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**Quick Reminder of
Upcoming Events:**

GIA Book Club
8 February,
Contact Ruth Creamer on the
Committee for details

Speed Dating Night,
16 February, La Romana
Italian Restaurant, 19h30

Poker Classic,
26 February, Charly o'Neill's
Irish Pub, 15h00

St. Patrick's Day Celebration,
18 March, La Broche
Restaurant, 19h00

Poker Classic,
26 March, Charly o'Neill's
Irish Pub, 15h00

Children's Easter egg hunt,
9 April, Parc Beaulieu, 14h00

***St. Valentine meets the Geneva Speed Dating
Matchmaker – 16 February!***

In keeping with the theme of this time of year, the G.I.A. is organizing a Speed Dating night on Thursday 16 February and will be geared towards the G.I.A. member and friends of Ireland “singleton” population. It will be a closed event and held in the private function room of La Romana Italian restaurant (37, rue de Vermont) with doors and registration open as of 19h30. For those lonely hearts out there looking for a soul mate or someone to have a bit of fun with, then come along. Tickets will be sold **by reservation and paid in advance** – places are limited so to avoid disappointment reserve your place soon.

The cover charge to Speed is CHF 20 for non G.I.A. members / CHF 15 for G.I.A. members. This includes refreshments and free entry into our Valentine's raffle. Should you like additional information on the concept of Speed Dating or to reserve your place, call 078-898 1554 or email geneva.irish@ireland.com

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – 18 March!

As already mentioned in a previous newsletter, your G.I.A. Committee is busy making preparations for the forthcoming St. Patrick's Day celebrations here in Geneva. The venue will be La Broche restaurant on rue du Stand (with ample parking) (www.restaurantlabroche.ch). We promise to entertain you with traditional Irish music and dance; and for those who manage to hang on to some energy, dancing into the wee hours of the morning!

The evening will commence at 19h00 with an apéro followed by a 3-course set menu (see below). Beverages (other than the apéro) are not included in the price. It's a “by reservation only” event, and places are limited. Therefore, to avoid disappointment, call: 079 753 85 54, 022 739 84 54 (or leave a message), 0450 40 43 77 (or leave a message), 022 747 64 14 or email geneva.irish@ireland.com. Price: CHF 90 for non-GIA members, CHF 75 for members. Those who become G.I.A. members in the run up to the event, will of course benefit from the cheaper ticket price.

MENU

Soupe aux poireaux et pommes de terre

Salade Broche

Aiguillette de bœuf

(sauce aux morilles, Gratin Dauphinois et fricassée de courgettes)

Assiette de dégustation de desserts du Chef



Book Club Premier – 8 February!

The first night of the GIA book club will take place on Wednesday, 8 February starting at 19h00. More details from: Ruth Creamer, 022 917 78 57 (Day) +33 450 42 39 50 (evening) or email: r.creamer@ibe.unesco.org



Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 9 April!

Hey kids, guess what? Those naughty bunnys have been hiding those eggs again and the G.I.A. is calling on you to help find them again! Can you ask your mummies and daddys if you can come to the Parc Beaulieu (off rue de Vermont) on Sunday 9 April from 14h00 to 16h00 to help us find the hidden eggs - and maybe even catch some of those cheeky bunnys? Be sure to tell mummy and daddy that they have to contact the G.I.A. in advance to confirm that you will be coming - you see, we need a minimum of ten children between the ages of 2 and 12 years to participate to find all those eggs and to claim the prizes for when you find them! Maybe your mummy or daddy would also like to volunteer to help organise the hunt!

We'll be asking for a small contribution from each family.

For more information, to confirm participation and/or volunteer to help organise, contact Mairéad 078 898 15 54.



G.I.A. Series of Poker Classics in Association with Charly O'Neill's (various dates)

Following the success of our first Poker Classic last November, we have organized (in association with Charly O'Neill's Irish pub) a series of three Poker Classics, the first of which was held on Sunday, 29 January and was another roaring success.

The next sessions will take place on:

Sunday, 26 February and Sunday, 26 March – starting at 15h00.

Price to play CHF 20 non G.I.A. members and CHF 15 members. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Seven tables of seven players are needed – so to reserve your place email geneva.irish@ireland.com or dponeill@ireland.ch or call/text 079 278 48 51.



Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 27 April

As one G.I.A. committee year comes to an end, another is born – and the birthplace is of course the Annual General Meeting which this year will take place on Thursday, 27 April at the La Romana Italian Restaurant, 37 rue Vermont at 20h00. Proceedings will get underway after the obligatory happy half-hour at 19h30. The AGM provides an opportunity for members to come together to look back fondly over the activities and events of the past year, review the Association's accounts, and say a big thank you to the outgoing committee while electing and welcoming in the new. In this connection, should there be any members or friends of the G.I.A. out there who would like to offer themselves for election to the new committee, then please contact us directly and we can discuss. Email: geneva.irish@ireland.com or tel: 022 747 64 14.

