



The Richmond Claddagh

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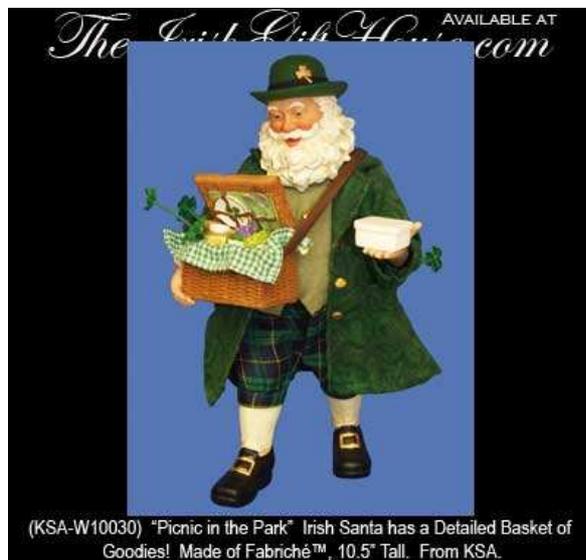
<http://richmondias.org/>

The Richmond Irish American Society

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A very busy month of May coming up.... See the calendar on the back page and the newsletter for more information on Irish fun for you!

May 21st – Pub Supper at O’Toole’s – a 40yr favorite in Richmond located at 4800 Forest Hill Avenue, 804-233-1781 – meet between 6:30 and 7 and then enjoy supper with your IAS friends. Please contact Joan Finnegan to let her know how many folks are coming Cell 804-840-0080 or email j.finn@hotmail.com -- O’Toole’s is Smoke Free!



Looks like Santa has his “dish to pass” for the picnic!

THE WORLD FAMOUS IAS SUMMER PICNIC!!! **JUNE 5TH** –

Starting at 1 pm at Pat and Helen Burke’s farm in Amelia). Burgers, hot dogs and condiments are provided, but you are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to share, beverages for you and yours, and lawn chairs. This is a wonderful way to get to know the other members, and it’s a beautiful country setting and always one of our big turnout events. – It’s a short drive out for such a good time!!

Picnic Driving Directions: From Helen Warriner Burke - Take 360 West out of Richmond. After crossing the Appomattox River into Amelia, go about 3-4 miles and you will see a billboard on your side of the road. Karon Bell generally has balloons or a sign up to warn you to turn. Slide over into the left lane and about a half mile further turn left onto 627, which is Cheatham's Road. (DON'T turn onto 628 which comes first - that's not Cheatham's Road) The Salvage Shed is at the corner of 627. Go about 3/4 of a mile down Cheatham's (627) and the picnic is at the two-story white house on the left. The number, 9943, is on the mailbox. If you have any problems, call 804-561-5778 or 804-366-6925.



From the St. Pat’s Parade 2011

Steve Kelly with the IAS Welcome Wagon – full of Green Beads and Trinkets - and IAS Member & Parade Marshal Gary McAuliffe (yellow vest)

Hi Nancy - Could you include this announcement in the IAS Newsletter? Kevin Donleavy and Dan Burke will give the presentation. It will be similar to the presentation given at our IAS meeting, but the slides **WILL** be visible on the big screen. Here's a link to the Library of Virginia page – Thanks, Mary Smith
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/news/calendar.asp?calmonth=5&calyear=2011>.

The Irish Builders of Virginia's Railroads
Thursday, May 12, 2011 - Time: Noon–1:00 PM
Place: Library of Virginia - Conference Rooms

Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street,
Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000

[Parking and Directions](#) Phone: 804.692.3500

In the 1650s, hundreds of Irish people first came to Virginia's shores. In the 1850s, several thousand Irish arrived to build railroad tracks and blast mountain tunnels from Richmond to Covington and beyond. The Charlottesville research group Clann Mhór (which means "big family" in the Irish language) is documenting the Irish and more than 100 African Americans who labored at this mammoth public-works project. The group has examined such materials as census documents, marriage records, and applications for U.S. citizenship. Much of the research centered on the invaluable Library of Virginia archives, particularly the railroad payrolls, which provided hundreds of Irish and enslaved African American names.

Clann Mhór is providing answers to the critical question: Ca bhfuil siad imithe? Pronounced kah weel sheed imuhee, the words mean: "Where have they all gone?"

