



The Richmond Claddagh

MARCH 2011

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The Richmond Irish American Society

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(For your Practice Pleasure!)



Beannachtaí Na Féile Pádraig!

(Ban-ack-'tee Na fay-lah pawd-rig)

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Tabhair póg dom, is Éireannach mé

(Too-er 'pog dum, iss 'air-in-ack may)

Kiss me I'm Irish!

Érin go Brách! (Air-in guh brow)

Ireland Forever!

URGENT! URGENT! St. Pat's Festival/Parade –

IAS Tent at the Festival – volunteers needed to work and set up & take down, call **Karon Bell 804-982-7835**

Contact Denis Maguire Maguired@comcast.net - 804-379-5577 if you plan to participate in the parade. Irish costumes are great – but not required. We'd like as many members as possible to participate in the parade.

MARCH IAS ACTIVITIES Brunch & Supper! – In

honor of St. Pat and the Irish month of March, Pubmaster Joan Finnegan has two fun social gatherings planned for our members.

For an Irish Change of Pace our IAS celebration for St. Patrick's Day - the IAS will meet **March 19 at 11 AM**, for a "Pub Brunch" at Nick's Roman Terrace, Fountain Square Shopping Center, 8051 West Broad Street, (804-270-2988). Breakfast and Lunch items will be available. Nick's is a delightful place – they decorate for all holidays and St. Patrick's Day gets the full treatment. Please - **YOU MUST** call or email Joan Finnegan - 804-840-0080 or jfynn@hotmail.com by **MARCH 12TH** with the number attending, so that the restaurant knows how many to plan for – the IAS will be in the separate back room.

The 2nd Fun event is set for after the Irish Festival on Church Hill on March 26th. To continue that "Over-All Gee I'm Glad To Be Irish" sensation – members are invited to meet at Rosie Connolly's at 6:30 pm. Rosie's is in Shockoe Bottom at 1548 E Main St # A Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 343-1063 There is plenty of parking, some with a small fee – but very close to Rosie's. **Please let Joan know by March 22nd. Email j.fynn@hotmail.com** or call her at 804-840-0080.

St. Patrick's Day! Turf Fire at Hanover Tavern

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day the old fashioned way, with the traditional Irish music of Turf Fire – IAS members Mary Smith & John Robison! Bring the family and enjoy the comfort of our historic theater. Show starts at 7:00. The restaurant will be doing a St. Patrick's Day specials for those who love the taste of Ireland as much as the music. \$3 suggested donation. Call 804-537-5050 for reservations/directions

<http://www.hanovertavern.org/>



(From <http://www.celticattic.com/>)

Scots Irish Heritage Festival

/Lexington VA April 9th

See the calendar at the end of the newsletter – for details.

<http://www.lexcelts.com/>

Because it's March – Our Irish Month – I'd love to share a wonderful Internet link with all of you. Legend has it that St. Patrick was brought to County Antrim as a slave and spent six years on Slemish Mountain as a captive shepherd. Today, the Website "**The Glens of Antrim Historical Society**", along with lots of other historical information regarding the Glens – also provides a video link to various places within the area. The link at the bottom is to a short video on Carnlough Village - a place that my daughter and I were lucky enough to visit in Northern Ireland and where I had my first Guinness! The Glens are so beautiful and this was such a delightful little town on a lovely harbor. I hope you'll enjoy a little bit of a look around the Glens and maybe take a peek at some of the other interesting items and videos on the site.

<http://www.antrimhistory.net/content.php?cid=117>

As mentioned in earlier newsletters – IAS elections are coming. Ballots will be emailed /sent out in April and **must be** returned before May. Election results will be announced at the Picnic in June. This year – we have two individuals running for the office of President. Each has submitted a note to our members on their vision for the IAS.

Dear Fellow IAS Members,

My name is Sonya Moore and I am running for President of the IAS. This seems like a good forum for me to tell you a little about myself with the IAS and my hopes and plans for its future.

I have always had an affinity for all things Irish. I retired early from my job on the Eastern Shore to take care of my father after my mother died. I took some of my retirement vacation pay to go to Ireland in May of 2000. I fell in love!

After I returned, I happened to see a listing for the Richmond IAS. I called and got Carroll Graham, then IAS President, who referred me to Gloria Cahen who has been my friend and mentor ever since. It is with her blessing that I am running to replace her.

