The Richmond Claddagh

SEPTEMBER 2012

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It's September and in Gaelic – that's Meán Fómhair

FROM THE PRESIDENT - This is the 150th anniversary of the Civil war and the RIAS would like to focus on the rich Irish history of Richmond in the coming months. **On 9/8/2012** at our monthly meeting we will tell the story of the Tredegar Explosion in 1863 on Browns Island and the strong Irish connections to that event. We will visit 2 gravesites in Richmond and then proceed to a PROPER PUB to discuss our findings. It's ok to bring non-RIAS members to this event. All the Best, Dan Begley

IAS Monthly Meeting/Program – Sat. Sept 8th Meet at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church – 315 N. 25th Street – WITH Pub Luncheon Afterwards

In March 1863 – Friday the 13th - an explosion at the Confederate States ordnance laboratory on Brown's Island killed more than sixty young women and children

The workers in this extremely dangerous facility were young women and girls, **mostly young indigent Irish.** It was said that the small, nimble fingers of these young girls were better suited to the fine task of packing cartridges than the larger fingers of adults.

Dan Begley along with Frank Hardy and Kathryn O'Meara have put together a great program on this sad connection between the Irish and the Confederate War.

Members should meet at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church, 315 N. 25th Street. From there the group will drive to Oakwood Cemetery – 3101 Nine Mile Road for the presentation and a visit to the Memorial.

After the presentation – the group will meet up at 3:00 at **Sine** in Shockoe Slip, 1327 E. Cary Street 23219 – for a late lunch or an early supper and a discussion on the program and fellowship with our members. For Sine's menus – visit their website - **http://www.sineirishpub.com/richmond_home**

Folks – PLEASE CONTACT ME with the number in your group so that I can set up the reservations – cuz we want to sit together! Thanks Mary!

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McCool's Footprint on the Burren?

The 'footprint' as seen on Google Earth
(Image: Dunphy PR/Google Earth via Google Earth)

What is the mystery Burren 'footprint'? –

A mysterious '**giant footprint**' seen in a Google Earth image of the Burren in Co. Clare, is that of a doline, a natural depression, which is formed by the collapse of underground caverns or rivers, or when the limestone is decomposed by rainwater. There are at least 1,500 dolines in the Burren. Europe's largest doline, the Burren's **Carran Depression**, is believed to have developed before the last ice age 2 million years ago. You can click on the links to learn more about the footprint and the Burren… but don't we all know it's a remaining reminder of Finn McCool running across the Burren - - so - so long ago.

By the way, at our July program on Celtic sports, we had a super guest speaker and it turned out to be a great meeting on Gaelic sports, Irish history, The Troubles – everything. Hope we can get him back again sometime.

Just a Reminder --- When you get your membership renewal forms – please send in your renewal to our Membership Chair – Denis Maguire - as soon as you can. It is really a big help to Denis to get them back quickly. Thanks - you guys are great!

Meet the IAS Board Members
Nancy Emig – Newsletter, Email Notices

Seems like yesterday, but really - it was 2001 when I saw an article in the Richmond paper profiling local organizations. It inspired me to call then President Carroll Graham - to see "what's up with this Richmond Irish bunch"! Short version of the past 11 years – joined, got hooked, ran for the Board, took on the Membership Chair duties and later added the Newsletter Editor duties. Can we all say - "Hook, Line & Sinker?"

What was it that drew me to the IAS? Well, my original goal was to get some pointers on tracing my Mom's Murphy family name. That family history encompasses all the good old Irish names, Twoomey, Murphy, Callahan, Kane, Sullivan, O'Leary, O'Connell and surely more that I will never be able to connect to our family tree.

I can only trace my roots back to 1835 when Cornelius & Mary Murphy and their two babies arrived in Boston aboard a schooner. From Boston, they gradually traveled west – Cornelius working for the railroad. They stopped in Northern Illinois. They eventually were able to buy some farmland. I remember that my Mom said Cornelius walked 70 miles each way -to Chicago to file the deed. With other Catholics who settled in the same area - he helped to found a small town and a new Catholic Parish. The town is Hartland, IL. In true Irish fashion, there was some heated discussion about the name, as some of the Irish wanted it named Antrim. Never any questions - the Church would of course be Saint Patrick's.

As farmers, they had come from the rocky and hilly land of Ireland to the flat landscape and black dirt of the Midwest's Big Foot Prairie. The farm is long gone – but it was near the intersection of Maguire Road and Irish Lane.