Learn more about the Clan Mhor Project at <http://clannmhor.blogspot.com>



This is the program presented at a monthly meeting and it is wonderful! We weren't able to see the slides – but they will be available for your review.

May 14th, 2011

Benefit Awareness Day Crozet, Virginia

Clann Mhor means "Great Family" in the Irish language, and it refers to a group of workers who lived and died in obscurity, but left a great railroad stretching from the Virginia Valley to the Ohio River and beyond as their legacy. A dedicated group of researchers is delving into the history of these workers; Irish immigrants and enslaved African Americans, who labored on construction of the Blue Ridge Railroad and its four tunnels from 1849 through 1859. The longest of these is the Blue Ridge Tunnel on Afton Mountain, Virginia.

Spend an afternoon in lovely Crozet, Virginia, and learn more about the Clann Mhor Project. The public is welcome to attend all or part of the events! Richmond IAS Members who wish to carpool contact Dan Begley at dbegley55@hotmail.com or call him at 804-740-5631 and he will do his best to coordinate ride shares.

4:00 pm – Tour of the Tunnel: The meeting place is on top of Afton Mountain. Take 64 west, exit 99, turn right on Rt 250, and just before you go under the stone bridge, there will be an abandoned Howard Johnson's on your right. Volunteers of the Clann Mhor project will be there to show you the tunnel and talk about the research.

Fardowner's Restaurant, located at 5773 The Square, Crozet, VA 22932, (434-823-1300) will be the gathering place for the rest of the evening. Directions: From 64, take exit 107 (Rt. 250/Crozet). At the stop sign, turn right onto Rt. 250 East. Go about one half mile. Turn left on Rt. 240 at the third stoplight. Go about one mile. Turn right into The Square at the first stoplight. Fardowners is on the right hand side, next to the pharmacy.

6:00 pm – Drinks and Dinner: For the Clan Mhor event, there will be Irish specials on the menu, Harp on tap, and an extra supply of Jameson's.

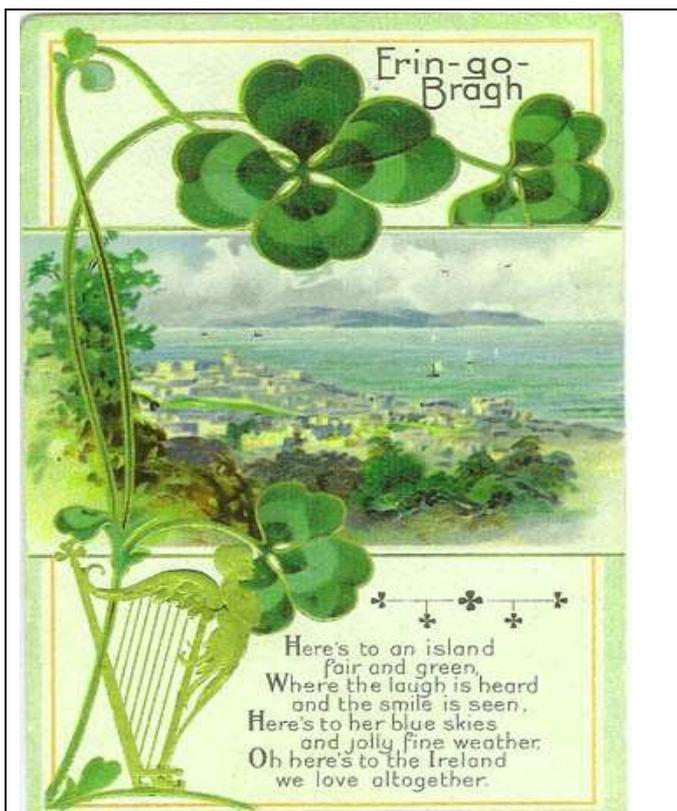
7:15 pm– Clann Mhor Presentation: Clann Mhor historians will talk about the research that has been carried out, what has been learned, and ongoing plans.

7:30 pm– Tom Martin: A highly acclaimed performer from Belfast known for thoughtful and well crafted lyrics along with extraordinary guitar skill, Tom performs a mix of original material along with a selection of traditional Irish songs.

10:00 pm – King Golden Banshee: Traditional Irish songs and instrumentals performed by one of Charlottesville's premier Irish music groups including IAS friend Kevin Donleavy.

For more information, email

richmondfolkmusicsociety@yahoo.com or
clannmhor@gmail.com Learn more about the project at
<http://clannmhor.blogspot.com>.



