

CEILIDHE CLUB NEWS

March 2024

President's Letter

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



Find us on Facebook at

"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

- 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

Greetings from America St. and happy March the month we've all been waiting for. Our St. Patrick's weekend celebration surely will be, and unforgettable event filled with food, fun and live music. As you know it takes a village to put on these events so if you haven't signed up to volunteer for setup and or cleanup, please see the sheets in the foyer.

Time is running out to get your trip to IRELAND tickets in. We are still a little short of our goal in our biggest fundraiser of the year, so we need all the help we can get. If you happen to need more tickets, they are available in the pub on Friday nights.

I am happy to say the new bathroom in the hall is completed and just in time for the March festivities. A big thank you goes out to Ryan Burns and Joe Greenwell for their hard work on this project that has been long overdue. The whole electrical service has been updated, another area that was overdue for improvement and on the brink of something bad happening. Our monthly 50/50 proceeds really helped defray the cost of these projects, so thank you to all who have participated in them.

The Ceilidhe club will be marching in the Providence St. Patrick's Day parade on March 9th. Anyone who is interested in marching can let me know and we will put a list together. It would be great to have a big club presence in the parade followed by a gathering at Patrick's pub afterward.

Sincerely,
Patrick Harrington
President (acting)

March	Calendar	
Friday, 1st	6pm-12pm	Club open Card and Game Night
Mondays,4, 11, 18 & 25	7:15pm- 9:15pm	Set Dancing Class with Barry and Pat Callahan in the upstairs hall
Friday, 3/8	6pm-12pm 7pm	Pub Open and Jigs & Swigs upstairs hall with Meghan Kelly \$25 per person
Friday 3/15	6pm-12pm	Wet Paint Performs
Saturday 3/16	11am-7pm	Ireland The Band performs see pg3
Sunday 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day	11am-7pm	Mass at Immaculate Conception Pub open details on next page
Friday 3/22	5:30pm	General Membership Meeting with Nominations see page 2
Friday 3/29	6pm-11pm	Traditional Irish Session



We would like to welcome three new members:

Heidi Blais, Katherine Murphy and Kathy Naughton



Ceilidhe Club St. Patrick's Day Mass at 10:30am At Immaculate Conception Church 237 Garden Hills Drive Cranston

Ceilidhe Club St. Patrick's Day Celebration All are welcome

Sunday, March 17th

11:00 am -7:00pm Ceilidhe Club pub open

12:00 pm Raising of Irish and American Flags along with singing of National Anthems

Music: 1:30 pm -4:30 pm The RI Gobshites

Dance: 2:30 pm -3:00pm Irish Step Dancing from the "Kelly School of Irish Dance."

Food: Corned Beef Sandwiches, Irish Bread and more (Also any donations of Irish or Brown

and desserts for our Coffee and Tea Table would be greatly appreciated.

Spirits: Cash Bar

The Pub will be open from 11:00 am -7:00pm (food available)

Trip to Ireland Raffle will be drawn near 3:00 pm plus other prizes (don't forget to return your tickets postmarked before March 12th for us to receive them on time), Tickets will be available for purchase at the club on St. Patrick's Day.

Volunteers needed for St. Patrick's Day Weekend. Let Heather Pearson know or call her at 401 578-5132

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Music by The RI Gobshites (Kevin Fallon, Paul Due, Fred Wilkes & Rick DiRocco) will be performing on Sunday, March 17th from 1pm to 4:30pm



Ireland The Band
Performing at the Irish Ceilidhe Club of RI
Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm

There are only 30 tickets left for sale for this event. Get your tickets in the Ceilidhe Club Pub before this event sells out!



There will be Nominations on Friday, March 22nd after the General Membership Meeting. The Nominating Committee: Joe Greenwell, Chair, Michaela Geary, Marie McGee, Mike Cannon.

Open Positions are: President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary.

The following nominees are uncontested:

Recording Secretary: Sara Benz, Treasurers: Joanne Mollica & Rose Durette, Sergeant at Arms: Glenn O'Gara and all Trustees: Dennis Hughes, Maureen Murphy, Kathy Greenwell, Ann McCarthy and Heather Pearson.

Elections will be held at April General Membership Meeting

Ceilidhe Club Marches Needed for Providence Parade

Saturday, March 9th we need members, children, grandchildren are encouraged to join us. Meet at St. Pius school yard at 11:30 am. The parade is approximately 1 mile to the State House. We need Flag Bearers and Banner Holders. (There is a Road race before parade so get there early for parking or park at end of parage route and walk up Smith Street to St. Pius). Consider an early arrival there is a Newport Creamery or LaSalle Bakery both on Smith Street.

CLUB EVENTS

Meghan Kelly will be starting Irish Step Dancing Classes at the club in April. More info will be provided soon.

Sympathy and Prayers to Robin Cunetta on the passing of her Father, February 3rd prayers to the family May he rest in peace!

<u>Get Well wishes</u> to Mary Braga who fell and broke her wrist. Mary Ann Barbary who had knee surgery and Joanie O'Sullivan who has been homebound due to waiting on a surgery sometime in March. We wish them all Good Health and a speedy recovery with prayers.

Book Club for March the group is reading "<u>The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell</u> will meet on Thursday, March 14th at 1pm at the club to discuss the book. For more information about joining the book club contact Maggie Lenau at (401) 569-8118.