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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK: The Saint Patrick's Church Festival is now in the books. Saturday was wet but warm. Sunday was drier but cooler. Both, however, were an improvement over last year's sleet, snow, and frigid cold.

When members walk by our booth, I often wonder if you know how much work and preparation go into each event? Karon Bell, Jim Bandeleian, Dan Begley and Frank Hardy (with an assist from Bill Riddell who had his own booth) were the only members who turned out to set up in the pouring rain. Karon Bell then spent from 7 to 7 each day in our booth, losing two days pay from her regular job, to make sure things went smoothly. Then everything had to be taken down by the aforementioned five people with the help of Ann McGehee and Kathryn O'Meara. Karen Ide worked all day on Saturday and brought the lovely flowers, which were on the table. Sharon O'Brien, a member who lives in CT, came just for the festival and was there both days. Despa Matzianias, who is not a member, worked diligently both days. Sharon and Despa usually work each festival and I want to particularly thank each of them for that help. It is a pleasure having them with us.

We had two board members out sick and one out of town. The rest were there, working hard both days. Where were you? All our events take time and effort on someone's part. That seems to fall mainly on the backs of the board. They do not get enough thank you's or recognition.

If you enjoy an event and all that goes into it, please take time to acknowledge and thank those people. They do it for YOU. If you can spare time to help them, they would appreciate it. Sonya S. Moore
President

IAS MEETING – APRIL 7TH – 12 NOON



THE TITANIC IRISH PASSENGERS TUCKAHOE LIBRARY.

2012 is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. The ship was built in Belfast and its last port of call was Cobh. But, most stories about the Titanic (cont'd next column)

barely mention Belfast or Queenstown (Cobh) or the profound effect that the disaster had on Ulster. Social conditions changed in Belfast after the sinking. Most of the Irish were 3rd class passengers - that's steerage. They were separated from 1st and 2nd class passengers and that impacted how they lived or died on that fateful night. We will not be talking about the 300 social elite aboard the Titanic. Please join us a bit early – around noon – for some hospitality prior to the start of the program. Thanks - Dan Begley.

(The library is located 1901 Starling Drive Henrico, VA 23229 (804) 290-9100 Off Parham Rd. [Click for directions](#) - [Click for directions to library](#))



COME ONE – COME ALL! IAS PUB SUPPER – APRIL 21ST

–Mary Smith has set up a Pub Supper Night at **Legends Brewery** <http://www.legendbrewing.com/index.asp> You can click on the link for directions and the menu. Legends Brewery is located at 321 W. 7th Street in Richmond. (804-232-3446) Saturdays are very busy and Legends suggested an early time, 5:00 pm might be better than 6:00 for a group – but join us when you can. They will do separate checks for our group – and depending on the weather, they might be able to seat us all on the patio.

While not Irish, a "Brew Pub" is very much in the old Irish tradition. Pubs started out as places where families sold their home brewed beer, and Legends does have a nice selection of brews. The food is good and not too expensive. (From Nancy – Some of us from the IAS met there several years ago when – if memory serves –we went to hear Tinker's Dam" (IAS Member Su Tarr was and is a member of that group). We had a great time! **Please contact Mary 804-746-8173 or <mailto:maryrrf@yahoo.com> with the number that will be attending** – so that we can all be seated together – **COUNT ME IN MARY! Nancy**



Are you looking for just the right way to say something in Irish Gaelic? Frank & Pam Hardy provide this awesome link to solve those annoying translation problems!

<http://www.irishgaelictranslator.com/translation/topic18372.html>

MEET YOUR IAS BOARD MEMBERS



Kathryn O'Meara – Treasurer & Sunshine Chair

My Irish connection is through my father's family, the O'Meara's and his mother's family, the White's. I'm a transplant from the Midwest – moving from Iowa - to Richmond in 1982. I had been in and out of the State since 1969 visiting family in Northern Virginia.

A distant Canadian cousin on the Shea-O'Meara side of the family did an extensive Family History and two of the O'Meara boys from Co. Tipperary were in the 41st British Regiment of Foot 1770. The Regiment sailed from Cork and landed in Canada in 1790 or 1795. The Regiment fought in the War of 1812. One of the Shea men was captured and held prisoner in what is now Ohio. After the war the men were mustered out in Ontario Province, Canada. They were given a stipend and land. The O'Meara's settled in the area of Pembroke, Ontario.