Bealtaine is the Gaelic name for either the month of May or the festival that takes place on the first day of May.

In Irish Gaelic, May is known as Mí Bhealtaine or Bealtaine, and the festival as Lá Bealtaine ('day of Bealtaine' or, 'May Day'). The feast was also known as Céad Shamhain or Cétshamhainin from which the word Céitean derives. Céad Shamhain marks the beginning. The Gaelic people celebrated in early May, enjoying the company of neighbors they might not have seen over the winter. There would be bonfires and all night celebrations before the time when farmers would be busy planting their crops, and herdsman would need to drive the flocks to pasture. Bealtaine and Samhain were the leading terminal dates of the civil year in Ireland though the latter festival was the more important. The festival survives in folkloric practices in the Celtic Nations and the Irish diaspora, and has experienced a degree of revival in recent decades.

(Nancy's note - My mom use to tell stories of when she was a small girl and they would hang homemade little gifts on the doors of neighbors home on "May Day) -



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Did YOU KNOW: The Mountains of Mourne inspired Belfast born C.S. Lewis, to write **The Chronicles of Narnia** a series of seven fantasy novels for children considered a classic of children's literature. Written between 1949 and 1954, the series is Lewis's most popular work, having sold over 100 million copies in 41 languages. It has been adapted several times, complete or in part, for radio, television, stage and cinema. The books contain Christian ideas intended to be easily accessible to young readers. In addition to Christian themes, Lewis also borrows characters from Greek and Roman mythology as well as traditional British and Irish fairy tales.

About the Mountains of Mourne, Lewis wrote "I have seen landscapes ... which, under a particular light, make me feel that at any moment a giant might raise his head over the next ridge.



Click the link below and you'll see that you **can** be transported away by a song. It's Beautiful. Sung the old way... and it makes you think of life, love, hardship and Ireland.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEZIKSm78k8&feature=related>



Our favorite Music-ologist IAS Member Jim Mahone maintains a wonderful calendar listing of various musical events/occurrences/performances in the area. The list includes Irish sessions both locally and around the state along with music of all types and fashions. Click on the link as see if there is something that strikes your fancy. There are links within the calendar that will detail the locations of every performance. It's a Herculean task this fella does – for the love of music – click on the 1st link below to visit the calendar site and maybe find something you'd like to attend!

<http://www.brownbearsw.com/freecal/roots.music.virginia>

Click below to be added to the mailing list -
<http://www.brownbearsw.com/freecal/roots.music.virginia?Op=AdminPageUser;Date=201>

An Invitation From Our Friends in the AOH Beannachtaí A Chairde – Blessings Friends

In ancient times the festival feasts were held on the lands of the Chieftain or Ard Righ of the clan, with the banquet prepared from the king's own stores. Distinguished guests of the feast would come from far and wide, bearing gifts and tokens of respect to the Chieftain and his court. Entertainment at these banquets was presented by bards, brehons, minstrels and seanachai with much music and dancing. Often, the distinguished clans would present their own vignettes of entertainment, and champions would retell their stories of daring for an honored place at the table, or "first cut".

The officers of the Virginia State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians respectfully request the attendance of your clan or organization at the festival feast of **Lughnasadh, or Lammass in the Christian era**, opening the bi-annual convention of the Virginia Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. The year 2011 commemorates the 175th year of the Order, having formed in AD 1836 in New York City.

Alas, in modern times we have neither lands nor chattels to provide for the guests and thus must ask all to pay their fair share to gather for feast and entertainment.

You are thus cordially invited to attend the feast on the 22nd day July in the year of our Lord 2011, at 7:00PM, until 11:00 PM; Per person \$40.00 remitted with your reservation.

Attending clans and organizations are encouraged to attire in traditional fashions of any period, and present the arms of the group to be prominently displayed at the affair. Entertainments in the form of song, story or poem, music and traditional dance of your custom in a short presentation are welcome and much desired.

