



Irish American Home Society Inc.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

As I am sure you have heard, the Irish airline *Aer Lingus* is scheduled to begin service from Bradley International to Ireland in September! This is wonderful news for those members that visit Ireland on a regular basis. You may recall that Director Stephen Miskell and I attended a reception for the representatives from Aer Lingus at the invitation of Kevin Dillon, the Executive Director and CEO of the Connecticut Airport Authority. Mr. Dillon asked to speak to our members about this great addition to Bradley Airport and what this will mean for the Irish community in Connecticut...particularly Greater Hartford. He will be joining us at the conclusion of the March Monthly Meeting. More information is contained later in this newsletter.

The countdown is on for spring and all the wonderful events that lead up to St. Patrick's Day, including our beloved parade. The *Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade* is the largest parade in our capitol city and is funded through the efforts of the *Central Connecticut Celtic Committee* and the town sub-committees of this fine organization. In this newsletter you will find information regarding the various fundraising events scheduled. If you enjoy the parade, think about attending one or more of these fundraisers. Your support ensures that this fine tradition continues.

Planning is underway for all the events we hold celebrating the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the events. And as important, come down and enjoy your club...it's the best place to celebrate the season! And no one does it quite like the Irish American Home Society!

All the best,

Maureen A. Kennedy

President

PUB GRUB

Feb 5th - Bangers and Mash **Feb 12th** - Sana's Mac and Cheese
Feb 19th-Fried Fish + Chips **Feb 26th** -Tomato Basil soup + Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Next New Member screening: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 @7pm.
Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, February 12, 2016 @ 8pm.

FEBRUARY ENTERTAINMENT

Friday 2/5 - The Dave Foley Band (Rock-a-Billy, Blue Grass, Country)
Friday 2/12 - Billy Eagan and The Rising
Friday 2/19 - Dually Noted **Friday 2/26** - Tom O'Carroll

2016 Parade Grand Marshal & Person of the Year Reception

The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee has selected Eileen Malone Sott as the 2016 Parade Grand Marshal and Biagio "Billy" Ciotto as 2016 Person of the Year. The reception will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Irish American Home Society from 1:30 – 5:00pm @ 132 Commerce St., Glastonbury, CT 06033. A buffet by Michael's Catering will be served. Tickets are \$30. To purchase tickets send check (payable to CCCCC) to Mary Lynch – 177 Hopewell Rd, So. Glastonbury, CT 06073. For more information or to reserve tables of 10 you may contact Mary Lynch @ (860) 462-2881. Tickets are available on a first come basis and are available until February 13, 2016.

MOVIE NIGHT!

On Saturday, February 27th, at 7:30 p.m. we will be showing **Leap Year** starring Amy Adams, Matthew Goode and Adam Scott. This romantic comedy is set in the US as well as the beautiful Dingle Peninsula in Co. Kerry, Ireland, and the fabulous city of Dublin. There is no charge to participate! Complimentary popcorn will be served and a brief intermission will be held midway through the film. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks. Our last screening was great fun...what's better than a pint, popcorn and a great movie? Besides...this screening is only a few days away from Leap Day...are there any single ladies who might be popping the question??

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Mark your calendar...our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Join us for tender corned beef, served with cabbage, potato, carrots, dinner rolls and Irish Soda Bread. Adults \$15 and kids 12 and under \$8. Nobody does corned beef better than the IAHS! Enjoy performances of Irish step dancing in the upstairs hall beginning at 12 p.m. We serve in the downstairs lounge as well. Mark your calendar! We hope to see you there!

SPECIAL NOTICE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

The **March Monthly Membership Meeting** will be held on **Friday, March 4, 2016**, at 8:00 p.m. Screening for new members will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Board of Director's Meeting at 8:00 p.m. The March meeting is the only meeting that is not held the 2nd Friday of each month per our by-laws.

St Patrick's Day Annual Parade Mass

The C.C.C.C.C.'s St Patrick's Day Annual Parade Mass will be celebrated on Friday March 11th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick St. Anthony Church (285 Church Street) in Hartford. Free, reserved parking is available in the Saints Parking Lot, (directly across from the church entrance.) Please join us as Grand Marshal 2016, Eileen Sott, is presented with the traditional walking stick.

