



The Richmond Claddagh

Richmond Irish American Society

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Beannacht Lá Fhéile Pádraig
Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

From Nancy – We are so lucky to be loaded with some great Irish activities this month! Check at the end of the newsletter for the calendar **and** also check the IAS website calendar <http://richmondias.org/> for all the local/area Irish events we could find. Attend what you can, enjoy your Irish heritage and promote it too!

St. Patrick's Festival – The Parade and the Irish Costume Contest: Join in for the 25th Annual **Church Hill Irish Festival** on March 20th and 21st in historic [Church Hill](#). The festival starts Saturday at 10:00 am with the Irish American Community Council sponsored Walking Parade featuring musicians, dancers and our own IAS members – many marching in costumes to celebrate our Irish heritage/heroes/legends and other assorted and much loved Irish characters. I hope that many of you used the registration form last month to sign up for the costume contest! If not, you are still most welcome to come and march with us – and if possible – wear a bit of the green...

Volunteers For The IAS Booth -St. Pat's: The IAS tent display will be out both Saturday and Sunday – to hopefully attract new members, and offer a positive image of our organization and our heritage. Special Event Chair, Karon Bell needs volunteers for the tent for the weekend and also help on Friday night setting up the tent and then at the close on Sunday for take down. If you are worried about working in the tent – don't be. There are always folks with lots of experience that will help you out in answering questions – you'll never be left alone. The most important thing is to present a welcoming atmosphere at the tent. People come to make a connection with their heritage, to find out more about it, even just look at the map to see where their family might have come from. We all have that in common. We can help. You'll meet the most fun people and you'll such a good time. So call Karon today and help us put a good Irish effort out to welcome our visitors! **Call Karon at 804-517-3249**

IAS April 22nd Meeting –7pm The Library of Virginia's, Dr. Gregg Kimball gives the second installment of his tribute to Irish musical masters who crossed the pond and recorded in America during the first heyday of commercial recording with his program, "Irish Music Starts in America". He will play samples of early performances of Irish immigrants performing traditional tunes including Sligo fiddler Michael Coleman and New York Patrolman Frank Quinn, a native of County Longford. The great American dance bands will also be featured, including Dan Sullivan's Shamrock Band and O'Leary's Irish Minstrels, both based in Boston's vibrant Irish community. Kimball will return with his turntable in tow ready to spin original 78-rpm shellac discs from his extensive collection. We will also sample a few Irish masters caught on film, including legendary singer John McCormack of Athlone. **Dumbarton Library 6800 Staples Mill Road.** Do join us for a fun trip down Memory Lane.

This month Denis Maguire will assume the duties of the Membership Chairman. It's been about 6 years that I've been doing it and I've had a ball meeting our members, greeting new members providing information to folks who want to learn about the IAS - and some might say using a little positive coercion to bring new members into the fold, I can attest to the fact as the membership chairman I've been lucky enough to meet most of you – either in person or in email and I find that we are all just looking for an avenue to connect to our Irish roots and the society surely provides that for us through our meetings and programs.

I thank all of you for making it all a lot of fun. It's a ton of work, so please help Denis by getting those renewals in on time. Extra reminders cost the club for postage and materials and take extra time for the chairman to do multiple contacts. Keep your information updated so that we can contact you about events and opportunities. And finally, thanks to all of you – your nice notes, the phone calls and the email notes made my job a lot easier. Now be nice to Denis too! His contact information is posted with the Officers information at the end of the newsletter. **Good Luck Denis!**

HELP! Karen Ide sent in a request – seems there was some **delicious Irish stew** at the IAS Christmas Party. Could we convince the "Cook" to share the recipe? Please – send it in... we can make you famous!

New Members Since Jan. 2009 - What a great year we had in welcoming these new members to our IAS roster. We are so lucky to have all of you join us and we're looking forward to getting to know you better. So join us when you can at our monthly get-togethers and we hope to see you at the St. Pat's festival.

