



# CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

May 2024

## President's Letter

Greetings from America St.

May is upon us and with that comes the installation of officers for the upcoming year. This May 5<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating YOU, our fantastic members at our annual member appreciation day along with installing officers, enjoying the music of the band IRELAND and a fabulous buffet. I certainly hope we see a lot of you, the members, at this event. It should be a fun time.

After a long thought it has been decided that we will go back to the old format of closing the club/pub in July and August. The previous two years we opened in August, but I feel that now that the club is more stable financially and as a much-needed break to the volunteers we will go back to the two months off. Let all enjoy their summer and get back at it come September.

Just a reminder to all members to make sure you get your annual dues in by the end of May.

We have started a new initiative offering half-price membership to those forty and under to try to inject some youth into our membership. I feel this is imperative to the lasting success of our club and in continuing our Irish heritage be celebrated at the Ceilidhe Club.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Harrington  
President

## RECURRING EVENTS



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



**FRIDAYS  
PUB NIGHT**  
6-12 pm



**3<sup>rd</sup>  
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

May 2024	Calendar	
Friday, 5/3	6pm-12am Pub open	<b>1916 Lecture "The Irish Revolution and the American Diaspora 1900-1924 with music by "Tony Gahan"</b>
Sunday 5/5	3pm – 7pm	<b>Members Appreciation Dinner with Installation of Officers w/ Ireland the Band performing</b>
Mondays, 5/6. 13. 20 & 27	7:15pm-9:15pm	<b>Set Dancing Class with Barry and Pat Callahan in the upstairs hall</b>
Friday, 5/10	6pm-12am Pub open	<b>LAOH Meeting 7pm upstairs hall followed by music with "Celtic Duo"</b>
Friday 5/17	5:30pm-6:00pm 7:00pm-12am	<b>General Membership Meeting followed w/music by "Wet Paint" bring your dance shoes</b>
Friday 5/24		<b>We are closed for Memorial Day Weekend</b>
Friday 5/31	6pm-12am Pub open	<b>Traditional Irish Music Session with Dean Robinson and Friends</b>

We would like to welcome 9 new members:

Robert Bingham, Shannon Croce, A. Marie Hearn, Ashley Laughlin, Karina McCarthy, Elise McDonald, Lawrence O'Keefe, Dean Robinson and Laura Souza



**At the Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting the following were elected to the Board of the Irish Ceilidhe Club:**

**President** – Pat Harrington,

**Vice President** – Heather Pearson

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dorothy Langford

**Recording Secretary:** Sara Benz

**Treasurers** – Joanne Mollica and Rose Durette

**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.

**There were no other nominations on the floor so Recording Secretary, Sara Benz cast one ballot for the slate of officers for the upcoming year.**

**Officers and Trustees will be Installed at the Members Appreciation on**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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!

for 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 the Ceilidhe Club to continue promoting Irish Culture and traditions.

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## CLUB EVENTS

1916 Committee Lecture Information: We are very fortunate that Tim Hoyt will be returning to the podium for a 7:30 pm start. His topic is: " The Irish Revolution and the American Diaspora, 1900 - 1924". Here is how Professor Hoyt describes his presentation:

This lecture will examine the evolution of Irish-America's support for radical nationalism - the "physical force tradition" - in Ireland in the late 19th and early 20th century. There will be a discussion on the three most important influences of the radical political groups furthering Irish independence. Listen to the role of Irish American opinion in the struggle for freedom and the detonation on the Easter Revolution in 1916. Learn why the impetus for independence was undercut by the crosscurrents on World War I and the disunity among its Irish leaders and organizations in the critical years between 1917 - 1.

## CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Book Club for May** the group is reading "My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor and we will meet on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the club to discuss the book. For more information about joining the book club contact Maggie Lenau at (401) 569-8118.

**Sympathy to Family and Friends** of Mary Lee Partington who passed away Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> after a long battle with cancer. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her and may she rest in peace!

We are looking for someone to take over the "**Sunshine position**" to send out sympathy and get-well cards to our members.