



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

April 2024

President's Letter

Greetings from America Street:

Wow, what a month of March did we have here at the Ceilidhe Club. First let me thank everyone for their support in our annual St. Patrick's Day raffle. With all your support we set record sales with a total of \$21,925. Just an amazing success. Congratulations to Maureen Murphy on being the grand prize winner.

St. Patrick's Day weekend was also a smashing success. Thank you to all who volunteered and those who attended. It was just a fantastic weekend full of music, food and fun. A big shoutout to the kitchen crew of Glenn O'Gara, Joe McCloud, Eric Pearson and Robin Cunetta. You all worked so hard and knocked it out of the park, selling out of many items and going through 400lbs of corned beef.

Thank You the Murphy and Crowshaw families for your participation in our flag raising ceremonies, it was very touching.

Thank you to all on the board of directors for all your help and input in making that whole weekend such a success.

April looks to be full of more fun including our RED SOX tribute night Saturday April 20th with food and door donations going to the JIMMY FUND. Doors open at 4pm with a video presentation starting at 6pm. The grill will be going with dogs, burgers and sausage and pepper sandwiches available along with peanuts and popcorn.

It has been a pleasure to have been acting President since Jim's passing and I am happy to leave that acting part behind and to be your President moving forward. I see a bright future for us all at the Ceilidhe Club with the continued focus on continuing our Irish heritage through lectures, music and dance. Congratulations also to Heather Pearson and Dorothy Langford on becoming the Vice President and Corresponding Secretary respectively.

Sincerely,
Patrick Harrington, President

RECURRING EVENTS



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



**FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT**
6-12 pm



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**FRIDAY/MONTH
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
5:30 pm-6:00pm



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFICERS & BOARD

- Acting President: Patrick Harrington
- V.P.
- Treasurer: Joanne Mollica, Rose Durette
- Recording Secretary: Sara Benz
- Acting Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Langford
- Sergeant at Arms: Glenn O'Gara
- Trustees: Dennis Hughes, Maureen Murphy, Kathy Greenwell, Ann McCarthy, Heather Pearson

April

Calendar

Friday, 5th	6pm-12pm	1916 Lecture "Immigration: Then & Now" by Pat Brady & Jim McGetrick see pg. 2 Sean Connell in pub
Mondays, 1/8/15/22/29	7:15pm-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class with Barry and Pat Callahan in the upstairs hall
Friday, 4/12	6pm-12pm	Card and Game Night All are welcome
Friday 4/19	5:30pm-6:00pm 7:00pm-12pm	General Membership Meeting followed w/music by "Wet Paint" bring your dance shoes
Saturday, 4/20	4pm-doors open 6pm	20th Anniversary RED SOX tribute night Video presentation
Friday 4/26	6pm-12pm	Traditional Irish Music Session

We would like to welcome 11 new members:

Jim Edward Carr, Claire Fallon, Allison & Jeff DeVarnne, Terry Lehane, Eileen & Terrence Donnelly, Lisa Nichols, John & Cathy Gallogly and Robin Ann James.



There were Nominations on Friday, March 22nd after the General Membership meeting.

The Nominating Committee, Chairperson, Joe Greenwell, Michaela Geary, Marie Magee and Mike Canon proposed **slate of officers for the 2024/25** club year as follows:

President – Pat Harrington, **Vice President** – Heather Pearson, **Corresponding Secretary** – Dorothy Langford, **Recording Secretary**: Sara Benz, **Treasurers** – Joanne Mollica and Rose Durette and **Sergeant of Arms** – Glenn O’Gara.

All other present Trustee Board Members will remain the same: Dennis Hughes, Kathy Greenwell, Maureen Murphy, Ann McCarthy with one vacant position.

Installation of Officers and Trustees for upcoming year at our Member Appreciation Event on :

Sunday, May 5th 2024 from 3pm to 7pm with “Ireland the Band”

Hot Buffet, Desserts, tea and coffee (donations of Irish and Brown Bread are appreciated).

Free to members who are up to date on their dues (dues can be paid that day)

\$10.00 per person for non-members and Children 12 and under are free.

This is a family friendly event with some great surprises!

Reservations can be made by contacting Patrick Harrington in the Pub, Heather Pearson, and Kathy Greenwell. You can also email the Ceilidhe Club at info@irishclub.org or leave a phone message at (401) 944-3233.

40 and Under Half Price Membership Promotion

Adults who are ages 40 and under can join the Ceilidhe Club this year for a half price membership and renew their membership for half price (\$25.00).

We encourage all members to ask their family members and friends in this age group to join our fine club. We have a lot of exciting events to be planned for the upcoming year including events for families with young children. This is a great way for the Ceilidhe Club to continue promoting Irish Culture and traditions.

This is our way of appreciating and thanking our members “new and old” for being a part of our “renowned” club”. If you haven’t paid your dues for 2024/25, they can be paid on that day.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Email info@irishclub.org if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically.

CLUB EVENTS

The next lecture of the 1916 Committee will be on Friday evening, April 5th at the Ceilidhe Club, starting at 7:30 pm.

The title of our presentation is "Immigration: Then and Now". Pat Brady and Jim McGetrick will take a contrasting look at the immigration of people driven out of their native lands over the centuries. Pat will address the issues involved in Irish immigration during the Famine and post Famine years with special attention will be paid to the more than three thousand people evicted from their homes in Strokestown in 1848. Jim will look at the migration of people from Central America, Guatemala during the more recent past.

We will examine such factors as incentives for migration, political and economic causes, the nature of the journey to the new country as well as the reception at the destination.

By comparing and contrasting these two major examples of migration, it is hoped that lessons learned by the Irish generations ago, can be applied to today's situation where so many migrants are fleeing Central America for a multitude of reasons, many of which parallel the Irish immigrant experience. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session.

Also, Sean Connell will be performing in the downstairs pub as well.



Meghan Kelly will be starting her Irish Dance lessons for children and adults return to the club on Thursday, April 11th the times are still TBD pending interest, but thinking:
4:00-4:30pm Lil Beginners, ages 3-5, 4:30-5:15pm Beginners K-2nd grade, 5:15pm-6:30pm
Advanced Beginners and 6:30pm – 7:30 Adults

Winners of our Irish Raffle Drawing were 1st prize: Maureen Murphy, 2nd prize: Sheila Duder and 3rd prize: April Higbie Congratulations to all the winners!

Get Well Wishes to Joan O'Sullivan who was in the hospital for a procedure this month and is home and doing better. We miss her at the club and hope she continues to do well. Prayers for her!

Book Club for April the group is reading "**The Searcher by Tana French**" and we will meet on Thursday, April 11th at 1pm at the club to discuss the book. For more information about joining the book club contact Maggie Lenau at (401) 569-8118.