I attended my first meeting in September of 2000 and worked my first Highland Games that October. I started attending Board Meetings the following year.

I have since been to Ireland two more times. I have been on and off the Board several times serving as Membership Chair and as Special Events Coordinator. I organized the 15th Anniversary Party and served as Parade Coordinator the first two years it was held as part of the St Patrick's Church Festival.

It is my opinion that the Society does a wonderful job of showcasing Irish history, culture, travel, and music. I would be proud to help continue that tradition. I would also like to see us do more programs that would include children and grandchildren.

It offends me when people, like the Mayor of New York, refer to drunken Irish falling out of pubs. I would like to get away from the drinking, partying aspect and instead stress what the Irish have done for the world, America, Virginia, and Richmond.

I would greatly appreciate your vote when the ballots come out. Please be sure to vote. Sincerely, - Sonya S. Moore

The 2011Candidate Roster:

President – Sonya Moore & Joan Finnegan

Vice President – Dan Begley

Secretary – Gloria Cahen

Treasurer – Ann McGehee

The Two Open Board Seats –

-Jim Bandeleon

-Stephen Gallagher

-Kathryn O'Meara

Be thinking about your vote. Be ready to vote–

It's your IAS – Be Heard!

Dear Members,

I am Joan Finnegan and am running for President of the IAS. This is my second term as a Board member and Pub Master. I am also the parade coordinator for the Church Hill Irish festival parade. The IAS would continue with it's great programs monthly and of course, our participation in the celtic festivals, but there is so much more available!

The future of the IAS is in it's members. I would like to encourage all members to join in our activities, not only those existing, but new endeavors. I am open to ideas and have quite a few of my own. Create a sporting club to include road bowling games and socials, going to the Celtic footballer team of Richmond games and any other activities you would like to see or play. I would like to have the members contribute the stories of their family history to collect a membership archive. The why, when and how they immigrated, the life they encountered when they arrived. The strength and resolve to leave your homeland in search of a better life is awe-inspiring.

I could go on, instead know I will work with the IAS board and members to increase participation in activities. To continue to provide an atmosphere of friendship, learning and recognition of the indomitable spirit of the Irish and Irish Americans.

I hope you will support me in my quest for president. Please vote! Sincerely, Joan Finnegan

From Nancy – Hey - It's the month of St. Patrick and the Irish, and **Your IAS** will be at the St. Patrick's Festival and Parade coming up this month on Church Hill. How nice it would be to see our Richmond Irish find a way to begin to expand the promotion of the rich Irish heritage that is so much a part of the tapestry that has helped to build and shape America. February is "Black History Month" – Maybe some day we'll see something akin to that for the Irish in the month of March.. What do you think? "Irish Pride Month" - "Irish Remembrance Month" –"Do You Have Any Idea Just How Awesome the Irish Are Month"? Hey, We are always open for suggestions. Maybe it could start – right here- with us – with the IAS. What do 'ya think?

For You from the Claddagh: I hope you will enjoy this video of the St. Coca's Choir in Co. Kildare, Ireland singing the Irish Blessing. You can also find the words in English and in Gaelic at this link -- Enjoy - and Happy St. Pat's Day.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrS3kYW6du4&feature=related>

Church Hill Irish Festival Turns 26! (Thanks to IAS Member Jim Mahone for this note)

It's almost kickoff time for the 26th annual [Church Hill Irish Festival](#)! Traditional Irish musicians, bagpipers and dancers will perform throughout the weekend of March 26 and 27.

Along with great entertainment there will be plenty of family fun, including children's games, face painting and Irish-themed crafts. Over thirty Irish vendors will be in attendance! You'll find no shortage of food and refreshments, too. Enjoy wonderful "Irish Lasagna" prepared by the Ladies of St. Patrick's, fish and chips and other favorites crafted by local Irish Pub, Rare Olde Times Irish, and many more culinary delights.

Part of the entertainment will be the annual buzz-cut event to raise funds for the [St. Baldrick's Society](#). Intrepid IAS members [Tara Boulier](#) and [Steve Kelley](#) and [Mike Owen](#) join dozens of others who solicit pledges for St. Baldrick's cancer-fighting efforts, in return for which their locks are shorn on stage for the delight of the crowd. Great fun for a most worthy cause, and we all thank Steve, Tara and Mike for helping in the fight against cancer in kids!