The Family story has it that two O'Meara brothers (descendents of those in the 41st Regiment) came on foot from Canada to Eastern Iowa in the early 1880's to look at land (I'm sure they hitched a ride when- ever they could). Subsequently, a large group of descendents of the 41st (all ages) came to Eastern Iowa. I'm told the rolling hills, tree lined, winding creeks reminded them of Ireland. My Dad's family ended up in Western Iowa across the Missouri from Omaha. Two of his Uncles had the local Tavern and two bought and sold horses to the local farmers. When the tractor came in to use they went in to horse racing in the circuit including Kentucky, Florida and Cuba. Another boy farmed.

The White's came from the Burren, a great rocky expanse in County Clare, sometime during the Civil War. The family landed in Philadelphia and 19yr old Patrick White took the place of a Union soldier and fought under McClellan. The family lived in Binghamton, NY for a time, and came to Western Iowa after the civil war. My mother's family (English) came to Iowa from Southeastern PA. There were too many boys in the family and not enough land in PA.

They were the 2nd family to settle in Jefferson Co., Iowa in 1842. The original homestead remains in the family today and is farmed.

My professional background is in Nursing with a checkered career. Initially it included Hospital nursing in Medical-Surgery and in the emergency room. Then later, I was associated with Project Hope for 8 yrs, working two years in North Africa with a counterpart and six years on the Navajo Reservation in Northern Arizona.

Along the way added Advanced Nursing Certification and that prepared me for the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner. I worked in that capacity for 29yrs and was involved in Rural Health Care in Georgia and the VA Eastern Shore. Eleven years prior to my retirement I worked in Occupational Health in a Richmond Industry.

I always said - when I had more time I'd become involved in learning more about the Irish History, Culture and people. That's when I joined the IAS. Luckily, I've been able to visit Ireland three times but would be glad to return any time.

"When anyone asks me about the Irish character, I say look at the trees. Maimed, stark and misshapen, but ferociously tenacious."- *Edna O'Brien*



(This is a photo!) Check out the website - [Dark Hedges - Northern Ireland](http://www.docbrown.info/docspics/dublinscen/index.htm) - (We loved every minute in Northern Ireland and now I truly wish I could have wandered down this road... oh - the imagination runs amok!

Want to go to Ireland, but can't right now – take a bit of time and click on the link and visit this website.

<http://www.docbrown.info/docspics/dublinscen/index.htm>

It's a photography website and there are wonderful photos of Ireland (and other countries too) Often you'll find some description – but you will always find the location identity. They truly show the beauty of Ireland.

Explore the World With Road Scholar - Educational Travel Since 1975

Many, Many Thanks to Kathleen Donovan & Ed Kast – two of our very favorite IAS members. They sent along this wonderful information about “Road Scholar” to share with our members. There are many programs available and many are Irish & Celtic based to tickle your fancy! Road Scholar is the program name for Elderhostel, Inc. Road Scholar has been a not-for-profit leader in educational travel since 1975. It offers 6,500 educational tours in all 50 states and 150 countries. Alongside local and renowned experts, you can experience in-depth and behind-the-scenes learning opportunities, from cultural tours and study cruises to walking, biking and more.

With for than 5 million participants - Not for profit Road Scholar inspires adults to learn, discover and travel. The learning adventures engage expert instructors, provide extraordinary access, and stimulate discourse and friendship among people for whom learning is the journey of a lifetime.

For more in depth information and to view all the programs offered, please visit the website for Road Scholar at

<http://www.roadscholar.org/default.asp>

The following listed are some VERY interesting Irish programs – on the homepage you can search for IRISH and it will bring up all programs available – (This is So Cool and looks like great fun!)

- **The Shamrock Shore – Irish Culture & History**
<http://www.roadscholar.org/n/program/summary.aspx?id=1-524MML>
- **The Story of the Celts – Ripley, West VA**
<http://www.roadscholar.org/n/program/summary.aspx?id=1-5KJ1SN>
- **The link below will take you to multiple Irish Programs/Tours** presented by Road Scholars – some are in the US – some are in Ireland (great looking tours) and even one on the Queen Mary2
http://www.roadscholar.org/programs/search_results.asp?keyword=Irish

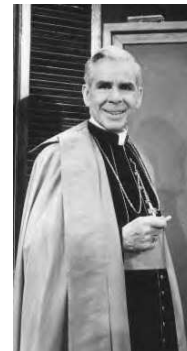
Ed & Kathy also provided us with some information on the **Irish Arts Center in New York**. The Center’s programming includes live music, dance, theater, film, literature, and exhibitions. You can see all of the information at the IAS meeting on April 7th at the Tuckahoe Library.

