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MAY 2014

The Richmond Irish American Society

**IAS President Gloria Cahen
June 9, 1934- April 20, 2014
...Farewell Dear Friend...**



We say goodbye to our good friend Gloria, with this photo of her receiving the 2011 President's Award. It was a grand selection because Gloria was a staunch supporter of the Irish American Society and other Celtic groups in the Richmond area for **MANY** years. There were never enough ways to thank her for her efforts and enthusiastic support of our group.

When I first joined the IAS, I recall the wonderful Christmas Parties that Gloria hosted at her home. I can still see the groups of members around the piano singing Christmas Carols – with Gloria's wonderful soprano voice leading the way. I've heard the stories of Gloria manning the IAS card table by herself (in the early days we didn't have the great modular booth set up that we use now.) Many of our current members were brought into our membership through Gloria's efforts.

Gloria was the daughter of the late William Morgan Jones and Marion Clarke Jones. She is survived by her devoted son, Roland E. Creasy, daughter, Dr. Beverly G. Creasy, son-in-law, Stephen T. McKnight, her stepdaughter, Denise M. Cahen, and her best friend of over 60 years, Jean Pleasants and all her animals.

Gloria graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, School of Radiologic Technology and was employed in that profession until her retirement from Chippenham Hospital. She sang with the Richmond Opera Group, the Richmond Choral Society, the Sweet Adeline's and the choir of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

Gloria currently served as our IAS president, and she had also previously served as secretary. Gloria was also an avid baseball fan and loved the Richmond

Flying Squirrels, who gave her a scoreboard salute at their game on April 25th.

A memorial service will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at The Gayton Kirk, 11421 Gayton Rd, Henrico, VA 23238**. It is 1.6 miles from the intersection of Gayton & Gaskins at Gayton Crossing Shopping Center

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the [Hanover Humane Society](#), P.O. Box 1011, Ashland, VA 23005.

It was Gloria's wish that following the service, friends gather at O'Toole's at 4800 Forest Hill Ave. for a traditional "Parting Glass".

For directions to the service click on the link below.

<https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=11421+Gayton+Rd,+Henrico,+VA+23238&ie=UTF-8&ei=kmxcU43KDZDmsAS37YGgAg&ved=0CAgQAUoAQ>

We are hopeful that our IAS members will join us at the Memorial Service and then at O'Toole's afterward. Join us with your memories and affectionate thoughts for our dear friend.

The Parting Glass - Irish Traditional

Oh all the time that e'er I spent,
I spent it in good company;
And any harm that e'er I've done,
I trust it was to none but me;
May those I've loved through all the years
Have memories now they'll e'er recall;
So fill me to the parting glass,
Goodnight, and joy be with you all.
Oh all the comrades that e'er I had,
Are sorry for my going away;
And all the loved ones that e'er I had
Would wish me one more day to stay.
But since it falls unto my lot
That I should leave and you should not,
I'll gently rise and I'll softly call
Goodnight, and joy be with you all.
Of all good times that e'er we shared,
I leave to you fond memory;
And for all the friendship that e'er we had
I ask you to remember me;
And when you sit and stories tell,
I'll be with you and help recall;
So fill to me the parting glass,
God bless, and joy be with you all.

May 17 - IAS Program

ANCESTRY TRACING WITH DNA

O'Tooles Restaurant – 2-4 pm

4800 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond VA 23225

**“Your DNA Is What Makes You Who You Are.
Can It Help You Find Your Ancestors?”**

Guest Speaker – David Joyce

Have you ever wondered about the origins of your family or tried to create a family tree? Just a few years ago, researching your family might mean lots of legwork. You might have to visit graveyards, libraries and courthouses in several towns. Then, you'd search through records to match up names and fill in gaps. The process, while rewarding, is daunting.

Science and technology have made it easier to get an idea about your origins. True genealogical research still takes work, but you might not have to travel quite as much to get the same results. Many towns have begun to make their records available online. And if that's not enough, dozens of companies now offer to examine your DNA to help you learn more about your ancestry.

