



NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Next Meeting:

Come join us on Sunday, February 12th at St. Anthony de Padua Church, 102 Lorenz Street, for the monthly meeting of the Irish Cultural Society. The business meeting will start at 3-ish and the program just after 4pm. We will be finalizing plans for the upcoming Irish Heritage Day and dance, to be followed by a musical program.

Program:

Our program this month will be performed by TomNMike, who will entertain you on fiddle and guitar with songs new and traditional.

Birthdays:

February birthdays: 1 John Ryan; 3 Robert Ryan; 8 Sr. Philippa Wall; 9 Bernadette Bonin; 10 Marguerite Ryan and Sue Brannon; 12 Celeste Barron; 17 Eva Ruffin; 20 Mary Martinez; 22 John Hoelscher; 28 Genevieve Oswald and Mike O'Grady.

March birthdays: 1 Margaret Burke; 6 Beth Corrigan; 13 John Gaines; 15 Nora Olivares; 24 Maria Leavy Hoelscher; 26 Doris Gaines



Texas Rose of Tralee

This year's Texas Rose of Tralee, Miss Katherine O'Sullivan, will make an appearance at our Irish Heritage Day this year. She is scheduled to speak just after 2pm about her experiences attending the Rose of Tralee International Festival in Ireland last summer.

Membership:

Kay has received several membership applications from returning members and new members since the holidays. She has extended a special invitation to them all to attend the meeting on February 12th. Please welcome them warmly that day.

Upcoming Events:

February 23rd: Five Irish Tenors at the Majestic, starting at 7:30 pm. As of 1/31/17, there were still tickets available.

February 26th: Irish Heritage Day, from noon until 4pm, sponsored by the Irish Cultural Society at Leon Valley Community Center.

February 26th: The ICS Annual Dance, from 6-9 PM, at Leon Valley Community Center.

March 3rd-5th: North Texas Irish Festival at Fair Park in Dallas, presented by the Southwest Celtic Music Association, Inc. Go to their website - www.ntif.org - for more details. The Brock McGuire Band will be performing there this year. I will let you know as soon as possible if they will be returning to San Antonio to do a concert. That is always an enjoyable evening of Irish music.

March 17-18: The Harp and Shamrock will be holding their annual Irish Fest. It will be downtown, not at UIW as in the past few years. More details will be included in next month's newsletter.

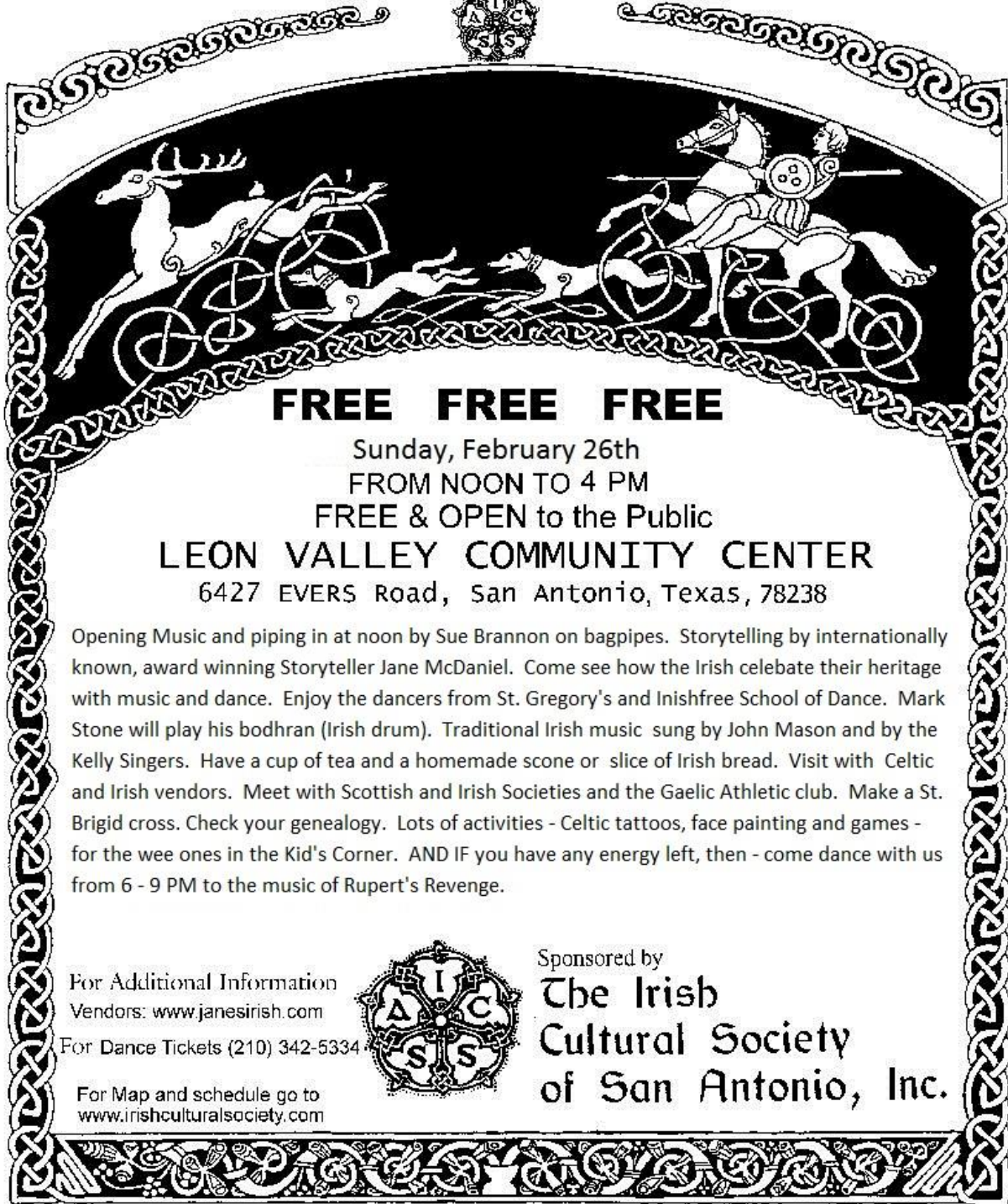
May 21st: Celtic Woman returns to the Majestic Theater. Their concert is on a Sunday afternoon at 3pm. Tickets are still available.