<http://www.irishartscenter.org/index.htm>



HAL ROACH - Irish Comedian Hal Roach died in February at age 84. The Waterford - born entertainer was a fixture in Irish America for over 30 years and performed in Seattle numerous times in the 1980s as the comedian with the Paddy Noonan Show. For 26 years he was part of Jury’s Cabaret in Dublin during the summer months where he was tremendously popular with millions of tourists. That 26-year residency at Jury’s was a Guinness world record for the longest running engagement of a comic. (My personal memory is of my Dad and I listening to records of Hal Roach and the two of us collapsing in laughter.) To help you remember Hal, click here for a [YouTube video](#). He was a true and gentle wit and a goodwill ambassador for Ireland.

Speaking of Irish Wit(s) - when I was kid – there were 2 TV shows that we watched cuz my Mom & Dad loved them! – “Lawrence Welk” (not a word from any of you!) and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen’s “Life Is Worth Living”. Bishop Sheen was an Irish Catholic boy born in the teeny town of El Paso, ILLINOIS! His weekly program was typical of a religious show- full of good news, good thoughts and of course Points to Ponder. But ah... his gentle and funny Irish humor was truly a thing to behold – check it out....



- “Hearing a nun’s confession is like being stoned to death with popcorn.”
- A heckler asked Bishop Sheen a question about someone who had died. The Bishop replied, “I will ask him when I get to heaven.” The heckler replied, “What if he isn’t in Heaven?” The Bishop replied, “Well then you ask him.”
- Another man told Bishop Sheen he did not believe in hell. The Bishop replied, “You will when you get there.”

The St. Patrick's Festival

You read Sonya's "President's Letter" about how hard our IAS Volunteers worked at this past festival, and I wish I could say that I was there and had some current photos of the crew – but unfortunately, I was one of the "home sickies". But not to be defeated here is a photo of some of our workers from an earlier festival. ALSO, I had sent an email asking for some help in getting the NEW IAS cart to the festival. The top photo shows our IAS tent – and also the old IAS Cart both Jim Bandeleane's creations.



Kathryn O'Meara, Colleen Callahan, Pat Manderson, Sonya Moore, Gloria Cahen, Jim Bandeleane – Front - The Old Cart and Dan Begley (Circa 2007)

Now! Check it out! Here is the new improved IAS Cart. Many thanks - both to Jim B for his continued efforts for the IAS and also thanks to IAS member Bill Riddell for responding to our email request and his help with transporting the new cart to the festival.