CARRY YOUR COUNTY FLAG!

CARRY YOUR COUNTY FLAG in the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 12, 2016. Please consider joining your fellow members and carry a flag in the club's contingent. Flags will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We provide a club windbreaker and ask that you wear black slacks. Please call Maureen Kennedy to reserve your flag (860)550-3126 or email president@irishamericanhome.com

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Brendon and Katelyn Moore**, who welcomed their new baby daughter, Kiley Marilyn, on January 7, 2016. Kiley weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Pat the Leprechaun needs a home!

There once was a leprechaun named Pat
His gold he keeps under his hat.

He often will grouse
"If I just had a house

My gold I'd be keeping in that!"

On Parade Day, March 12, the club will be holding a contest to see who can build Pat the Leprechaun the best house. This is a great family project. Leprechauns love houses made out of bits and pieces from the garden or from perfectly good stuff humans throw away. The base of each house should not be larger than 12 inches by 12 inches. Other than that, the possibilities are endless! Bring your completed house to the club's upstairs hall on Parade Day. Judging will begin at 4 pm. Prizes will be awarded.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS! (The truth be told, we're looking for more than a few!)

Please consider volunteering for one of the events below or offer your services prior to the event. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities...find one that suits you. It's a great way to meet your fellow members! In fact, you just might find yourself enjoying a pint or two afterwards with your new found friends! Call Maureen Kennedy (860)550-3126 or email president@irishamericanhome.com

Peeling Party for Corned Beef Dinner: Saturday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. BYOP (bring your own peeler)! We also need help setting up in the Upstairs Hall for the dinner.

Corned Beef Dinner: Sunday, March 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and serve during the event.

Parade Day – Saturday, March 12th: We need volunteers to man the kitchen after the Parade until the last sandwich is sold! The Upstairs Hall will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for a shift!

St. Patrick's Day: From 11:00 a.m. until??? We need volunteers to man the kitchen. Sign up for a shift!

We need volunteers to man the doors on Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day. We need volunteers to check ID's and collect the cover charge. If you are interested, please contact Eileen McGee at (860)550-3732 by phone or text.

AER LINGUS IS COMING!!

As you may have heard, the Irish airline *Aer Lingus* is coming to Bradley International Airport in the fall of 2016. On Friday, March 4, 2016, immediately following the Monthly Meeting, *Kevin Dillon*, the Executive Director and CEO of the Connecticut Airport Authority, will give a brief presentation to our members and hold a question and answer session. This is your opportunity to hear first-hand and accurate information about this exciting new route to Ireland and Europe. We hope to see you there...especially if you are a frequent flier to Ireland or plan on making a trip in the near future.

MARCH MADNESS!

The club will be open to view the games on Friday, March 18th through Sunday, March 20th. We plan to offer food throughout the day. If you know your way around a fry-o-later or a flat-top grill...give me a call! Even if your culinary expertise is the microwave...we've got a job for you! Food service will start at noon all three days and ends at 8 p.m. (except Sunday-time to be determined). Contact Maureen Kennedy (860)550-3126 or president@irishamericanhome.com.

2016 Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade Book

The Parade Book is a great way to honor and remember friends and family in addition to the 2016 honorees: Grand Marshal Eileen Sott and Person of the Year Billy Ciotto. Application forms and levels of sponsorship available online at www.irishamericanparade.com under the fundraiser tab or pick up an informational postcard at the Irish American Home. The deadline for submission is February 18, 2016. Questions can be directed to 5Cpa-radebook@gmail.com.

Cromwell St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

When: 2/21/2016, 4:00 p.m.

Where: Billy Tee's Town Billy Marshall and Town Honoree Dinner

For tickets or information contact Samantha Slade at (860) 985-6104 or Samantha.C.Slade@gmail.com

Glastonbury St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

When: Tuesday 2/23/16

Where: Giovanni's Pizza
10% of all sales on will go to the Glastonbury committee of the CCCCC
Located at 113 Hebron Ave. Glastonbury (open to close)
This applies to dine in or take out. No coupon is necessary.

