



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

WOW, the 85th ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION was a great success. Thanks to everyone that helped make it a success!

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. And 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!

Annual meeting is Saturday, April 18th at 3:30pm followed by a social. Agenda is: minutes from February, Treasures report, debriefing St. Patrick's Day and P&L, adopting the audit committee's report, adopting the annual history report, election of Officers for 2026-2028, and installation of Officers.

Slate of Officers is:

President – Samuel Keator

VP – Georgia Conrad

Recording Secretary – Kate Begonia

Corresponding Secretary – Travis Roundy

Treasurer – Melody Fisher

Directors – Karol Burke, Kevin Seed

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 finishing our 87th year with you!

Samuel Keator - President

NEWS St. Patrick's Day 2026 was a huge success!



Malcolm Hurley winner of the child basket



Richard Dunbar buying his winning ticket for the adult basket!

Thanks, Carol Cummings, for again taking pictures!

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Community notes

Theater Comedy Outing – Special offer from our member Daniel Ellis

Come laugh with us at a new Broadway-bound play. The comedy *My Huckleberry Friend* launches here in Portland with a staged reading. Daniel Ellis, one of our members, is the playwright and he's recruited an all-star cast.

Madison (a Broadway lyricist) is a lovable and zany screwball whose life is wacky. But then she's paired with a composer who is both nerdy and a no-nonsense guy. Oops. The sparks fly. Zingers are launched. Great fun. Can the show open? Can Madison become less goofy and get to work?

Daniel has teamed with a five-time Tony Award winner as his executive producer who is opening doors on the path to Broadway. Bonus: A Q&A session afterwards means that your feedback might just make its way to Broadway.

Ellis has set aside 20 seats for us at the performance on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:30 PM. For those who cannot make this date, other showings are on April 18th (noon); April 19th (7:30); and April 26th (5:00 PM). The venue is the 21Ten theater at 2110 SE 10th Avenue (Portland), which is about six blocks south of Hawthorne Blvd. Arrive early for parking.

Tickets for this staged reading are \$20, or about half of what is charged elsewhere. Cash or checks only, please. For questions or tickets, email: DukesOfBroadway@Gmail.com



**Corrib Theatre's newest production 'Outside Mullingar' opened April 2.
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Many, many events in our area for April and the coming months!

Links down below

General Meeting notes

None

Board of Directors Meeting notes

BOD meeting April 4. Approved the minutes of Feb 7, accepted the slate of Officers. Audit was postponed until April 15. St. Patrick's Day report will be presented on April 18. Motions made were: moved and seconded to accept new member Russel Brown, passed; Moved and seconded to donate \$250 to Corrib Theatre, passed. Bottle drive is favorable and will be brought up at the annual meeting.

Committee reports

Nomination committee Mary Rose Kerg, Karol Burke and Anne Doherty have met. Slate above.

Audit Committee Postponed until April 15 Sean Garvey, Karol Burke, Samuel Keator, Mary Rose Kerg with Melody Fisher will meet.

Save the dates

Annual meeting, Saturday, April 18 at the Stamp Society building; annual audit report, St. Patrick's Day report and debrief, 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, Sunday, August 16 starting at 12 noon

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

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Corrib Theatre

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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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