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Next Event: Friday, September 9th, 7 PM

Note: Irish-American Society meetings are usually held on the second Friday of each month, except during July and August (and for special events). The usual meeting location is the Edelweiss Am Rio Grande German-American Club (GAC), 4821 Menaul, NE (west of San Mateo).

Harps Galore!

The Canterbury Harp Ensemble will be playing a variety of Celtic-themed tunes (plus one surprise) for the September meeting of the Irish-American Society.

The Canterbury Harp Ensemble, formerly known as the Canterbury Harp Circle, was started many years ago and began as a weekly harp gathering at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church. As the group evolved from playing mostly solo harp music in unison to playing ensemble music written especially for harp, the name was changed to Canterbury Harp Ensemble (CHE), to more adequately reflect its focus.

CHE now meets as group once a month at The Apple Mountain Music Store, and comes together at each gathering to learn and grow, and for the enjoyment of playing old and new music for lever harp and ensemble. The music CHE plays ranges from simple duets and trios to more complicated pieces of published music, using a variety of books by such well-known harpers/composers as Nancy Hurrell, Beth Kollé, and Mary Radspinner, along with many others.

The atmosphere of the harp ensemble is no more formal than a harp circle, and CHE welcomes any harp player who would like to join. Music for each meeting is usually chosen in advance, but visitors and new members don't have to worry if they don't have the music; CHC will be happy to let anyone borrow the music during the gathering to give it a test run, and it will be collected at the end of the meeting. As the Canterbury Harpers like to say, "There's nothing better than sitting in a circle of harps playing ensemble music!"

The audience at our September meeting may not be sitting in the actual circle of harpers, but listening to harps play is the next best thing. The tunes CHE will play include "Inis Siar," "Miss Murphy," "Rosin the Beau," "Be Thou My Vision," and an unusual addition – a rousing Cantiga from the 13th century.



We hope to see you there and we hope that you will bring a sweet or salty snack to share!

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President's Message

Dear IAS Members:

Well, we have a full menu of activities to enjoy in September. Some of us will be gathering at O'Neill's Pub on Central Avenue in Nob Hill on the first Monday of the month, September 5th, for their 7:30 'til 9:30 PM Celtic Open Mic Night. They have the High Desert Pipes & Drums there and the Tir Conaill Irish Step Dancers, as well as others who show up to play. Try to get there by 7:00 PM, so you can get a table before it gets too full.

As always, we'll have our second Friday Membership meeting at 7:00 PM on September 9th. Look for more information on the front cover of this newsletter.

Then we'll have our annual joint Celtic Picnic on Sunday, September 18th (12 noon to set up, with most arriving at 1 PM). This year we'll be back at Elena Gallegos again. (More info on p. 8.)

I know I wrote about it last month, but it bears repeating. Believe it or not, the time is almost upon us to elect Officers and Directors for next year's Board of Directors for our Society. Those of you who are willing to step up and serve, please do! We need leaders who will take the extra step and put the time and effort in doing their elective job for the IAS. My thanks in advance to those who will be willing to run for office. Contact me and let me know you are interested: jayvandersloot@yahoo.com or 505-362-1733.

Until next month, Jay

IAS Treasurer's Report

June 2011

Rose Marie Keating, Treasurer

Category	Income	Category	Expenses
Membership Dues	45.00	Newsletter Printing	302.57
		Total:	\$302.57
		Margin for July	-\$257.57
Total:	\$45.00		
		July Beginning Balance	4913.29
		Plus Income	45.00
		Subtotal	4958.29
		Less Expenses	302.57
		Ending Balance	\$4,655.72

Breaking News:

After having dug to a depth of 10 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, British scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters, and shortly after, headlines in the UK newspapers read: "British archaeologists have found traces of 200-year old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots."

One week later, "The Kerryman," a southwest Irish newsletter, reported the following: "After digging as deep as 30 meters in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Toole, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy has therefore concluded that 300 years ago Ireland had already gone wireless."

Membership Report

Céad Mile Fáilte:

A hundred thousand welcomes to our newest members: Mary Dignan, Charles David Hanks, Shannon Morgan, Bob & Peggy Quinn, the Souther Family (Katy, Jessica, Carolyn, Tom, Barbara, Don and Lori Foster), and Jerry & Debbie Wollam.

As of July 19th, the IAS membership is as follows: 113 family members (times 2) and 129 single members. This is a total of 355 members for the 2011 membership year.

Thank you again to new member Anna King for the wee Celtic Festival at the Tijeras Art Market in July. The ethnic exposure for the Celts (Irish, Scottish, Welsh) was great as was the Celtic entertainment and her many vendors. Was a fun two days!

