farm in Amelia. The IAS provides burgers, hot dogs and condiments - **but you are asked to please bring**

**A side dish or dessert to share,**

**Beverages for you and yours,**

**Chairs for you and yours (lawn variety).**

This is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow IAS members – this is one of bigger turnout events. Karon Bell has some lawn games out and you can enjoy some great Irish company! And even better, it's a beautiful country setting at the lovely home of Pat & Helen Burke (who are always happy to give tours of Helen's family ancestral home. It is a short drive out for such a good time!!

#### **Picnic Driving Directions:**

- . Take 360 West out of Richmond.
- . After crossing the Appomattox River into Amelia, go about 3-4 miles and you will see a billboard on your side of the road. Karon Bell generally has balloons or a sign up to warn you to turn.
- . Slide over into the left lane and about a half mile further turn left onto 627, which is Cheatham's Road. (DON'T turn onto 628 which comes first - that's not Cheatham's Road) The Salvage Shed is at the corner of 627.
- . Go about 3/4 of a mile down Cheatham's (627) and the picnic is at the two-story white house on the left. The number, 9943, is on the mailbox. Karon Bell's cell phone is 804-982-7835 and her email is [irishmom1958@gmail.com](mailto:irishmom1958@gmail.com) – contact her with any questions.

## MEET IAS BOARD MEMBER FRANK HARDY



**Frank (standing) with Joe McMenamin & Carol Rasnica at IAS Christmas Party 2011**

I was born and raised in Massachusetts, in an Irish neighborhood called Dorchester next to South Boston. Educated in parochial schools from grade one through twelve.

At university in Boston, in 1973, met my lovely bride Pamela, a nurse, also at university. We settled in suburban, Quincy, where we were blessed with our first child, Chris.

In 1978 the famous "Blizzard" hit in the New England area and that became a deciding issue in convincing us to head south. We settled in the Richmond area and I was employed by the Thalheimer family at their warehouse facility at Westmoreland. In 1981, a wonderful girl child was born, Meghan, and we purchased an old farm-place in historic western Hanover County, in the village of Montpelier.

Genealogy: My grandfather - on mother's side - was John L. Sullivan, born 1865 in County Cork in the parish of Desert, Cookestown. He came to Amerikay in 1880 and was employed by city of Boston as a laborer. Along with brothers and cousins, he rose in the ranks and in about 1899 - was able to build family home - the home where I grew up.

I became interested in the IAS in the early 90's after meetings at the St. Patrick's Festival on Church Hill. I was astonished that so many Richmonders were Irish and had to be convinced.

Through the years since, more people have become interested in and more inclined to research their roots. I enjoy working in our IAS tent at festivals and getting the chance to talk to the people who drop by - and share our Irish connection

I do look forward to many more years in the IAS and enjoying the gatherings of the group - Frank

(From Nancy - Frank has been our 'chef' at the annual IAS picnic for years - so c'mon out to the picnic and have a burger with Frank and get to meet him!)

## IAS PUB SUPPER – JUNE 9TH–

Meet at 6pm or thereabouts...



**1548 E. Main St., Richmond, VA, 23298**

**Phone 343-1062 - [www.rosieconnollys.com](http://www.rosieconnollys.com)**

**(Click the link for directions and menu)**

IAS Pubmaster, Mary Smith, takes us back to Richmond's "Little bit of Irish Pub" with a **Pub Supper at Rosie Connolly's** in Shockoe Slip. Tommy & Gladys are happy to do separate checks for all. We'll meet a bit earlier at 6pm – and that's to allow for folks to get home while still mainly daytime (but our dedicated fun lovers can also elect to stay as long as they want!☺)

Rosie's does need to know the number attending to plan seating, so email Mary at [maryrff@yahoo.com](mailto:maryrff@yahoo.com) or call her at 804-746-8173 with your number – so we can all sit together. There is plenty of parking – some right in front of the building (fee) and some on the street. Rosie's is good food, good fun and good beverages and as close as you can come to the atmosphere of a little Pub in Ireland. C'mon & see – it'll be grand.

(Put me down Mary! And I'll be looking for the rest of you! Nancy)

## **RICHMOND HIGHLAND GAMES – GREAT NEWS!**

The 2012 [Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival](#) will make its return to the Richmond International Raceway on October 20-21. The festival is "Two full days of traditional dance, live music, Highland games competition, clan tents and vendors," according to its [webpage](#). Tickets prices will range between \$10-\$30 and will go on sale to the public in July.

