



AN SEANACHAÍ

NEWSLETTER OF THE AICS

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Summer Special

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to thank our VP Georgia Conrad for helping us with the website and new ways to use it for the success of Your Club! INCLUDING a [Google Rating link](#)

We wish everyone that are traveling to Ireland this summer to share their trip with us at the September general meeting!

We had our first Board meeting for the 88th year of your Club on June 14th. Notes below.

OFFICERS 2026-2028

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 our 88th year with you!

Samuel Keator - President

BOD notes: 1) motion by Kevin Seed to donate \$250 to St. Birgitta's with a second from Kate Begonia. \$250 to St. Birgitta's is approved. We will deliver at the annual picnic.
2) We are still working on the program for this year. Thanks to Tom Murphy for his suggestions.
3) Rough draft of the budget has been created and will be finalized at the next BOD meeting to present to you in September

NEWS

******** AICS annual picnic is Sunday, August 16, 12 noon to 3 at the Parish Grove at St. Birgittas Church 11820 NW St Helens Rd, Linnton. We will have burgers, dogs, beverages for all. This is a potluck so bring something to share! Please email your RSVP on how many will be attending in your party and what each will want, dogs or hamburgers [EMAIL](#)

Community calendar, notes

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

THIS Saturday, July 18, Ceili at the Vineyard. Kate Begonia and Georgia Conrad created a partnership for us! [INFO & TICKETS](#)

July 24 - FREE – Invitation to CESSAIR musical [TICKETS and info](#)

August 1 – Portland Timbers vs Seattle Sounders FC discount tickets from our partners at the Portland Timbers [TICKETS](#)

August 16 – AICS annual picnic [RSVP](#)

Weekend of August 21st – CCE Oregon annual campout [INFO](#)

August 31 – Deadline for the Shamrock Crusie 20% discount [TICKETS](#) code SHAM27

Irish Theatre Tour 2027 – [PRIORITY SIGNUP](#)

Many, many events in our area for July 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), drinks and games. [RSVP](#)

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](#)

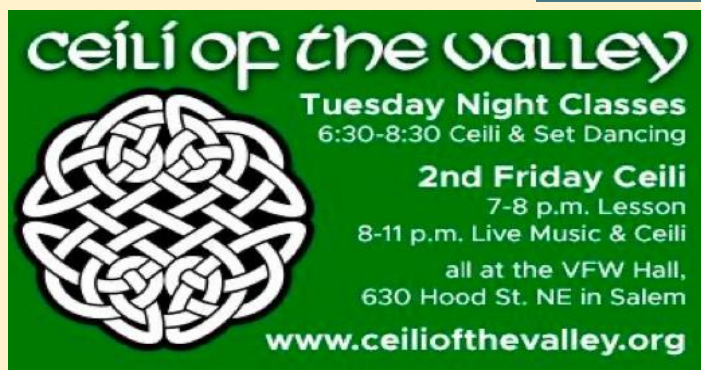
[3rd Friday Ceili Mor - Portland](#)

Sports

GAA [Hurling](#)

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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

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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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Micheál Smith, Consulate General of Ireland

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Consulate General this year**

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