My Irish memories are all from Illinois. There were no direct references to Ireland. My family didn't talk about Ireland – only that the family came from Cork. Maybe too many generations removed – maybe memories of Ireland weren't handed down.

There was never a mention of other family back in Ireland. However, from little on – I learned "*Irish*" – from smiling faces, warm hugs, piano playing relatives, good and decent Irish folks – related or not who showed kindness to each other and shared hospitality and warmth with all others Irish or not.

So, that's my Irish connection. I write this with a smile on my face as I remember and can still feel the warmth and affection from the Irish clan that I knew as a child.

I'm an odd Irish - I love the atmosphere and camaraderie found in Irish Pubs - but not so much Irish cuisine. One of my favorite movies is "The Quiet Man" but my 2nd favorite is "A Man for All Seasons". I like some Irish music - but my favorites are Doo Wop and the Big Band sound.

But the Irish is in me – it's a feeling – it's a sensation – it's in the heart and in the brain. A few years ago, my daughter Mary Rose and I traveled to Ireland. What – an – experience! Flying over the Atlantic – I thought about those Murphys that traveled the same path, but in a crowded schooner. And there we were above the clouds in air-conditioned comfort – set to arrive in Ireland in a few hours. The lump in my throat and the tears continued to surface throughout our visit. That's part of my Irish heritage too. My Mom – Rose – always laughed that the Irish – who mostly have a tendency to tear up, must have been built with their bladder right behind their eyes.

Today, I am glad I saw that article about the IAS. I've learned more about my heritage and have been able to share my feelings for Ireland and the Irish with the folks who come to our IAS tent at the Festivals. They are looking for the same connections that we all seek. We Irish have a kinship to each other that so many other nationalities lack – whether it is the sad history of the island, the great spirit that we have inherited from our ancestors or our Irish hearts that seem to open wider than others.

We are the Irish, We are proud and we all want to be as good as our stock. From what I've seen in the IAS – I kind of think we are doing a pretty good job at that.

Nancy --- Erin Go Braugh

(Sorry - its long - but you ALL know me – it was Never in my Irish blood to be short on words ☺)

There are only two kinds of people in the world -
The Irish, and those who wish they were.
(Anonymous)

This might be a fun
"Check It Out" for our Members –
It's not an Irish "joint" –
but has a good review on their Brand – "Irish Red"

Midnight Brewery - Goochland, VA
(Click for link)

Midnight Brewery – 2410 Granite Ridge Road, Rockville, VA 23146 is a new brewery tucked away in the Goochland County Industrial Park – just a bit past Short Pump. It's near I-64 exit 173 in Rockville. Smaller than a microbrewery, Midnight is considered a **nanobrewery** and uses a 3-barrel system to produce its beers. Owner Trae Cairns currently offers two beers – one '**Irish Red'** and another Kolsch-style Ale called "**New Beginnings**."

One reviewer states, I really liked the **Irish Red,** which Cairn calls the **Rockville Red,** it one-ups Smithwick's!"

Being a brewery, there's a **Tasting Room** in the front office of Midnight Brewery's 1,200 square foot warehouse, where you can also have **growlers** filled! The brewery is a little hard to find, but once you turn on Granite Ridge Road it'll be a short ways down on the right, in what looks like an office building. **Midnight's Facebook Page** – Tasting Room hours are Tuesday 4-7pm,Thursday 4-7pm,Friday 4-7pm & Saturday 1-6pm – Might be nice to encourage an upstart new business and support their Irish Red too – if you happen to be up in their neck of the woods!

Email-**midnightbreweryllc@gmail.com**

The excitement of the IAS Christmas Party Silent Auction is coming up! For the event, we ask our members for donations for the auction. You can donate an Irish themed item, a service, or even anything that you can get someone else to donate! (Restaurant dinners, services, etc.) In the past we've had some great items – Irish jewelry, Irish books, Irish prints, An Irish Santa decoration, an Irish coverlet/throw, a week at a cottage in the Shenandoah Valley and more! Again this year there will be plenty of great surprises to tempt you!(if you bring the donations!) The Auction will go on during the Party and bidding will end **AT 9:00** so get there early to view and bid on all the goodies! There truly is something for everyone!

