



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

January 2025

President's Letter

Greetings from America St.

Happy New Year to all our members, may God grace you all with health and happiness this coming year.

I would like to make a plea for ALL of our members to please support our yearly "win a trip to Ireland" fundraiser. Tickets have been mailed out to all membership. Spread the word to friends and see if you can sell an extra book. This fundraiser helps support our efforts to maintain the building and host member events. Our goal this year is to sell \$25,000 in tickets. Please reach out to a board member if you need more tickets.

Every Friday this month we will have entertainment in the pub. What a great way to spend a Friday night enjoying dinner and some music and craic.

Sunday January 26th we will be having a membership meeting. We are trying to host membership meeting once a quarter on a Sunday in hopes of more support and input from our membership who may not be able to attend early on a Friday.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

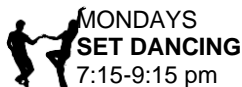
Patrick Harrington, President

January 2025 Calendar

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Friday 01/03	6pm-12am Pub Open	1916 Lecture upstairs see page 2 Sean Connell performs
Mondays	7:15pm-9:00pm	Set Dancing with Barry and Pat in upstairs hall
Friday 01/10	6pm-12am Pub Open	Music by "Poor Man's Gibson is an acoustic trio that plays a variety of tunes including rock, folk and country.
Friday 01/17	6pm-12am	Ring in the New Year with Wet Paint
Friday 01/24	6pm to 12am 7pm	Pub Open LAOH Meeting in upstairs hall
Sunday 01/26	2pm	General Membership Meeting All members are welcomed
Friday 01/31	6pm-12am	Traditional Irish Session

RECURRING EVENTS



MONDAYS
SET DANCING
7:15-9:15 pm



FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT
6-12 pm



3rd
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

- 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



We would like to welcome (2) new members to the club:
Marie M. Gallogly and Deirdre Mary Trabucco

1916 Lecture Friday January 3rd

The 1916 Committee will be having a very special lecture. Once again we will be fortunate to hear from a native of Ireland who has lived experience dealing with British strong arm tactics and Unionist intransigence. And as we know, the century old forced partition has brought about discrimination in civil rights, law, employment, housing, language and culture. And during this lecture we will hear about how it has even affected the world of international athletics in Ireland.

Charles Breagy will speak on how England and the Unionists of the six counties created a Political Boundary rule that divided Irish Athletics into two separate athletic countries. Charles will explain how these political shenanigans caused Ireland to be banned from the Olympics in 1936. But we won't be hearing from an academic giving us an analysis of this situation but we will be hearing fascinating stories about how Charles' own athletic career was affected by this political gerrymandering. He will also explain why the Good Friday Agreement is a large part of the solution to unite the two athletic bodies that currently exist on the island of Ireland. He will conclude his lecture with a road map solution, using cycling as a sport that has resolved their split and returned to one organization representing all 32 counties.

It shouldn't be a surprise if the name Charles Breagy sounds familiar to many of our members. He is grew up in Ardee, Co Louth and started running at the age of 11 for the Dunleer Athletic Club. He won several all Ireland titles at all age groups and also represented his county in GAA football and hurling. Charles received a running scholarship to Providence College in 1980. Twice the Friars were runner ups in the US national cross country championships. Charles was also New England cross country and 3000 meter champion. After graduation Charles remained in RI and had a career as a software designer and programmer. But most people are familiar with his organization Run Rhody, an events company that organizes several large road races including the Tour de Patrick series with a 5K races before the local St Patrick's Day Parades. Many people in our group will have more than one running shirt from the many races Charles has organized over the years.

The lecture will be followed by live music in the downstairs pub. Sean Connell will be at the mic.

SAVE THIS DATE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 2pm on January 26th

We will have our first of quarterly meeting on a Sunday afternoon for those that cannot make it on a Friday. After the meeting the pub will be open for libations and a football game will be viewed.

Hope to see you there!

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you for your interest in our 2025 Irish Dance program at the Irish Ceilidhe Club of Rhode Island. NEW for 2025 our Lil Beginner Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will now be 45 minutes long and held on Thursdays 4:30-5:15, starting January, 9th.

Our Beginner / Advanced Beginner K-2nd class will be offered on Thursdays 5:15-6:15. Our first class of 2025 is set for Thursday, January 9th.

Our Winter 2025 tuition includes the following dates:

1.9, 1.16, 1.23, 1.30, 2.6

To join us please register here:

Registration form (for New to KSID dancers):

<https://thekellyschoolofirishdance.com/registration>

4:30 Class:

kellyirishdance.as.me/LilBeginnerCC

5:15 Class:

<https://kellyirishdance.as.me/BeginnersCC>

All dancers participating in our Winter & Spring sessions will be welcome to participate in St. Patrick's Day performances and in our year end [Spring Recital](#) taking the stage at the Stadium Theatre on Sunday, June 8th.

Wishing you All a Happy New Year!

I look forward to dancing with you,

Meghan Kelly Kelly Irish Dance rhodeislandirishdance.com

Book Club: Is reading, "The Gathering" by Anne Enright and will meeting on Thursday, January 9th at 1pm at the club to discuss the book.

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.

Ceilidhe Club Music Schedule January and February 2025

January

Sean Connell Friday 1-3-25 1916 Lecture

Poor Man's Gibson Friday 1-10-25

Wet Paint Friday 1-17-25 New Year 2025 Party

Tony Gahan from Ireland Friday 1-24-25

Traditional Irish Session Friday 1-31-25

February

Failte (Dean and Josh) Friday 2-7-25 1916 Lecture

3 Wheelin (upstairs event) Saturday 2-15-25 Ticketed Event

Wet Paint Friday 2-21-25 General Meeting

Traditional Irish Session Friday 2-28-25