Music provided by **GLASGOW KISS**. Menu includes buffet with carved whole roast pig. Alternate menu available

For tickets and information contact:

Bob Strutton - Convention Chairman
804-326-6543 or Cell 804-517-7553

Many friends of the IAS and some of our IAS members are also members of the AOH. The Ancient Order of Hibernians is a Catholic, Irish American Fraternal Organization founded in New York City in May 1836. The Order can trace its roots back to a parent organization, of the same name, which has existed in Ireland for over 300 years. The AOH organization sponsors many of the programs associated with promoting our Irish Heritage such as the IRISH WAY PROGRAM. <http://www.iaci-usa.org/irishway.html>

Our IAS Member, Marion Powell sent a packet of wonderful Irish material for possible use in our newsletter. This is the first of the goodies! Many, Many thanks to Marion for this article (and the other gems to come) and the assistance in adding to our "Irish Lore & Knowledge

The Shores of Amerikay



I'm bidding farewell to the land of my youth
And the home I love so well.
And the mountains so grand round my own native land,
I'm bidding them all farewell.
With an aching heart I'll bid them adieu
For tomorrow I'll sail far away,
O'er the raging foam for to seek a home
On the shores of Amerikay.

It's not for the want of employment I'm going,
It's not for the love of fame,
That fortune bright may shine over me
And give me a glorious name.
It's not for the want of employment I'm going
O'er the weary and stormy sea,
But to seek a home for my own true love
On the shores of Amerikay.

And when I am bidding my last farewell
The tears like rain will blind,
To think of my friends in my own native land,
And the home I'm leaving behind.
But if I'm to die in a foreign land
And be buried so far, far away
No fond mother's tears will be shed o'er my grave
On the shores of Amerikay.

(From the notes in "Folksongs and Ballads popular in Ireland, Vol. II", "nothing is known about its composer", but they think its a turn of the century effort. Many versions of this song exist, some of which have Australia and not America as the emigrant's destination.) No Matter the version – no matter the destination – the words pull at your heartstrings.

You can listen to The Wolfetones sing this song – Click here – or copy and paste into your browsers address bar <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOTB5FOHpYs>

This travel warning from our friend John Morman, who with his wife Mary Jo runs the wonderful Irish shop, Celtic Tides, in Lexington, VA

<http://celtictides.com/>

(I added the link – ‘cuz I love this store!)

Dear Nancy:

Hope all is well for you and the rest of your Richmond Irish group.

You may want to post this in your newsletters -- it's not crucial, but could save your members some aggravation at the very least. I can vouch for this since it happened to Mary Jo and I in January. We thought we were being dense but have since heard the same story from two other travelers to both Scotland and Ireland.

There is a car rental agency called **Europcar** and it offers very good rates for car rental. There is a link from their site to an insurance agency that offers unbelievably low rates for apparent car insurance. I think it would be unfair to say that Europcar actually offers this insurance. Two problems -- first of all, the insurance program is only a "supplemental" program. Secondly, and most important, neither Europcar nor their local representative agencies recognize or accept a policy from this site as insurance. They insist on using only their own insurance, which is extremely expensive. Of course, when you're standing at the counter to pick up your keys, you don't have time to "shop around".

The other issue is that they offer an additional insurance premium to cover "road hazard damage", and will tell you that since, "Americans don't know how to drive on the right hand side of the road, they cause a lot of tire and alignment damage to the cars which isn't covered by the regular insurance program." I was so angry I took the policy, but the two other travelers didn't and have both been hit with \$600 charges to their credit cards for tire problems.

What I found interesting was that the car we picked up had some minor damage when we got it. While I eventually found someone to mark off the rental agreement, the young man who checked the car when we returned it tried to say that there was additional damage. By coincidence, the shuttle bus driver waiting to take us back to Dublin Airport was the same gentleman who had originally picked us up at the airport. He had actually found the employee to mark off the rental agreement at pick up. He vouched for the fact that there had been no additional damage.

So -- please be warned and don't be fooled by their very low rental rates. This is clearly not an agency that should be top of your list for car rental.

John



Our own IAS Member – Cathal Liam has a new book out! Cathal is the Award winning author of “Consumed in Freedom’s Flame” & “Blood On The Shamrock” and now “Fear Not The Storm” joins his list of great Irish stories.



From the Midwest Book Review, (Oregon, WI), April, 2011 -- "Independence is something that lights fire in people to fight harder than they ever had before. “**Fear Not The Storm: The Story of Tom Cullen, An Irish Revolutionary**” is a blend of history and novel as Cathal Liam tells the story of one man in the legion of Irishmen who dared to rebel against the British in the early twentieth century. To claim their independence, Tom Cullen had to ally with the higher ups in the rebellion and faced opposition by some of Britain's most ruthless tactics. 'Fear Not The Storm' is a thoughtful novel of adventure and reality, highly recommended."

