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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 New Year! We hope that it is a healthy and prosperous year for you and your family and friends!

The Winter Luncheon was a huge success. See below for the recap

Reminder, it is time to renew your annual membership(s). Click to [RENEW NOW](#)

Advertisement renewals are also due NOW.

January is our annual Tea Social on January 17th at the Oregon Stamp Society on NE 33rd Portland at 3:30. AND we are having the President of the [Irish Heritage Club](#) of Seattle Caron McMahon attending! Come enjoy the social and learn about our 'cousins' up north! See below for details.

We are accepting applications for our annual scholarships until February 1st! Link down below.

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

In the links below, there is much to do in our area with many organizations! Upcoming plays, concerts, dances, sports are in the links below. Check them out and be proud to say you are a member of the [AICS](#)!

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

Samuel Keator - President

NEWS



Picture credit Carol Cummings

The annual Winter luncheon was a mighty success! Here's a note from Anne Doherty, "The annual AICS Winter Luncheon was held on December 6, 2025, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Portland, from 1-3 pm. 36 members and guests attended including our newest member Charles Hubbard!

Lunch was served at 1:30. The menu consisted of Chicken Marsala, Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo and a new item this year - the Mushroom Ravioli (which was very popular). The service was wonderful.

Lunch was followed by the Left/Right game which generated much conviviality – all participants received a gift bag at the end of the game.

All attendees had time to socialize – it was great to see several long-time members and also new members and friends.

Mary Sacksteder chaired the event and did all the pre-event planning but was out of town on the day, so Anne Doherty and Carol Cummings assisted."

Annual Tea Social. 17 Jan 2026 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Doors 3pm



Some of last years goodies



Caron McMahon President IHC

At The Oregon Stamp Society Building - No registration required.

We will have some teas, regular milk, and sugar. Please bring any teas you personally prefer and would like to share. Also, please bring any alternative milk if you need.

If you can, please bring your favorite teacup and saucer, or mug for your own use, and a sweet or savory dish for sharing. For whatever food you bring to share, it would be appreciated if you would bring it on an appropriate platter with serving utensils if needed (*please label your dishes/utensils with your name*). It would also be great if you could write a tab with a description of your dish's contents so that attendees can cross-check ingredients against any allergies they may have.

If you are able to help with set-up, please come at 3:00 pm. The tea is being hosted by Anne Doherty and Carol Cummings - please send email to Anne at macanabar@gmail.com if you have questions.

This year we will have a **GUEST SPEAKER** at our Tea Social – **Caron McMahon,**
President of the Irish Heritage Club of Seattle.

General Meeting notes

Next meeting is February 21.

Board of Directors Meeting notes

Next BOD meeting, Saturday, February 7

Committee reports

St Patrick's Day committee Next and final committee meeting on February 15th via zoom

Program committee nothing to report (see last month's newsletter)

Scholarship committee will meet on Wednesday, February 4th via zoom and review the applications we have received. Announcement will be on Saint Patrick's Day

Save the dates

Sunday, Feb 1, Annual Pub Social, *no minors, (sorry Maddie)*, Full Heart Irish Pub 1013 Main St, Vancouver, WA 98660. 4-6pm, no-host but we will have live music with Eric Killops, Preston Howard-Wilde and Richie Rosencrans of Na Rosai fame!



Saturday, Feb 21, General meeting and Corrib Theatre – 1 act play with us. Oregon Stamp Society

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. Ceili, step and sets:

[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

GAA [Hurling](#)

Irish music concerts and sessions:

[IrishPDX](#)

[Trail Jams](#)

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6:30-8:30 Ceili & Set Dancing
2nd Friday Ceili
7-8 p.m. Lesson
8-11 p.m. Live Music & Ceili
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