The owner of Giovanni's, Gary Delbon, is Glastonbury's Town Honoree

Manchester St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

When: 2/27/2016, 6pm -11 pm

Where: Manchester Elks 30 Bissell St.
Annual Corned Beef Dinner / Dance, Andy Healy Band From Boston. \$25 per person donation. Honoring: Town Marshal Mike Lynch, Town Honoree: Beth Staffier. For details contact Tom Tierney thomasitierney@gmail.com (860)478-8154.

East Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

When: 3/03/16, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Prospect Café Pub Night
Food and live music from the Black Dogs
Sana Hart Teresa Doyle

Glastonbury St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

When: 3/05/2016, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Where: The Gallery
Beer Tasting & Tune \$25.00 Includes 5 free tastings, food and DJ by Twilight Sounds.
Cash bar will be available.
Glastonbury Town Marshal being honored: Barry Callahan Glastonbury Town Honoree being honored: Gary Delbo
Information Sheila Dupuis 860-633-1883 or emailing sheiladupuis123@gmail.com

West Hartford Parade Fundraiser

When: 3-7PM, Saturday, 3/5/2016

Where: Beachland Tavern, New Britain Ave.

Details: Drink Specials, Food and Irish Music. For information please contact John Staunton at: 860-676-3089 or Kathleen Staunton at 860-888-4247.

BUSINESS NETWORKING GROUP

Join us Tuesday February 16th, for our next "Business Tuesdays" (third Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs lounge. **Grace Brady, Executive Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Museum** www.ighm.nfshost.com, is the speaker and will discuss how she's championing Irish history and art in CT! Plus, we also have the honor of having four continuous months of speakers from an assortment of Irish business & culture professionals! Watch for more details. This is a free monthly event, open to all members who would like to meet and network with other business owners and professionals to help grow your business or profession. So, come on down and meet everyone. As our attendance grows, we will also be establishing a listing of businesses and services owned or operated by members of our club. Food is sponsored by Enda Flynn of Flynn's Grille. Please bring a few bucks to donate for the food, and enjoy the camaraderie with a pint or two! So mark your calendars to kick-off the new year! Call fellow member Ed Patterson to register at (860) 215-1349 or edpatterson22@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals were mailed in January and must be paid by **March 31st** in order to be a member in good standing. In an effort to save money on postage, please consider dropping by the club on Friday evenings to pay and receive your card immediately or include a note with your payment that you will pick your card up at the club (see your bartender). Individual renewals are \$70.00 and spousal membership is \$110.00. Please contact Membership Secretary Kathy Saimininkas or Assistant Membership Secretary Kelley McElroy with any questions at membership@irishamericanhome.com.

WINTER STORM CLOSING INFORMATION

The winter season is upon us and with that brings the eventuality of ice, snow and wintry mix. The Irish American Home Society will do its best to remain open during inclement weather but will close if conditions warrant. Closing information may be found on our website and the following TV stations: WFSB Channel 3, WVIT Channel 30 and WTNH Channel 8. We ask that you refrain from parking in our lot during snow storms so that snow removal may be done as quickly and completely as possible. If we need a plow to return to re-plow where a car sat during a storm, we pay additional snow removal costs. Thank you!!

The **Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #2 and Ladies AOH** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Downstairs Lounge. The AOH is an Irish Catholic organization that promotes and encourages participation in our religion, charity and Irish culture, following the motto, "In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity". For more information contact Jamie Forzono at (860)604-3021.

WEEKLY CARD GAME

Enjoy playing cards? Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the downstairs lounge, members and guests are invited to join in a friendly game of Setback

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!

(sorry for the misprint in January's newsletter...)