Mark & Wendy Anthony
Stanley Balducci
Noah Basara
Patricia Baynes
Neil & Janet Brussard
Deirdre Ni Bhroin
Gerry & Guinevere Cassidy
James & Amy Comer
Edward Farrell
Paul & Karen Farrell
Karen Ide
Julie Kittle
Beverly Lane & Dede Harper
Gerald & Janet Maerz
Jenny McIntyre & Jason Hawes
Joni McNamara
Thomas & Patricia Moloney
Matthew & Valerie Moore
Timothy & Danielle Murphy
William P. Murphy
Bill & Amy Patterson O'Keefe
Duane & Shelby Patrick
William J. Riddell
Helen Rogers
Larry & Marian Rogers
Helen Shine Lamberta
Matthew Stepanich
Mark & Judy Yoder

Sadly at the same time – we lost 28 members for various reasons – so membership remains about the same. We need and want input from our members to keep the organization strong and growing. Send us your ideas, suggestions, and your complaints too – we want them all. We want to keep our membership growing, so we need to know what you want from your organization.



Kathryn O'Meara has taken on the duties of the "IAS Sunshine Committee. Please contact Kathryn at 804-745-1903 or mungojerrie23@aol.com when you hear of someone getting married, having a baby, being hospitalized, or in the event that a member or someone close with the club has passed away. Kathryn will send a card on behalf of the IAS.

Want to visit the National Library of Ireland in Dublin - but just are not able to get there. Well, we've found a way for you to visit the library and learn more about the 1916 uprising and the people who were involved. Here is a note from their website and a link to start your visit.

Welcome to the National Library of Ireland's online exhibition "**The 1916 Rising: Personalities and Perspectives**" To see this presentation please click on this link - <http://www.nli.ie/1916> **PLEASE NOTE** The link shown is an active link for on line readers **and it is always the exact wording for those who receive the print version of the newsletter** and it can be copied and entered in the browser of any computer with internet access. This study resource draws almost exclusively upon the collections of the National Library, including the Library's rich holdings of books, newspapers, photographs, drawings, proclamations and, not least, manuscript material. In all, over 500 images have been selected for study and analysis. Through the medium of contemporary documents, "**The 1916 Rising: Personalities and Perspectives**" focuses upon those who set the stage for the events of Easter Week 1916, the seven signatories of the proclamation, the others executed in the aftermath of the Rising, the casualties and the survivors. We hope that you find this perspective on the Rising informative and a helpful addition to the resources available to both students and the general reader interested in this period in Irish history. If you need to install the free Adobe player, just click on this link <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer>

This is a very nice opportunity to peruse some of the pages of Irish history Enjoy

A Special Thank You To the Members of the Irish American Society: Thank you so much making a contribution to the Central Virginia Food Bank in memory of Mark. The entire time Mark and I were married, 31 years, Mark never wanted to join any clubs or organizations. But when he found out about the IAS, he didn't hesitate to become involved. He always looked forward to the Festivals and Pub Nights and he enjoyed being part of his heritage. I regret we didn't become members sooner and that he didn't get to go to Ireland. Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. God bless all of you, Lesley Gallaher.

Many of our members know Maggie (Mrs. Gerry) Mackey, of the Scottish Society and a strong friend of the IAS. Maggie recently suffered the loss of her sister and if you'd like to send Maggie a card or note - her address is, 10203 Steuben Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060



This Might Be An Interesting Outing For We Irish Folks - The Ashland. VA Firehouse Theater is open for business and showing classic movies dating from 1920 to 1963. Wouldn't it be fun to drive up on March 27th to see **"The Quiet Man"** on the Big Screen?! Imagine how beautiful that scenery that we loved on TV at home will be on the big screen - and then there's the Duke and Maureen O'Hara. What can I say.. it's one of my most favorite movies. It's \$6 for the movie. For information call 804-788-9721 or visit their website at [www.AshlandFirehouse Theater](http://www.AshlandFirehouseTheater.com). Hey we could all meet up there and make it an Irish fest!

Mothering Sunday -Mother's Day In Ireland - While in the US, Mothers Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May –Mothering Sunday or Mothers Day celebrations in Ireland takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent which is March 14th this year.

The history of celebrating Mothering Sunday in Ireland can be traced to the medieval practice where children from poor families were sent to work as domestic servants and apprentices for the rich. Once a year, in the middle of Lent, these children were given a day off to visit their "Mother Church" to worship Mary. After visiting the Church in their hometown these children visited their mothers and presented them with flowers they picked along the way. Girls baked special Mothering Cake on that day. This custom changed after the Industrial Revolution and Mothering Sunday celebration almost lapsed. The custom was revived after World War II. Americans too helped to bring back the charm of the festival in European countries as their tradition and way of celebrating Mothers Day spread far and wide.