Humans share about 99.9 percent of the same sequence of DNA. Only about 0.1 percent of the sequence is different among various groups of humans. Regional populations of humans tend to share many of the same genetic markers. By comparing your DNA to a database filled with other subjects' DNA sequences, genetic testing companies can give you an idea of where your ancestors came from.

****PLEASE NOTE**** Denis Maguire has arranged this program with David and to complement the presentation – **Denis is bringing information regarding Irish Census data from 1901 – 1911.**

IAS TO VISIT THE IRISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON DC***

ON MAY 10TH

If you are one of the Attendees - **meet at 7:30 am** at the Parham Park & Ride near the 64 & Parham interchange at North Parham Road & Fordson Rd Henrico, VA 23229.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!

We plan to be back in Richmond by around 4pm. Any questions, please call Dan Begley at 804-410-5631 or <mailto:dbegley55@hotmail.com>

Click on the link below for a map to the parking area. It is on Fordson just off Parham and is the blue square on the map

[Map of Park & Go Location](#)

PLAN AHEAD

**Mark your Calendar
For Sunday – June 1ST
Starts at 1 pm**

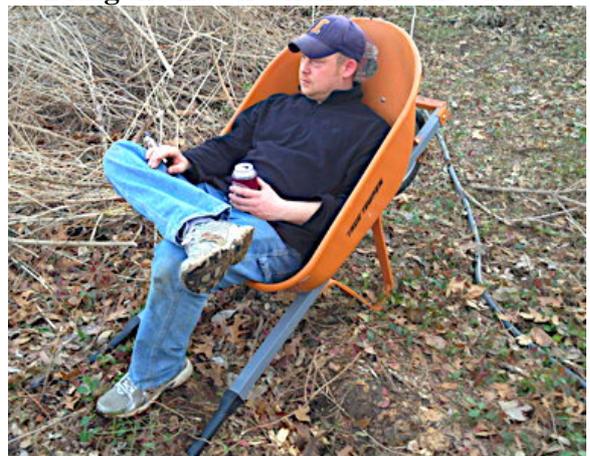
The Famous Annual IAS Picnic: The festivities are at Pat and Helen Burke's beautiful and historic farm in Amelia. This event is open to and free for all our active IAS members. Burgers, hot dogs and condiments are provided, but you are asked to please bring a **side dish or dessert to share, beverages for you and yours, and your own lawn chairs.** This is a wonderful way to get to know the other members, and it's a beautiful country setting and always one of our big turnout events. It is an easy drive from Richmond so worth the ride!

Picnic Driving Directions: Go west on Rt. 360 (Hull St. Road towards Amelia VA 5 miles past the Appomattox River (which separates Chesterfield & Amelia Counties), turn left at Route 627 (Cheatham's Rd.). As you make the “S” shaped turn, you'll see “The Salvage Shed” store on the opposite side of Rt. 360: go eight-tenths of a mile on Cheatham's Road. Go about 3/4 of a mile down Cheatham's (627) and the picnic is at the two-story white house on the left. The number, 9943, is on the mailbox. Karon Bell's cell phone is 804-982-7835