SAGAC:

Winter Game Two is scheduled for this Saturday, February 4th at Hardberger Park West. The address is 8400 NW Military Highway, which is across from the Alon Shopping Center. Originally the game was scheduled for mid-afternoon, but the throw in time has been changed to 11AM, because of increased interest in attending a rugby match that same day at the Toyota Field. That will be the USA Eagles against Uruguay at 3PM.

The SAGAC is also presenting the 7th annual San Patricio's Golf Classic on March 10th at the Silverhorn Golf Club on W. Bitters. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.sanantoniogac.org>

Irish Heritage Day



FREE FREE FREE

Sunday, February 26th

FROM NOON TO 4 PM

FREE & OPEN to the Public

LEON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

6427 EVERS Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78238

Opening Music and piping in at noon by Sue Brannon on bagpipes. Storytelling by internationally known, award winning Storyteller Jane McDaniel. Come see how the Irish celebrate their heritage with music and dance. Enjoy the dancers from St. Gregory's and Inishfree School of Dance. Mark Stone will play his bodhran (Irish drum). Traditional Irish music sung by John Mason and by the Kelly Singers. Have a cup of tea and a homemade scone or slice of Irish bread. Visit with Celtic and Irish vendors. Meet with Scottish and Irish Societies and the Gaelic Athletic club. Make a St. Brigid cross. Check your genealogy. Lots of activities - Celtic tattoos, face painting and games - for the wee ones in the Kid's Corner. AND IF you have any energy left, then - come dance with us from 6 - 9 PM to the music of Rupert's Revenge.

For Additional Information
Vendors: www.janesirish.com

For Dance Tickets (210) 342-5334

For Map and schedule go to
www.irishculturalsociety.com



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Entertainment Schedule for Irish Heritage Day 2017

- 12:00 - 12:10** Sue Brannon opening the festivities by piping us in on her bagpipes
- 12:10 - 12:20** Welcome and Introduction by Lou Kelley, president of the Irish Cultural Society
- 12:20 - 12:50** Irish Drum (bodhran) played by Mark Stone
- 12:50 - 1:20** Seanachai story teller Jane McDaniel
- 1:20 - 1:50** St. Gregory's Irish Dancers
- 1:50 - 2:00** Reminders, and Introduction of the Texas Rose of Tralee by Lou Kelley
- 2:00 - 2:15** Talk by Miss Katherine O'Sullivan, Texas Rose of Tralee
- 2:15 - 2:45** Traditional Irish Music sung by John Mason, with guitar accompaniment
- 2:45 - 3:15** Kelley Singers
- 3:15 - 3:45** Inishfree School of Dance
- 3:45 - 4:00** Final Remarks and Drawings by Lou Kelley