On Mothers Day, people in Ireland present flowers and cards to their mothers to express love and gratitude. People take their mother out for dinners and lunches and often pamper them with breakfast in bed. Gifts are given to mothers with love from caring children. Programs, plays and skits are organized at several places in honor of mothers. (From the website mothersdaycelebration.com)



Be Sure to Celebrate and Honor
The Irish Lady/Ladies in your life
And count your blessings that they are there!



A Note from Nancy- I had an interesting conversation recently about Irish Music. When I first joined the IAS – I knew nothing of Traditional Irish music. I grew up on "Danny Boy", "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", "My Wild Irish Rose" and the like. Some say those songs aren't real Irish, but I know it was the music of *my* Irish heritage. I grew up in Illinois, in the midst of a staunch mob of Irish Catholic folks who settled in the area and helped to found a town called Hartland with it's own St. Patrick's. Instead of the historic Irish songs of rebellion and strife, I heard the Tin Pan Alley version of Irish music. Those songs were always sung and played at parties, picnics, weddings, wakes and any kind of get together where the Irish gathered. They weren't the historical songs of old Ireland, but they were nostalgic and emotional in their own connection between Ireland and the American Irish. These Irish farmers of Hartland IL had come to America early – most before the Civil War. By the time I came along - I was the 5th generation removed from Ireland. Perhaps the years had claimed the memories that their ancestors brought over and those in our Irish circle might have lost that part of their heritage connection. It could have been for many reasons. It wasn't always easy to be Irish in America, or in Illinois for that matter. Some of the old ways and traditions slowly dropped away as people tried to blend in. I guess the old songs were lost along the way too. But the songs that some consider "phony" provided a sentimental connection for the Irish in America. When I hear them – I recall those days as a little girl at those gatherings with the Illinois Irish. Those folks - some family, some friends – and those songs, bring back such wonderful memories – and they provide my mental vision of what the Irish are – warm, funny, kind, friendly, loyal and the true salt of the earth. Sometimes knocked down.. but never out. My "New Irish" songs are mostly more upbeat than some of the traditional Irish ballads. That just might be because as tough as times could be, these folks were not experiencing the hardships the old songs chronicled. These songs often seem a reflection of the times and experiences of our American Irish, some sad, some silly and still connected to "Irish". Now I love the stories behind the traditional Irish tunes – thanks to Mary Smith and her artistry of music and story telling. I honestly don't know what Tura Lura" means, but even today - I can't hear it and stay dry-eyed as I think of my Irish Mom and Grandma. When I hear that song, the Irish connection for me is rock solid.

Please, members are welcome to send me your personal Irish attitudes, feelings, family customs - anything. It's nice to share our different viewpoints and get to know each other. It's not an open forum, arguments are not allowed. It is just to share your thoughts about our common heritage. All ideas are welcome in our newsletter. Send yours in, won't you?

FOR A FINE ST. PAT'S SUPPER CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

(Makes 4 servings with leftovers)

4 to 5 pound corned beef
4 carrots cut into 2-inch chunks
3 parsnips peeled, cut into 2-inch chunks
6 small red skin potatoes with peel
1 large green cabbage, quartered or cut into wedges
Mustard and creamy horseradish for serving

- Place the corned beef in water to cover in a large pot along with any pickling spices that came with it. Cover the pot, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 hours or until tender, skimming occasionally.
- During the last hour of cooking, add the carrots, parsnips and potatoes and cover again. During the last 15 minutes, add the cabbage. Cook until all the vegetables are fork tender.
- Place the corned beef on a cutting board and carve across the grain into 1/2-inch slices.
- Transfer the meat and vegetables to a platter, spoon over some of the cooking liquid and serve immediately. Accompany with mustard and creamed horseradish.

Corned beef and cabbage can be prepared up to 5 days ahead. Cool, cover and refrigerate.

(From the Dispatch Kitchen – The Columbus Ohio Dispatch)

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE HASH

Makes 8 servings

(Try Yukon gold potatoes instead of white redskin)

Salt

2 pounds white or red skinned potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch cubes
3 cups cubed cooked corned beef
1/4 cooked cabbage, finely chopped
1/2 cup whipping cream
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
Freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
Parsley sprigs, for garnish

- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the potatoes and boil for 7 to 10 minutes, or until cooked but still slightly resistant when pierced with a fork.
- Drain well.
- In a large bowl, combine the potatoes, the corned beef, cabbage, cream, parsley, Worcestershire sauce, 1/2-teaspoon salt and pepper. Mix well.
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- In a 12 1/2-inch nonstick skillet, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté, stirring occasionally, for 4 to 5 minutes, or until softened. Add the potato mixture to the onions and mix well to distribute evenly.
- Spread the corned beef hash evenly in the skillet, flattening with a spatula as it cooks. Cook over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes, or until a slight crust forms on the bottom. Occasionally run the spatula around the edges of the skillet to keep the potatoes from sticking. Turn the mixture over and continue cooking, stirring frequently to break up the hash, for about 14 more minutes, or until crusty and browned.

