AN SEANACHAÍ

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Seanachaí is the name of our newsletter. It is a Gaelic word that refers to a storyteller or historian. The Seanachaí is usually published most months of the year and sent out via email as well as posted on our website.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Several special events are happening in the Portland area the next two months. Read more below.

Happy Samhain – Celtic New Year – plus you got an extra hour of sleep!

The Bingo game afternoon was well attended and happy faces were on the winners!

At our, AICS, next meeting on Saturday, November 21 at the Oregon Stamp Bldg 4828 NE 33rd Ave, 97211, Tom and Debra Murphy have prepared a DNA journey of DNA and the Celtic connections, or not! Doors 3:00pm, meeting 3:30 followed by this program. Bring a snack to share and stamps for the Stamp Society (just tear off the corners of your envelopes).

Our annual Winter luncheon is approaching fast on December 6th, so don't delay and miss, so buy your tickets now. Thanks, Mary Sacksteder, for chairing and arranging. Great discount for current members!

We have received only one annual scholarship application so far. It is open to ANYONE that lives in Oregon and Washington States. Application Form

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: Next meeting, November 15

NEWS:

AICS core programs were adopted by our Members Sept 19:

Nov 21st – Tom and Debra Murphy, "What recent DNA discoveries tell us about where Irish people came from and what does it mean to be Celtic"
Dec 6th – Winter luncheon **RSVP NOW**
Jan 16th – Tea social with scone and soda bread contest $50 prize
Feb 7th – Pub Social Paddy's Irish Pub
Feb 20th – Dan Holden – "The Irish and the American Civil War"
March 17th – St Pats
April 17th – annual meeting – Kevin Seed demonstration on how to create a planter and raffle the demo for Mother's Day
May 15 – Appreciation gathering
Aug 15 – Annual picnic

Community calendar, notes

Bingo! Two lucky members split the $200+ blackout on October 17th!



On October 20th, our President met our new Consul General of Ireland San Francisco Marianne Bolger and Vice Consul General Naoise Kenny (not pictured). Pictured with Samuel Keator, Marianne Bolger and Gerard McAleese owner of Kells. Also in attendance, not pictured, were AICS members Margaret Doherty, Brian Doherty, and Holly Griffith.



November 5th opens under the direction of Gemma Whelan, The Smuggler click and see your options and dates

November 6 – 8th the **Irish Cultural Society of the Pacific Northwest** at various locations is hosting Irish Language - Do you speak the Irish? Do you want to learn? Féile Portland registration https://www.seannos.org/registration-feile is now open. More info at that link site.

White Bird has offered us a 20% off discount for your members for the upcoming **Trinity Irish Dance Company** performances **November 19 – 21st!** with code: **ALL-IRELAND-20** Go to https://www.whitebird.org/2627-season/trinity-irish for more information and to purchase tickets. This is a **BIG** performance!



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

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

Links down below

Especially SAVE the dates for AICS Events

Saturday, November 21 at the Oregon Stamp Society - **Tom and Debra Murphy present for our program** "What recent DNA discoveries tell us about where Irish people came from and what does it mean to be Celtic"

Sunday, December 6 1-3 Annual Winter Luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the waterfront. LIMITED seating, so BUY now!



2025 annual winter luncheon. Credit Carol Cummings

Save your used stamps and bring them with you to the Stamp Society Bldg.

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

Ceili of the Valley

Corrib Theatre

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Irish Cultural Center

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

All-Ireland cultural society of Oregon

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The AICS is a federally recognized 501(3)(c) non-profit public benefit cultural organization. The AICS is listed with the State of Oregon as a non-profit corporation. Donations and contributions made to the AICS may be tax deductible for income tax purposes.

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