



Irish
CULTURAL SOCIETY
OF SAN ANTONIO, INC.

NEWSLETTER

May 2017

Next Meeting:

Change of Date! Change of Date!! Change of Date!!

The monthly meeting of the ICS will be held one week earlier than usual - on May 7th - so that you all can spend the second Sunday of the month celebrating Mother's Day with your families. The meeting will be held in the Parlor Room at St. Anthony de Padua Church, 102 Lorenz, with the business meeting starting around 3pm and the program about an hour later.

Program:

This month the ICS will be presenting the \$1,000 scholarship check to the winner of this year's essay contest. Please come out and meet this deserving student, a senior at Central Catholic High School, as he tells us about himself and his future plans. He will read his essay to us as well. It is excellent!

Birthday Wishes:

Here are the upcoming ICS birthdays, between now and our June meeting. Please wish a Happy Birthday to the following: Merita McCann on May 9th, Bernie O'Grady on May 10th, Brian Corrigan on May 24th, and Helena Ryan on May 28th. Our June celebrants are John Ahern on June 6th, and Eileen Heeney on June 9th.

Election:

Election time is almost upon us. There are five positions available this year: vice-president, treasurer, plans and programs, public relations, and one of the two member-at-large positions. Those of us who have served on the board for many years know that "many hands make light work", and we need your help so that ICS can continue. Please consider volunteering some of your time to the Irish Cultural Society board. The upcoming election will be discussed at the May meeting, and a ballot will be available in the June newsletter and at the June meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Musical Program(s) presented by Roger Wiseman (the fiddler from Boru). Roger has two events coming up, both in the Tea Lounge area of Craftiques, at 2375 NW Military Hwy, just north of the Lockhill-Selma intersection. The first one will be Friday, May 5th, from noon until 2pm. The second program is on Saturday, May 13th, also from noon until 2pm. Roger has quite a repertoire, playing several instruments (not all at once) and singing Irish, Scottish, American folk, songs of rebellion from those places, and even some more modern numbers. While you are listening, you can shop a bit and then have a bite of lunch. The selection of teas to choose from is expansive and the food is excellent!



From our SAGAC liaison, Keith Breen:

Keith reports that the second league game took place in Austin over the last weekend in April. Our men's team lost the Gaelic football game, but won the hurling event. The ladies' football team, which just recently formed, were tied at the half, and were just narrowly beaten.

We won't be able to see another league game in San Antonio until June, but Keith says there should be another scrimmage game on May 13th at Phil Hardberger Park, the entrance on NW Military HWY, with the game starting around 11am. They are great fun to watch. Be sure to bring some fold-up chairs, a cold drink, and your sunscreen!

From Peggy Wardlaw:

We fell in love with Ashley Davis and her music when she first came to our house in Sept 2014. Now she is coming back with Irish Harpist Cormac De Berra. If you haven't seen her, you need to. If you have seen her, you know what an incredible night it will be.

Ashley and Cormac will be playing at our house, Wednesday May 10th. Doors will open at 6:30pm and music will start at 7pm. Tickets are \$15.

Hope you can come!!

Peggy & Malcolm

Please call for more info: 210-386-6601 or visit <http://whatszappening.com>



The Celtic Woman concert is only a few weeks away now, May 21st at 3pm, at the Majestic Theater.



Mothers of Note in Irish History:

Born May 1, Irish-born American labor leader Mary 'Mother' Jones (1830-1930) was born in County Cork, Ireland. She endured misfortune early in life as her husband and four children died in the yellow fever epidemic of 1867. She also lost all of her belongings in the Chicago Fire of 1871. She then devoted herself to organizing and advancing the cause of Labor, using the slogan, "Join the Union, boys." She also sought to prohibit child labor. She remained active until the very end, giving her last speech on her 100th birthday.



Grace O'Malley was born in 1530, only a few years before Queen Elizabeth I of England. She was a fearless leader by land and by sea, political pragmatist and tactician, rebel, pirate and matriarch, the 'most notorious woman in all the coasts of Ireland', O'Malley, also known in legends as Granuaile, challenged and manipulated the turbulent politics of the 16th century. During a historic 1593 meeting with Queen Elizabeth I, she somehow managed to convince her to free her brother and son and restore much of her lands and influence.



Stephanie J. Block, left, as Grace O'Malley and Linda Balgord as Queen Elizabeth I in the musical "The Pirate Queen" based on her life.