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## The Newsletter of The Irish Club of Alaska

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### November Irish Club Event – Lunch with Our Friends at Bean's Café

We are currently collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for Bean's Café (see the suggested list below). Then on **Sunday, November 10**, at 12:30 pm, some of us will help serve lunch while those who are able will share traditional music and maybe lead a sing-a-long for the staff and guests.

We need for all the Irish Club musicians, members, and friends who can do so to join us in celebrating our Irish heritage at this lunch. If you're helping serve the food, Bean's asks that you show up at 12:30 pm to sign in and get on the appropriate gear. As a reminder, this is a commercial kitchen. You will need to dress appropriately: no open-toed shoes, shorts above the knee, or dangly jewelry.

Please send an email to the ICA address ([irishclubak@gmail.com](mailto:irishclubak@gmail.com)) or leave a text/voice message for Kate (907-570-7391) if you will be participating in this uniquely Alaskan Ceilí (a gathering with food, music, and dancing). **We need to let Bean's know how many of us will be there, so please sign up today.**

#### Bean's Café Wish List

Please note: for non food donations, they do not accept soaps, shampoos, conditioners, razors, or mouthwash.

canned vegetables	canned fruit	oatmeal	canned tuna
canned tomato products	dry cereal	paper towels	toilet paper
coffee, tea, hot cocoa	cooking oil	spices in bulk sizes	socks
gloves	snack items (granola bars, fruit snacks, chips, etc.)		
over-the counter medications: Tums, vitamins, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.			



**Gerard McDonnell** 11th ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL FUND CEILI AND AWARD PRESENTATION

PERFORMING ARTS | LITERATURE | MUSIC | VISUAL ARTS | DANCE | CELTIC HERITAGE

**Live Music | Dance Performances | Door Prizes**

Join us for the final Gerard McDonnell Memorial Fund's evening of awards, music and performance. Celebrate the outstanding youth in our community and their ongoing pursuit of Celtic heritage through the arts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [WWW.ALASKACEF.ORG](http://WWW.ALASKACEF.ORG)

**2019 Saturday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 7-11pm**

**The Gerard McDonnell Memorial Fund Award and Ceili is a FREE event.**

**Location | 49th State Brewing Co. | Heritage Theater**  
717 W 3rd Ave. Anchorage | No-Host bar | Meal service available

## Save the date...

### St. Andrew's Night & Christmas Ceilidh

By Joan Massart-Paden

The Alaskan Scottish Club celebrates St. Andrew's Night with a ceilidh, scheduled for Saturday November 30th. Come enjoy Scottish music, (including piping), and a Christmas-themed silent auction (get those presents checked off the list). For our brae laddies, don't forget the infamous Knobby Knees contest. Dress up in your Christmas attire and come hang out with your fellow Scottish Club members. We are looking for silent auction items. So, if you have silent auction donations or would like to help with the event, contact Joan at 229-0022.

Each year in Edinburgh, Scotland, St Andrew's Day will see the Grassmarket taken over by Scottish musical talent, including performances from popular folks. This year, Annasach Ceilidh Band invites you to an informal celebration in the hidden gem of Edinburgh's old

town, The Counting House. Dancing, drinking and a wee dram of Famous Grouse as well as a buffet supper will make that event memorable.

Also, storytelling is a huge part of Scottish culture and tradition, so head to the Scottish Storytelling Centre for folklore and family tales and traditional Scottish music and workshops. If you've got more of a penchant for ceilidh dancing, there's an array of sprightly options – whether you want to brave an outdoor ceilidh, try out a ceilidh in silent disco mode, or attempt a record-breaking Strip the Willow with hundreds of others.



## Help Us Honor Our Founders

The Irish Club web site now has a Founders Page

<http://www.irishalaska.org/founders-page.html>

On this page we plan to have photos and short biographies of all those who organized the Irish American Claddagh Society in 1985 and kept it a strong presence in Anchorage throughout the years.

If you knew one of our founding members, please send your reminiscences (and photos) to the Irish Club's email or U.S. Postal Service address.

## Irish Cooking Class and Holiday Tea

Watch for the invitation to this special Irish Club of Alaska and First Congregational Church event on Saturday, December 7. You must R.S.V.P. to participate, and space is limited. Details will appear in your email box or your USPS mailbox soon.

From *Irish History for Dummies*, by Mike Cronin

Ch. 26 "The Ten Things the Irish Have Given the World"

p. 377, The ejector seat

Not many of us will ever have any reason so use an ejector seat, but the tale behind its invention probably strikes a chord with everyone. Sir James Martin was born in Crossgar, County Doon in 1893. He was an engineer who, by the young age of 29, had set up his own business, the Martin Baker Aircraft Company...during WWII [the company] began working on a system that would safely eject a pilot from a plane. The inspiration allegedly came to Martin when he was stuck next to a nagging woman on a flight with no means of escape. He applied the idea of firing your seat away from undesirable fellow passengers to pilot safety, and the ejector seat was born. The first model was shown to the military in 1946...By 2003, the Martin Baker ejector seat had saved the lives of 7,000 pilots around the world.

## Irish Club of Alaska Calendar

Event	Day/Time	Location
Lunch with Friends at Bean's Café	Sunday, November 10 12:30 pm	Bean's Café 1101 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.
Ger McDonnell Memorial Ceili	Saturday, November 9 7-11 pm	49 <sup>th</sup> State Brewing Co. 717 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave.
Traditional Music Seisiún (Session)	Every Thursday 7:30 pm	McGinley's Pub 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. & G St.
Song Circle	Usually the last Saturday of every month	Email ICA for place and time

For a full calendar of events and details, go to the Irish Club web site  
([www.irishalaska.org](http://www.irishalaska.org))

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