Remember-----

**Chairs, Dish to Pass, Own Beverages
And, of course ...**

Bring the Lawn Chair of Your Choice

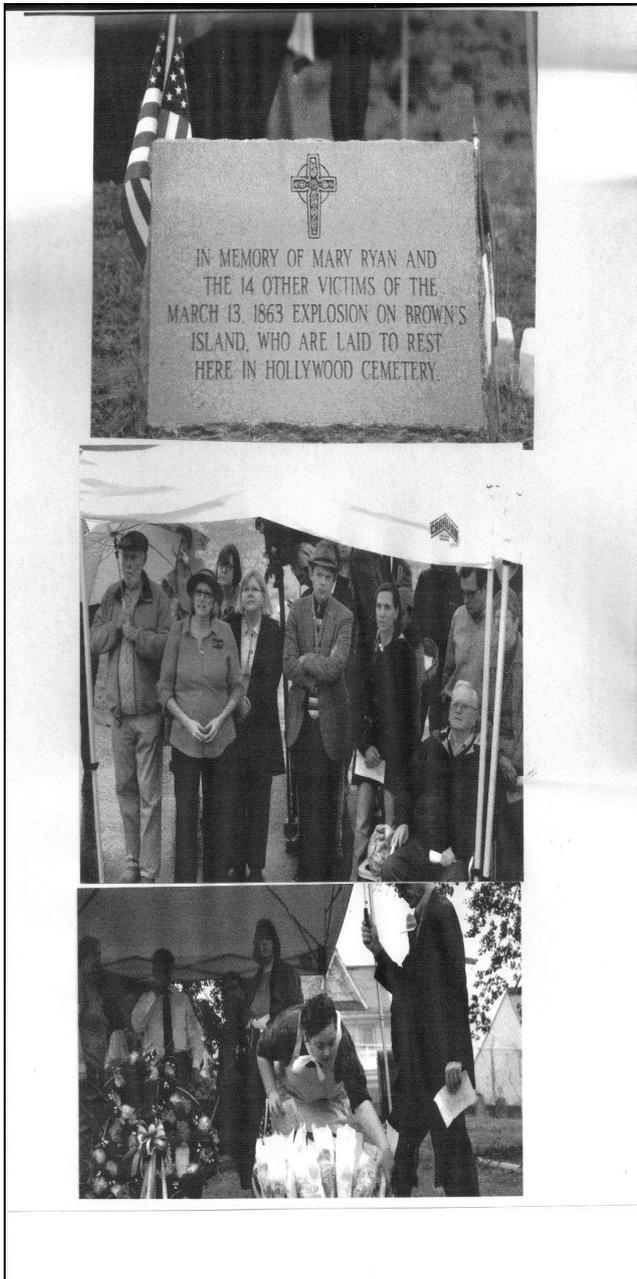


Is this even possible? (American Digest.org)

**PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO BUSY SCHEDULES
AND IAS EVENTS, THE JUNE PUB
SUPPER/LUNCH/BRUNCH WILL BE
CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF THE PICNIC!
WE'LL PICK UP IN JULY....**

****SEE YOU IN AMELIA AT THE PICNIC!****

**Scenes From The Dedication Of The
Richmond IAS Memorial
For The Brown's Island Explosion Victims.**



I do apologize for the appearance of these photos. I scanned them at home, but could not get them to transfer very well. You can see them and more photos from the event on the IAS website, by clicking on this link –

<http://www.rvairish.com/-!mary-ryan-memorial/c9za>

The Honored victims are:

- Mary Ryan (18)
- Mary Archer (12)
- Mary Blessingham (12)
- Robert Chaple (15)
- Delia Clemens (20)
- Sara Foster (13)
- Mary Anne Garnett (13)
- Sarah Haney (age unknown)
- Barbara Jackson (16)
- Sarah Marshall (67)
- Elizabeth Moore (15)
- Annie (Hannah) Peddicord (age unknown)
- Eliza Willis (10)
- Elizabeth Young (33)
- John Woodcock (63)

This was a big task for the Richmond Irish to undertake and we are all very grateful for the outstanding efforts of Karon Bell, Ann McGehee and Kathryn O'Meara for their determination and work to bring memorialize these victims. This was a truly great effort accomplished with outstanding results. Thank you so much.

The IAS would also like to publicly thank the following members and friends for their efforts in assisting to bring the project to completion.

We especially thank IAS Members Bill Riddell and his daughter Lainey, who became our Mary Ryan. Lainey and Kathryn O'Meara appeared on Local Channel 6 to promote the service and did a great job.

Also, our deepest thanks go to Kelly Kennedy for her participation in the program and for her presentation of the Irish and American National Anthems.

Our thanks also go to Father James Begley for blessing the monument and the victims. Also, many thanks go to Daniel Ripley of the St. Andrew's Pipes & Drums Legion for providing the music for the ceremony. Thank you also for all of members who attended in the rain. It has come back to us that the remark was made that it wasn't rain - but rather Irish tears.

For More Photos – click on this link

<http://www.rvairish.com/-!mary-ryan-memorial/c9za>

See our IAS Members on Channel 6 talking about the presentation – just click on this link.