As usual, the IAS booth will help anchor the south side of Broad Street. IAS members immensely enjoy themselves while renewing acquaintance and promoting our organization to the public. **More IAS volunteers are always welcome to spend time with meet-and-greet, as well as setup on Friday evening and takedown on Sunday afternoon. Yes, indeed, Karon Bell eagerly awaits offers of help at 982-7835.**

Early Saturday morning, IAS members will gather at our booth and then muster to join the kickoff parade. Come Join Us!

The great folks from [Connor's Heroes](#) sponsor a huge children's play area" an organization that assists families and children in the fight against childhood cancer.

Proceeds benefit the St. Baldrick's Society, the Church Hill Association, the Church Hill Crime Watch, Richmond Hill, Child Saver's Clinic of Richmond, St. John's Church, the St. Peter's Meals Program, Stone's Circle of Friends, and many other neighborhood causes. Proceeds also benefit the historic preservation and outreach programs of St. Patrick's Church, a "little church with a big heart" built in the 1850s by Irish immigrants to Richmond.

A \$2 donation will be collected at the gate. Park free at [17th and Broad Streets](#) and then hop aboard one of three shuttle busses circling to and from the festival gate. Guinness & Harp Beer and Loveland Distributing help to sponsor this event. Visit [historic Church Hill](#) in your greenest finery and enjoy the city's legendary hospitality. Visitors are kindly asked to leave all pets at home. For more information, please call 804-356-1093.

Did You Know? - In the nearly 150 years since The US Congressional Medal of Honor was created, thirty-three different countries are listed as the birthplace of medal recipients. Other than the USA, Ireland is the country of birth for the largest number of medal winners with 258 Irish natives awarded the medal, more than twice any other country. Of the 258 Irishmen who have been awarded the medal, 19 were from Co. Cork, the largest number from any one county in Ireland.

Shrove Tuesday – This Year 03/08/11 **Ireland Again Goes Crazy For Pancakes**

Shrove Tuesday, the annual pancake feast, takes place on the night before Ash Wednesday. This night before the start of the Lenten fast, commonly known as "pancake night," is a time when many still engage in the archaic practice of making, tossing and eating mountains of pancakes. Over-indulgence is expected, if not demanded, and children will come into school on Ash Wednesday boasting of their pancake-eating feats. Generally, large, thick pancakes are simply sprinkled with lemon juice and sugar, rolled into a cigar shape and eaten as a sweet.

The survival of this old custom is interesting, since the rigorous Lenten fast is not as widely observed as it once was, though a fair number of people still abstain from alcohol, cigarettes and candy for Lent. Shrove Tuesday, however, is as popular as ever. The ritual is linked to the great European carnival tradition of Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday") when people ate as much fat and meat as possible, knowing that these were forbidden for the next forty days. From the early Middle Ages, the Catholic Church forbade the consumption of meat; eggs and dairy produce during Lent. On Shrove Tuesday, thrifty housewives made use of the perishable eggs, milk and butter in the preparation of pancakes.

One social aspect of the night, however, has fallen into disuse - the link between Shrove Tuesday and the romantic fortunes of the unmarried. Traditionally in Ireland, marriage was forbidden to take place during Lent, so in the weeks before Christmas and "Shrovetide," as it's sometimes called, matchmakers busily tried to find suitable candidates for marriage before Ash Wednesday arrived. Households left with unmarried daughters on Shrove Tuesday tried to imbue them with better luck for the coming year by allowing them to toss the first cake. Their pancake-making skills, for better or worse, were seen as an indication of their romantic chances for the next year.



(Anyone for IHOP's Tuesday?)

Nothing political – nothing biased.

I found these Bobby Kennedy quotes from a speech to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Scranton, PA on St. Pat's Day 47 years ago.

