



CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

February, 2025

President's Letter

Greetings from America St.

February is upon us and hopefully Spring is around the corner and Happy Valentines wishes to all this month.

The expenses never cease and this past month we incurred a four-thousand-dollar bill to replace our dishwasher which was an absolute necessity, next up is the replacement of our exterior basement door which will run between four and five thousand dollars. I mention these expenses to not only be transparent but to also ask for your continued support to keep our fantastic club viable.

Attending our pub on Friday nights along with our events like this Fridays St. Brigids event, or the "three wheelin" concert really help defray the costs of these expenses. Which leads me to my next item, the "Win a trip to IRELAND" raffle. As you all know this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and really helps to sustain us throughout the year. Please, please, please purchase a book of tickets and if possible, sell a book to a friend. Thank you to all who have returned their paid tickets thus far. St Paddy's is just around the corner.

Thanks for your support

Patrick Harrington, President

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
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- Corresponding Secretary:
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- Trustees:
Dennis Hughes
Maureen Murphy
Kathy Greenwell
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February 2025 Calendar

Friday 02/07	6pm-12am Pub Open	1916 Lecture in hall see page. 2 Failte Band (Dean & Josh) in pub
Mondays	7:15pm-9:00pm	Set Dancing with Barry and Pat in upstairs hall
Friday 02/14	6pm-12am Pub Open	Happy St. Valentine's Day Come have some sweets at the club
Saturday 02/15	6:30pm-10:30pm	3 Wheelin Band upstairs in hall ticketed event See page 2 for more info
Friday 02/21	6pm-12am	General Membership Meeting at 5:30 Pub open and Wet Paint performs LAOH meeting at 6:30pm
Friday 02/28	6pm to 12am 7:30pm-11pm	Pub Open Traditional Irish Session



We would like to welcome (3) new members to the club:
Francis J. Darigan, Jr., Kathryn A. Healey and Susan M. Toole

The next lecture of the 1916 Committee will be on February 7th at the Ceilidhe Club.
The start time is 7:30.

The 1916 Committee and before them the RI Unit of Irish Northern Aid have been strong proponents of a United Ireland. Of course, many generations of Irishmen and women have fought and died for that same objective. The long, tragic history of Ireland struggling for its independence from England has been the topic of many of our monthly lectures. While it is important that we remember and reflect on the Fenian Rebellion of 1798, the Penal Laws, the Famine, the suppression of the Irish language, culture, religion, along with the Cromwell massacres, the Catalpa rescue, the Easter Rising, the two Bloody Sundays, the Troubles, the Hunger Strikes, the GFA, and the countless other major and minor acts of resistance to colonial occupation, we must also look forward to seeing these aspirations realized. The Rising and War of Independence period presented the greatest opportunity for independence. But of course, the gerrymandered partition forced by the British ended that opportunity. And now a little more than a hundred years later Ireland remains divided.

But due to a strange confluence of circumstances, it seems a very real possibility of unity exists today. Admittedly this path forward will be very difficult and will require a great amount of work. It is apparent that there is momentum in Ireland and North America to seize this time. Some of our members will be traveling to conferences in both DC and Rockland County NY on January 27 and 30th to participate with the Commission on the Future of Ireland - which will be a conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland and all those who support Irish unity. These conferences are sponsored by Friends of Sinn Fein.

The lecture on the 7th will be a panel discussion of the committee members who attended and they will present ideas and suggestions for the road forward.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Come join us for a night of Classic Rock at its Best by the cover band from Warwick, The “3 Wheelin” Band will perform at the club on Saturday, February 15th from 6:30pm to 10:30pm \$10 per person.

CALL FOR TICKETS AT THE CLUB: (401) 944-3233 or email at info@riirishclub.org.

Save these Dates:

Sunday, March 2nd 10 am to 2pm at the Ceilidhe Club Blood Drive hosted by Kathy and Joe Greenwell. Breakfast and lunch will be provided along with coffee, tea and desserts. Please see the registration link below.

https://donate.ribc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/79272

St. Patrick’s Day Parades: Pawtucket 3/1, Providence 3/8, Newport 3/15 West Warwick 3/16 and Mystic, CT. 3/23. Hopefully weather permits!

Weekend of March 15th to the 17th We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day all weekend with Corned Beef Sandwiches and Dinners more details to come.

Also don’t forget to send your Irish Raffle Tickets in for drawing on St. Patrick’s Day. If you need more tickets, they are available at the club every Friday night or email the club at: info@riirishclub.org

Book Club: Is reading, “FELICIA’S JOURNEY by William Trevor and will meeting on Thursday, February 13th at 1pm at the club to discuss the book.

Get Well wishes and Prayers for Marie Magee who has some medical issues And Jerry Lenau who has some health problems.

**Ceilidhe Club of RI
Music Schedule
February and March 2025**

February Bands

Time Day and Date Event

Failte (Dean & Josh)

7:30 Friday 2-7-25 1916 Lecture

3 Wheelin Band

**6:30 – 10:30 Saturday 2-15-25 Ticketed Event
\$10 p/p in upstairs hall**

Wet Paint

7:30 Friday 2-21-25 General Meeting 5:30pm

Irish Session

7:30 Friday 2-28-25

March Bands

Time Day and Date Event

Sometimes Celtic

7:30 Friday 3-7-25 1916 Lecture

Sean Connell

7:30 Friday 3-14-25 St. Patrick's Day Weekend

Ireland the Band

**1:00 – 5:00 Saturday 3-15-25 St. Patrick's Day
Ticketed Event \$10 p/p upstairs hall**

Tony Gahan

**2:00 – 5:00 Sunday 3-16-25 St. Patrick's Day
Weekend Event**

Sometimes Celtic

**1:30 – 4:30 Monday 3-17-25 St. Patrick's Day
Upstairs Hall**

Wet Paint

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At 5:30pm**

Irish Session

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