



# All-Ireland cultural society OF OREGON

**An Seanachai, Newsletter**  
**Vol. 81, Issue 12, April 2021**

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

It's April and that must mean there's an election in the air. I hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the April meeting via Zoom, for which the invitation is noted below, when we enact some of the most important club business of the year. The Board has some changes they are proposing for the By-Laws. Details are included in this newsletter and will be reviewed by screen at the meeting. And we will elect new Board members. A huge thank you to the Nominating Committee (Mary Rose Kerg, Anne Doherty and Patsy Lee) for assembling a fantastic slate of nominees. Thank you in advance to all who stepped up to serve and for those continuing to serve.



I will be stepping down as President as I attend to family health issues. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your President. I had the advantage of having a very experienced Board to help and support me. I want to thank all who served while I was President. I look forward to SEEING some of you in the year ahead. I think with the vaccines and other mitigations we might be able to have meetings in person in the coming year. That is my hope. Meantime stay safe and thank you to all the members for keeping this wonderful club going.

Sincerely, Mary

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The bylaws committee of Julie O'Connell, Molly McGuire and Mary Rose Kerg have carefully reviewed the current bylaws and have proposed revisions. Some of the changes are housekeeping. The following pertain to changes in dollar amounts:

- The Treasurer will be an ex-officio member of all committees in which significant revenues and expenditures are planned, i.e., amounts in excess of \$500.
- Have all checks in excess of \$500 co-signed by one Trustee and the Treasurer.
- Obtain membership approval for any expenditure of \$500 or more from a Society Fund or account and for transfer of a like amount from one Society account to another.
- In the event of motion and second concerning any donation or gift in excess of \$500 to any person (with the exception of a member of the All-Ireland Cultural Society in case of emergency), institution, organization, or cause, however, worthy, the total membership shall be notified. The membership will vote on the motion at the next regular Society meeting.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following members for open Board positions. This is not a full slate of Officers as some members terms of office are continuing, hence not listed here. These are the nominees you will be asked to vote on at the April meeting for the **open** positions:

President - Margaret Doherty  
Vice-President - Christina White  
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Foley  
Corresponding Secretary - Mary Rose Kerg

Treasurer - Julie O'Connell  
Trustee - Brendan Kerg  
Director - Beth Setters

## GOOD AND WELFARE

**Get Well Wishes** to Larry McKinley for a speedy recovery and to all those enduring the effects of Covid 19 - both physically and emotionally - this has been a very difficult year.

**Congratulations** and a sincere thank-you to all our incoming and outgoing Board members.

**Welcome** to new members Jacqueline Fortune, Larry Stanifer and to Tiffany.

## GENEOLOGY COMMITTEE

Contact Don Anderson (dndanderson@comcast.net) if interested in joining the Genealogy Committee.

## CELTIC EVENTS

Celtic Community Night at Artichoke Music, 2007 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, OR. The second Wednesday of the month is dedicated to Irish music. All scheduled dates are postponed until further notice.

2nd Saturday Community Concert has been postponed.

## IRISH THEATER NEWS

Gemma Whelan has announced that Corrib Theatre has continued to develop its partnership with Fishamble ("the new play company") in Dublin. Several of the plays that Corrib had planned to produce during the 2020-2021 season, now planned for the 2021-2022 season, were developed at Fishamble, including ***Inside the GPO***, a theatrical rendering of the Easter Rising. Hopefully, the 2021-2022 season will feature the live productions we have all enjoyed at the Corrib theater. There's also hope that the Irish Theatre Tour, a package of eight plays in 10 days at theaters in Dublin and Galway, will be available through Gemma and the Corrib Theatre. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.