Distribution of persons of Irish ancestry in the United States - 2010				
	Total Population	Persons of Irish Ancestry	Persons of Scotch-Irish Ancestry	% of Population of Irish or Scotch-Irish Ancestry
United States	308,745,538	34,669,616	3,257,161	12.28%
Alabama	4,779,736	467,002	84,524	11.54%
Alaska	710,231	78,413	n/a	11.04%
Arizona	6,392,017	624,091	63,933	10.76%
Arkansas	2,915,918	365,875	42,785	14.01%
California	37,253,956	2,573,023	247,530	7.57%
Colorado	5,029,196	613,526	65,306	13.50%
Connecticut	3,574,097	595,804	21,649	17.28%
Delaware	897,934	162,722	n/a	18.12%
District of Columbia	601,723	42,069	n/a	6.99%
Florida	18,801,310	1,897,126	170,880	11.00%
Georgia	9,687,653	803,004	124,186	9.57%
Hawaii	1,360,301	66,963	n/a	4.92%
Idaho	1,567,582	149,055	20,374	10.81%
Illinois	12,830,632	1,598,702	79,490	13.08%
Indiana	6,483,802	788,683	64,607	13.16%
Iowa	3,046,355	454,279	29,458	15.88%
Kansas	2,853,118	367,281	36,920	14.17%
Kentucky	4,339,367	556,305	64,781	14.31%
Louisiana	4,533,372	342,504	43,361	8.51%
Maine	1,328,361	232,022	23,517	19.24%
Maryland	5,773,552	683,240	48,599	12.68%
Massachusetts	6,547,629	1,521,511	47,384	23.96%
Michigan	9,883,640	1,151,178	78,830	12.44%
Minnesota	5,303,925	582,386	30,415	11.55%
Mississippi	2,967,297	263,081	49,068	10.52%
Missouri	5,988,927	830,534	74,137	15.11%
Montana	989,415	150,609	n/a	15.22%
Nebraska	1,826,341	256,551	n/a	14.05%
Nevada	2,700,551	264,554	23,195	10.66%
New Hampshire	1,316,470	282,668	n/a	21.47%
New Jersey	8,791,894	1,335,209	39,116	15.63%
New Mexico	2,059,179	156,493	20,856	8.61%
New York	19,378,102	2,509,092	75,137	13.34%
North Carolina	9,535,483	869,820	274,149	12.00%
North Dakota	672,591	53,647	n/a	7.98%
Ohio	11,536,504	1,625,166	123,572	15.16%
Oklahoma	3,751,351	473,623	45,458	13.84%
Oregon	3,831,074	484,663	60,535	14.23%
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	2,207,704	163,836	18.67%
Rhode Island	1,052,567	202,662	n/a	19.25%
South Carolina	4,625,364	449,705	113,008	12.17%
South Dakota	814,180	84,298	n/a	10.35%
Tennessee	6,346,105	707,732	153,073	13.56%
Texas	25,145,561	1,886,844	287,393	8.65%
Utah	2,763,885	166,102	20,223	6.74%
Vermont	625,741	109,485	n/a	17.50%
Virginia	8,001,024	804,331	140,769	11.81%
Washington	6,724,540	785,664	93,747	13.08%
West Virginia	1,852,994	267,713	42,211	16.73%
Wisconsin	5,686,986	651,840	26,564	11.93%
Wyoming	563,626	75,865	n/a	13.46%

"n/a" indicates that data is not available.

Source: US Census Bureau - 2010 American Community Survey

An Irish Travel Tip - Scampi can have a different meaning in parts of Ireland. Most assume it refers to shrimp cooked in butter and herbs. Per a travel website, "We saw scampi on the menu in a restaurant and asked for it, but they were out. We returned a few nights later and, oh joy, they had it. But, it arrived shaped more like a pack of gum than a shrimp. It proved to be a fish stick. They were fine, as fish sticks go, just not an adequate substitute for shrimp when your mouth is set on it. The waitress confirmed that scampi meant "fish fingers" there. The Irish couple next to us said that they always thought it meant shrimp too. The lesson is to look for "shrimp scampi" or ask what the waiter believes scampi to be.

Surviving Driving in Ireland

By Rick Steves <http://www.ricksteves.com>



Don't let the curvy narrow roads throw you for a loop! When you're traveling with three or more, as we did in south Ireland, renting a car is the best way to experience Ireland's far-flung rural charms. Providing you're over 25 (younger drivers typically pay stiff premiums) and younger than 75 (Ireland's maximum age limit for renting), all you need is your US driver's license, and you're ready to roll.

Here are some tips for smooth cruising: Touring Ireland by car is cheapest if you arrange in advance from home. Call various companies, look online, or arrange a rental through your hometown travel agent, who can help you out if anything goes wrong during your trip. Rent by the week with unlimited mileage. You can pick up and drop off just about anywhere, anytime.

On an all-Ireland trip, you can drive your rental car from the Republic of Ireland into Northern Ireland, but be aware of drop-off charges if you drop it off in the North. You'll pay a smaller drop-off charge for picking up the car at one place and dropping it off at another within the same country (even picking up in downtown Dublin and dropping off at Dublin Airport). If you pick up the car in a smaller city, you'll more likely survive your first day on the Irish roads. If you drop the car off early or keep it longer, you'll be credited or charged at a fair, pro-rated price.

Ireland competes with Portugal for the most traffic accidents in Western Europe. Buying CDW insurance (plus "super CDW") is the easier but pricier option.

Using the coverage that may come with your credit card saves money, but can involve more hassle. For peace of mind, I spring for the Collision Damage Waiver insurance (CDW), limiting my financial responsibility in case of an accident.

