



AN SEANACHAÍ

NEWSLETTER OF THE AICS

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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

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

We wish everyone that did travel to Ireland this summer to share their trip, stories with us at the September general meeting!

With a heavy heart and a sad soul, may Tony Ranft RIP. Thoughts and prayers to Rose Ann and their family at this time. Info below.

Welcome Marianne Bolger, Consulate General of Ireland, San Francisco. Info link 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) Proposed budget was favorable. Members to adopt on Sept 19. 2) Proposed core programs was favorable. Members to adopt on Sept 19

NEWS

Summer fun! Ceili up at the Fairsing Vineyards July 18



Timbers vs Seattle Sounders – Go Timbers



Annual picnic August 16





We made a \$250 donation to St. Birgittas





Our youngest member Wally!

**RIP and God Bless Tony Ranft. If you wish to send a card to the family, Rose Ann Ranft
415 SE 177th Ave, #214, Vancouver, WA 98683. Catholic Mass Tuesday, Sept 22 at 10am. Holy
Redeemer Catholic Church, 17010 NE 9th Street, Vancouver, WA 98684. Cemetery services will be
at Vancouver Barracks National Cemetery 1455 East 4th Plain Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 1pm**



Community calendar, notes

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

Many, many events in our area for September and beyond!

Links down below

Save the dates for AICS Events

September 19 – General meeting at the Oregon Stamp Society. You will vote on the budget and the programs for this year. Afterwards, meet and greet and hear about the Irish travels three families had this summer! **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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We are proud to support organizations that celebrate Irish heritage. Mention this newsletter to receive a courtesy consultation or preferred pricing.

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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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