The hash may be prepared up to 2 days ahead. Cool, cover and refrigerate. Reheat in a skillet over medium heat. (From the Dispatch Kitchen – The Columbus Ohio Dispatch)

And this from Ann McGehee... This one just sounds too good to be so easy! Thanks for sharing Ann.

IRISH ALMOND & CARAWAY CAKE

One 18-1/4 box plain yellow cake mix
One 3.4 oz. Package vanilla instant pudding
1/3-cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup Irish whiskey
4 large eggs
1 cup finely chopped slivered almonds
1-tablespoon caraway seeds (or 1/2 cup dried in currants in place of caraway)
1 tsp grated lemon zest

Glaze:

1-cup confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 tablespoon Irish whiskey

- Preheat oven to 325.
- Grease & flour 12 cup Bundt pan – set aside.
- Combine first 6 ingredients and beat w/ electric mixer per cake box instructions
- Fold in remaining cake ingredients, pour in prepared pan.
- Bake 48 – 52 minutes until sides pull away from pan.
- Cool on wire rack – 20 minutes – Remove from pan and cool additional 30 minutes
- Combine glaze ingredients & whisk together until smooth.
- Slice cake onto serving platter –
- Pour glaze over top of cake and let glaze set before serving. (Yield – 16 servings)

(From The Cake Mix Doctor – by Anne Byrne)

Fun Facts

Although not an “official” holiday in the United States, St. Patrick’s Day has a long history of being celebrated with parades and general goodwill for all things Irish. The day commemorates St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland in the fifth century. Because many Americans celebrate their Irish lineage on St. Patrick’s Day, March was picked as Irish-American Heritage Month. Congress first proclaimed the month as Irish American Heritage Month in 1995. The U.S. president also issues an Irish-American Heritage Month proclamation.

Population Distribution 34.0 million Number of U.S. residents who claim Irish ancestry. This number is almost nine times the population of Ireland itself (3.9 million). Irish is the nation’s second most frequently reported ancestry, trailing only German.

24% Percentage of Massachusetts residents of Irish ancestry — about double the national percentage.

3 Number of states in which Irish is the leading ancestry group: Delaware, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Irish is among the top five ancestries in every state but two (Hawaii and New Mexico).

54 Number of counties where Irish is the largest observed ancestry group. Forty-four of these counties are in the Northeast, with 14 in New York, 11 in Massachusetts and five in New Jersey. (The number of people of Irish ancestry in a county may not be significantly different from the number of people of other ancestries in the county.) (From unpublished data.)

348,978 - The Number of Middlesex County, Mass., residents who are of Irish ancestry. Among the 54 counties where Irish is the largest observed ancestry group, Middlesex had the highest population of Irish-Americans, with Norfolk County, Mass., second, with 203,285. (From unpublished data.)

31% Percentage of the population of Plymouth County, Mass., and Norfolk County, Mass., that is of Irish ancestry. Among the 54 counties where Irish is the largest observed ancestry group, these two counties had the highest rate. (From unpublished data.)

The Celebration - 22 - The number of gallons of beer consumed per capita by Americans annually. On St. Patrick’s Day. Some drinking establishments offer green-dyed beer to their thirsty patrons but a true Irish – wouldn’t be drinking the vile stuff

9 Number of places in the United States that share the name of Ireland’s capital, Dublin. Since Census 2000, Dublin, Calif., has surpassed Dublin, Ohio, as the most populous of these places 35,581 compared with 33,606

4.8 million Total number of immigrants from Ireland admitted for lawful permanent residence since fiscal year 1820, the earliest year for which official immigration records exist. By fiscal year 1870, about half of these immigrants were admitted for lawful permanent residence.

Only Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and Mexico have had more immigrants admitted for permanent residence to the United States than Ireland.

