



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

January 2018

President's Letter *By Bob Sheridan*

Dear Members,

The Board members hope everybody had a great Christmas and we wish you all a Happy, Healthy New Year!

We have experienced a very successful semester all around. Now we are embarking on the second half with some great events and activities being planned, to include St. Patrick's Day.

The most important of these is **The Trip to Ireland Raffle**. By now you should have received your Raffle Tickets for the Ireland trip, which will be drawn at the St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 17 at the Ceilidhe Club.

Our cost for the printing, mailing and prizes is about \$4000. THIS IS THE CLUB'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR. Please participate! Let us know if you need extra tickets or have not received yours. Remember the Grand Prize is the trip: Winner has choice of \$3000 cash or trip which includes a \$1500 Aer Lingus voucher, a \$1000 allocation for cottage rental and \$500 allocation for car rental. If desired, we will work with winner to design the trip. Second prize: a voucher for Cape Cod Irish Village. Third prize: Irish gift basket.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Five raffle tickets have been mailed to each membership household. If you haven't received tickets or need more, please contact me at 401-612-4433 or at bobsheridan7@gmail.com or see me at the club. Please return unused tickets for redistribution.

This is our major fundraising event for the year. Revenue generated allows your Ceilidhe Club to continue our events in order to promote Irish history, culture, as well as maintain our facility, the premier Irish Center in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,
Bob

RECURRING EVENTS



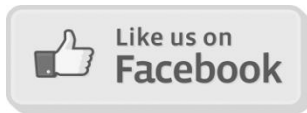
**MONDAYS
SET DANCING**
7:15-9:15 pm



**FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT**
7-11 pm



**3rd FRIDAY/MONTH
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
7 pm (Pub Night after)



Find us on Facebook at
"Irish Ceilidhe Club of RI"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Club dues are \$50 per person. Dues are renewed each April. You may mail dues to Ceilidhe Club. Thank you.

OFFICERS & BOARD

- President: Bob Sheridan
- VP: Corky McWey
- Treasurer: Robert Rambo
- Recording Secretary: Paula Dodd
- Corresponding Secretary: Maggie Lenau
- Sergeant at Arms: Mel Lynch
- Trustees: Peg Flynn, Irene O'Rourke, Kathy Greenwell, Laura Travis, Dennis Hughes

Jan. 19
General Membership Meeting - 7pm
Please attend!

CALENDAR

JANUARY

Mondays 1/8,15,22,29	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class <i>Note: Class will meet 1/15 MLK holiday</i>
Friday 1/5	7-11pm	Pub Night: Traditional Session
Wednesday 1/10	1pm	Book Club at Ceilidhe Club
Friday 1/12	7-11pm	Pub Night
Friday 1/19	7pm 7:30-11pm	General Membership Meeting Pub Night: Pub Sing with Armand & Ben
Friday 1/26	7-11pm 7:30pm	Pub Night: Music by Sean Connell 1916 Committee Lecture in hall <i>Note: More info to follow on lecture topic and presenter</i>

FEBRUARY

Friday 2/2	7-11pm	Pub Night: Traditional Irish Session with Armand Aromin & Torrin Ryan
Mondays 2/5,12,19,26	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class
Friday 2/9	7-11pm	Pub Night
Friday 2/16	7pm 7:30-11pm	General Membership Meeting Pub Night: Pub Sing with Armand & Ben
Friday 2/23	7-11pm	Pub Night

Event Details

Trip to Ireland Raffle ---- Tickets \$25 each or five for \$100

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Grand Prize: Trip to Ireland. Winner has choice of \$3,000 cash or trip which includes an Aer Lingus voucher for \$1,500, a \$1,000 allocation for cottage rental, and \$500 allocation for car rental. If desired, we will work with winner to design the trip. **Second prize:** Voucher to Cape Cod Irish Village. **Third prize:** Irish gift basket.

Club & Community News

BOOK CLUB will meet at the Celidhe Club on Wednesday, January 10, at 1pm. This month's book discussion will be on chapters 12 through the epilogue of The Year of the French by Thomas Flanagan. For more information, call Helen Flynn at 331-7614. All are welcome to this discussion.

MANY THANKS for the most generous response of club members to our Christmas "Adopt a Family" Giving Tree. The large family which benefited from our generosity was extremely grateful! Look for the "thank you" note on the lobby bulletin board. Elizabeth Hughes, who organized our participation in this project, wishes to thank all who participated. Thanks also to those who contributed food for our Christmas drive for RI Food Bank! It was greatly appreciated!

PRAYERS and good wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to club board member, Mel Lynch. Our loving thoughts and prayers are with you, Mel and Kathy.

CAPE COD CEILI XV - January 26-28, 2018. Hosted by the Northeast Ceili Band. 3 Ceili dances, Friday, Saturday & Sunday; sets workshop with Ceilidhe Club members Barry & Pat Callahan; two-hand workshop with Eileen Dugal; sean-nos workshop with Jackie O'Riley. At the newly-renovated Cape Cod Irish Village, 822 Route 28, So. Yarmouth, MA 02664. Phone 508-394-9300. For more information, go to www.capecodirishvillage.com. Also on Facebook.