While each rental company has its own variation, basic CDW costs \$15–25 a day (figure roughly 25 percent extra) and reduces your liability, but does not

eliminate it. When you pick up the car, you'll be offered the chance to "buy down" the basic deductible to zero (for an additional \$10–30/day; sometimes called "super CDW").

If you opt instead for credit-card coverage (and your credit card is one of the few accepted for this type of coverage in Ireland), there's a catch. You'll technically have to decline all coverage offered by the car-rental company, which means they can place a hold on your card for the full deductible amount. In case of damage, it can be time-consuming to resolve the charges with your credit-card company. Before you decide on this option, quiz your credit-card company about how it works and ask them to explain the worst-case scenario.

Driving in Ireland is basically wonderful — once you remember to stay on the left and after you've mastered the roundabouts. Don't let a roundabout spook you. After all, you routinely merge into much faster traffic on American highways back home. The traffic in a roundabout has the right-of-way; entering traffic yields (look to your right as you merge). It helps to remember that the driver is always in the center of the road.

But be warned: Every year I get a few cards from traveling readers advising me that, for them, trying to drive Ireland was a nerve-racking and regrettable mistake. If you want to get a little slack on the roads, drop by a gas station or auto shop and buy a red "L" (new driver with license) sign to put in your window. An Irish Automobile Association membership comes with most rentals. Understand its towing and emergency-road-service benefits.

Irish Law requires seat belts. Speed limits are 50 kilometers per hour (roughly 30 miles per hour) in towns, 80 kph (approximately 50 mph) on rural roads (such as R-257, R-600, etc.), 100 kph (about 60 mph) on national roads (N-8, N-30, and so on), and 120 kph (roughly 75 mph) on motorways (M-1, M-50, etc.). Some sections of the M-50 ring road near Dublin carry a small toll (best paid electronically ahead of time with E-flow pass, easy to get at Dublin Airport).

Car travel in Ireland isn't fast. Plan your itinerary estimating an average speed of 40 mph (1 km per minute). Give your itinerary a reality check by finding distances and driving times between towns online.

Note that road-surveillance cameras strictly enforce speed limits. Any driver (including foreigners renting cars) photographed speeding will get a nasty bill in the mail. (Cameras — you'll see the foreboding gray boxes — flash on your rear license plate in order not to invade the privacy of anyone sharing the front seat with someone they shouldn't be with.)

Parking is confusing. One yellow line marked on the pavement means no parking Monday through Saturday during business hours. Double yellow lines mean no parking at any time. Broken yellow lines mean short stops are OK, but you should always look for explicit signs or ask a passerby.

Even in small towns, rather than fight it, I just pull into the most central "disk" or "pay-and-display lot" I can find. Disks can be bought at nearby shops. You buy one disk for each hour you want to stay. Scratch off the time you arrived on the disk and put it on your dashboard. I keep a bag of coins in the ashtray for meter/voucher machines (no change given for large coins). These modern pay-and-display machines are solar-powered and placed regularly along the street (about six feet tall, look for blue circle with white letter P). Signs along the street will state whether parking disc or pay-and-display laws are in effect for that area.

Study your map before taking off. The Complete Road Atlas of Ireland by Ordnance Survey (handy ring-binder style, 1:210,000 scale) is the best Irish road map, and includes translations of Irish place names on the last pages. It covers every road your car can wedge onto. Flipping to the next page of an atlas is easier to manage in a cramped front seat than wrestling with a large, ungainly folding map. Buy the atlas at the first TI or gas station you come to.

The best thing about driving in Ireland is stopping and talking to locals. On the Dingle peninsula, I asked an Irishman, "Were you born here?" He thought for a second and said, "No, it was about six miles down the road." When I told him where I was from, a faraway smile filled his eyes, and he looked out to sea and sighed, "Ah, the shores of Americay." I asked him if he'd lived here all his life. He said, "Not yet."