Places to Spend the Day - 4 Number of places in the United States named Shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland. Mount Gay-Shamrock, W.Va., and Shamrock, Texas, were the most populous, with 2,623 and 1,828 residents, respectively. Shamrock Lakes, Ind., had 164 residents and Shamrock, Okla., 126.

If you’re still not into the spirit of St. Paddy’s Day after stopping by one of the places named “Shamrock” or “Dublin,” then you might consider paying a visit to Emerald Isle, N.C., with 3,528 residents, of whom a ratio of 1-in-6 are of Irish descent.



May luck be our companion
May friends stand by our side
May history remind us all
Of Ireland's faith and pride
May God bless us with happiness
May love and faith abide

PLEASE NOTE – On the Morning of March 17th

- Turf Fire – Mary Smith, John Robison and Bernard Farrell will be playing a few Irish tunes and talking about Irish Music on Channel 12 TV “Virginia This Morning” which comes on from 9:00 – 10:00 AM. Set your VCR’s if you won’t be home! Don’t miss our IAS Members on TV - Then you can say,

“I Knew Them On Their Way UP!” ☺

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN AN IRISH FAMILY



- You will never play professional basketball.
- You swear very well.
- At least one of your cousins is a fireman; a cop, bar owner, funeral home owner or holds political office. And you have at least one aunt who is a nun or uncle who's a priest.
- You think you sing very well.
- You have no idea how to make a long story short!
- Many of your childhood meals were boiled. Instant potatoes were a mortal sin.
- You have never hit your head on a ceiling.
- You spent a good portion of your childhood kneeling in prayer.
- You're strangely poetic after a few beers.
- Some punches directed at you are from legacies of past generations.
- Many of your sisters and/or cousins are named Mary, Catherine or Eileen, and there is at least one member of your family with a full name of Mary Catherine Eileen.
- Someone in your family is very generous. It is more than likely you.
- You may not know the words, but that doesn't stop you from singing.
- You can't wait for the other guy to stop talking before you start talking.
- You're not nearly as funny as you think you are - but what you lack in talent, you make up for in frequency.
- You are, or know someone, named Murph.
- If you don't know Murph then you know Mac. If you don't know Murph or Mac, then you know Sully. If you don't know Sully, then you probably know McMurphy!
- You are genetically incapable of keeping a secret.
- You have Irish Alzheimer's - you forget everything but the grudges!
- "Irish Stew" is a euphemism for "boiled leftovers".
- Your skin's ability to tan - hmm well, not so much
- Childhood remedies for the common cold often included some form of whiskey.
- There's no one leaving a family party without saying goodbye for at least 45 minutes.

TRANSLATIONS – The www.ireland101.com website will translate your name into the Irish language, help you design your own Irish Family Crest, tell you what county in Ireland your Irish family name comes from, and also provides a bunch of Top Ten Irish lists. <http://www.ireland101.com/irishname.php>

Have you been to one of our Monthly Meetings lately? Not only great programs – it's a tasters delight too! We have to send a **HUGE** thank you to the ladies of the Hospitality Committee – Carmel Miney, Pam Hardy, Mary Geary and Judy Garrett. And also thanks to Maureen Toibin – who for years also served on the committee. To our members - if at any time you feel the urge to bring a little goodie to a meeting – **please do** – sometimes with a big turnout – it helps to have a little extra. Offerings are greatly appreciated!

THE IAS FAME IS SPREADING! (People are hearing about us and that's a Good Thing!) During the last few weeks, we've had several inquiries about the IAS and membership. Also, the IAS has been asked to present some "bits" of Irish Legend, Lore and More to groups including a Rotary meeting, a Community Center at Brandermill, a Day Care in Henrico and our members Mary Smith, Frank Hardy, Dan Begley and Glen Crone have answered the call. President, Gloria Cahen was also approached by a local group, "The Friends of Shockoe Cemetery" involved in restoring and reclaiming this historic landmark and final resting place of many an Irish immigrant to Virginia. Hopefully, more on that later. Our IAS has been happy to respond to these requests. **If any of our members** would like to share their knowledge of Irish history, Irish Culture or anything Irish related in response to these request, please call President Gloria Cahen 804-233-2113. It would be nice to see those requests grow and the knowledge of the value of our Irish heritage spread. Many thanks to our webmasters, Jim Bandeleian and Doug Elder - These requests have come directly because of our website or through requests to the website. <http://richmondias.org/newsletter.php> - It's a great site. Go see!

