

# An Seanacháí



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**WANTED: Editor for *An Seanachai***

Starting date, September 2019

This job is for YOU! The requirements are some writing, editing, and patience with technology. Members of the Board of Directors are more than willing to guide the new editor through the first few issues. The compensation will be eternal gratitude from AICS.

I am leaving the editor position because I was elected president of AICS. I want to devote my time and energy to this new role. I am honored to be elected and to have served as editor for the past three years. Thanks, Louise Martell

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## **April, Our Most Important Meeting of the Year**

During the Annual Meeting on April 21, members reviewed the past year with reports from committees and our history. But we also looked to the future. We learned about next year's program and elected the Board of Directors for the next year of 2018-2019.

Margaret Doherty of the Nomination Committee presented its slate for officers and members of the board for 2018-2019. The nominees were:

President Louise Martell

Vice-president James O'Connell

Recording Secretary Julie O'Connell

Corresponding Secretary Helen Grealish

Treasurer Molly McGuire

Trustee (3 years) Dorothy Foley

Trustee (2 years) Colleen Spiering

Trustee (1 year) Shirley Hahn

Director (3 years) Brendan Kerg

Director (2 years) Caroline Fogarty

Director (1 year) Mary Sacksteder



Left to right: Mary Sacksteder, Jim O'Connell, Louise Martell, Caroline Fogarty, Shirley Hahn, Molly McGuire, Dorothy Foley, Julie O'Connell, Brendan Kerg

After the formal meeting and refreshment break, we had a "show and tell" of members' Irish crafts, hobbies, and collectibles. The items ranged from Guinness trinkets to oil paintings to a silver medal won in a fiddling contest. At the conclusion of the "show and tell" we had a drawing for the two containers with flowers created by Kevin Seed. The winners were Tom Crowley and Shirley Hahn.



Anne Doherty with Silver Medal for Fiddling Competition

The evening ended with Julie O'Connell leading a discussion of this year's Book Club selection, *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín (pronounced Tobin). It has been made into a lovely movie starring Saoirse Ronan. Few members had read the book but many had seen the movie. The discussion was a nice ending to another year of General Meeting programs.



Julie O'Connell Leading the Book Club Discussion

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### **It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for the Appreciation Dinner on May 20**

The Appreciation Dinner, which honors all AICS members for a successful year, will be held on Sunday, May 20 from 4PM to 6PM at the Old Spaghetti Factory. The address is 0715 SW Bancroft St. There should be plenty of parking, and the building is ADA accessible.

The dinner includes salad or soup, bread, main course, ice cream, and choice of tea or coffee. The choices for the main course are Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, and Spaghetti with Meat Sauce. The vegetarian option is Spaghetti Marinara. The cost of the entire meal will \$20 for members and \$24 for guests. The no-host bar (upstairs) will be open at 4PM for beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks.

This meal is a terrific bargain. It may be too late to mail in the following form so please call Mary Rose , phone 503-254-1377 or e-mail [maryrosemulligan@comcast.net](mailto:maryrosemulligan@comcast.net). No refunds will given after May 14. Call if your check will be late.

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**Reservations for the AICS Appreciation dinner on Sunday, May 20, 2018  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 0715 SW Bancroft Street in Portland  
Free parking in lot located at the restaurant. Elevator available on request.**

**Food choices:**

1. **Spaghetti with meat sauce**
2. **Spaghetti with marinara sauce (veggie option)**
3. **Lasagna**
4. **Chicken Marsala**

**Cost to AICS Members: \$20    Cost to Non-members: \$24**

Print full name, please \_\_\_\_\_ Circle choice 1 2 3 4

Print full name, please \_\_\_\_\_ Circle choice 1 2 3 4

Print names of guests (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle choice 1 2 3 4

Contact name, phone number and/or e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to AICS and mail to AICS, P. O. Box 3411, Portland, OR 97208-3411

Deadline for receiving your reservation is Monday, May 14, 2018. Refunds will not be made after this date. Seating limited to 45 people in upstairs restaurant.

Questions, phone 503-254-1377 or e-mail [maryrosemulligan@comcast.net](mailto:maryrosemulligan@comcast.net). Thank You.

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### **Dues Increase Maybe Voted on in the Fall**

Last time the dues were raised was 1984, over 30 years ago. The dues have not kept up with inflation. The Board of Directors recommends that the bylaws be amended for a dues increase. After another review of the bylaws, the board for 2018-2019 will start the process for dues changes. Watch *An Seanachai* this fall for more about AICS dues.

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## **Celtic- themed Festivals Are Coming Soon**

Usually Celtic festivals start late summer through the fall. This year we have the opportunity to participate in two during early June.

The first is *feisanna*, Irish dance competitions, sponsored by the Yeates Academy will be held June 9 and 10 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. Its dance troupe, the Molly Malone Irish Dancers have been a highlight of our St. Patrick's Day celebration for years. The *feisanna* are the Oregon State Championship and will be followed by a new *feis*, *Fleadh Rince na Gaelacha*. Yeates Academy expects up to 400 dancers and 800 spectators will attend. AICS will sponsor a stage and have a table in the marketing area.

The second will be the first McMinnville Celtic and Highland Games Festival, June 9 and 10. If you enjoyed the Celtic festival in Newport, this will be very similar. Be prepared for lots of fun, burly men in kilts, and displays from all seven Celtic nations.

