

# The Richmond Claddagh

Newsletter of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society

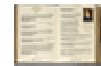
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## Remembering Chris



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**GARRETT** Christopher Wolfgang Garrett, of Chesterfield, passed away Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at Chippenham Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Judith W. Moore Garrett; stepdaughter, Mrs. Deirdre A. Sivak and husband, Brian of Chesterfield; his father, James Allen Garrett of Germany; mother, Anneliese Garrett of Colonial Heights; one brother, Frank Garrett and his wife, Lynn of Yorba Linda, Calif.; and one niece and one nephew. He was a native of Virginia, and was employed by the City of Richmond as a Waterworks Operator. He was president of the Irish-American Society of Richmond, member of St. Andrews Society of Richmond, and the Scottish Society of Richmond. Chris loved the outdoors and always looked for ways

to preserve and protect the environment. He was a friend to all living things, and did his best to impart his enthusiasm to all he encountered. A memorial service will be held 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on 25th St. Memorial donations may be made to Hanover

Humane Society, P.O. Box 1011, Ashland, Va. 23005.

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*Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name.*

*Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.*

*Put no sorrow in your tone.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.*

*Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.*

from a sermon written by Henry Scott Holland - 15 May 1910

***Slán agus beannacht leat***  
Goodbye and blessings on you

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Nov. 10-12</b>	Baltimore Irish Festival
<b>Nov. 16, 7 p.m.</b>	IAS Program: "Capturing Memories" at Midlothian Library
<b>Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.</b>	Social Event at O'Toole's, 4800 Forest Hill Ave.;
<b>Nov. 19, 7 p.m.</b>	IAS Board Meeting; all members are welcome; call Gloria 233-2113
<b>Dec. 2</b>	Christmas Party & Silent Auction at the Boat Club! (see below)
<b>Jan. 11, 7 p.m.</b>	Music Program at Bon Air Library

### ACTING PRESIDENTS LETTER

The RIAS community was shocked to learn of Chris Garrett's passing on 10/24/06. Since the RIAS will be 15 years old in 2007, Chris had a vision about keeping the organization growing and improving so that it would still be around in another 15 years. Chris and his wife, Judy, visited Ireland in August, 2006, and had a lot of wonderful stories to tell about the trip. Events will still go on, but we will miss our smiling President. New elections will be held in the spring and I will be acting President until that time.

If you have worked our RIAS booth by the map of Ireland and tried to help folks down the genealogy trail you heard the phrase "No one in the family wrote anything down." To combat this oversight, the RIAS is offering a meeting night, "Capturing your Memories" on 11/16/06 at the Midlothian Library. More information on the evening should be in this newsletter. ---Dan Begley

Note: Please come to the November Program, and sign our Memorial Book to honor Chris.

### COMIN' UP!

#### **November IAS Program: "Capturing Your Memories"**

When should you start writing your memoirs? Today! Get inspired & learn some techniques at our November IAS Program, presented by Bonnie Atwood. The presentation will be Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Midlothian Public Library, located at 521 Coalfield Road, .8 miles south of the intersection of US Route 60 (Midlothian Turnpike) & Coalfield Rd., on the left.

### IAS Christmas Party & Silent Auction

Some great items are coming in for our silent auction. Proceeds will help offset the cost of different functions that we do. It's not too late to add your item! Do you have an Irish item, a service, or do you know a restaurant that will donate two dinners? Contact Ed Mayers, 804-379-5577 or [ehm1537@msn.com](mailto:ehm1537@msn.com), by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

The party will be held again at the Virginia Power Boat Club, a warm and festive setting for us. The boat club is located at 4051 Old Gun Road East, Midlothian, Va. 23113. Here's how you get there from the Huguenot Bridge: Stay on Huguenot Road until you reach the intersection of Old Gun Road. There's a traffic light there. Turn right. The road will twist & turn. Go 1.7 miles. The boat club is on the right. There's a sign—it's not very large or well-lit. **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS, & DRIVE SAFELY!**

### **January Meeting: Old Irish Recording Artists**

There were many Irish recording artists in Boston and New York City circa 1904-1950. Their songs live on via 78 rpm records that our guest speaker collects. Mr. Greg Kimball, Director of Publications and Educational Services for the Library of Virginia, will play Irish records and discuss various performers on Jan. 11 at the Bon Air Library at 7 pm. Questions? call Dan Begley, 740-5631.

### **Everybody Loves a Parade!**

If you want to serve on the planning committee and/or volunteer to be a parade marshal please contact me: 288-7195, or [carrollgraham@webtv.net](mailto:carrollgraham@webtv.net). --Carroll Graham.

**Free CD of Celtic Music:** TSgt Mike Sheppard of the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band has contacted us to say that its Celtic group is asking for names of people who might want a free CD of its music. The telephone number is: 757-764-2931.

### The Membership Corner November 2006

The IAS had a great turnout of members at the Richmond Highland Games added several new members:

Alisa Bailey and Tom Phipps  
Pam Mayfield  
Tennant & Chris Frost  
Michael H. Owen  
David and Zoa Easterling  
Hazel and Vance Smith  
Greg Sullivan  
Amy Jo and Scott Wade

We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Gloria would like to thank all of you who worked at the IAS Tent at Games:** Dan Begley, Colleen Callahan, Larry & Jeanine David, Nancy Emig, Joan Finnegan, Stephen Gallagher, Mark & Lesley Gallaher, Frank & Pam Hardy, Ed & Linda Mayers, and Sonya Moore.

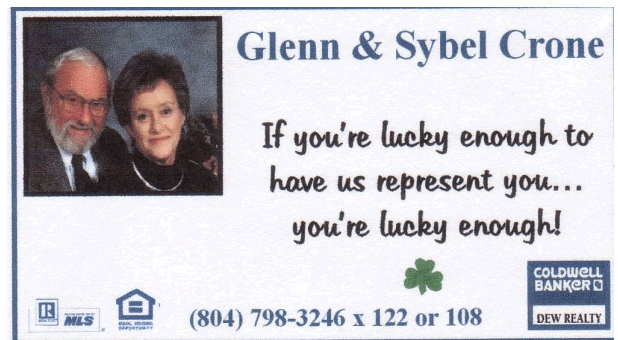
### The Corner Pub

Twenty of the IAS faithful enjoyed an evening of good fellowship, good food and a step into a true Irish Pub. Tommy Goulding and his wife Gladys have taken the dream of his grandmother Rosie created one of the best Irish pubs this side of the pond. As the website says: As a young colleen growing up in the green fields of Ireland, it was Rosie Connolly's dream to bring a taste of the Emerald Isle to the pub-less wasteland known as the States. Here she would open the kind of warm, inviting gathering place she knew so well, where both the pints and the conversation flowed freely, where even a passing stranger would feel like a regular. The menu has a wide range of pub fare. You can start off with Mini Backed Brie, Stuffed Avocado, or something else from the excellent appetizer menu. Then it's

going to be hard to figure which one of the many excellent sandwiches or entrees you will feast on. There is a great fish sandwich or a very good steak sandwich. The large entrée menu has something for everyone. Fish and Chips, Lemon Pepper Salmon, Steak & Mushroom Pie, are among them. **Next Pub Night:** Fri., November 17; O'Toole's: 4800 Forest Hill Ave; 233-1781; 6:30 pm; mark your calendars! [www.otoolesrestaurant.com](http://www.otoolesrestaurant.com)



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