



AN SEANACHAÍ

NEWSLETTER OF THE AICS

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Seanachai is the name of our newsletter. It is a Gaelic word that refers to a storyteller or historian. The Seanachai is usually published most months of the year and sent out via email as well as posted on our website. Email us at irishclubpdx@gmail.com if you'd like to be added to our monthly email list for the Seanachai.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy September, everyone! The events that we hosted or partnered with since April 19th were fun and well attended! Appreciation luncheon, Timbers game, summer gathering!

I hope to see you in person at our September General Meeting on Saturday, September 20th in the Oregon Stamp Society Bldg at 4828 NE 33rd Ave for our first membership meeting of the new business year at 3:30pm sharp. Members vote's count as we create and approve the essentials for the AICS 87th year.

Please feel free to bring potluck-style beverages and sweets and savories for after the meeting. Not only is this a chance to reconvene after the summer break but also an opportunity to meet and greet with our new and returning members.

We are accepting applications for our annual scholarships! Link down below.

We did receive some sad news about the Irish Cultural Heritage Center in Milwaukee, WI closing this October. Click [here](#) to read more

We are in hopes that the energy you bring to your Club will resonate throughout our communities!

I'm looking forward to a happy, healthy and spirited 2025-26 87th season with you!

Samuel Keator - President

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC 2025



Fantastic weather, food, friends and family marked our annual picnic held on August 17th at St. Brigitta's Catholic Church Parish grove on Mt. St. Helen's Road in Portland. This year we bought a corn hole game set and it will be in the children's area at St Pat's too!

Here's what Anne Doherty had to say: 'Much fun at the AICS Annual Picnic on 17Aug2025! 42 attendees, plus special guest Millie the golden!

Thank you all for participating in the Fellowship, Fun, and Games, and for bringing delicious food for all to share.

Tables and set-up - Mary, Larry, Sylvester, Samuel, Carol, Karol, Anne, Kevin and Patrick. Grill master – Samuel

Greeter – Karol. Corn-Hole game run by Patrick Seed Corn-hole team winners – Tony and Kevin Body and Whisper Telephone Games – run by Maddie – very fun for all participants

Spud and Spoon race run by Anne, assisted by Sylvester, Kate and Carol

Spud and Spoon race team winners – Melody and Travis

Overall champion – Melody. Raffle – everybody. Tear-down and clean-up – everybody

Click [here](#) for more pictures contributed by Carl Cummings

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON 2025



What a most wonderful appreciation gathering it was! Thanks to Anne Doherty and Carol Cummings for chairing. We gave a special toast to Mary Rose Kerg too.

NEWS

The Corrib Theatre has announced their new season! Click [here](#)

IrishPDX has announced their upcoming 11 concerts! Click [here](#)

We will have an informational table again at the annual [Samhain Festival](#) in Salem this Fall

Our member, **Brian Doherty**, has been working hard to create and pass the Oregon State [SB0961](#) which did happen!! Now that it has passed, they are looking for folks to be on the Oregon-Ireland Sister State Committee. The following are the areas to be filled. Click [here](#) for more information on the Board & Committee member opportunities

- 1) Oregon Higher Education Institution Representative
- 2) Statewide Trade Organization Representative
- 3) Urban Interest Representative
- 4) Rural or Agricultural Interests Representative
- 5) Three At-Large Members

Happy 25th Anniversary to the TVF&R Pipes and Drums Band – Tim Birr!



PATRICK'S & PIPES!

It's September!

And that means Halfway-to-St. Patrick's Day
AND
The 25th anniversary of the Tualatin
Valley Firefighter's Pipes & Drums

Come and help celebrate. The band will have
several performances between 7 and 9 pm
Wednesday, September 17th

Clancy's Pub & Restaurant
16066 SW 1st Street
Sherwood, Oregon



Note from Maria McGill-Zupan-Chapter President for the **Trinity College Dublin PNW** (WA, OR, ID, MT).
'Do we have any Trinity Alums in our group, please ask them if they're interested in joining our chapter.
Contact Maria at mariazupan7@gmail.com if so!

RIP Lisa McAuliffe



Lisa was a big asset to your Club. Always a friendly smile and not only dancing and singing with the Tir Eoghain Ceili group, singing the Soldier Song at St Pat's but also producing great editions of the Seanachai. Be seeing you my friend.

Board of Directors Meeting notes

July 12, 2025 Absent Mary Sacksteder. Motions: Moved and seconded to accept Marley Small and Zacharia O'Keefe as members – passed.

Moved and seconded to sponsor the annual Samhain Festival for \$250 – passed.

September 6, 2025 Absent Karol Burke, Kevin Seed. No motions were made. Board was favorable for the budget and program for 25-26 to be adopted at the September 20th general meeting.

Irish non-profit Associations - Click on their links for current news

[Ceili of the Valley](#)

[Corrib Theatre](#)

[Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann](#)

[Irish Heritage Club Seattle](#)

[Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers](#)

[Irish Network Portland](#)

[Portland Hibernian Society](#)

[Sean-Nós Northwest](#)

[Shangana Irish Theatre Tours](#)

Irish Dancing:

[An Daire Academy of Irish Dance](#)

[Murray Irish Dance School](#)

[Oregon Irish Dance Academy](#)

[Winds of Donegal Irish Ceili](#)

[Yeates Academy of Irish Dance](#)

[1st Friday Ceili Mor - Tualatin](#)

[2nd Friday Ceili Mor - Salem](#)

[3rd Friday Ceili Mor - Portland](#)

Sports

[Hurling](#)

Irish music sessions, concerts:

[IrishPDX](#) [Trail Jams](#)

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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



OIDA
Oregon Irish Dance Academy
*Non-Competitive Irish
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION is open

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President: Samuel Keator

Vice President: Mary Sacksteder

Treasurer: Melody Fisher

Recording Secretary: Holly Griffith

Corresponding Secretary: Sean Garvey

Trustees: Karol Burke, Kevin Seed (not pictured)



Attend Board Meetings: Anyone is welcome to attend Board meetings to observe and/or participate. Email us at irishclubpdx@gmail.com if you would like to attend our next Board Meeting.

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