If you would like to read more about Cathal or this or his other books – or if you'd like to order a copy, you can use this link

<http://www.cathalliam.com/item.asp?recordid=order&pagestyle=nopix>

Quotes from Flannery O’Conner:
(American Irish Author)

I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it.

The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it.

It is better to be young in your failures than old in your successes.



The correct title for the military award often called the “Congressional Medal of Honor,” is simply “**Medal of Honor,**” and those who receive it are called “recipients” rather than “winners.”

It is the only US Military Award that is worn from a ribbon hung around the neck, and the only award presented by the President in the name of Congress. It is the greatest award given to American fighting heroes and there are more recipients of Irish heritage than any other native lineage.

Perhaps the most remarkable was “super survivor” Michael Dougherty, from Falcarragh, County Donegal, a private in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He received it for routing a Confederate detachment at Jefferson, Virginia, which prevented the Confederates from flanking the Union forces and saved 2500 lives. He and 126 members of his regiment were later captured and spent 23 months in various Southern prisons, including the Andersonville death-camp in Georgia. He was the only survivor from his regiment. He was homeward bound on the steamship “Sultana” on the Mississippi River, when the boilers exploded. Of the 2000 passengers, only 900 survived, Dougherty was one of them. Finally, after 4 years, the 21-year-old Union Veteran reached his hometown of Bristol, Pa. That’s why AOH Division #1 of Bristol is known as the Michael Dougherty Division. During the Civil War, 1523 Medals of Honor were issued. A large number to Irish troops from the Irish Brigade, who fought at Fredricksburg and Antietam.

To date, 3,459 Medals of Honor have been awarded, and nineteen individuals have received it twice. Thirty-three countries are listed as the birthplaces of the recipients, and Ireland has the most by far, with 258. Of the 258 immigrants that listed Ireland as their place of birth, Cork has 19 Medal of Honor recipients, Dublin and Tipperary each have 11, Limerick has 10, Kerry 8, Galway 7, Antrim and Tyrone 6 each, while Kilkenny and Sligo each have 5.

We Irish can proudly note that 5 of the 19 fighting men who received a second Medal of Honor were born in Ireland. They are: Henry Hogan from Clare, John Laverty from Tyrone, Dublin’s John Cooper, whose name at birth was John Laver Mather, John King and Patrick Mullen. Three double recipients were Irish-Americans: U.S. Marines Daniel Daly and John Joseph Kelly, and the U.S. Navy’s John McCloy.

Over the years, the Ancient Order of Hibernians has had strong associations with the medal. At least two AOH divisions were named after recipients of the Medal of Honor. One being the Col. James Quinlan Division #3 of Warwick, in Orange County, N.Y. Quinlan was awarded his Medal of Honor for gallantry “against overwhelming numbers” while leading the Irish Brigade’s 88th New York in the battle of Savage Station, Virginia, during the American Civil War. Some modern day recipients are: John King, U.S. Navy, from Ballinrobe, County Mayo, double recipient in 1901 & 1909; Pvt. John Joseph Kelly, Chicago, Ill., received both the Army & Navy Medal of Honor in WWI; Col. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan, member of New York’s Fighting 69th in WWI; Audie Murphy, who was turned down by the Marines and the Navy as he was only 5’5 and weighed 112 lbs. The Army accepted him in June 1942, and he became WWII’s most decorated hero. Fr. Timothy O’Callahan, who was not only the first Catholic Chaplain to receive the Medal of Honor, but the first of any faith to be so recognized.

For his gallant leadership and fighting spirit, O’Hare Airport in Chicago was named for Lt. Commander Edward H. “Butch” O’Hare, U.S. Navy fighter pilot. Another well-known facility, McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey is named after Medal of Honor recipient, Thomas B. McGuire, a WWII ace pilot who shot down 38 enemy planes. One of Vietnam’s first recipients was Captain Roger Hugh Donlon, U.S. Special Forces, from Saugerties, N.Y. Another Vietnam recipient was New York Irish-American Robert Emmet O’Malley. In all, 245 men were awarded the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. Among them were: Major Patrick Brady, Major Kern Dunagan, Captain Robert F. Foley, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas G. Kelley, Spc. Thomas McMahan, Lance Corp. Thomas Noonan, Pvt. Daniel Shea and Petty Officer Michael Thornton.