The festival is returning to RIR after a couple of years in Caroline County. The event has also been called the Richmond Highland Games. Mark your calendars – this is a great event and we Irish are thrilled to see it come back to Richmond. Plan to come out and also plan to volunteer some time to work in our IAS tent - It's the best time you'll have at RIR – without the car noise! Click on the links for more info.

**THE IRISH PENAL CODE**  
by Paul Stenhouse, M.S.C., Ph.D

(From *Annals Australia* April 1988)

Most know there was a time known as the Dark Days of the Penal Code in Ireland. Some may recall reading/learning/hearing about those days, but the full details were not easily found, nor the exact duration of the Dark Days.

May we try here to fill in some of this missing detail? - No attempt will be made to examine tediously the exact dates of each item, but rather it might be said that most of the enactments were in force for most of the time.

The period itself covers, in its worst features, the years of Elizabeth I, James I and Cromwell, that is, roughly 1560 to 1660, though the laws were in force for a further hundred and fifty years.

The chief provisions of the Code were:

1. **A** Catholic was forbidden to vote or to hold public office.
2. **He** could not enter any profession.
3. **He** was forbidden to engage in trade or commerce.
4. **He** was forbidden to live within a walled town or within five miles of a walled town.
5. **If** a child turned Protestant, he automatically inherited his father's property and at once.
6. **If** a wife turned Protestant, she became the sole heir to her husband's property.
7. No Catholic could inherit the land of a Protestant.
8. No Catholic could purchase any land.
9. No Catholic could own a horse valued at more than £5. If he owned a horse of greater value, he was compelled by law to inform on himself to the nearest Protestant.
10. No Catholic could hold land valued at more than thirty shillings a year.
11. **If** a Catholic sent his child abroad to be educated, all his property was thereby forfeited and he himself outlawed.
12. **By** law, all Irish people were obliged, under penalty of fine or imprisonment, to attend Protestant worship.
13. **If** anyone refused to disclose a priest's hiding place, he was to be publicly whipped and have both ears cut off.
14. **It** was a capital offence to be a priest.
15. **Any** priest captured was liable to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

A price of £5 was placed on the head of a priest, and £20 for a bishop, as an encouragement to informers.

In theory, the Penal Code came to an end with Catholic Emancipation in 1829. But in practice - Consider the artificially fostered Great-Famine of the 1840s: or the Anglo-Irish War of the early 1920s. Consider even the Ulster of today.

**GLASNEVIN CEMETERY - DUBLIN**



Glasnevin Cemetery -The round tower stands over the tomb of Daniel O'Connell

**Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery** (Irish: *Reilig Ghlas Naíon*) is officially known as **Prospect Cemetery** and is the largest non-denominational cemetery in Ireland with an estimated 1.5 million burials. First opened in 1832, today, the cemetery has two parts. The main part, with its trademark high walls and watchtowers, is located on one side of the road from Finglas to the city centre, while the other part, "St. Paul's," is located across the road and beyond a green space, between two railway lines.

Prior to the establishment of Glasnevin Cemetery, Irish Catholics had no cemeteries of their own in which to bury their dead and as the repressive Penal Laws of the eighteenth century placed heavy restrictions on the public performance of Catholic services, it had become normal practice for Catholics to conduct a limited version of their own funeral services in Protestant cemeteries. This situation continued until an incident at a funeral held at St. Kevin's Cemetery in 1823, provoked public outcry when a Protestant sexton reprimanded a Catholic priest for proceeding to perform a limited version of a funeral Mass.

## GLASNEVIN CEMETERY – DUBLIN

(CONT'D) The outcry prompted Daniel O'Connell, champion of Catholic rights, to launch a campaign and prepare a legal opinion proving that there was actually no law passed forbidding praying for a dead Catholic in a graveyard. O'Connell pushed for the opening of a burial ground in which both Irish Catholics and Protestants could give their dead dignified burial.

Glasnevin Cemetery was consecrated and opened to the public for the first time on 21st February 1832. The first burial, that of four year old Michael Casey from Francis Street in Dublin, took place on the following day in a section of the cemetery known as Curran's Square. The cemetery was initially known as Prospect Cemetery, a name chosen from the townland of Prospect, which surrounded the cemetery lands. Originally covering nine acres of ground, the area of the cemetery has now grown to approximately 124 acres. This includes its expansion on the southern side of the Finglas Road with the section called St. Paul's.

