



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

December 2024

President's Letter

Greeting from America Street,

RECURRING EVENTS



MONDAYS
SET DANCING
7:15-9:15 pm



FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT
6-12 pm



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



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"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.

OFFICERS & BOARD

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

December and the holiday season is upon us and we here at the Ceilidhe Club look forward to another festive month of food, music and fun.

We hope you will join us for some of upcoming events including the children's Christmas party and the members Christmas party featuring the music of "The Dubliner, Tim Keohane and Paul Kenneally."

This Friday the 6th we have the music of FAILTE (Dean Robinson & John Kane) after the conclusion of the monthly lecture hosted by the 1916 committee.

Our yearly fundraiser and trip to IRELAND will be under way soon. Keep an eye on your mailbox for tickets and we always have more for purchase or to sell to friends and family. Last year was a record breaking in terms of ticket sales and I ask for all members to help make this year another great success. As stated before, monthly expenses are high, and we need events like this in order to keep our great club alive.

Health and happiness to all as we head into the new year, God bless you all. SLAINTE

Pat Harrington, President

December 2024 Calendar

Friday 12/06	6pm-12am Pub Open	1916 Lecture upstairs see page 2 Dean Robinson & Josh Kane
Saturday 12/7	11:30 am to 1pm	Children's Christmas Party
Mondays	7:15pm-9:00pm	Set Dancing with Barry and Pat in upstairs hall
Friday 12/13	6pm-12am Pub Open	Card and Game Night all are welcome
Sunday 12/15	1pm -4pm	Adult Christmas Party more info on next page
Friday 12/20	6pm-12am	General Membership Meeting followed by Wet Paint plays in the pub
Wednesday 12/25		MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU!
Friday 12/27	6pm-12am	Traditional Irish Session

We would like to welcome (6) new members to the club:

Marie A. Croarkin, Jackson N.R. Dreisbach, Robert M. Duffy, Jeanne Fay,
Kiefer McCaughley and Mark Wilson

CLUB EVENTS

Saturday, December 7th Ceildihe Club Children's Christmas Party

Join us for a traditional family Christmas Celebration
Pizza, Holiday music and Children's Christmas songs
Please bring a wrapped gift (up to \$25.00) for each child you are bringing with
their name written on it.

RSVP by Thursday December 5th by leaving a message with Kathy Greenwell at
(401) 944-3233 or email club at info@riirishclub.org with information regarding
how many children will be attending with their ages along with the number of
adults.

Also leave any allergy information or other special needs for the children you are
bringing.



Ceilidhe Club Holiday Party, Sunday December 15th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

The Dubliner Band featuring Tim Keohane and Paul Kenneally will perform.
Along with a hot buffet, desserts, coffee and tea will be available.

Call the club at (401) 944-3233 or email at info@riirishclub.org. if you plan on
attending and tables of 6 or more can be reserved.

You can purchase and pay at the door \$10.00 per person (members) \$15.00 per
person (non-members) and children under 12 are free.

Please RSVP by Thursday, December 12th for a food count

1916 Lecture on Friday, December 6th

The next lecture of the committee will be a joint effort by Pat Brady and Jim McGetrick. The two speakers will take a retrospective look at some important historical events on both sides of the Atlantic in the 17th century that had profound effects on Ireland and the territory that eventually became the United States.

The main theme of December's lecture is the "Ulster Plantation" which truly established England's colonization of Ireland at the beginning of the 17th century. This "planting of the colonies" was the English justification for a policy that determined that lands worked for centuries by native Irish farmers should be confiscated and the Irish natives replaced by English and Scot settlers. This land grab, along with the resultant economic, religious, and cultural persecution reverberates to this day in Ireland.

At approximately the same time, Queen Elizabeth authorized the establishment of similar colonies in North America. Land grants were awarded to English Colonists for land that was already occupied by Native Americans. These parallel plantations, though unique in geography and the nature of the displaced people forced from their land, reveal a hubris on the part of the English ruling class which had truly devastating effects on the indigenous people of Ireland and North America.

The lecture will concentrate on how Ireland became collateral damage from England's early modern period for quest for Empire - a fate she shared with others a half a world away.

The lecture will be followed by live music in the downstairs pub. This month will have music by a new ensemble called "Failite" consisting of talented musicians Dean Robinson, Josh Kane, Paul Dube and Erin Dube. And please note that before the lecture the pub will be open at 6 serving delicious pub grub and beverages. Come early and stay late.

Club and Community News

Book Club: Is reading, "The Sacred Scripture" by Sebastian Barry and will meet on Thursday, December 12th at 1pm at the club to discuss it.

Sunshine person is Marie Magee who is willing to send out sympathy and get well cards from the club. She may be reached at (401) 741-5432 if you know anyone who should be sent a card.

