

NEWSLETTER (SEAMRÓG)

WELCOME MEMBERS

THIS IS OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER AND WE HOPE IT WILL BE INFORMATIVE

The first formal meeting of our organization was held on June 10, 1992. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Burke at 7:20 pm. He gave a brief history of the organization. He said we have a large, possible constituency in the Richmond area. He stated that the purposes of the organization were to promote Irish-American educational, cultural and social activities. The organization is open to all persons.

Ron Hendricks passed out copies of the by-laws, which had been drawn up prior to the meeting, and discussed them with those in attendance. He stated that we do plan to be incorporated. He stated that committees were being appointed to start working on projects that the general membership wants to consider.

Pat Burke suggested that three more directors be nominated to the organization, which will provide a total of five directors. He stated that our first and most important objective is to identify what we want to do – what committees we need.

The following are activities the members suggested:

- Establish ourselves as an entity in the parade.
- Meet other people interested in Irish-American activities.
- Form dancing groups, etc.
- Participate in telethons, such as Muscular Dystrophy, as a group.
- Inform Channel Twelve to get exposure on the media.
- Form a historical committee to inform members of their heritage.
- Help maintain an Irish heritage booth at the International Food Festival in September 1992.
- Get involved in bringing Irish children to Richmond.
- Establish an information bank with people who have been to Ireland to pass on information to others.
- Establish a fund raising committee
- Establish a newsletter

Entertainment was provided by Kevin Donleavy (Irish traditional music, past and present). Mr. Donleavy also listed several area places where Irish music is presented. The meeting was attended by about 30 people. The next meeting was scheduled for September 10, 1992. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. Minutes submitted by Francesca Parch, Acting Secretary

MEETING – SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the organization will be held at the Virginia War Memorial, located on Belvedere Blvd, just north of the Lee Bridge, on September 10th at 7:30 P.M.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- Annual dues for membership.
- Nominations for three additional directors and membership vote.
- Future Activities.
- Organization by-laws.
- International Food Festival booth.

The following officers and chairpersons have been appointed:

- 1st Director and President – Patrick Burke
- 2nd Director - Ron Hendricks
- Treasurer – James Parch
- Secretary (temp) – Francesca Parch
- Heritage Committee – Colum Toibin
- Membership Committee – Kathleen Hendricks
- Parade Committee – Pam Meeks
- Other committees are pending

SEE YOU ON SEPTEMBER 10th

ENTERTAINMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

At our September 10th meeting, Lindsey-Brooke will entertain the members with Irish folk music & guitar.

International Award winning Irish step dancer, John McGrath will perform at the International Food Festival in the Richmond Centre on Sunday, September 20th at 2:30

Pat Burke, President

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Ron Hendricks, Director

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