Norita (noraabq@yahoo.com 298-2708)

P.S. We are still collecting the **pull-tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House here in Albuquerque (managed by IAS member Sharon Nolen). The Ronald McDonald House does not have the staff or the space to collect aluminum cans. They have a HUGE bin for the pull-tabs and Sharon and staff do appreciate the efforts of IAS members in 2011. Special thanks this month to Jeanine Blair & family, Lottie McDonald, Jan & Roy Nielsen, and the many people at the McCabe Jemez Campout. Keep 'em coming! Keep 'em coming!



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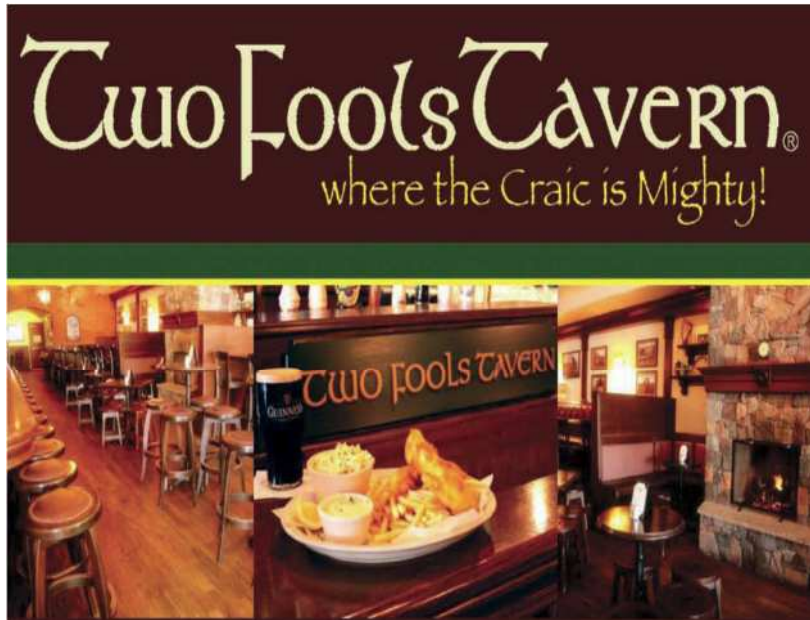
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WHO CARES ABOUT THE LEPRECHAUN CAUSE MARKETING PROJECT???


By Shirley J. Tomberlin

[Editor's Note: As you know, the IAS has teamed up with the Shaklee Company so that we receive a percentage of any purchases that you make through the Shaklee link on our IAS website. Just visit <http://www.irishamericansociety-nm.com/> and click on the Shaklee Fundraising Program button. In the meantime, Shirley will share with us once a month some highlights about various Shaklee products.]



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I know we all want to help others; that is just our nature. And we love helping all the Celtic "projects," those who come to our board meetings and ask us for help and the green stuff, money. Though it seems like the IAS has lots of money to spare, when it comes down to the nitty-gritty, we, the IAS members must fundraise to be able to help others with their projects.

Enter, the Leprechaun Project. My job is to educate the IAS members as to why we want to redirect our spending and use products that are "always safe, always green and always work" and have the profit end up in the IAS treasury. How have I been doing? AND, how have YOU been doing?

I would love to hear from all of you. Ask me questions or let me know what you would like to read and to know. My phone number is 710-6680; use up my 5000 minutes, please, and call me. I would like to know you are all reading the fabulous *Irish Times* newsletter at which our Editor, Ellen Dowling, works so hard.

I must commend one member who has ordered and become a Shaklee member under the IAS fundraising project. If one can do it, so can the

rest of us, yes? It is easy to leave it up to the "other person," but we ourselves must get involved if it is to work. Here's to our success!

Until our paths cross again,
Purely Shirley



Irish Step Dancers of New Mexico
Coleman Academy of Irish Dance, LLC



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Enchantment Feis

Saturday, October 29th, 2011
Sheraton Hotel Uptown
2600 Louisiana Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
505-881-0000

On October 29, 2011, the Irish Step Dancers of New Mexico, in cooperation with the Coleman Academy of Irish Dance, LLC, will debut the first annual Enchantment Feis in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Having successfully launched and sponsored the annual New Mexico State Irish Dance Championships for the past ten years, ISDNM has handed over the reins for that event and is excited about launching the new Enchantment Feis.

The Enchantment Feis will offer all the same exciting Irish Dance competitions as the state championships, allowing dancers to test their skills against others of similar age and experience. The Feis will also be expanding the cultural competitions beyond the areas of music, song and recitation to include photography, art and fabric/fiber arts at the novice (less than 4 years of experience) and open (over 4 years of experience) levels. Competition in the dance will begin at 8 and run until approximately 5; cultural competitions will be held concurrently from 10 to 2. Admission is free for all events.

Syllabus and entry information for the Enchantment Feis can be found online at www.irishdancenm.org. Advertising and sponsorship forms are also available on the web site.