Could Be Helpful Links In
Tracing Your Irish Heritage

The website **Irish Lives Remembered** has launched Free Discussion Forums - "**Tracing Your Ancestor** " for each county in Ireland.

The Forum pages provide the general public with a platform to discuss Irish ancestors. Whether you are starting out on your ancestral research or are looking for additional records information, there are genealogy professionals and genealogy volunteers that may provide recommendations.

They have created dedicated pages for each county in Ireland so that members can get down to grass roots level in seeking information about their deceased family members. The forums will help you with your genealogy research.

Here's how it works. **SIGN UP** as a **free** member on our home page. Then go to the relevant **Tracing Your Ancestors in** "County" below and click on "**JOIN GROUP**". Once you have joined the group, you can participate in the ancestral discussions and post your questions. Their digital magazine '**Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy**' magazine is published monthly and available on line.

Support Our Local Irish Musicians!

Attending either one of these sessions would provide a nice escape into some great Irish Music while you also support the local businesses that support the Irish Sessions.

Ashland Old-Time Jam and Irish Session
10am to 1pm / 1st and 3rd Sat of month
Ashland Coffee and Tea
100 North Railroad Avenue
Ashland, VA 23005
ashlandcoffeeandtea.com
Celebrating the music of
Appalachia, Ireland and beyond!
Beginners welcome/Listeners welcome

&

Rosie Connolly's Irish Session
http://www.rosieconnollys.com/
2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 8-11pm
1548A East Main Street, Richmond, VA.
This long running Irish session in Richmond's historic Shockoe Bottom attracts some seasoned Celtic musicians playing in what many would consider an authentic Irish pub.
RosieConnolly's Pub and Restaurant –
http://www.sixwatergrog.com/search?q=rosie

Your IAS is planning an event later this year – a road trip to Fredericksburg to visit the Civil War battle areas. During the battles in this important site during the war, the ranks of both Armies contained many Irish. This trip promises to be an excellent opportunity to visit the actual sites and learn more about those soldiers. There will be more details on dates and more that will come in future newsletters – so keep it in mind.

2012 is the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of America's Civil War – a conflict known by multiple names in different geological areas of America.

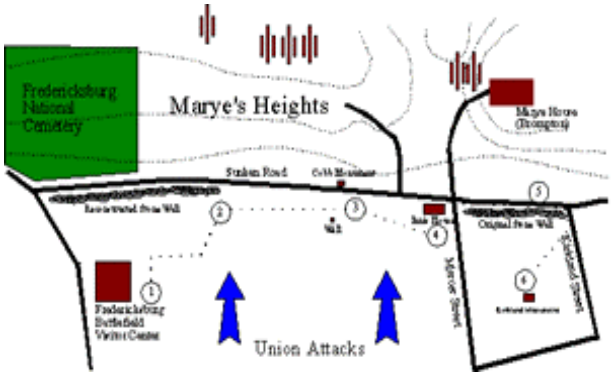
This horrific time in America's history had many participants of Irish descent who fought on both sides. Presented here are articles found dedicated to each side and the Irish boys who fought and some who died fighting for their new country.

Irish Brigade at the Battle of Fredericksburg

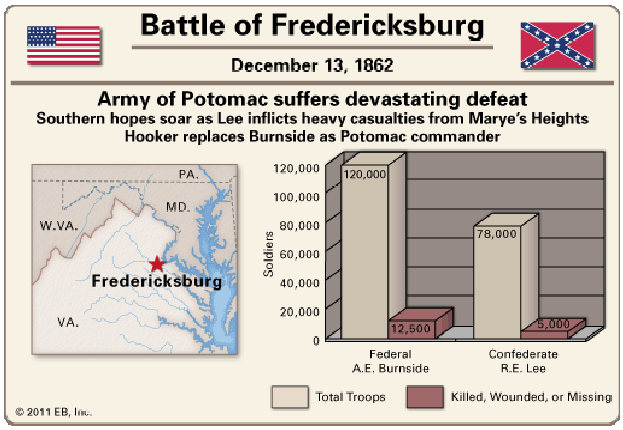
Did Irish units fight Irish units? Yes. At the battle of Fredericksburg, for example, Cobb's Brigade, of which the 24th Georgia was part, was entrenched on Marye's Hill in a sunken road behind a stonewall. A key component of the 24th was McMillan's Guards, an Irish company that had been raised by Antrim-born Colonel Robert McMillan. McMillan had moved up to command the 24th, and during the battle he took over the brigade when General Cobb was killed. The Union's Irish Brigade made a suicidal attack across an open field against the 24th's strong defensive position, and it was almost annihilated. McMillan's cool leadership cost the Irish Brigade 545 dead and wounded, including three of its five regimental commanders. Ironically, the Irish Brigade's commanding officer, General Thomas Meagher, was in no danger of becoming a casualty himself, having gone in to town to get his horse.

