



AN SEANACHAÍ

NEWSLETTER OF THE AICS

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Seanacháí is the name of our newsletter. It is a Gaelic word that refers to a storyteller or historian. The Seanacháí is usually published most months of the year and sent out via email as well as posted on our website.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy ST. PATRICK'S DAY! We hope that this month is special to all of your family and friends! **REMEMBER** members have a \$3 discount at the door of our 85th celebration! #membershipbenefit

The one act play by Holly Griffith of the Corrib Theatre was over the top at the February meeting on the 21st! The show opens on April 2!

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

Thanks to our St. Patrick's Day committee 2026 that volunteered their time to plan our 85th to go smoothly: Anne Doherty, Melody Fisher, Samuel Keator, Mary Rose Kerg, Sean Garvey, and Mary Sacksteder. And we thank all of you that have volunteered to help set-up, the day of and the tear down.

Thanks to Anne Doherty who chaired the raffle this year and to everyone that has donated to the raffle at our St Patrick's Day celebration!

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

In the links below, there is much to do in our area this month and beyond 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

St. Patrick's Day 2026, Tuesday, March 17 4-7pm – Aquinas Hall 340 NE Clackamas St, Portland. Parking in the lot next to the Rosary

Portland's **85th** Annual
St. Patrick's Day

Irish Music
Kids' Activities
Irish Dancers

Irish Food
Family Friendly
Celtic Bagpipes

Celebration

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Aquinas Hall, 340 NE Clackamas Street, Portland
On-line Adults \$12 • Students 12-20 \$7 • Free 11 & Under With Paying Adult
Door Price Adults \$15 • Students \$10

Tickets available online in advance or at the door. Admission does not include food and drink.
Food and drink will be available for purchase separately at the event.
Children's Activities 4:00 - 6:30 pm • Wheelchair Accessible

Schedule of Events

3:30 pm	Doors Open
4:15 pm	Opening Ceremonies w/ Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Pipes & Drums Band
4:45 pm	Irish Music by Mikey Beglan
6:15 pm	Irish Dancers from Oregon Irish Dance Academy

Neil Kelly

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Thank you, Sean Barrett, for again creating a great flyer for us!

Thank you to the lovely items folks have donated for the raffle drawings, children theme, adult theme and quilt, on St. Patrick's Day! Thanks to Barbara Callahan for having her friend Coral Strickland create such a beautiful quilt! ***Do you have vacation property on the coast, the wine country, the mountains, in Ireland that you would like to donate a 'vacation get-away' for the raffle? We are a 501 (C) 3 and it would be a tax deduction!***

What a great drawing item for some lucky person on St. Patrick's Day! 72"x72" hand made with the Book of Kells colors made by Barbara Callahan's friend Coral Strickland! Tickets will be \$5ea



Thank you to our St. Patrick's Day Sponsors! Click and see what they have to offer and thank them for their support!

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'Outside Mullingar' (opens April 2!) one-act play lead by Holly Griffith on February 21 after the general meeting of the AICS was a smashing success!

Well done everyone! Photo by Charles Hubbard



Community notes



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Many, many events in our area for the St. Patrick's Day month!

Links down below

General Meeting notes

February 21 at the Oregon Stamp Society Bldg. 4828 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97211 we had 21% of members attending and met new members! We also got to touch the beautiful handmade quilt made by Coral Strickland.

Board of Directors Meeting notes

Next BOD meeting is April 4 at 10am via zoom

Committee reports

St Patrick's Day committee We are ready for the 85th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration!

Program committee nothing to report

Scholarship committee The awardee(s) will be announced on March 17, 2026 at our festival!

Nomination committee Mary Rose Kerg, Karol Burke and Anne Doherty will report BOD meeting, April 4

Do you want to be considered to be on the Board of Directors? Contact Mary Rose Kerg at maryrosemulligan@comcast.net Positions are President, VP, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, 2 Directors

Save the dates

St Patrick's Day celebration 85th, Tuesday, March 17 4-7pm (flyer attached)

Annual meeting, Saturday, April 18 at the Stamp Society building; annual audit report, annual history report, election of officers and social. ***PLEASE bring stamps to donate to Ula Mae. Tear off the corner on your letters is all you have to do!***

Appreciation luncheon, Saturday, May 16 at Kells. More information with costs, time and location (Should be the Brewery) soon.

Annual wreath laying, Famine Memorial, Saturday, May 23 at 10am at Mt Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

Annual Picnic at St. Birgittas Parish Grove, Linnton

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 music, concerts and sessions:

[IrishPDX](#)

[Trail Jams](#)

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

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2nd Friday Ceili
7-8 p.m. Lesson
8-11 p.m. Live Music & Ceili
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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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