More on the Cultural Competitions:

All entries must be Celtic in theme and fit into one of these categories: music, song, recitation, photography, art, and fabric/fiber arts.

Novice Entries: For individuals with less than 4 years' experience.

Open Entries: For individuals with 4 or more years' experience.

Further information and registration may be found at www.irishdancenm.org. The entry fee is \$15 for the first entry and \$10 for additional entries. Information on adjudicators for the competitions may also be found at the website. Email any questions to Kristy Wilson at enchantmentfeis2011@gmail.com.

Taking the Plunge Titanic Style

A wedding themed on the Titanic might not be thought to be the best of omens for the future, but Northern Ireland tourism chiefs are hoping plenty of young couples will think otherwise.

The Titanic Suite of Belfast's new £97m visitor attraction dedicated to the doomed liner has started taking bookings ahead of its opening next year. The visitor attraction, which is due to open in eight months, is in the same spot where the famous ship was built by Harland and Wolff 100 years ago. From its windows visitors will look down on the drawing office, the dry dock and the slipway, while the scale of the building will mimic the actual size of the ship.



This suite is a replica of Titanic's first-class banqueting room

The fifth and sixth floors of the centre replicate the opulent surrounds of the ship's first-class banqueting room, complete with the famous sweeping grand staircase. It has been proclaimed as the largest function area in the region, with space for up to 1,000 guests.

Tourism chiefs hope the venue will host all manner of private events. Claire Bradshaw, Titanic Belfast's head of sales and marketing, said: "Given the Titanic link, our aim is to create Belfast's most stylish venue, complete with the highest standards of catering and service." Susie McCullough, Northern Ireland Tourist Board director, added: "This venue, with the Titanic-themed decor and capacity to accommodate such a large number of visitors, is one of its kind in Northern Ireland. "And whilst conference and banqueting facilities are vital elements of the business tourism product, the added value is the opportunity to explore more of Northern Ireland's maritime and shipbuilding heritage which is right on their doorstep."

BBC News of Northern Ireland
12 August 2011

BATTLE OF DINGLE IS SETTLED



The battle by residents of Dingle town in County Kerry to have the name of their town retained as Dingle and not the Irish equivalent of 'An Daingean' has been settled. The original name of Dingle will be reinstated after a 6-year battle.

The Gaeltacht town was officially renamed as 'An Daingean' by the last government, but the campaign to have that decision reversed has finally prevailed.

[Editor's Note: When a friend and I were touring around Co. Kerry in 1997, we found it impossible to find the town of Dingle. "This can't be Dingle," I said. "It's An Daingean" (which I assumed was pronounced Ann Dane Geen). So we went up to a nice young mother pushing a pram and asked her how to get to Dingle. She looked at us like we were seriously mentally handicapped and said, "You're IN Dingle!"]



**It's the Irish-American Society's
and the St. Andrew Scottish Society's**



**Fourth Annual
Combined Family Picnic!**

at
Elena Gallegos Picnic Area
Kiwanis Reservation Area
Sunday, September 18th, 2011
1 to 4 PM
With Malarky and Musicians!

The IAS and the SASS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins, condiments, and charcoal.

BYO coolers with ice and beverages of your choice (sodas or whatever you like).

PLEASE: NO GLASS CONTAINERS ARE ALLOWED!

Potluck: Please bring a casserole, salad (potato, pasta, fruit, green, etc.) or dessert. Please remember to bring serving implements and remember to **PUT YOUR NAME ON ALL IMPLEMENTS AND DISHES!**

So we will have an approximate count for meat and bun purchases:
PLEASE RSVP TO TOM MACMAHON BY SEPTEMBER 12TH
(tommacmahon@comcast.net; 299-0242)

and tell him what dish you will bring and how many are in your party.

The Kiwanis Reservation Area is nestled in the picturesque Elena Gallegos Picnic Area (located east of Tramway, south of Paseo del Norte and just a little north of Academy). It is an outdoor facility with a sheltered picnic area that can accommodate up to 250 people. It is outfitted with 3 large coal grills; a recreation area with a volleyball net and a horseshoe pit; running water; electricity; restrooms; and access to the Elena Gallegos trails.

Note: The IAS and SASS have already paid for the facility, so just tell the ranger at the gate that you're with either group.

Culture All Around

Dance Classes:

- ♣ **Coleman Academy of Irish Dance.** Saturdays, 8 AM to 1 PM at the Lloyd Shaw Dance Center, 5506 Coal SE. Call 866-5867 for information or visit our web site at www.colemanacademy.com.
- ♣ **Tir Conaill Irish Dance Academy,** Saturdays at The Elite Dance Studio, 701 Osuna. Call 379-3753 or visit www.tirconaillacademy.com for further information.
- ♣ **McTeggart School of Irish Dance.** All ages welcome. Corrales and Albuquerque. For more information, please contact Pat Hall, ADCRG at (505) 404-9126 or IrishDanceNM@aol.com.
- ♣ **Ceili dance classes** are held every Wednesday at the GAC at 7:00 PM, \$2.00. No experience necessary! Call Norita Callahan at 298-2708.



