



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

Welcome the 88th year of your Club! And welcome Beltaine! Beltane is an ancient Gaelic and Pagan festival celebrated around May 1st (or halfway between the spring equinox and summer solstice) that marks the beginning of summer, fertility, and the return of life.

The Annual meeting on Saturday, April 18th was well attended as we voted and accepted the Audit report and the Annual History Report. We elected your new Officers by the slate the Nominating committee presented!

The new Officers installed were:

President – Samuel Keator

VP – Georgia Conrad

Recording Secretary – Kate Begonia

Corresponding Secretary – Travis Roundy

Treasurer – Melody Fisher

Directors – Karol Burke (absent), Kevin Seed

Thanks to Sean Garvey, Holly Griffith and Mary Sacksteder for their service this past term!

We will have one more newsletter in June, then a summer special and resume monthly in September!

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 our 88th year with you!

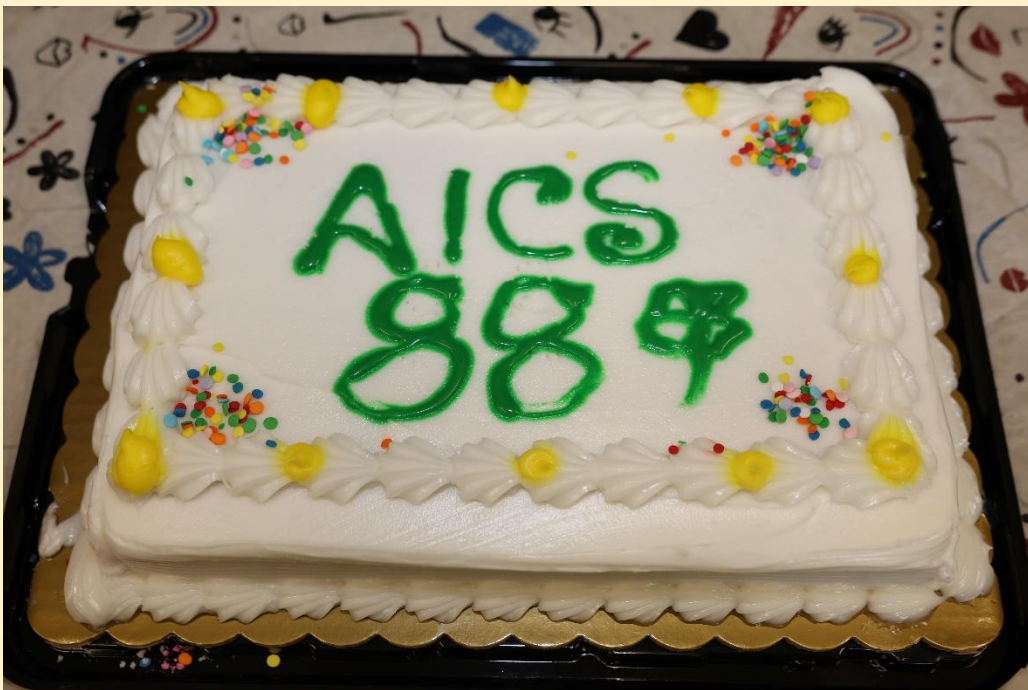
Samuel Keator - President

NEWS

Please welcome your newly elected officers 2026-2028



L-R Kate Begonia – Recording Secretary, Travis Roundy – Corresponding Secretary, Melody Fisher – Treasurer, Georgia Conrad – VP, Samuel Keator – President, Kevin Seed – Director. Not pictured Karole Burke - Director



And we had cake to enjoy too as we started the 88th year of your Club

Community notes

Click on links below for the many more events around the area.

Remembering Gail Getz on Sunday, May 17.



Celebration of Life Dance for Gail Getz

help celebrate Gail's life through the dances she loved, including: swing, waltz, Irish Ceili, and others.

May 17th 2:00 -4:30 pm
Polish Hall
3832 N Interstate Avenue

Free parking on street or park in the Kaiser lot behind the Hall.
If you have pictures or memories you would like to share, bring them with you or email ahead to lisa@rosecitystudios.com If you have questions, please use the same e mail.

Races anyone? We are invited to the annual Irish Day at the Races

June 7, Emerald Downs Race Track 2300 Ron Crockett Dr, Auburn, WA 98001. To round off a busy week there is the opportunity to enjoy a Day at The Races with the Seattle's Irish Community. The IHC will have an area reserved on the 5th floor for people to meet up and socialize. Emerald Downs will host Irish music and Irish dance performances outside by the finishing post.

Tickets are free if you email markkohler@irishclub.org

Thanks to the Portland Timbers for their special prices for us !



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For groups of 8 or more, please contact Abigail at (503) 553-5584 or
aponceangeles@timbers.com, to ensure your seats are together.

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Three games to choose from just a click away!

[INFO and tickets](#)

Sean-nos NW returns to the Portland area on May 14th!



Many, many events in our area for May and the coming months!

Links down below

Save the dates for AICS Events

May 16 - Appreciation luncheon, Saturday, May 16 at Kells. Emails have been sent to current Members. Please RSVP from that email because we are limited on seating to 35.

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

August 16 - Annual Picnic, St. Birgittas Parish Grove, Linnton, Sunday, August 16 starting at 12 noon

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](#)

Irish music, concerts, sessions and Theatre:

[IrishPDX](#)

[Trail Jams](#)

[Shangana Irish Theatre Tours](#)

Corrib Theatre

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](#)

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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



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[SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#) is now open as of April 1, 2026

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Board of Directors 2026-2028

President: Samuel Keator

Vice President: Georgis Conrad

Treasurer: Melody Fisher

Recording Secretary: Kate Begonia

Corresponding Secretary: Travis Roundy

Trustees: Karol Burke (not pictured), Kevin Seed



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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