



President's Letter *By Bob Sheridan*

Dear Members,

February is here and the Club will start with a St. Brigid's Day celebration on Friday, the 2nd with more dates in detail in the events section.

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking for members who are willing to be officers for next year. If you would like to submit your name or someone else's, please contact me @ bobsheridan7@gmail.com or 401-612-4433 or any of the Board Members who will pass to me. I am in the process of appointing a nomination committee and awaiting responses for acceptance. The positions of President and VP are open for consideration, very important for the right people to step up and lead for consistency.

March is the most important month in our calendar year. This March we have some important events; please save the dates for these fun events:

Corned Beef Donner on March 11; Our St. Patrick's Day Mass on March 17 will be at 11am followed by: Trip to Ireland Raffle drawing, Music by "The Ramblers" from 12:30-2:30pm, Corned Beef sandwiches available for purchase, Club hours will follow.

The Trip to Ireland Raffle is moving along as hoped. If you have not sent in your tickets, please do so now. Everyone's support is needed! All should have received their packets of raffle tickets for the Ireland Trip, the Club's major fundraising event for this year. To date we have sold 325 tickets, a little over half of final goal of 600. Please reach out to do your part and help the club reach that goal.

Realistically every member should consider at least purchasing one ticket. Our expenses (prizes, printing, mailing) are not expected to exceed \$3700, so this importantly is the vehicle to produce funds necessary for the Club to continue to offer the educational, cultural and musical events we are noted for and keep the building running. Many members have purchased/sold the 5 tickets they received. To date just over 30% have purchased so obviously we need more participation and there is limited time to get involved; the cutoff date is Sunday, March 11. Thanks to those who have generously and timely already participated.

Sincerely,
Bob Sheridan

RECURRING EVENTS



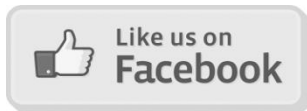
**MONDAYS
SET DANCING**
7:15-9:15 pm



**FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT**
7-11 pm



**3rd FRIDAY/MONTH
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
7 pm (Pub Night after)



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. Thank you.

OFFICERS & BOARD

- President: Bob Sheridan
- VP: Corky McWey
- Treasurer: Robert Rambo
- Recording Secretary: Paula Dodd
- Corresponding Secretary: Maggie Lenau
- Sergeant at Arms: Mel Lynch
- Trustees: Peg Flynn, Irene O'Rourke, Kathy Greenwell, Laura Travis, Dennis Hughes

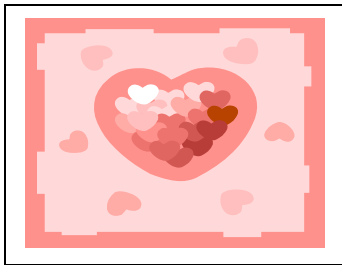
Feb. 16
General Membership Meeting - 7pm
Please attend!

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday 2/2	6-8pm 8-11pm	Learn to make a Brigid's Cross Pub Night: St. Brigid Day Program Traditional Irish Session with Armand Aromin & Torrin Ryan & special guests: Bridget Fitzgerald, Ed Sweeney & Mary Lee Partington <i>(See attached flyer for details)</i>
Sunday 2/4	Doors open 5pm	Superbowl Party <i>(details on page 2)</i>
Mondays 2/5, 12, 19, 26	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Class
Friday 2/9	7-11pm	Pub Night
Wednesday 2/14	1pm	Book Club
Friday 2/16	7pm 7:30-11pm	General Membership Meeting Pub Night: Pub Sing with Armand & Ben
Friday 2/23	7-11pm 7:30pm	Pub Night 1916 Committee Lecture <i>(details to follow)</i>

Event Details



*Looking for the perfect gift for your SWEETHEART for Valentine's Day?
Purchase a Raffle ticket (or five) and he/she may win a Trip to Ireland or \$3000,
or a voucher for Cape Cod Irish Village or an Irish gift basket!
You will be a "winner" in your Sweetheart's eyes with this gift!!*

Trip to Ireland Raffle ---- Tickets \$25 each or five for \$100

Five raffle tickets have been mailed to each membership household. If you haven't received tickets or need more, contact Bob Sheridan at 401-612-4433 or bobsheridan7@gmail.com or see Bob at the club. Please forward unused tickets to Bob for redistribution. This is our major fundraising event for the year. Buy some tickets for yourself, family & friends. Revenue generated allows your Ceilidhe Club to continue our events to promote Irish history and culture.

Grand Prize: Trip to Ireland. Winner has choice of \$3,000 cash or trip which includes an Aer Lingus voucher for \$1,500, a \$1,000 allocation for cottage rental, and \$500 allocation for car rental. If desired, we will work with winner to design the trip. **Second prize:** Voucher to Cape Cod Irish Village. **Third prize:** Irish gift basket.

You are invited to the

Ceilidhe Club Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4
Doors open at 5pm

Thomas Edward PATRICK Brady, descended from Counties Cavan and Cork will be performing for us at the Ceilidhe Club Super Bowl gathering. Wings, Pizza, Calzones, Chicken tenders, chili, etc or bring your own...all welcome.



Club News

Coming in March!

Sunday 3/11- Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Doors open at 2:30; dinner served 3-5:30.

Purchase tickets at the door.

\$15 adults, \$5 children 12 & under, infants free.

Please call the club at 944-3233 to make a reservation.

Traditional Irish Music

Saturday 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day

Ceilidhe Club open 11am-4pm

11am Mass, followed by Ireland Trip Raffle drawing and flag raising. Corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs for sale in the pub plus complimentary desserts.

Music by "The Ramblers" from 12:30-2:30pm

Saturday 3/24 - Concert - 7:30pm

Kieran O'Hare

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Save the dates!

More info to follow in March newsletter.

BOOK CLUB will meet Wednesday, February 14, at 1pm at the home of Helen Flynn, 26 Tecumseh St, Providence. This month's discussion will be on the short story by James Joyce, "Ivy Day in the Committee Room", which is one of the stories in Dubliners. For more information, call Helen at 331-7614. All are welcome to this discussion.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES will be coming in March. For information, contact Sheila Hogg at Sheila_Hogg@brown.edu

Email info@irishclubri.org if you would like to receive this newsletter electronically.