There were many Irish-born and first-generation Irish officers in the Confederate Army. One of the better known was Major General Patrick R. Cleburne from Co. Cork. Cleburne served in the Army of Tennessee and often was compared to the South's General Stonewall Jackson. He rose from company commander to regiment, and then to brigade and, after leading his troops to victory in several battles and being wounded at least three times, he was promoted to major general. Late in the war he shot himself in the foot, figuratively speaking, by proposing that the South recruit slaves to fight in exchange for their freedom, an idea that could have changed the course of the war but was quickly rejected by the pro-slavery civilian government. Cleburne was killed late in the war.

During the war, Irish immigration to the South ceased, because the ports were blockaded. After the war, it recommenced--but slowly. Eventually, as the South recuperated from its devastation, some Irish survivors of the war rose to prominence in industry and government. Today, more than 140 years after the Civil War ended, there is little difference between the Irish of the two areas, but since "history is recorded by the victors," little is heard about the Irish contribution to the South's cause, and even less has been written. **(Paul Burns – sligoheritage.com)**



Sunken Rd. Battle of Fredericksburg



Above - Credit: Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.

The only image of a Confederate Flag I found. (Amazon!)

The articles in this issue cover both the Union and the Confederacy - and actions and events from this very sad time in our Country's history. I hope we have a good turn out for this upcoming event. We all ***know*** the history, but sometimes we forget that where we **LIVE** is where the **HISTORY lives.**

Near Sharpsburg Maryland, in September of 1862 – the bloodiest battle in the history of the United States was fought and the IRISH BRIGADE was there. The Irish Brigade was known in part for its famous war cry, "Faugh a Ballagh" (FOW-an BALL-ah), an Anglicization of the Irish phrase, "Fág an Bealach", ("fawg a bal-uck") meaning, "Clear the Way".

Formed in November 1861, the Brigade was largely recruited in New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Its initial regiments were the 69th, 88th and 63rd New York State Volunteers. Other units identified as part of the Brigade included the 29th Massachusetts, 116th Pennsylvania and 25th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiments. The Brigade fought in all of the major campaigns of the Army of the Potomac. It lost over 4,000 men during the war. This total is larger than the number of soldiers who served in the Brigade at any single time. Eleven Brigade members were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Of the Five Officers who commanded the Brigade, three were killed or mortally wounded. Colonel Richard Byrnes (Cold Harbor), Colonel Patrick Kelly (Petersburg) and Brigadier General Thomas A. Smyth, (Farmville). The Brigade was mustered out in June 1865.

<u>IRISH BRIGADE AT ANTIETAM</u> -Second Brigade, First Division Second Corps, Army of the Potomac On 17, September 1862, the Brigade crossed Antietam Creek (9:30 a.m.) at Pry's Ford. As it formed at the edge of a cornfield Father William Corby, Chaplain rode along the line, giving absolution to the soldiers. The 69th New York occupied the right then the 29th Massachusetts, the 63rd and 88th New York crossing the cornfield, the command encountered a rail fence which was torn down under severe fire an opposing Confederate column advanced within 300 paces of the Brigade. After several volleys, the Irish Brigade charged with fixed bayonets. At 30 paces it poured buck and ball into General George B. Anderson's Brigade (2nd, 4th, 14th and 30th North Carolina Infantry Regiments) that fell back to "Bloody Lane". After fierce combat its ammunition exhausted the Irish Brigade was relieved.

BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER -The Irish Brigade commander was born in Waterford City Ireland on 23 August 1823. He was a well- educated orator when he joined the young Ireland movement to liberate his nation. This led to his exile to a British Penal Colony in Tasmania Australia in 1849. He escaped to the United States in 1853 and became an American citizen. When the Civil War broke out he raised Company K, Irish Zouaves, for the 69th New York State Militia Regiment that fought at First Bull Run under Colonel Michael Corcoran. Subsequently Meagher raised the Irish Brigade and commanded it from 3 February 1862 to 14 May 1863. He later commanded a military district in Tennessee. After the War Meagher became Secretary and Acting Governor of the Montana Territory. He drowned in the Missouri River near Fort Benton on 1 July 1867. His body was never recovered. His sword is on display at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend Indiana

The Irish Brigade Memorial at Antietam.