There have been millions of Irish and Irish-Americans who have served in our military with distinction. The latest being Col. James Hickey, son of Irish immigrants, a native of Chicago, Ill., who commanded the 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, which captured Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

It would be impossible to calculate an exact number of Irish-Americans on the Medal of Honor list. However, Irish surnames are plentiful. There are 21 Murphys, 20 Kellys (or Kelley), and 8 Sullivans. Names beginning with the Irish prefix “Mc” spill over onto multiple pages. (From “Irish Central” – May 2010)



Remember these heroes - Irish or not – along with all of our US Military this Memorial Day. They all deserve our deepest thanks for their sacrifices.) See the Calendar for the IAS Wreath presentation at the VA.War Memorial on May 30th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

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](#)

May 10 th Election	Your completed Ballot for the 2011 IAS election is due to Nancy Emig by May 15 th – Mail yours today! (Please.)!
May 11 th – 9 am The Music of Solas – its their 15 th Anniversary.	ATLANTIC WEEKLY radio show from Charlottesville, VA traditional Irish music with Host Kevin Donleavy. Or on your computer, go to http://wtju.net . Select Listen Live! (On the right sidebar). At the next page, choose between Ogg, MB3, or Windows Media. Finally, in the upper left box, click the forward arrow
May 12 th	Virginia Library Program on Clann Mohr – see newsletter for details
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May 14 th	Road trip to Crozet VA for a day-long celebration on Clann Mohr and the Va. Railroad Project. Directions and more information in Newsletter
May 15 th - 4pm The music of Dervish & Lunasa – LIVE!	ATLANTIC WEEKLY radio show from Charlottesville, VA traditional Irish music with Host Kevin Donleavy. Or on your computer, go to http://wtju.net . Select Listen Live! (On the right sidebar). At the next page, choose between Ogg, MB3, or Windows Media. Finally, in the upper left box, click the forward arrow
May 21, 2011 Richmond Folk Music Congregation Or Ami 9400 Huguenot Road Richmond, VA	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.marysmith.com . Tickets \$12 \$15 -- 804-647-7856
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May 21 st IAS Pub Supper O'Toole's	Pubmaster Joan Finnegan has planned a Pub Supper at O'Toole's – 4800 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, 23225 – Ph 804-233-1781 – For directions and menu – click on the link. Meet between 6:30 and 7 pm http://www.otoolesrestaurant.com/
May 30 - IAS Wreath Presentation	Memorial Day Service at Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street. Open to Public, Presentation of IAS Wreath in honor of Irish veterans. Click link for event information & times http://www.vawarmemorial.org/news-events/
June 1, 2011 – 7pm Williamsburg Library	FREE Celtic Film Series: <u>Bloom</u> (2004, rated R) Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street On the morning of the 16th June, 1904, Leopold Bloom (Stephen Rea) set out on a journey that was to become one of the greatest tales of the 20th century
June 5 th IAS SUMMER PICNIC	The world famous IAS Summer Picnic – Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend the Picnic. Again this year at the Burke's farm in Amelia. A wonderful setting – bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs and beverages, Dogs and Burgers supplied. More information in the May newsletter. But mark that calendar today! ☺
June 18 th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html

July 16th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html
August 17th Baseball at the Richmond Diamond	It's Irish Heritage Night and Summertime St. Paddy's Day at the Diamond. It will be the Richmond Squirrels vs. Bowie Baysox. More info coming from Dan Begley on times, prices, IAS meeting spot, etc. You can call the Diamond 804-359-3866 or use their website for more info http://web.minorleaguebaseball.com/index.jsp?sid=t3410
August 20th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html
Sept 17th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html
Oct 15th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html
Nov 19th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html
Dec 17th Irish Music Session – 7pm	Bernard Farrell and local Irish musicians gather at Finn McCool's for a traditional music session. Finn's is located at 4028 J Cox Road (near the intersection of Cox & Broad St.) Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 217-8167 You can check out the website at this link. http://www.finnmccoolsrichmond.com/index.html

St Patrick's Parade 2011



**Ann McGehee and Jim Mahone with the banner
Steve McKnight, Finn McCool (Jim Bandeleon) Carroll Graham – Row 2
Gloria Cahen and Beverly Creasy and more IAS members – back row.
(Hey! We'll save a spot for you next year!)**