Your Irish Smile for Today - - -

Really... haven't we all met someone like this? It has been said of Sir Boyle Roche, MP (1743-1807) for Tralee, Co. Kerry), that he only opened his mouth to change his feet. On one occasion he told his audience "the cup of Ireland's misery has been overflowing for centuries and is not yet half full." Joining that remarkable cup is this spectacularly mixed metaphor, also by Roche: "All along the untrodden paths of the future, I can see the footprints of an unseen hand."

GENEALOGY RESEARCH The LDS Church's "Family Search Page" on their website now provides free online classes to learn the basic methods and key resources available to research your Irish family history <http://www.familysearch.org/eng/default.asp>

**HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SAINT PATRICK'S DAY
– AND COMMIT TO BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN
YOUR IAS!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – When shown, Click on links in calendar to 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](#)

March 9th 6:30 pm Irish Trained Uilleann Piper Free Concert at VCU	Stuart Jackson will provide a free concert of traditional Irish music on the Uilleann Pipes on Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. at VCU's James W. Black Music Center , 1015 Grove Avenue. Stuart is a VCU Junior, majoring in percussion. Awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, Stuart attended the University of Limerick this past fall semester and also studied with Irish piper Mikie Smyth .
March 10th Irish Session at Rosie Connolly's	9 pm - join in with local Irish musicians, or just come and listen to Great Music at Rosie's 1548 East Main Street Call ahead to make sure it's on (804) 343-1063
March 11th Turf Fire -	Turf Fire performs classic Irish pub music at Finn McCool's in The Shoppes at Innsbrook, corner of West Broad Street and Cox Road. Telephone 804-217-8167 www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com
March 13th --- St Pat's Day Parade Blue & Gray Brewing 3300 Dill Smith Drive Fredericksburg, VA Brewery phone: (540) 371-7799 - Call them to find out the parade route. Driving Directions	The 8th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade includes fire trucks, classic cars, high school marching band, community organizations, Irish dancers, horses, military equipment and local pageant winners. Parade ends at new home of Blue & Gray Brewing. After parade, the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser (a 501c 3) sells corned beef, cabbage, potato meals for \$5.00 (\$7.00 day of). A limited number of meal tickets available the day of event. \$1.00 hot dogs for kids. Proceeds from meals benefit local Vol. Fire & Rescue Dept's. March 1 get meal tickets at Roxbury Mills, Cardinal Press and the brewery. Visit historic railroad cars of the Rappahannock Chapter - NRHS on site Beginning at 10:30am The Irish and Highland dancers, a magician perform during the fundraiser. Shamrock facepainter and craft table (free) for the kids too. From Fredericksburg members – Harry & Bobby Crisp. Many thanks for keeping us in the know!
March 14th St. Pat's Parade Washington DC	Parade Theme – The Irish that built America. The Parade will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 12:00 Noon, and will proceed down Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Streets, N.W., in our Nation's Capital. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the best-attended parades in Washington. http://dcstpatsparade.com/
March 15, 2010 Eileen Ivers 7:30 pm Carpenter Theatre, Richmond CenterStage Modlin Center	Diva of the Celtic music genre, fiddler Eileen Ivers leads her audience on a magical mystery tour in " Beyond the Bog Road "- a multimedia tribute to her Irish-American heritage and the people who gave it meaning. Paying homage to the rich and tireless passage of the native Irish people from Ireland to Canada and the United States, Eileen Ivers has created "Beyond the Bog Road," an all-star assemblage of Irish and traditional musicians, singers, step dancers and cloggers/tap dancers.. Public Tickets: \$19-\$38 with discounts for seniors & children -through Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000 or ticketmaster.com .
March 15th – 31st Annual Mass Celebrated in Gaelic in Honor of Saint Patrick Arlington, VA	The Col. John Fitzgerald Division #1 Arlington AOH will celebrate the Mass in Gaelic at Saint Charles Catholic Church, 3304 North Washington Boulevard, Arlington VA on the 15th March 2010 at 7:30 PM (Land Mark North Kirkwood & Washington Blvd. in Clarendon). Music will be provided by a choral Group directed by John F. Thieman. The group will sing Sean O Riada's Mass in its original Gaelic with organ and harp accompaniment. The celebrant will be the Reverend Gerard Creedon from Co. Cork, Ireland. Everyone is welcome, please join us for a short reception afterwards and enjoy the best of Irish step dancing, an Irish song or two, Irish bake goods, tea and coffee.
Wednesday March 17 7pm to 8 pm Hanover Tavern Turf Fire – Classic Irish music, and historical stories. <u>Free Admission</u> 10% off at the Tavern's Gift Shop for IAS Members.	Hanover Tavern extends an invitation for the members of the Irish American Society to a unique musical/storytelling event celebrating Irish heritage with Celtic Music and Stories by Turf Fire at Historic Hanover Tavern located 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road Hanover, VA 23069 Bring family and friends to celebrate St. Patty's with Turf Fire at Hanover Tavern! Listen to classic Celtic tunes to celebrate Irish heritage and Irish stories and history will intermingle with the sounds of the fiddle, banjo, vocals and the bodhran. Enjoy dinner at Hanover Tavern & Pub and then get 10% off at the Tavern's Gift Shop while you're there! . This program is suitable for All Ages Bring family. Please phone: (804) 537-5050 with any questions – We hope you can join us in this first Irish celebration.
March 17th Irish Concert.	St. Patrick's Day Concert with Autoharpist Adam Miller 7 p.m. Central Library, 9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield. Registration required at library.chesterfield.gov or 748-1603 – Please call library for information and any questions.