The cemetery contains historically notable monuments and the graves of many of Ireland's most prominent national figures. These include the graves of Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, Michael Collins, Éamon de Valera, Arthur Griffith, Maude Gonne, Kevin Barry, Roger Casement, Constance Markievicz, Pádraig Ó Domhnaill, Seán MacBride, Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, Frank Duff, Brendan Behan, Christy Brown, and Luke Kelly of the Dubliners.

Click on the link below to visit the Glasnevin website. It links to an access point where you can click on the name of an historic person buried there and you will see the location of the grave and be able to read some history about that notable Irish person.

<http://www.glasnevintrust.ie/touristservices/?tour=1&map=1>

## The Cycle of life - as seen in St. Colmcille's, Swords County Dublin Ireland.



Seems this beautiful Yew is protecting - doesn't it?

## WHAT'S GOING ON WITH IAS MEMBERS?

**Congratulations** to our own IAS member, Bonnie Atwood, one of the winners in the 2012 Virginia Press Women Communications Contest announced on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

11 experienced journalists and public relations professionals judged categories such as newspaper writing, public relations, advertising, photojournalism, Internet and magazine writing, and books. Entries that received first place advance to the National Federation of Press Women contest.

Bonnie, former IAS Newsletter editor, received **First Place** - Editorial/Opinion, daily newspaper; Editorial/Opinion publication, magazine or supplement for general or specialized circulation.

## August Irish/Celtic Week – July 22-27 – Elkins

**West VA** - Founded in 1982 by Dr. Mick Moloney, Augusta Heritage Center's Irish/Celtic Week is the oldest week of its kind in the United States. For thirty years, Augusta has consistently attracted the world's finest instructors to immerse students in the very best of Irish craft, folklore, music and dance. **Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) students may go to [www.roadscholar.org](http://www.roadscholar.org)** to read about program #5218RJ, "Irish Traditions: From Ireland to Appalachia." Road Scholar students **MUST** register through the Road Scholar website. Please visit the website for full information on classes, instructors, and fees. - <http://augustaheritagecenter.org/irishceltic/> or call Joyce Rossbach 1-800-624-3157/1209. (Many thanks to Kathy Donovan & Ed Kast for this information – in fact – that looks like Ed in the cap!)



## JUNE FUN IN VIRGINIA – RIVERDANCE

**Wolf Trap – Vienna Virginia - June 15-17 8pm**  
Riverdance – Final tour – Ticket range - \$ 20 - \$80 - This summer marks the show's 14<sup>th</sup> season at Wolf Trap, which is about three miles from the Beltway and 20 minutes from Washington, DC. (On a personal note – Wolf Trap is a wonderful venue – and one of my most favorites for concerts, etc. There are "inside" seats and also lawn seating.

Click the link for more information - [http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find Performances and Events/Performance/12File/0615how12.aspx](http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find_Performances_and_Events/Performance/12File/0615how12.aspx)

## Some Irish Fun & Facts for You!

### Irish County Names, Pronunciations and some History

Name	Irish Equivalent		Name	Irish Equivalent
Galway	Gaillimh (Gall-iv)		Wicklow (*4)	Cill Mhantáin (Kill Man-tan)
Leitrim	Liatroim (Lay-trim)		Clare	An Clár (Awn Clar)
Mayo	Maigh Eo (May Oh)		Cork	Corcaigh (Cor-kig)
Roscommon	Ros Comán (Ross Cah-mawn)		Kerry	Ciarraí (Kar-ee)
Sligo	Sligeach (Sly-gek)		Limerick	Luimneach (Lim-nek)
Carlow	Ceatharlach (Ce-her-lok)		Tipperary	Tiobraid Arann (Tib-rid Awr-en)
Dublin (*1)	Baile Átha Cliath (Ball-ya A-ha Klee-uh)		Waterford (*5)	Port Lairge (Port Lawr-geh)
Kildare	Cill Dara (Kill Dar-ah)		Antrim (*6)	Aontroim
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh (Kill Kan-ig)		Armagh (*7)	Árd Mhacha (Ahr-mah)
Laois (*2)	Laois (Leesh)		Down	Dún
Longford	An Longfort (Awn Long-fort)		Fermanagh (*8)	Fir Manach (Fir-man-ah)
Louth	Lú (Loo)		Londonderry	Doire (Derry to the Irish)
Meath	An Mí (Awn Me)		Tyrone	Tir Eoghain
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí (Oov Fal-ee)		Cavan	An Cabhán (Awn Ca-vawn)
Westmeath	An Iarmhí (Awn Eer-me)		Donegal	Dún na nGall (Doon na Gall)
Wexford (*3)	Loch Garman (Lok Gar-men)		Monaghan	Muineacháin (Min-ek-awn)