Sunday, February 7th is **Super Bowl Sunday** and the club will be open until the game is over. So get your family and friends together, bring your favorite snacks to share and head over for the best pints in town! We have great TVs to watch the game...no seat is a bad seat! We had a great crowd last year and everyone had a ball!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF :

Tom Fitzgerald, Gerry Francis, John Hughes, James O'Reilly, Catherine Stiles, Michael Sullivan, Rich Tuller and Gary Dzojowy

HONOR GUARD

It is this Society's tradition to honor our deceased members by the presence of an Honor Guard at the funeral service and interment. While we have several dedicated members who faithfully participate in this tradition, we would like to ensure a full complement at each service. If you are interested in participating when the need arises, please contact Charlie Murray at (860) 633-0663 or Kathleen Blake (860)633-0587. **The Honor Guard will participate in the funeral services for all members when the member has previously requested or the family requests our services. If you would like to have an Honor Guard at a member's funeral, please call Charlie or Kathleen to advise them of the arrangements.**

IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES

Traditional Irish country set dancing classes are held in the upstairs hall on **Wednesday evenings** (except the fourth Wednesday of each month). This is a cultural function of the Irish American Home Society and there is no charge. The only requirements are hard-soled shoes and a little stamina! Classes begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call John Droney (860)521-2696.

Memorial Funds

Please consider naming one of two funds the IAHS has established over the years to receive memorial donations upon your death. Both funds are intended to memorialize our deceased loved ones while benefiting our members. The first is our **Scholarship Fund** which was established to grant educational scholarships to the children of members in good standing. Scholarships are awarded in June of each year. The second fund is our **Building Renovation Fund**, established to help fund the proposed new building and renovation of the existing building.

IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 8:30p.m. in the downstairs hall of the Irish American Home. Since 1970, the Irish Northern Aid Committee has been at the forefront in support of the struggle for freedom, justice, and self-determination for all the people of Ireland. For more information, please contact Tom McBride (860)983-0846.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Send contributions, in WORD FORMAT, to newsletter@irishamericanhome.com.

SPECIAL SEISIUN TIMES ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The seisiun scheduled for **Sunday, February 7th** will begin with a slow seisiun from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The regular seisiun will be held from **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** This will give everyone the opportunity to enjoy both the seisiun and the big game!! Any questions, please contact Liz Raymond (860)346-3235.

Seisiun Every 1st and 3rd Sundays

Live traditional Irish music continues on the first and third Sundays of each month at the Irish American Home Society, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come join the singers and musicians at this open seisiun. Listen or play along with the lively jigs and reels...sing a song if you are so inclined...or simply relax and enjoy the music of Ireland. A slow music seisiun is held on the third Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn Irish music. For more information, contact Liz Raymond (860)346-3235.

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GOOD AND WELFARE

If you know of any member who is ill, in the hospital or has passed away, please contact Margaret Moriarty (860)563-0804 or jandm85@cox.net so that an appropriate remembrance may be sent on behalf of the membership. If you have good news to share, i.e. birth, graduation, etc., please send the information to

newsleter@irishamericanhome.com.

HALL RENTALS

Our Upstairs and Downstairs Halls are available to rent for parties and gatherings. Contact Dan O'Connell for available dates and rates (860) 633-9691.

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| 7 Seisiun 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Super Bowl Sunday | 8 St. Patrick's Pipe Band | 9 New member screening 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting 8:00 p.m. | 10 Set Dancing 7:00 p.m. | 11 Set Back 7 p.m. | 12 Monthly Meeting 8:00 p.m. Pub Grub 6 – 8:30 p.m. Billy Egan and The Rising | 13 |
| 14 | 15 St. Patrick's Pipe Band | 16 Business Networking 5:30 – 7 p.m. | 17 Set Dancing 7:00 p.m. | 18 Set Back 7 p.m. | 19 Pub Grub 6 – 8:30 p.m. Dually Noted | 20 |
| 21 Seisiun 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | 22 St. Patrick's Pipe Band | 23 | 24 | 25 Set Back 7 p.m. | 26 Pub Grub 6 – 8:30 p.m. Tom O'Carroll Band | 27 Movie Night-Leap Year 7:30 PM |
| 28 Parade Grand Marshal Reception 1:30-5 PM | 29 St. Patrick's Pipe Band | | | | | |