March 17th Irish Dance Festival – Manchester HS Free for Spectators	Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts and Celtic Reflection will sponsor their 2nd Annual Irish Dance Festival on Friday, March 19 at 6:00 pm at Manchester High School. Dancers in levels from beginner to adult will compete in many forms of Irish dance, including soft shoe and hard shoe steps. SCAPA's Irish company, Celtic Reflection, will perform at the event as well. Open to the public, free of charge.
March 17th 4 pm Capital Ale House Locations – Irish & Celtic Music	This is a 21 and above event starting at 4:00pm The Innsbrook entertainment will be provided by: Edsall Road 8:30-11:00pm. Tinkers Dam 4:00-7:00pm and St. Andrews Legion Pipe & Drums Band The Downtown celebration will take place in the Downtown Music Hall. The schedule is Edsall Road 12:00-1:30 & 4:00-7:00, Tinkers Dam 8:30-Midnight and Greater Richmond Pipes & Drums (March 11th- Steal the Glass night featuring, Guinness, Harp, and Smithwick's glassware)
MARCH 20th & 21st Irish Festival at Historic St. Patrick's Church Hill.	The Annual Irish Festival, with the Kick off event – The IAS sponsored parade on Saturday morning –step-off at 10am. All members are encouraged to come in costume as your favorite Irish character – real or fictional. Prizes for various categories. Workers needed to help man the IAS Tent for the festival. Please call Karen Bell at 804-517-3249
March 20th ---- After St. Pat's Parade – meet at Finn McCool's for the Irish Session. 8 – 10 pm	An Irish Session with Local musicians at Finn Mc Cools from 8ish to 10ish pm. Finn McCool's (www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com) is a nice little pub with good food, and it's great that they're starting to feature Irish entertainment. Finn's is located in The Shoppes at Innsbrook, corner of West Broad Street and Cox Road. Telephone 804-217-8167.
Kevin Donleavy – Irish Music Broadcast	"Atlantic Weekly Part Two" is the radio program of Irish music that anyone can hear ON-LINE today. It airs from 10 am till 12 Noon. Here is the link: http://wtju.net/stream.rb . The host is Kevin Donleavy, an early member of the Richmond IAS. He does this program the first Saturday of every month.
March 20th Irish Session at Rosie Connolly's	9 pm - join in with local Irish musicians.. or just come and listen to Great Music at Rosie's 1548 East Main Street Call ahead to make sure it's on (804) 343-1063
March 27th 7:00 pm THE QUIET MAN Ashland, VA	Ashland Firehouse Theater 201 Duncan Street Classic Movies - The Quiet Man (1952) ON THE BIG SCREEN!! \$6 ADMISSION Call 8040-798-9721 for information – The Duke and Maureen O'Hara... Life is sweet.
March 28th 4pm Irish Tenor Anthony Kearns Benefit Concert.	Anthony Kearns – One of the Original Irish Tenors will appear in a benefit concert at Phi Beta Kappa Hall, College of William & Mary at 4pm For more information – call Doug Wood – 757-220-2217 or Click this link Andrew Kearns Event Ticket prices \$50 for reserved seat and \$125 reserved seat in special section and post-concert reception.
March 31st CELTIC CROSSROADS Cultural Arts Center 2880 Mountain Road Glen Allen, VA (804) 261-2787	CELTIC CROSSROADS -this group of seven highly talented multi-instrumentalists and two dancers are direct from Ireland. Experience a wonderful fusion of musical genres and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe and the rest of the world. Visit their website www.celticcrossroads.ie The 10 am prices are a great deal for many who are able to go during the day. This group and their show come highly recommended by our own IAS member Kathy Mincz who attended their show last year. 2 Shows- 2 Prices 10am \$12.50 / 7pm - \$30
April 7th, 7pm Williamsburg Library Celtic Film Festival Free Directions	The Dawning – click on the link for a preview An IRA gunman on the run from the government. He meets up with an idealistic young woman and attempts to win her support for his cause. Stars Anthony Hopkins, Jean Simmons, Trevor Howard and Hugh Grant. (1990, rated PG)
April 10th Celtic Fest Maury River Middle School 600 Wadell Street Lexington, VA 24450	Come celebrate the heritage of the Scotch Irish settlers! Sample haggis, listen to live bagpipe music, browse the crafts offered by vendors or participate in the caber toss. Fun for the whole family! 10am till 5pm - Organizers are the good friends of the IAS -John & Mary Jo Morman owners of Celtic Tides – a great store full of Irish and Celtic goodies in Lexington.
Lunasa In Concert Tuesday April 13th Williamsburg Library 515 Scotland Street 757-259-4070 – 7:30	Lunasa -is indeed a gathering of some of the top musical talents in Ireland. Its members have helped formed the backbone of some of the greatest Irish groups of the decade. Over the course of their six albums, Lúnasa have consistently taken traditional elements of acoustic Irish that elevate the band's virtuosity. Tickets \$22 adults • \$19 Friends of WRL or students w/ ID) – View on Map -- Band's website