The Confederate Irish in America's Civil War –

All discussions of Irish participation in the 1861-65 American Civil War seem to lead, in next breath, to the North's famous Irish Brigade. Few know that Irish immigrants played an equally important role in the Southern Confederacy. Over 40,000 Irish fought for the Southern cause. They were the largest immigrant group in the army, and they made up about 10% of all Confederate combatants. In contrast, there was less enthusiasm among Irish immigrants to the North, and they were under represented in its military.

The Confederate Irish were far more fervent in support of their side's cause because they could identify in America with the desire for self-determination at home and the right to separate from what was viewed as a repressive government. They had little concern about slavery. The Irish in America were working class, and they competed for jobs with free blacks. Consequently, the Irish in both areas tended to support the pro-slavery Democratic Party. The Southern Irish encountered less animosity and much more religious tolerance than did their Northern brethren. There was no Southern equivalent of the anti-draft riots that occurred in the large Northern cities where the Irish were concentrated.

Gen. Ml. Corcoran & Sligo's Contribution

Although the birthplaces of some Southern Irish are known, many were listed only as "born in Ireland". The South's army records never were complete and, since the war was lost, much of what existed disappeared. Certainly there were Confederates born in County Sligo, but none was as well known as General Michael Corcoran, Sligo's contribution to the Northern cause. Corcoran is often associated with the Union's Irish Brigade, but he was not. He was commander of the 69th New York that later was a part of that famous brigade, but Corcoran was captured at the first battle of Bull Run. After being exchanged two years later, Corcoran founded the Irish Legion.

The Union's Irish Brigade, which was perhaps 80% Irish, was unique. No effort was made to consolidate Confederate Irish into large units. For the most part, they were scattered throughout the South's regionally raised regiments, though many company-sized units, and several battalions, were formed from Irish volunteers--the Emmet Guards of Mobile, Alabama; the Southern Celts and St. Mary's Volunteers of the 13th Louisiana; the Irish Volunteers of the 5th Georgia; the O'Connell Guards of the 17th Virginia; the Emerald Guards of the 9th Louisiana; the Sarsfield Rangers of the 7th Louisiana—to name just a few of the more than 45 distinctly Irish companies.

Many of these units carried variations of the emerald flag with golden harp so favored by Irish military groups everywhere, but company flags were not carried into battle. Since the Irish units were part of geographical regiments, their company flags were never as prominent as the well-known banner of the North's Irish Brigade, which flew at such well-known battles as Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg.

Col. Patrick Moore and the Battle of Bull Run

Scattered as they were among dozens of regiments, Irish units probably fought in every major Civil War battle. In one of the earlier fights--called Bull Run in the North and First Manassas in the South--the 1st Virginia regiment, commanded by Galway-born Colonel Patrick Moore, defended strategic Blackburn's Ford. The regiment's Montgomery Guards was an Irish unit and it fought effectively as skirmishers. At one point, Col. Moore led a charge against the Yankees shouting, "Feagh a Ballagh!"—perhaps the first Irish battle cry heard in the war. (Yes it is a different spelling from the earlier citation) General Thomas Jackson earned the sobriquet "Stonewall" at that engagement, primarily because his troops held so well at the ford. The Montgomery Guards and the 1st Virginia later were to suffer 120 casualties out of 155 men in Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg.

In a way, Irish troops of the 1st Virginia regiment created the Stonewall Jackson legend by their stand at Blackburn's Ford— but a similarly named Irish unit ended it. The 1st Virginia Battalion, also called the Irish Battalion, became the provost guard for the Army of Northern Virginia. During the winter of 1862-63 an Irish guard of that battalion failed to recognize General Jackson returning to his bivouac late at night—and shot him.

Dan mentioned a possible stop at this Pub in Fredericksburg – for lunch or 'whatever' – after our road trip in December.