Looking for a Venue to Hold Irish Dancing Classes!

Most of you are familiar with Angela Jeangros and her wonderful troop of Irish dancers who delight us every time when they take to the floor at many of our events. Regrettably, as of the end of this year, the venue at which Angela provides Irish dancing classes will no longer be available. Therefore, should anyone out there know of a suitable location which could accommodate Angela's needs, please contact the G.I.A. directly and we will forward the information accordingly. Email: geneva.irish@ireland.com

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In order to help us reduce our mailing costs for the Newsletter, we would like to be able to send it to you via email. Therefore, please send your email address to geneva.irish@ireland.com where we will add you to our mailing database for future issues. We do realize that not everybody has email, so for those we don't hear from we shall continue to send you the Newsletter by regular mail.

What a Craic Night it was !!!

The “craic” on Thursday, 19 January was mighty – bodhrán, piano, fiddle, guitar, tin whistle, dancing, singing, recitations, monologues, yarns, it was all there and what talent!! There was no stopping it - we could have stayed all night.

Brian, Daragh, Jeffrey, Jens, Kirsty and Peter played their souls out, giving us a magical variety of music and song. Angela and her dancers: Adriano, Chantal, Christine, Danielle, Mary, Mick and Patricia gave us two figures of the Cashel Set, and Mary and Patricia gave a delightful display of line dancing to “The Boys of Ballymore”. We had “Danny Boy” so beautifully sung by Sue, Michel gave us the German rendering of “It’s a long way to Tipperary, David’s monologue had everyone holding her/his breath and “As she moves through the fair” was sung by the most angelic voice.

Your committee/organisers held the flag high with Clare, Mairéad, Ruth, Rhona and Sarah all doing their bit, not to mention Mr. President on the piano, - and what wonderful audience participation, some 60 persons in all each more eager than the other to contribute, perform and share their many talents. But the star of the show was most certainly 87-year old Michael Morrissey who, holidaying here at the moment, gave a very touching rendering of “Are you lonesome tonight” and “Put your sweet lips a little closer to the phone” – it nearly brought tears to our eyes.

A great craic and fun evening definitely to be repeated.


G.I.A. Membership

The G.I.A. Committee would like to take this opportunity to say GO RAIBH MAITH AGAT to those of you who have become paid members of the G.I.A. during the 2005/2006 membership year. As we now move forward into the next membership year (which runs from April 2006 to March 2007), we invite those of you who would like become members again (or join for the first time) to pay the fee at any post office by using a blank pink bulletin de versement marking it to pay “The Geneva Irish Association, 1200 Geneve - account no. 12-10220-4”. Or even more simply, why not do it via ebanking. The fee remains unchanged – CHF 75 per couple/family, CHF 50 per individual or CHF 25 per student/au pair/retiree. Membership of the G.I.A. confers a number of benefits, not only the opportunity to participate in a wide range of regular social activities, but also the opportunity to meet with the large Irish community and other nationalities living and working in Geneva and throughout Switzerland. Remember to include your full name and address so we can contact you personally to say thank you.

Congratulations!

The G.I.A. would like to extend a warm word of congratulations to David and Nassab Ryan who had a baby girl recently named Dana.





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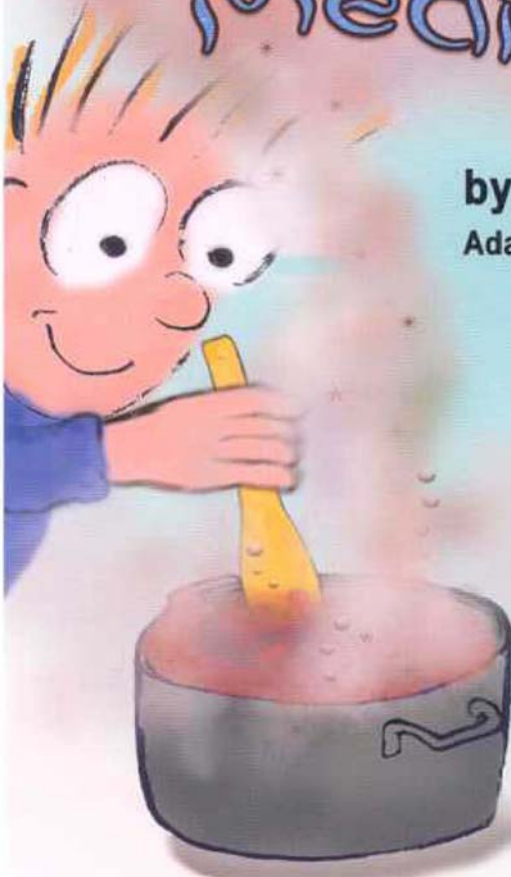
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Adapted by Stuart Paterson

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