Celtic Music at O'Niell's:

Music every Sunday from 4 to 7 PM at the "old" O'Niell's, 4310 Central Ave SE (Corner of Central & Washington in East Nob Hill). For more info, visit <http://www.oniells.com/>



(505) 255-6782

4310 Central Ave SE

(505) 293-1122

3301 Juan Tabo NE

Celtic Music at Fat Squirrel Pub and Grille (in Rio Rancho):

Gerry Carthy, Irish guitar and vocals, will be performing every other Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9 PM. (Fat Squirrel is located at 3755 Southern Blvd., not too far west of 528, on the north side of the street.)

Celtic Music on the Radio and the Web:

- ♣ **The Thistle and Shamrock** program, featuring Fiona Ritchie, airs on KANW 89.1 FM, Mondays at 10:00 PM.
- ♣ **Celtic and Beyond**, with co-hosts Ellie Blair and Kelly Clement, 7:00 PM each Wednesday on KTAOS 101.9 FM. (Also broadcast on the Web at www.ktao.com.)



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765-1288 (tmbuchs@gmail.com)

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Saoirse ("seer shih," Irish for "freedom")

Celtic music from Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, and Galacia, spiced with jazz and world beat.
Contact: IO (268-7303)

Celtic Coyotes

Traditional music from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. Contact: Doug Cowan celticcoyotes@yahoo.com (710-0583).

Friends Forever

Michael and Donna Coy and Chris Nelson play Celtic, Folk, Cowboy and Originals. Contact: 296-2017 or 250-4429.

Eagle's Whistle: Same group, but also with Andy Moss on flute.

Melismata

Peasant and courtly songs from the Celtic countries in the 13th-19th centuries, largely a capella, occasionally incorporating guitar, cittern, flute, fiddle or cello. Contact Paige Grant, 505-982-4081/
paigeanna@comcast.net

Calendar of Events

IAS Events

Date	Day	What
September 6	Tuesday	<i>IAS Board of Directors Meeting at the GAC</i> , 7:00 PM. All members welcome to attend.
September 9	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program at the GAC</i> , 7:00 PM. Musical performance by the Canterbury Harp Ensemble.
September 18	Sunday	<i>Annual Family Picnic with the St. Andrew Scottish Society Members</i> at Elena Gallegos Picnic Area. (See p. 8 for more info.)
October 14	Friday	<i>IAS Monthly Meeting and Program at the GAC</i> , 7:00 PM.

Celtic/GAC Events

September 13 and 27	Tuesdays	<i>Gerry Carthy</i> performing at Fat Squirrel Pub and Grille, 3755 Southern Blvd, Rio Rancho, 7 to 9 PM.
September 4 and 18	Sundays	<i>Finn's Thumb</i> (Dain Forsythe, Jeannie Dyke, and Pam Morden, with special guests Uilleann piper Andrew Post and fiddler Laura Flanagan) at Two Fools' Tavern, 11 AM to 2 PM, 3311 Central Ave. NE. Call 505.265.7447 for more info.
September 5	Monday	<i>Celtic Open Mic Night at O'Niell's on Central</i> , 7:30 PM.
September 10	Saturday	<i>Traditional music seisún (session)</i> . Brickyard Pizza (2216 Central Ave., SE across from UNM), 1 to 4 PM. For more info, contact John Conoboy at jcon@swcp.com
September 27	Tuesday	<i>Tartan Day Celebration</i> at O'Niell's on Juan Tabo, 7:00 PM.

Famous Irish Inventors

JOHN PHILIP HOLLAND: **The Submarine**

Although there had been submersed boats in existence before 1896, it was not until John Philip Holland, who hailed from Co. Clare, made use of battery power for submerged conditions that the first modern submarine came into being.

JAMES DRUMM: **The Rechargeable Battery**

Dr. James Drumm was born in Dundrum, Co. Down. In 1931 he developed the Drumm traction, a nickel-zinc rechargeable battery. In February 1932 a battery-powered train travelled the 80 miles from Inchicore to Portarlinton and back on a single charge.

FRANCIS RYND: **The Hypodermic Needle**

Millions (perhaps billions) of needles have been used since 1844 when Dr. Francis Rynd, a Dublin-based physician, invented the hypodermic syringe. The world's first subcutaneous injection was administered in Dublin's Meath hospital.

LOUIS BRENNAN: **The Torpedo**

Louis Brennan was born in Castlebar in the west of Ireland in 1852. Having begun his career as a watchmaker, he developed a keen interest in engineering and invented the world's first steerable torpedo in 1974.



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