



Emerald Isle Society of Tucson

Educating our community in Irish culture, tradition and history
Celebrating Irish music, song, dance and poetry
Donating back to the community

Who we are:

The Emerald Isle Society of Tucson is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization which was started in 1994 with the mission of celebrating and promoting Irish culture for the enjoyment and education of the Tucson community. All proceeds from Emerald Isle events go to various local Tucson charities, especially those that are under-funded within the community.

Our Events:

The Emerald Ball: Our annual signature black tie event is a cultural whirlwind of bagpipers, harpists, gourmet dining, imported Irish bands, ceili dancing, singing and Irish revelry.

Tír na nÓg: celebrates the magical Celtic New Year when participants dress up as fairies, goblins, banshees and ghosts, dance all night to traditional tunes, dine on ancient Irish fare, and ring around the autumnal bonfire in wild delight.

Saint Patrick's Day Communion Breakfast: honors the feast day of Saint Patrick in the traditional Irish manner, with a Catholic Mass and a communion breakfast.

Other events: Over the years, EIS has also sponsored traditional Bloomsday celebrations, Irish Author lecture series and Celtic history and spirituality group classes.

Our Charities:

To date*, the Emerald Isle Society has donated over **\$228,000** to the following Tucson charities:

National Alliance on Mental Illness of Southern Arizona (NAMISA)	\$71,000
Ronald McDonald House	\$25,000
The Ulster Project (Youth program promoting peace in Northern Ireland)	\$65,475
Tucson Alliance for Autism (TAAFA)	\$22,750
Irish Stepdancers of Tucson (sponsors local Irish stepdancing competitions)	\$27,250
Project YES: (Youth Envisioning Social Change)	\$ 6,500
Tucson Saint Patrick's Day Parade	\$ 4,500
Emerald Isle Society Irish Cultural Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,879
Various local organizations including the Community Food Bank, Tucson Celtic Festival, Tucson Friends of Traditional Music, ALS Association, Primavera Foundation and others	\$ 3,875

*figures represent donations as of January, 2009

We invite you to join us in experiencing the joy of Irish culture and tradition. Please visit our website at www.emeraldislesociety.org for more information.