We need volunteers to promote AICS at both events. These are great opportunities for us, and they are enjoyable events. Please let Louise, [martell@u.washington.edu](mailto:martell@u.washington.edu), or Jim O'Connell, [jamesjoconnell@msn](mailto:jamesjoconnell@msn) to volunteer for either one of these events

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### **Save the Date for AICS Events**

#### **Appreciation Dinner**

Sunday, May 20, 4-6PM

Old Spaghetti Factory

0715 Bancroft St

Portland

Cost \$20 for members, \$24 for non-members

Make menu choice and checks by May 14

#### **Wreath Laying at Famine Memorial**

Monday, May 28, 9AM

Mt Calvary Cemetery at W. Burnside and SW Skyline in Portland.

**AICS Picnic**

Sunday, August 19, noon to 4PM

St. Birgitta's Picnic Grove

11820 NW St. Helens Road

Portland

More information will come later.

**General Meeting**

Saturday, September 15, 7PM

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

For more information call 503-286-4812.

**Genealogy Group**

Saturday, September 15, 6PM

Oregon Stamp Society Building

4828 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Portland

For more information call 503-286-4812.

**Pub Social**

Will resume in the fall

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**News Briefs**

Tony Ranft had knee surgery on May 8. So far he is having a smooth recovery.

Jack Crowley hopes to leave rehabilitation soon. He is recovering from a broken hip.

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## Celtic Events

### **The Fretless**

May 12, Saturday, 7:30PM, doors open at 6:45

Winona Grange #271

8340 SW Seneca St

Tualatin, OR

Tickets on-line [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3033779](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3033779), at the door \$25

The Fretless is Canada's Juno Award winning premier folk quartet. This is 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Community Concert

### **Oregon State Championship *Feis* and *Fleadh Rince na Gaelacha***

June 9 and 10, Saturday and Sunday

Sheraton Airport Hotel

Portland

### **McMinnville Celtic and Highland Games Festival**

June 9 and 10, Saturday and Sunday

Time and location TBA

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## Weekly Ceili Events

**Tuesdays:** Tir Eoghain ceili class, 7:30-9:30PM

St. Therese Multi-Purpose Center

1260 NE 132nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97230.

\$5 sliding. 14 years old and up.

**Tuesdays:** Ceili of the Valley, 6:30-8:30PM

Ceili and set dancing

VFW Hall, 630 Hood Street NE, Salem



**Thursdays:** Winds of Donegal, 7-9PM

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

Tualatin

\$5 fee. Beginners always welcomed! This class is structured for adults – young and old. We also encourage mature teens who want to learn.

### **Monthly Ceili Events**

**Ceili Mor: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday** of the month. 8-11PM (Doors open 7:30PM), October through May

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

Tualatin

\$12 adults, \$10 students (Age 12 and up), veterans, and seniors 65 and older.

For more information please go to [SandAIrish Entertainment.com](http://SandAIrishEntertainment.com)

**Irish Jam Session: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month 3-6PM

Winona Grange

8340 SW Seneca St.

Tualatin

For more information, contact Sam Keator at [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com).

**Portland Ceili Society: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday**

Featuring the tunes of Johnny Connolly and Cary Novotny

Instruction about 7:30PM, Dance 8-11PM

St. Barnabas Church Hall

2201 SW Vermont St

Portland

\$12 general admission/ \$8 for members

Visit the website for Portland Ceili Society, [www.portlandceilisociety.org](http://www.portlandceilisociety.org) for more information.

## **Ceili of the Valley: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**

7-8PM Lesson, 8-11PM Live music and ceili

VFW Hall 630 Hood St. NE

Salem

[www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org) for more information.

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### **Advertisements**

If you have a business or a service to offer to our members, let us advertise for you. We can print your business card for \$25 per year. *An Seanachai* sends out ten or more issues per year, and these go to more than one hundred local households. For more information about this incredible bargain send an e-mail to Louise Martell, at [martell@u.washington.edu](mailto:martell@u.washington.edu).

Please welcome our newest advertiser, **ACN**, for office and residential computer services. The owner is Anthony O'Carroll, an AICS member. He can be reached through e-mail at [apocarroll@yahoo](mailto:apocarroll@yahoo) or by phone at 971 803 0222. His business card will be posted as soon as *An Seanachai* has a reproducible copy of his business card.



**ceili of the valley**  
**Tuesday Night Classes**  
6:30-8:30 Ceili & Set Dancing  
**2nd Friday Ceili**  
7-8 p.m. Lesson  
8-11 p.m. Live Music & Ceili  
all at the VFW Hall,  
630 Hood St. NE in Salem  
[www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org)

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Portland, OR 97208

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#### **Board of Directors 2018-2019**

President: Louise Martell

Vice President: Jim O'Connell

Recording Secretary: Julie O'Connell

Corresponding Secretary: Helen Grealish

Treasurer: Molly Mc Guire

Directors: Caroline Fogarty, Brendan Kerg, Mary Sacksteder

Trustees: Colleen Spiering, Shirley Hahn, Dorothy Foley

**Editor of *An Seanachai*:** To Be Announced

#### **Committees**

Book Club: Julie O'Connell

Communications: Helen Grealish

Genealogy: Don Anderson

Scholarship: Mary Rose Kerg

Sunshine: Patsy Lee

St. Patrick's Celebration 2018: Brendan Kerg and Bill Fogarty

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**AICS Website**

[www.oregonirishsociety.org](http://www.oregonirishsociety.org)

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