



# CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

April 2018

## President's Letter *By Bob Sheridan*

Dear Members,

I am pleased to share that we had a very successful St. Patrick's month! The Corned Beef Dinner served over 70 people who all were very satisfied with the meal. The music was superb and the addition of the Irish Step Dancers really made it an overall success. The St. Patrick's Day Mass had standing room only, coupled with the Flag raising and the Mayor's citation to the club for preserving 62 years of Irish culture, delicious corned beef sandwiches and music.

Thanks to all who helped make these aforementioned events successful and to all the members who provided the desserts and breads.

The Trip to Ireland Raffle goal was exceeded; 612 raffle tickets were sold, bringing in \$12,810. Raffle expenses were approximately \$3,800 so club Earned --\$9k NET! Winners listed on page 2.

**Nota Bene:** We still do not have a slate of officers for next year. Anyone who might be interested, please contact any of the Board members. The club is in a great financial state, better than it has ever been in years with procedures and policies well engraved. Our paid membership is the largest it has ever been and increasing monthly with a current paid member number sitting at 226, far exceeding past years. A total of **39** new members added this year, attributed to our new membership drive and may be a record.

Just a reminder, that next year's dues are due in April. The dues are \$50 per person; we have already received dues by mail.

Be sure to check our events calendar for general membership meetings and events.

Sincerely,  
Bob Sheridan  
President

It is now time to renew your dues!  
Please mail your \$50 per person dues to:  
Ceilidhe Club, 50 America St, Cranston, RI 02920  
*Thank you very much!*

### RECURRING EVENTS



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



**FRIDAYS  
PUB NIGHT**  
7-11 pm



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



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### 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

**Friday, April 20**  
**General Membership Meeting - 7pm**  
*Please attend!*

### CALENDAR

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#### APRIL

Friday 4/6	7-11pm	Pub Night: <b>Traditional Irish Session</b> with Armand Aromin & Torrin Ryan
Mondays 4/2,16,23,30	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class <i>Note: No class 4/9</i>
Tuesday 4/10	1pm	Book Club
Friday 4/13	7-11pm	Pub Night
Friday 4/20	7pm 7-11pm	<b>General Membership Meeting</b> Pub Night: <b>Pub Sing</b> with Armand Aromin & Ben Gagliardi
Saturday 4/21	7pm doors open 7:30 performance	<b>Concert: Kathleen Conneely &amp; Friends</b> (details on page 2)
Friday 4/27	7-11pm 7:30pm	Pub Night: <b>Music by Sean Connell 7:30p</b> <b>1916 Committee Lecture:</b> The Good Friday Agreement of 1998 (upstairs hall)
Saturday 4/28	8-11:30pm	<b>Sixties Dance:</b> Live music by "The Sixties Band of MA"
<b>MAY</b> <i>Save the date</i>		
Saturday 5/5	7:30-10:30pm	<b>Ceili Dance:</b> Joey Abarta (details page 2)
Saturday 5/26	7pm doors open 7:30 performance	<b>Concert:</b> Gerry O'Connor & Kevin McElroy in the Pub

## Event Details

### “Trip to Ireland” Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following winners, drawn on St. Patrick’s Day:  
1<sup>st</sup> place winner of Trip to Ireland: Mike Cannon  
2<sup>nd</sup> place winner of weekend at Cape Cod Irish Village: Mike Doran, Jr.  
3<sup>rd</sup> place winners (2) of baskets of Irish liquor & goods: Richard Kelly & Ted Grouke

*Many thanks to all who participated to make this raffle a huge success!*

#### *Ceilidhe Club Concert Series*

### Saturday, April 21 - Pub Concert

Kathleen Conneely & Friends  
John Coyne and Sean Clohessy  
Whistle, Fiddle, Keyboard, Bouzouki, Vocals

Doors open 7pm, music begins 7:30pm  
Tickets at the door,  
\$20 general, \$15 Ceilidhe Club members

*Refreshments served, donations encouraged!*

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Coming in May! Save the date!

Saturday, May 26 - Pub Concert  
Gerry O’Connor & Kevin McElroy  
Fiddle, Banjo, Mandolin

Doors open 7pm, music begins 7:30pm  
Tickets at the door,  
\$20 general, \$15 Ceilidhe Club members

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Note: Gerry O’Connor will be offering a **music workshop** on Saturday afternoon, May 26. Cost \$45 per student. Details on time and location to follow.

Coming on Saturday, May 5, 7:30-10:30pm  
A CINCO de MAYO CEILI !!

Music by FoJAb (Friends of Joey Abarta)  
Admission \$15; non-dancers \$7  
Hosted by Barry & Pat Callahan; all sets called.

### Sixties Dance

**Saturday, April 28**  
**8 to 11:30pm. Doors open at 7.**

The Sixties Band from MA is returning to the Club on Saturday, April 28 from 8-11:30pm. Doors will open at 7pm. So pull out those groovy bell bottoms and flowered dresses and plan to dance the night away to your favorite 60’s tunes! Light snacks will be provided.

Admission is \$10 per person.  
Tickets available at door or may be purchased ahead by calling Maureen Murphy  
401-263-3173

#### *1916 Committee Lecture*

### The Good Friday Agreement of 1998

Friday, April 27, 7:30pm - upstairs hall  
Presenter: Marybeth Lynch

The Good Friday Agreement of 1998 is coming up on its 20 year anniversary. We will discuss the goals and terms of the agreement and how it impacted Ireland. Special attention will be given to the American input into the agreement, including President Bill Clinton and former Senator George Mitchell. Are the essential terms of the Agreement in jeopardy because of the Brexit vote? What can we as Americans do to uphold the mission of the Good Friday Agreement? Lecture is free and open to the public.

*After lecture, enjoy music by Sean Connell in pub.*

## Club News

**BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 1pm at the home of Helen Flynn, 26 Tecumseh St, Providence. This month’s discussion will be on the play “Shadow of a Gunman” by Sean O’Casey. It may be found in the book Three Plays by Sean O’Casey. For more information, call Helen at 331-7614. All are welcome to this discussion.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of club member, Rolland R. Grant, who died on April 3, and to the family of former member Josephine McGahern, who died on April 4. May they rest in peace.

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