- "...but you and I know that life was not always so good for the Irish, either back in the old country or here in America.
- "There was for example that black day in February 1847 when it was announced in the House Of Commons that fifteen thousand people a day were dying of starvation in Ireland. And you may recall that Queen Victoria was so moved by this pitiful news that she contributed five pounds for the Society for Irish Relief."
- "So the Irish left Ireland. Many of them came here to the United States. They left behind hearts and fields and a nation yearning to be free. It is no wonder that James Joyce described the Atlantic as a bowl of bitter tears ". And an earlier poet wrote, "They are going, going, going and we cannot bid them stay."
- "It's worth noting, I think, that all the wealth of our legacy stems from a small island in the far Atlantic with a population one quarter the size of the state of Pennsylvania."
- "The Irish have survived persecution in their own land and discrimination in ours. They have emerged from the shadow of subjugation into the sunlight of personal liberty and national independence of nations across the globe. Indeed, Ireland's chief export has been neither potatoes nor linen, but exiles and immigrants who have fought with sword and pen for freedom around the earth."
- "And, other Irishmen in other years, going into battle with the Union Army-a green sprig in their hats-bore the brunt of the hopeless assaults of the Confederate heights at Fredericksburg. Twelve hundred soldiers of the Irish Brigade went into action the bitterly cold December day in 1862. Only 280 survived, as President Kennedy noted last summer when he presented the Brigade's battle-torn flag to the Irish people. "Never were men so brave. "General Robert E. Lee said of the Irish Brigade:"

War-battered dogs are we,
Fighters in every clime;
Fillers of trench and of grave,
Mockers bemocked by time.
War-dogs hungry and gray,
Gnawing a naked bone,
Fighters in every clime
Every cause but our own"

And for lighter moments - RFK also highlighted the upside of the Irish experience in America

- "But, many of the Irish were gifted with boundless confidence that served them so well. One was a pugilist from my native Boston. John L. Sullivan won the heavyweight championship of the world not too many years after the flood tide of Irish emigration to this country and in 1887 he toured the British Isles in triumph." Some idea of Irish progress can be gathered from his cordial greeting to the Prince of Wales, later Edward the Seventh. John L. said, I'm proud to meet you. If you ever come to Boston be sure to look me up. I'll see that you are treated right." And referring to the Prince he later added with Irish generosity. "Anyone can see he is a gentleman. He is the kind of man you could introduce to your family."
- "Irish progress here has continued. It was some time ago the late Fred Allen defined the "lace curtain Irish" as those who have fruit in their house when no one's sick."

Some gave me pause to think of sadder, older Irish times and some gave me a smile. I hope they did the same for you.

As Editor – I claim my Editor's privilege to highlight those things that make the Irish special. And here's one of my favorites "Irish things".

Savage Chickens

by Doug Savage



TOTAL HERESY -



NEVER FALL FOR THIS OLD LINE!

Irish Sites Associated With Saint Patrick



Ballintubber Abbey seven miles south of Castlebar is on a pilgrim way called Tochar Phadraig is a way station for pilgrims heading for Croagh Patrick. St. Patrick did found a Church at Ballintubber in the fifth century. <http://www.ballintubberabbey.ie/>

Croagh Patrick was a sacred place long before the arrival of Christianity. It was regarded by the ancient Celts as the home of Crom Dubh and was the principal site for the harvest festival of Lughnasa and fertility. Consequently, women visited the summit to encourage fertility. Early Christian stories had St. Patrick spending 40 days and nights on the summit banishing snakes, dragons and pagan demons. Consequently, the Croagh Patrick pilgrimage was originally carried out during Lent, but following a wild storm that killed 30 pilgrims, the pilgrimage period was changed to summer -the most popular days the last Friday and Sunday in July. It is estimated that almost one million pilgrims do the climb each year with as many as 40,000 making the trek on the last Sunday in July, often barefoot as penance. <http://www.museumsofmayo.com/croaghpatrick.htm>

Hill of Slane - the site has Christian associations going back to the time of St. Patrick. It is here that Patrick and his band of followers built and lit a fire in 433 AD that was easily seen from Tara, where the High King of Ireland lived, with the Royal family. There was a strict ruling that no fire should be lit before the one at Tara, to celebrate the Festival of Beltaine, which marked the coming of Spring. Patrick knew exactly what he was doing, knowing his action would lead to him being brought to face the king. Patrick waited with his men until a group of Laoghaire's men arrived on the scene and escorted him to Tara. Once there, although the Druids tried everything they could to discredit him but Patrick prevailed. Laoghaire was so impressed with Patrick's bravery and forthrightness that he gave him permission to preach his new religion throughout the land under his protection. <http://www.slane.com/hillofslane.htm>

Lough Derg -Station Island in Donegal has been a centre of pilgrimage since at least the 12th century. Local legend has it that the Lake is Dearg or reddened

by the blood of the last serpent in Ireland which St. Patrick reputedly slew here. Other sources claim it was Lough Deirc or the Lake of the cave. There was a cave on Station Island that was the focal point of pilgrimages until 1780 when a small chapel was built.