# IRISH CRUISES

**Joanie Madden 2020 Cruise is postponed until September 2021. This cruise is still a go!**

For those of you who'd like to venture a little further from home, Joanie Madden and Cherish the Ladies are running a western Mediterranean cruise from September 5 to 12, 2021, leaving from and returning to Barcelona, Spain. Although Cherish the Ladies is a traditional band, there will be social dance music, singers, and comedians in abundance as well as Swallows Tail, a traditional band that needs no introduction, for set dancing. Need to brush up on your jive or quick step, there will be lessons available, sessions too for those who would like. Here are the ports of call for this cruise aboard the Norwegian Epic: Barcelona, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Cannes, Palma, Majorca, Spain. There is a range of pricing: interior cabins start at \$1,399; balconies are \$1,779 - \$1,929; mini suites are 1969-3668. Airfare is not included in this pricing. For more information go to [info@joaniemaddencruise.com](mailto:info@joaniemaddencruise.com).

## **ANDY COONEY'S 23RD ANNUAL CRUISE OF IRISH STARS - 2022**

This talent-packed cruise will be leaving from and returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida between January 29th and February 5, 2022. Andy Cooney and his band plus Ronan Tynan are the headliners but there are many other wonderful musicians and entertainers who will be on board for your pleasure. The ports of call for the Sky Princess, Princess Cruise Line, are:

Grand Cayman  
Cayman Islands  
Belize City  
Mexico  
Roatan  
Honduras  
Cozumel

Pricing for this cruise varies from \$1,099 to \$1,919.00 based on double occupancy, taxes and fees of \$349 per person are not included in that pricing. If you book before June 1st you'll receive the premier beverage package, free wi-fi and prepaid gratuities. To book please call Travel Professionals at 1-800-724-9511 or contact them at 62 N. Main Street, Suite, #114, Florida, NY 10921, [travelpro@warwick.net](mailto:travelpro@warwick.net).

Deposits are fully refundable until October 13, 2021.

Those of you who would like more regular contact with Andy Cooney tune into his new podcast called Andy Cooney New York Irish Hour. You can find it through your podcast app or on You Tube.

# IRISH DANCE

## **Irish Dance - Weekly Classes - All Postponed Until Further Notice**

Monday: Set Dancing classes at Betty Woerner's, 2912 SW Arnold Street, Portland, OR 97219. Call 503-244-1593 for more information or directions. There is no charge for classes.

Sean nos dancing taught by Maldon Meehan. Classes are available on Zoom and will cover a variety of themes such as: dancing to the tune; triplets; signature moves; improvisation and the body. Beginner and more advanced classes are available. For more information and/or registration, please contact Maldon at: [maldonmeehan@gmail.com](mailto:maldonmeehan@gmail.com).

Thursdays: Winds of Donegal, 7-9:00 PM at the Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, \$5 fee. Beginners always welcomed!

## **Monthly Dance Events - All Postponed Until Further Notice**

Ceili Mor: 1st Friday of the month. 8-11 PM (Doors open 7:30 PM), October through May, Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin. \$12 adults, \$10 students (Age 12 and up), veterans, and seniors 65 and over \$10.00. For more information please go to [SandAlrish Entertainment.com](http://SandAlrishEntertainment.com) or [www.irishpdx.com](http://www.irishpdx.com).

Irish Jam Session: 2nd Sunday of the month. 3-6:00 PM, Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin. For more information, contact Sam Keator at [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com).

Ceili of the Valley: 2nd Friday Ceili. 8-11PM (Doors open 7:00 PM, lesson about 7:15), Year Round, VFW Hall, 630 Hood St NE, Salem. \$10 General, \$8 CVS Member, \$5 students (age 11 and up), Kids 10 and under are free, \$30 Family. For more information please go to [www.ceiliofthevalley.org](http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org)

Ceili of the Valley also hold classes every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the same location. \$5 per class

Tir Eoghain ceili class has now gone from a weekly to a monthly meeting. There will be no class until further notice. The new date and time will appear in next month's newsletter.