Quotes About the Irish – From the Movies

- “**There's** only one thing worse than being Irish and that's not being Irish." The Fabulous Dorsey's (1947)
- “**It** will come to you, this love of the land. There's no getting away from it if you're Irish." Gone With the Wind (1939)
- “**In** order to find his equal, an Irishman is forced to talk to God.” Braveheart (1995)
- “**Ah**, yes... I knew your people, Sean. Your grandfather; he died in Australia, in a penal colony. And your father, he was a good man too. The Quiet Man (1952)



Battle of the Irish Whiskey

Wine Lovers Weekend 2011



1st place - Jameson Redbreast

2nd place - Clontarf Classic Blend

3rd place - Tullamore Dew

WHISKEY NEWS - Sales of Irish whiskey globally have soared in recent years with 4.86 million cases sold in 2010.

In December 2011, US spirits company Jim Beam announced the purchase of Cooley Distillery in Co. Louth, for the not too shabby sum of \$95 million. Among the Cooley Irish Whiskey bands are Tyrconnell, Connemara, and Greenore. And the purchase also includes **the Old Kilbeggan Distillery** in Kilbeggan Co., Westmeath that opened in 1757 making it the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world. You can click on that link to “tour” the Kilbeggan site – great photos and fun information.

Bushmills – To quell any controversy about the title of the “oldest” - it is true that in 1608 – King James I granted Sir Thomas Phillips a royal license to distill ‘uisce beatha’, the Gaelic for ‘water of life’, or whiskey as we know it today, in ‘the territory of the Rowte’ in Co. Antrim. This is the first official recorded evidence of whiskey making in the area that was to become Bushmills. However, it wasn’t until 1784 that Old Bushmills Distillery is officially registered as a company and the pot still becomes its trademark.

Tullamore Dew is the world's second largest and fastest growing Irish whiskey, selling almost 8.5 million bottles worldwide in 2011. The whiskey distillery was founded in Tullamore, Co Offaly, in 1829, and the name derived from the initials of the manager, Daniel E. Williams or D.E.W.


Jameson Irish Whiskey is the second most stolen item from stores in America according to **Ad Week**.

Whew! After all that research - I feel I could use a wee bit of uisce beatha myself! Click on the Whiskey names to visit their website - for historical purposes – of course

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April 7th Noon SATURDAY IAS Meeting Program Tuckahoe Library	To commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic –The meeting will focus on The Titanic and the Tragic Irish Connection 
April 14th Lexington VA Scots Irish Festival	Nestled at the head of the historically vital Shenandoah Valley, Lexington is perhaps the perfect spot for a Scots Irish Heritage Festival. Many of the original settlers in the Valley were the early Scots Irish pioneers,. Contact Celtic Tides for information - info@celtictides.com 540.464.6545 Toll Free - 877.CELTIC2 (877.235.8422, http://www.lexcelts.com/events.php
April 15th Sunday 7 pm	IAS Board Meeting – open to all members. Please contact Sonya for directions. Call any Board member to share ideas, suggestions, etc. 804-272-4138 sonyasmoore@comcast.net
***** April 21st Sat. PUB Supper Legends Brewery *****	Join your IAS Friends at Legends Brewery http://www.legendbrewing.com/index.asp at 321 W. 7 th Street in Richmond. (804-232-3446) – While not an “Irish Pub” – it is a great local place with good food – not too expensive – and a wide selection of beer and ales for those who wish. MEET AT 5:00 IF YOU CAN – OR COME WHEN YOU ARE ABLE – WE JUST WANT YOU THERE! A nice night might find us enjoying ourselves on the patio. Contact Mary Smith - 804-746-8173 or mailto:maryrrf@yahoo.com with the number in your party - so that we and Legends can plan our seating accordingly. Come get to know each other better!
May 12th Saturday Ft. Lee. VA Celtic Festival.	Ft Lee Celtic Festival 2012 Ft Lee, VA (Petersburg area) - Fort Lee Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) presents the Celtic Festival on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Hide Away. The Hide Away is located on 5th Street, Bldg. 15013. The festival is free and open to the public. The festival opens at 10 a.m. with authentic Celtic food, music, vendors and more. FMWR's Kid Zone, inflatable rides and games for kids will also be there. For Additional information - See http://www.leemwr.com/celticfestival.htm
May 30 – WED Charlottesville RIVERDANCE	John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville VA on May 30, 2012 7:30 pm - for one night only! Few shows have touched audiences like RIVERDANCE, the Original International Phenomenon, now on its FAREWELL TOUR. Groups of 15+ - \$5.00 Off All Tickets!
June Date TBA	IAS Summer Picnic. More Details in the May Issue.

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