<http://wtvr.com/2014/03/28/irish-american-society/>

IRISH HEROES



Fr. Edward Flanagan, a Catholic priest born in Roscommon in 1886 came to the US in 1904. On December 12th, 1917 the 31-year-old Irish priest, opened the doors to a home for troubled and neglected children, and six boys entered to seek a better life. Flanagan, who previously ran the Workingmen's Hotel, a haven for down-and-out workers in Omaha, understood that mistreated or orphaned children were at high risk of turning to delinquency and crime in later years. The Omaha orphanage was originally called Boys Home.

The location of what would become known as "Boys Town" rapidly filled up with the arrival of additional children. Many were sent by local courts, others were referred to the home by citizens, and some wandered off the streets and through the home's unlocked doors on their own accord. In the spring of 1918, no space was left so Father Flanagan, assisted by sympathetic citizens, moved Boys Town to a building 10 times the size on the other side of town. The vacant building was the German-American Home, which, with the U.S. declaration of war against Germany in April 1917, had become the most despised building in the city.

Within months Boys Town had soared to more than 100 boys, and a school was established that later grew into an institution with a grade school, a high school, and a career vocational center. Before the new building was four years old, more than 1,300 neglected boys from 17 states had passed through Boys Town. In 1921, Boys Town expanded again with the financial assistance of the people of Omaha, this time to a farm 10 miles west of Omaha. The institution remains at this site today and has changed its name to "Girls and Boys Town" to reflect its co-ed enrollment

Fr. Flanagan died in Germany in 1948 while touring Europe at the request of President Truman to investigate the situation of orphaned children following WWII. Flanagan was buried in the chapel at Boys Town.

Bridget Grimes Memorial Brown's Island Victim

On June 7th, the Richmond Chapter of The Order of the Confederate Rose will dedicate a memorial to another unrecognized victim of the Brown's Island Explosion. Bridget was born in Co. Galway in 1849 and died at the age of 14 - ten days after the explosion.

Services are scheduled at 11:30 at Cavalry Cemetery, 1400 S Randolph St, Richmond, VA 23220 For more information on the organization or for any questions, contact information is listed here.

Website - <http://www.confederaterose.org/>

Chapter Contact: Paula Meador dixiecats1121@cox.net

Hopefully, here is some fun for you! This list covers films shot, or partly shot, in Ireland, but which are not set there. **If** I could find them, I put in some links and they should all work if you would like to see the particular location in Ireland. It's interesting, historical and often so very pretty.

- **Braveheart** (1995; set in Scotland but almost entirely filmed in Ireland; [Trim Castle](#) used as Carlisle)
- **Educating Rita** (1983; set in Liverpool. University scenes were shot in Dublin's Trinity College)
- **Excalibur** (1981; entire movie shot in Ireland, including scene at [Powerscourt Waterfall](#))
- **Far and Away** 1992; While some scenes are actually based in Ireland - [Ventry Co., Kerry](#) --the Boston street scenes were filmed in Dublin's Temple Bar area
- **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** (2009); filmed at [The Cliffs of Moher](#)
- **The Italian Job** (1969; jail scenes filmed in [Kilmainham Gaol-Dublin](#) funeral scene at Cruagh Graveyard near Rockbrook in the foothills of the Dublin Mountains)
- **Moby Dick** (1956; filmed in [Youghal, County Cork](#))
- **The Princess Bride** (1987; The Cliffs of Insanity scenes filmed at [The Cliffs of Moher](#), County Clare)
- **Reign of Fire** (2002; entire movie, includes scenes shot at [Wicklow Gap \(images\)](#) and Poolbeg Generating Station)
- **Saving Private Ryan** (1998; beach scenes filmed in County Wexford at [Curracloe Beach](#) (be sure to page down to see photos))
- **The Spy Who Came In From The Cold** (1965; Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie scenes filmed at Smithfield, Dublin)

Please see the list of Irish/Celtic Festivals on the Calendar on the last page of the newsletter.



EMERALD ISLE CAKE -

9-12 Servings Prep: 20 min. Bake: 40 min.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2-cup butter, softened
- 1-cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1-teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2-teaspoon salt
- 1/2-cup milk

GLAZE:

- 1-cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 to 2 tablespoons milk *or* **Irish Whiskey**
- Green food coloring, optional
- Slivered almonds, optional

DIRECTIONS:

In a small bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with the milk. Beat until smooth.

