

# The Richmond Claddagh

Newsletter of the Greater Richmond Irish American Society

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<b>Feb. 23, 6:30 PM</b>	Pub Night: Rare Old Times; call Ed 379-5577
<b>March 4</b>	IAS Board Meeting
<b>March 9</b>	K of C to Host a Party at St. Mary's; Call Paul McFadden 550-0347
<b>March 11</b>	St. Patrick's Day Parade in Washington, D.C. 202-619-7222
<b>March 12</b>	Irish Cooking Class at UR: Call 289-8133 before March 5
<b>March 24</b>	St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival Weekend, Church Hill
<b>March 26</b>	UR: Caledonia: Music from the Highlands, Islands, Scotland
<b>March 30</b>	Sullivan's Pub in Ashland; call Ed
<b>March 31</b>	Folk in the Grove
<b>April 3, 10, 17, 24</b>	Tourist Irish Gaelic; call Dan
<b>April 14</b>	Strawberry Hill Races (call Gloria 233-2113)
<b>April 18, 25 &amp; May 2</b>	Irish Film Course UR; pre-register <a href="http://www.richmond.edu/scs/osher">www.richmond.edu/scs/osher</a>
<b>April 21</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Columbian Center! Sonya Moore 272-4138

### President's Letter:

It's finally winter, so it's time to have some fun. Remember, St. Patrick's month is "Spring Break for stay-at-home adults."

I am very excited about the activities that are being offered for the next three months. The IAS board has been working very hard to bring an assortment of fun to get you through dodgey months.

Please check the calendar in this issue and join us in a celebration of Ireland and its favorite Saint.

Dan Begley

The **February meeting** of the IAS was held Feb. 22 at 7:00 pm at the Tuckahoe Library. The program was the Irish movie, "Hear My Song." For more program information, call Dan Begley, 740-5631.

**Beginning Irish Gaelic:** If enough people are interested, we make form a conversational Irish Gaelic class this year! Call Dan if you would like to be a part of this.

### Parade Marchers Needed

Fredericksburg St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival Saturday March 17, 2007. This year we plan to do something a little different. The Greater Richmond IAS is looking to send a delegation to march in this parade. This will be the second annual parade, featuring a street festival, with the Dublin City Ramblers.

The Fredericksburg IAS will return the favor by marching in our parade the following week. The Meeting time will be 8:00 am. Please get there by 8:15 am. The parade will start at 9:00 am sharp. We will meet and assemble in the parking lot of the Amtrak VRE Train Station, located at 200 Lafayette Boulevard in Fredericksburg, on the corner of Carolina Street and Lafayette Boulevard. Visit [www.fredericksburgirish.com](http://www.fredericksburgirish.com)

If you're interested in marching and wear the green on this most important holiday of the year please contact Ed Mayers at [ehm1537@msn.com](mailto:ehm1537@msn.com) or phone 804-379-5577.

**Get active in IAS!** This is an election year, & we have several openings: President,

Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, & Newsletter Editor, and several board members. If you think We'd love to have a webmaster. Plus. If you think you'd be interested, please call Joyce Blunt 677-6560 or Darlean Cirtice at 306-1469 on or before Pail 21. You'll love it!

### **The Corner Pub**

By Ed Mayers

For Centuries in Ireland people have used the Corner Pub as a meeting place where they could socialize with old friends, meet new ones, spread a little blarney, enjoy a song, and discuss local or national events.

The Greater Richmond IAS has started what we hope will be the same tradition here. We plan to gather as many people as possible one night each month at an Irish Pub to partake in good conversation, food and drink. After each visit we will write a review so that all members will get a flavor of the places we visit. Who knows-- we might even take it on the road and meet some of the other Irish American Societies like Virginia Beach or Fredericksburg to get to know them better.

So watch your email or look in the newsletter for the places we will visit next.