April 14th 7 – 8pm Hanover Tavern Featuring Southern Horizon. Free Admission	Heritage Music Series: Southern Horizons Richmond's most famous Civil War Band – featuring our IAS member John Robison and our IAS Favorite Sue Tarr - performing Civil War melodies and songs with Southern Horizons, Appropriate for all ages, and FREE! Hanover Tavern 13181 Hanover Courthouse Road Hanover, Virginia 23069 Please phone: (804) 537-5050 with any questions or for dinner reservations.
RIVERDANCE! April 16. 17 & 18 2010 Landmark Theater	April 16. 17 & 18 2010 - Landmark Theater Riverdance – Landmark Theater – Tickets at the Box office or online at Landmark Theater
IAS Monthly Meeting April 22nd – 7:00 pm Irish Music Stars in America Dumbarton Library, 6800 Staples Mill Road, (23228) For More Information – Call 804-262-6507.	The Library of Virginia's Gregg Kimball gives the second installment of his tribute to Irish musical masters who crossed the pond and recorded in America during the first heyday of commercial recording. He will sample early performances of Irish immigrants performing traditional tunes including Sligo fiddler Michael Coleman and New York Patrolman Frank Quinn, a native of County Longford. The great American dance bands will also be featured, including Dan Sullivan's Shamrock Band and O'Leary's Irish Minstrels, both based in Boston's vibrant Irish community. Kimball will return with his turntable in tow ready to spin original 78-rpm shellac discs from his extensive collection. Also sample a few Irish masters caught on film, including legendary singer John McCormack of Athlone.
May 5th Wed. 7pm Williamsburg Library Celtic Film Festival Free Directions	The Brylcreem Boys May 5th Wed. 7pm Williamsburg Library Celtic Film Festival Free (Click on the link for a preview) A portrayal of life in a World War II POW camp holding both British and German prisoners in 1941 neutral Ireland. In an effort to remain neutral, Ireland made a deal to intern any soldier, German or Allied, captured on Irish soil. During a dogfight, Allied pilot Miles Keogh, and German pilot Rudolph von Stegenbek shoot each other down and are captured. The camp commandant tries to keep the peace between these sworn enemies. But, when both men fall in love with Mattie, their hatred becomes person Stars Gabriel Byrne and Bill Campbell.(1998, rated PG)

May the wind at your back
not be the result
of the corned beef and cabbage
you had for lunch.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Seriously – Haven't you always wanted
to wear one of these???

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