Ideas? Suggestions? Questions?
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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**

Sept 1 & 15 Irish Music Jam (Saturdays) Ashland, VA	The Ashland Old Time Jam & Irish Session meets from 10 AM to 1 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Celebrate the music of Appalachia, Ireland, and beyond… beginners and listeners are most welcome! Ashland Coffee & Tea, 100 N. Railroad Avenue Ashland, VA 23005, Phone: (804) 798-1702
Sept 8th IAS Monthly Program	Program on the Irish killed in the Civil War era Tredegar Explosion. **1:00 Meet at St. Patrick's Church** – members will proceed to Oakwood Cemetery at 3101 Nine Mile Road. Pub Luncheon at Sine's – meet there at 3:00 Questions – Call Dan Begley 804-740-5631
Sun Sept 9th Gaelic Storm The Birchmere Alexandria VA	GAELIC STORM – the band from the movie "Titanic" will be at The Birchmere Music Hall located at 3701 Mount Vernon Avenue Alexandria, VA 22305 **(Click to get directions**) Call 703-549-7500 The concert starts at 7:30 pm and tickets are $35 Websites to visit - http://www.birchmere.com./ http://www.gaelicstorm.com/
Sun. Sept. 23rd IAS Board Meeting 7pm	Meetings are now held in the back dining room of O'Tooles at 4800 Forest Hill Avenue. All members welcome at IAS Board meetings – please bring your suggestions, ideas, and random thoughts on the IAS.
Sept 29th 8 PM IRISH MUSIC Richmond Folk Music	Beth Patterson and Patrick O'Flaherty Gaelic/Cajun Fusion! O'Flaherty provides the trad Irish music -The combination of the instruments, the words and the tune create an image of Ireland (lush, rolling green hills, a tranquil wind blowing as the crashing of the ocean waves pulsate the illustrious Irish sea cliffs.." "Beth Patterson has a voice that is simultaneously sharp, pure enough to cut glass, and inviting and sensuous as fire.-Tickets $12/advance/$15/at door
Oct 20 & 21 Central VA Highland Games & Celtic Festival	**GREAT NEWS!!** The 2012 **Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival** 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 webpage. Tickets prices will range between $10-$30 and will go on sale to the public in July. The two-day festival, which will be fun for the whole family to enjoy, benefits three non-profits: the Cullather Brain Tumor & Quality of Life Center, Children's Hospital Foundation and Richmond International Raceway Cares. Dogs are permitted with a donation and ticketed adult. http://vacelticfestival.com/ - To order your tickets in advance – Use this link. https://secure.racetickets.com/RichmondRaceway/ft/TicketSales/index.cfm?event=tixList&TixEventID=3336&HeadlineStoryID=19432&EstablishmentType=T&EstablishmentKey=10&showCart=no
Dec 15th – Sat. IAS Christmas Party & 20th Anniversary Party New Location**!**	**HOORAY**! The IAS will have a Double Celebration – the 20th Anniversary of the IAS and the 2012 IAS Christmas Party at the Shenandoah Community Center (off Arch Road) 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!
March 12th 2013 – 7 pm Celtic Crossroads Cultural Arts Center Tickets $25 - +65 = $2 disc 10+ 10% disc. 20+ 15% disc.	The name **Celtic Crossroads** originates from a time in Ireland when neighbouring communities met at the crossroads between towns and villages to socialize – long before the pub tradition began. Experience the best that Irish music and dance has to offer with this group of seven highly talented singers/multi-instrumentalists and two dancers. Direct from Ireland, they take the art form to an entirely new level. Experience a wonderful fusion of musical genres, such as eastern European Gypsy, North American Bluegrass, world Classical and Jazz, and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe and the rest of the world. Click on this link to see a video of the group. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wDtEDAy0Js 2880 Mountain Road, Glen Allen VA 23060 804-261-2787 http://www.artsglenallen.com/ http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase

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Festival - The Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland Games October 20 & 21, 2012

The Central Virginia Celtic Festival and Highland games visit the Richmond Raceway Complex October 20-21, featuring traditional dance, live music, Highland games competitions, gathering of clans and vendors. The two-day festival, which will be fun for the whole family to enjoy, benefits three non-profits: the Cullather Brain Tumor & Quality of Life Center, Children's Hospital Foundation and Richmond International Raceway Cares. Dogs are permitted with a donation and ticketed adult.
http://vacelticfestival.com/

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We'll need volunteers for the IAS Tent ---
Set Up Friday – 5pm "ish" – October 19th
Tent Volunteers – Saturday & Sunday - for the Day or for a couple of Hours…

If You Can Help Us – Please Call Karon Bell – 804-982-7835