#### Notes on the county names above:

1. **Dublin** -founded by the Vikings and named "Dubh Linn" - derived from the Viking name.
2. **Laois** is pronounced, "leash", as in a dog's leash.
3. **Wexford** is derived from the Viking name "Weis Fjord".
4. **Wicklow** is derived from the Viking name "Viking Gelo".
5. **Waterford** is derived from the Viking name "Vadre Fjord".
6. **Antrim** translates as "Solitary Dwelling"
7. **Armagh** translates as "Macha's height" a goddess of ancient Ireland, associated with war, horses and sovereignty
8. **Fermanagh** Manach may come from Old Irish *Magh Eanagh*, "Country of the Lakes"

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** – Click on links in calendar and you can hear song selections from the artists  
And ALWAYS click **the links below to get the latest updates on upcoming events**

<http://richmondias.org/events.php> or for a full month calendar of current events click here. **IAS Calendar**

<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1:00 Burke's Farm</b>	IAS Summer Picnic. Burgers & Hot Dogs supplied by IAS – Bring a dish or dessert to share, your own beverage(s) and Lawn Chairs. All members invited!.
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 IAS Pub Supper Rosie Connolly's</b>	Meet at 6 ish – and you'll get home at a good hour - Rosie's is at 1548 E. Main St., Richmond, VA, 23298 Phone 343-1062 - <a href="http://www.rosieconnollys.com">www.rosieconnollys.com</a> (Click the link for directions and menu)
<b>June 15<sup>th</sup> Wolf Trap Vienna VA</b>	Final Tour of Riverdance. Click the link for more information - <a href="http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find_Performances_and_Events/Performance/12File/0615show12.aspx">http://www.wolftrap.org/Home/Find_Performances_and_Events/Performance/12File/0615show12.aspx</a>
<b>August 11 – Sat BASEBALL AT THE DIAMOND!</b>	<a href="#">IAS</a> at the Diamond. Sat, Aug 11 2012 at 6:35 PM Home Team: Richmond Flying Squirrels Opponent: Bowie Baysox at <a href="#">The Diamond Richmond</a> - Fireworks after the game. Dan Begley working on the tickets and More info coming.
<b>Sun Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Gaelic Storm The Birchmere Alexandria VA</b>	<b>GAELIC STORM</b> – the band from the movie “Titanic” will be at The Birchmere Music Hall located at <a href="#">3701 Mount Vernon Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305</a> ( <a href="#">Click to get directions</a> ) Call 703-549-7500 The concert starts at 7:30 pm and tickets are \$35 Websites to visit - <a href="http://www.birchmere.com/">http://www.birchmere.com/</a> <a href="http://www.gaelicstorm.com/">http://www.gaelicstorm.com/</a>
<b>Oct 20 &amp; 21 Central VA Highland Games &amp; Celtic Festival</b>	<b>GREAT NEWS!!</b> The 2012 <a href="#">Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival</a> will make its return to the Richmond International Raceway on October 20-21. "Two full days of traditional dance, live music, Highland games competition, clan tents and vendors," according to its <a href="#">webpage</a> . Tickets prices will range between \$10-\$30 and will go on sale to the public in July.
<b>Dec 15<sup>th</sup> – Sat. IAS Christmas Party &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party New Location!</b>	<b>HOORAY!</b> The IAS will have a Double Celebration – the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IAS and the 2012 IAS Christmas Party - Remember to mark your December calendar now! There will be tons of surprises, the World (our IAS world that is) Famous Silent Auction of Irish themed items. So start your search for your donations for the Silent Auction. It is our only major fundraiser to meet IAS expenses. So get ready to help us out!



Hi – How would **YOU** like to have a Richmond IAS T-shirt – Just click on the link below to order from our Richmond IAS Website Store! Every little bit helps the IAS!

<http://i1.cpcache.com/product/159378957/tee.jpg?color=White&height=350&width=350>