Comhaltas Ceili: 4th Friday of the month ceili usually held at the Sellwood Community House, 1436 SE Spokane Street, Portland, OR 97202, has been postponed. When it resumes the schedule will be: Foinn Seisun tune learning from 4:00-5:00 pm; Irish Gaelic Conversation from 4:00-6:00 pm; Improver Session from 5:00-6:00 pm; Irish Song Circle from 5:00-6:00 pm; pot luck from 6:00-7:00 pm; open session 7:00-9:45 pm; set dancing lesson 7:00-7:30 pm; set/ceili dancing from 7:30-9:45 pm.



## 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 goes to more than one hundred local households. For more information about this incredible bargain send an e-mail to Dorothy Foley at [abbydorneypdx@gmail.com](mailto:abbydorneypdx@gmail.com).




# OIDA

Oregon Irish Dance Academy

*Non-Competitive Irish  
Dancing Classes for All Ages*

503-819-9555  
[oregonirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:oregonirishdance@gmail.com)  
[www.oregonirishdance.com](http://www.oregonirishdance.com)

## Whelan's Irish Pub

*Come Join the Craic!*

11709 SE Division Street  
 Portland, OR 97266

(503) 327-8020  
[whelanspdx.com](http://whelanspdx.com)



Like us on Facebook!

## 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)



**Anthony P. O'Carroll**  
 Business ID# 02089444



Cell 971.803.0222  
 ACN Direct Online Storefront:  
[yotconnect.acndirect.com](mailto:yotconnect.acndirect.com)  
[apocarroll@yahoo.com](mailto:apocarroll@yahoo.com)




**Kiawe Island Bistro**  
 Fresh Food, Fresh Taste

Eric Atlas  
 Executive Chef

212 NE 164th Avenue, Suite 12  
 Vancouver, WA 98684  
 360-254-5544  
[kiaweislandbistro@gmail.com](mailto:kiaweislandbistro@gmail.com)  
[kiaweislandbistro.com](http://kiaweislandbistro.com)

# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR THE AICS

Address: AICS of Oregon  
PO Box 3411  
Portland, OR 97208  
Telephone: 503 286 4812  
Website: [www.oregonirishsociety.org](http://www.oregonirishsociety.org)

The AICS is a federally recognized 501(3)(c) non-profit public benefit cultural organization. The AICS is listed with the State of Oregon as a non-profit corporation. Donations and contributions made to the AICS may be tax deductible for income tax purposes.

## Board of Directors 2020-2021:

President: Mary Sacksteder  
Vice President: Jim O'Connell  
Recording Secretary: Beth Setters  
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Rose Kerg

Treasurer: Julie O'Connell  
Directors: Patsy Lee, Lois Delahanty, Brendan Kerg  
Trustees: Molly McGuire, Sam Keator, Dorothy Foley  
Editor of An Seanachai: Dorothy Foley



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

## Committees

Book Club: Julie O'Connell  
Communications: Mary Rose Kerg  
Genealogy: Don Anderson  
Scholarship: Jim O'Connell  
Sunshine: Patsy Lee  
St. Patrick's Celebration 2020: Brendan Kerg and Mary Rose Kerg, Louise Martell, Rose Ann and Tony Ranft

Consulate General of Ireland:  
Robert O'Driscoll, Consul General of Ireland  
100 Pine Street  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Tel: 415 392 4214  
Fax: 415 392 0885  
Email: [SanFranConGen@dfa.ie](mailto:SanFranConGen@dfa.ie)  
Website: [www.consulateofirelandsanfrancisco.org](http://www.consulateofirelandsanfrancisco.org)

Honorary Consulate of Ireland:  
John F. Keane  
7511 10th St SW, Unit #1  
Edmonds, WA 98026  
Tel: 425 582 2688  
Email: [JKeane@IrishConsulSeattle.com](mailto:JKeane@IrishConsulSeattle.com)  
Website: [www.IrishConsulSeattle.com](http://www.IrishConsulSeattle.com)