



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

Our first Board meeting for the 88th year of your Club is June 14th. We will start planning, budgeting, creating committees for you! Short survey below to help guide us!

Please welcome our new members, Ramsay Weit and Kathleen McHarg – Family, Evan Winney – Single and Meghan Radford – Single! We look forward to meeting you soon!

We had a lovely Appreciation luncheon at Kells Brewery on May 16 and a touching Memorial Day weekend wreath laying at the Hibernian Famine Memorial at Mt Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Pictures down below.

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President – Samuel Keator

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This will be the last newsletter until the summer 'special' and resume monthly in September!

With a heavy heart and sad soul, Molly Malone Mannenbach, May 28, 2026

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

Appreciation luncheon. Thanks Anne Doherty and Carol Cummings for chairing and picture credits to Carol Cummings!



Matthew and Patty



Rudy and Georgia



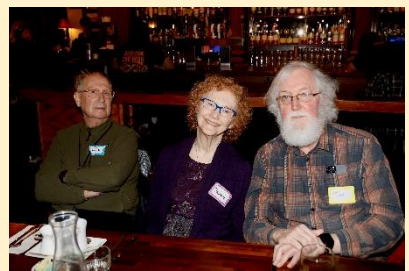
Kate and Maggie



Doug, Sheila, Kevin, Patrick



Sean, Sylvester, Karol



Charles, Debra, Tom



Wanda, Doug, Sheila



Brendan, Mary Rose



Holly, Anne

Wreath Laying. Thanks, Margaret Doherty, for arranging the wreath, Tim Birt for piping, Daniel Serres for arranging an Irish tea tent and Bill Gallagher for sharing the project history. Also, thanks to everyone that attended and shared their memories, thoughts and prayers. Photo credits Carol Cummings.





Photo by Brian Keefe



Photo by Portland Hibernian Bill Gallagher

Community notes

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

Races anyone? The Irish Heritage Club, Seattle (IHC) has invited us to their annual Irish Day at the Races!

Gates open 12:20pm, first race 1:50pm, Sunday, 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 **ONLY** if you email markkohler@irishclub.org

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Still some games to choose from. Just a click away!

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SURVEY, your input matters – PLEASE fill and cut and paste and email back to the AICS IrishClubPDX@gmail.com subject,

SURVEY SAYS

Program potential at the Stamp building, Oct 17 (No General meeting), Nov 21 (after General), Jan 16 Annual Tea Social, Feb 20 (after General)

What would you like for fixed programs this year?

Oct 17

Nov 21

Feb 20

Programs away from the Stamp Building

Sports? Road trip? Excursion? More pub gatherings? Theatre?
Concerts? Movies?

Committees

Not limiting to – Newsletter, Program, Audit, Genealogy, History (Ed, we had 5 boxes of Irish history donated to us, hint!), Book Club, Appreciation luncheon, Winter luncheon, Annual picnic, St Patrick's Day celebration (raffle, sponsorships), Librarian, Knitting, Artist, etc

Would you be on a committee(s)? and would you chair?

Lastly, have you invited your friends and family to join your Club?

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

Links down below

Save the dates for AICS Events

August 16 – Annual summer picnic, Sunday, August 16 at St. Birgittas Parish Grove. 12 – 3 FREE food (we supply the meat and condiments, you bring a dish to share), drink and games.. More details in the summer edition.

September 19 – General meeting at the Oregon Stamp Society. Save your stamps and bring them.

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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6:30-8:30 Ceili & Set Dancing
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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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