Spread into a greased 9-in. square-baking pan. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean.

For glaze, combine confectioners' sugar and milk or whiskey until smooth and fairly thin. If desired, stir in 1 to 2 drops food coloring. Spread glaze over warm cake. Sprinkle with almonds if desired
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PS. My computer keeps trying to tell me that Irish Whiskey is spelled without the “e”. But I knew better... Remember this from an earlier newsletter?

“There are two correct ways to spell it: Whiskey and Whisky. **Whiskey** refers to whiskeys distilled in Ireland and the United States. **Whisky**, on the other hand, is generally used for whiskies distilled in Scotland, Wales, Canada, Japan and other countries.

“Silly Spell-Check!” 😊

BELOW IS A LIST OF WAYS TO WIN AN ARGUMENT WITH AN IRISH WOMAN

SILLY LITTLE IRISH GIRL

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Silly Little Irish Girl



IAS Guys.

**This is For Your Continued Education
Feel Free to Clip and Share**

(From Silly Little Irish Girl Facebook Page)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR IRISH MOMS



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – IRISH FUN IS COMING UP!!
CHECK OUT ALL THE WAYS TO ENJOY YOUR IRISH HERITAGE!**

Click on the links for more Information.

May 2nd	Memorial Service for Gloria Cahen – See Newsletter for Details
May 10th	IAS Bus trip to Irish Embassy in Washington DC. See Newsletter for Info & Map to Parking
May 12th	IAS Board Meeting – 7pm at O’Tooles All members are invited to bring ideas & suggestions. 4800 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond, VA 23225
May 17th	IAS Program – Irish Genealogy Program See Newsletter for Details
May 31st	IAS Community Outreach at the Crossings at Bon Air – Call Karon Bell if you’d like to help out. 804-982-7835
June 1st	IAS Picnic – The Burke’s Farm in Amelia – See Newsletter for Details
June 7th 11:30	Cavalry Cemetery – Dedication of Bridget Grimes Memorial – Brown’s Island Victim
June 21st	Skate Nation – Jeremy’s Game - See Newsletter for Details
July 11-12 Annapolis MD	Annapolis Irish Festival , - Traditional Celtic Music, Celtic Rock Bands, 3 Stages of Entertainment, Workshops and Exhibits, Massive Children’s Area More Info Coming
August 9th	Ballyshanners Irish Festival - Alexandria, VA
Sep 5 – 7	Pittsburgh Irish Festival – Pittsburgh PA – (Been to this one – its great)
Sep 12-14	Indy Irish Festival - Indianapolis, IN – (Also a great time!)



TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSIONS IN RICHMOND:

IAS members Bill & Denise Donovan joined us at the Pub Luncheon on Sunday and raved about the Irish Sessions at Rosie’s and at Ashland Coffee & Tea. They have attended both and are big fans. Would be nice to see a good Irish turnout for them.

*****2nd & 4th Wednesday every month – start 7:30 or so.**

Rosie Connolly’s, 1548 E Main St, Richmond, VA 23219

I believe that Bernard told me that this is **NOT** an Open Session... but it is very enjoyable, as you will see by the video! Click on this link to see a video. I was able to spot our members Bernard Farrell and Kelly Kennedy. Looks to be so much fun! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H80CFWxL9uY>

******1st & 3rd Saturday every month – starts at 10 am – till 1:00 pm**

Ashland Coffee & Tea, 100 N. Railroad Avenue, Ashland, VA 23005, Phone: 804 798-1702

Old-Time & Irish Jam – Celebrating the music of the Irish, Appalachia **THIS IS AN OPEN SESSION.**

Click on the link below to listen to Si Bheag Si Mhor – it’s a haunting piece by the blind 18th century Irish harpist, Turlough O’Carolan. This arrangement for mandolin is by Mark Robertson Tessi. I found the link on the Ashland Website. O’Carolan’s music is said to have been an influence in the writing of the Star Spangled Banner... but that’s not the tune in the video. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DH785K9r2YI>