Rock of Cashel- in County Tipperary - is one of Ireland's great historical sites once the seat of the Kings of Munster. St. Patrick visited it in 450. He preached here at the royal fort and converted Aengus, King of Munster. Legend says that while Patrick was baptizing Aengus the spike of his crozier went through the King's foot. Aengus bore with the painful wound in silence. At the end of the ceremony, Patrick noticed the wound and asked Aengus why he had not spoken up. Aengus replied that he thought it was part of the ceremony. Brian Boru was crowned King of Ireland here in the tenth century. During the twelfth century, the Rock became the seat of the archbishop and it was at this time that Cormac's Chapel was built. In 1647 the Rock was ransacked by Cromwellian forces under the leadership of Lord Inchiquin. Today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, the cathedral, a twelfth century Romanesque chapel, high crosses and other structures. The gothic cathedral dates back to the thirteenth century. At the entrance to the Rock is a fifteenth century house which holds a museum with a number of interesting exhibits, including silverware and St. Patrick's Cross.

St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin - Saint Patrick on his journey through Ireland is said to have passed through Dublin. In a well close to where the cathedral now stands, he is reputed to have baptized converts from paganism to Christianity. To commemorate his visit, a small wooden church was built on this site. The present building, the largest church in the country, was erected between 1200 and 1270. Saint Patrick's has contributed much to Irish life throughout its long history. The writer and satirist Jonathan Swift was dean from 1713-45. However, St. Patrick's is not a museum. It is a living working Church.

Slemish Mountain, the first known Irish home of St. Patrick is in Co. Antrim. The mountain rises about 1500 feet and it is actually the central core of an extinct volcano. Following his capture and exile in Ireland, Patrick labored as a slave at Slemish Mountain for about six years, from ages 16 through 22, for a man named Milchu (or Miluic). During this time Patrick turned to frequent prayer as his only consolation in his loneliness. In a vision he was encouraged to escape and return home. He did, became a priest and returned to convert the Irish. Patrick's ministry was confined to the North, and it was there that he established churches. One such church is thought to have been founded at the nearby site of Skerry Churchyard.