### **The "Corner Pub Review"**

By Ed Mayers

The Blarney Stone Public House Restaurant & Pub

By Ed Mayers, January, 2007

A very special night was had by 16 members of the Greater Richmond IAS at The Blarney Stone Public House in Fredericksburg. Mike and Bernadette Esler & their partners Bridget and Larry Parker (Bernadette's sister) have created a bit of the old country right in the heart of the town.

The pub opened in December and has become one of the hot spots for locals and travelers such as us. They truly have captured the Irish hospitality that only native Irish can offer.

The food was fantastic. Some of the highlights for lunch are Pilled High Corned Beef Sandwich for \$8.99, Beef & Guinness Stew \$8.99, Seamus Shepherds Pie \$8.99 and Bangers & Mash \$6.95 just to name a few; The dinner menu is even more yummy. Galway Bay Salmon \$17.95, Tullamore Whiskey Chicken \$16.95, Wicklow Lamb Loin Chops \$19.95, and Gaelic Steak (my favorite) \$19.95. As I said the food was excellent and the portions were very good.

The wait staff is as friendly as you would expect. In the back of the restaurant is the pub. offering a wide variety of beverages and on Friday and Saturday nights they have live traditional Irish music. There is a dart League forming and they have live music on Thursday evenings. If you are looking for what you will find the best Fish n'chips with curry sauce this side of the Atlantic.

If there is one place you need to get on your calendar to visit this is it. Also Mike and Bernadette own Irish Eyes Specialty Store just down the street.

The Blarney Stone Public House Restaurant and Pub is located at 715 Carolina Street Fredericksburg. Call 540-371-PINT (7468) for directions or reservations or visit [www.theblarney.net](http://www.theblarney.net) for more information.

**Next Pub Night – Friday February 23 at Rare Olde Times, 10602 Patterson Ave., 750-1346; 6:30 pm – Join Us!**

**The Membership Corner**  
January & February 2007

Starting the New Year in a good way... we welcome new members: Kathleen J. Davis; Tara Casey & Alan Dow. And returning IAS members: Paul and Mary Ellen McFadden

We are very glad to have all of you as part of the Richmond IAS and we are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

We do have a procedural change in the "Membership" department. In the future, all members (who have email) will receive the renewal confirmations by email when their renewal dues are paid. Members who do not have email address will be able to verify their renewal date by checking the address label on their newsletter. The date printed on each label is the personal renewal date of the recipient.

This is a cost saving measure for IAS in both materials and postage, and it's a huge time saver for the Membership Chairman. Individual membership renewal dates are now displayed on the mailing label of each monthly IAS newsletter. Renewal notices and membership application forms will still be mailed to each member when memberships are due for renewal. However, membership cards will be discontinued; the cards do not provide any material benefits to our members. If and when we can obtain discounts or other benefits from membership cards, we can reissue them. Please call if you have any questions. Thanks for your renewal and I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

NancyEmig  
MembershipChairman  
804-323-6415

You can download a membership application on our website [www.richmondias.org/](http://www.richmondias.org/)

**Off to the Races!** Once again Strawberry Hill has graciously offered the IAS the use of a skybox for the races on April 14 at Colonial

Downs. call Gloria 233-2113. The air-conditioned skybox has a bathroom & fridge.

**"Family Traditions" Cookbooks:** Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes! To include your recipe, contact Linda at [LindaMayers@msn.com](mailto:LindaMayers@msn.com) or 379-5577.

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

**If you need to contact Your IAS Officers:**

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Website of the Month: For all the information "Pints & Pipes" in Williamsburg, go to:  
[www.pintsandpipes.com](http://www.pintsandpipes.com)

"The town is as full as ever of 'characters,' all created by each other."

---Wilfred Sheed

### Did you know?

Last month's fact: What famous work of fiction ends: "His soul swooned slowly as he heard the snow falling faintly through the universe and faintly falling, like the descent of their last end, upon all the living and the dead"? "The Dead," by James Joyce.

Who founded Dublin in 988 A.D.?

- a) The Vikings
- b) The Celts
- c) The Normans
- d) Henry II of England

See the answer in your next newsletter!

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