<http://www.spectrumdata.com/cgi-bin/foxweb.exe/fwcalendar?dbf=rias>

March 12th Bena VA	Kelly Kennedy with “ <u>Lilt</u> ” open for “ <u>Poisoned Dwarf</u> : at Bena Country Store, Bena VA. Shows start at 8 pm and tickets are \$15 (reduced for students, groups and teens) So call (804-684-5215) or e-mail (tickets@almostsquare.net) website for directions http://almostsquare.net/benamusic/
March 13th Barksdale – Kelly Kennedy	Kelly Kennedy with “ <u>LILT</u> ”- Irish Music at Barksdale Theatre, Willow Lawn Shopping Center, Richmond. 7pm - \$5.00 at door. Cash bar
***March 19th Pub Brunch!	“ <u>Pub Brunch</u> ” at Nick’s Roman Terrace, Fountain Square Shopping Center, 8051 West Broad Street, (804-270-2988). Breakfast and Lunch items will be available. YOU MUST call or email Joan Finnegan - 804-840-0080 or jfynn@hotmail.com by MARCH 12TH
March 21 & 22nd Birchmere Music Hall – Alexandria VA	<u>Gaelic Storm</u> – In 1997, Gaelic Storm appeared in the film <i>Titanic</i> as the steerage band, performing "An Irish Party in Third Class" Show Time 7:30 PM Cost: \$35.00 Tickets available at the Website . The Birchmere is at 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave Alexandria, VA 22305 Phone: 703-549-7500 . http://www.birchmere.com/direct.cfm
***March 26th Pub Supper after St. Pat’s Festival	After the festival IAS members are invited to meet at Rosie Connolly’s at 6:30 pm. Rosie’s is in Shockoe Bottom at 1548 E Main St Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 343-1063 There is plenty of parking, some with a small fee – but very close to Rosie’s Please let Joan know by March 22nd . Email j.fynn@hotmail.com or call 804-840-0080
**March 26 & 27 St. Patrick’s Festival on Historic Church Hill/Richmond,	The Annual Irish Festival, with the Kick off event – The IAS sponsored parade on Saturday morning –step-off at 10am. 2 nd Annual Irish Costume Contest. All members are encouraged to join in the fun by participating in the contest. Come in costume as your favorite Irish character in one of the categories – Historical, Mythical, Literary or Comedic. Trophies and Prizes for category. Volunteers are also needed to help man the IAS Tent for the festival. Please call Karen Bell at 804-982-7835
March 29th 7:30 Celtic Woman Landmark at the Richmond	“ <u>Celtic Woman – Songs from the Heart</u> ” from spirited Celtic fiddle and Bodhrán pieces to lush arrangements of Irish classics & contemporary favorites and original compositions Celtic Woman brings their Celtic magic to Richmond’s <u>Landmark Theater</u> 6 N Laurel St, Richmond, VA 23220 <u>Directions - Parking</u> 877-686-5366 with questions.
April 6, 2011 – 7 pm Williamsburg Library FREE Celtic Film Series	<u>Black Irish</u> (2007, rated R) Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street. In South Boston, where Irish roots run deep and Catholic tradition reigns, two brothers face similar hardships but lead far different lives. While older brother Terry descends into drugs and crime, 16-year-old Cole vies to make the state baseball championships - but must struggle to withstand his brother's destructive influence. When the two inevitably clash in a life-and-death confrontation, family ties-and futures-are at stake.
April 9th Scots-Irish Celtic Festival. Lexington, VA Maury Middle School 9:30 – 5pm	From Mary Jo & John Morman – Two of our very favorite folks and also Owners of Celtic Tide Gift Shop http://www.celtictides.com/store/ in Lexington, VA sent us a note on the Lexington Celtic Festival at Maury River Middle School on April 9th. In an area steeped in the traditions of the Scotch/Irish settlers who left their English counterparts along the Virginia coast and slipped over the Blue Ridge Mountains – comes the promise of a weekend filled with Celtic music, vendors, food and fun. Our own Mary Smith will be appearing along with Warpipes, Carl Peterson and Pipe & Drum Corps. You can see a full schedule at this website - http://www.lexcelts.com/index.php . John & Mary will be at the festival on Church Hill and they always have a wonderful assortment of Irish goodies to tempt IAS shoppers! This Festival that move indoors in the event of bad weather.
May 4, 2011 – 7 pm Williamsburg	<u>A Love Divided</u> (1999, not rated) Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street Based on a true story this is the moving and dramatic love story of a marriage between a Catholic and a Protestant in 1950s Ireland. FREE Celtic Film Series
May 21, 2011 Richmond Folk Music Congregation Or Ami 9400 Huguenot Road Richmond, VA Tickets \$12 \$15 804-647-7856	The Living Tradition – Tom Martin and Mary Smith – Tom originally from Belfast Ireland - draws his inspiration not only from his Celtic roots, but from traditional American folk, country blues, and the song poets of the sixties - Visit Tom's website at http://www.tommartinmusic.com/ Our own IAS member, Mary Smith has performed and researched the traditional ballads of Britain, Ireland and America for many years. She is a popular performer at festivals, coffeehouses and concert venues in Virginia and Washington, DC, and has toured in the UK as well. She also gives educational presentations and workshops on traditional ballads. Visit Mary's website at www.maryfsmith.com .

JUST FOR FUN.... TEE SHIRTS I LIKE!



Just 'cuz



American Irish!



(Home fires!)



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Beannachtáí Lá Féile Pádraigis ortcham go léir.





The Richmond Irish American Society is pleased to invite you to participate in the 26th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade kicking off Richmond's annual Irish Festival:

Who: You, family and friends in finest celtic costumes (no pets please!)

What: St. Patrick's Day Parade
 • 2 block walk to honor the Irish patron Saint.

When: 08:30 EST, Saturday March 26, 2011

Where: Church Hill, Richmond (North 25th Street between Broad and Franklin)

Please let me know if you can participate in this fun event
maguiard@comcast.net or (804) 739-0429, Denis.
 Additional details will follow.....

*****HERE AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER –**

- 1.) DID YOU CALL KARON TO VOLUNTEER IN THE IAS TENT?**
- 2.) DID YOU CALL DENIS TO VOLUNTEER TO MARCH IN THE PARADE?**
- 3.) DID YOU CALL JOAN ABOUT THE MARCH 19TH BRUNCH? THE MARCH 26TH SUPPER?**

**Do it now.... Make that call so that those in “charge” can plan accordingly.
 (Who actually is in charge of the Irish?? But I digress - you know what I mean)**



Anyway – call now – ‘cuz with the IAS functions and events – it’s the best fun you can have ***