



Irish American Home Society Inc.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

On April 24, 2016, exactly 100 years ago to the day, we commemorated the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising. The Irish American Home Society paid homage to those who led the struggle for a free and independent Ireland, and to those who assisted these brave men and women during the week long rebellion. This was a solemn and meaningful event that deeply touched all in attendance. Details are recounted in this newsletter.

On May 14th we held our President's Dance, an annual event that honors our past presidents, welcomes our new Life Members and pays tribute to this Society. It was a lovely event attended by just over 100 people. Years ago the hall would packed to capacity...I would love to see that happen again. This dance is a wonderful tradition and I sincerely hope to see it carry on. Another highlight of the evening is the presentation of the President's Award, given in recognition of the contributions and volunteerism of a member. I am pleased to announce this year's recipient...Peter Hart. Peter has served this Society in several official capacities...as Vice President, President and now as a Director. But Peter's commitment to our club goes way above and beyond sitting in meetings. Peter has led and organized Pub Grub for quite a few years now. Events such as the Feis, the Festival, the new Shindig and many others, rely on Peter to set up and break down. He has put up miles of snow fencing and cooked thousands of pounds of corned beef. Usually at his side is his wife and best friend, Sana. Join me in congratulating and thanking Peter for all the work he does for this club.

Mark your calendar for the 51st Hartford Feis, Sunday, June 5th. The feis is our largest cultural event and fundraiser and is one of the few remaining outdoor feiseanna in the United States. This event draws dancers from across the U.S. and Canada and is always a spectacular day of Irish dance. Come by for Mass at 9:00 a.m. and stay for breakfast or lunch...enjoy the traditional Irish dancing and support your club! I hope to see you there!

All the best,

Maureen A. Kennedy
President

PUB GRUB

June 3rd -Buffalo Chicken Wraps

June 10th- Regular Pub Grub Menu (No Specials)

Thank you from the Pub Grub Crew.....see you in the Fall!

Next New Member screening: Tuesday, June, 7 2016 @7pm.

Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, June 10, 2016 @ 8pm.

JUNE ENTERTAINMENT

June 3rd - Dually Noted

June 10th - Billy Eagan and the Rising

June 17th - Jeff Conlon

June 24th- Barney McElhone and Jimmy McArdle

51st Annual HARTFORD FEIS SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

The annual Hartford Feis will take place on our field Sunday, June 5, 2016. This event is our largest cultural fundraiser for the Irish American Home. In addition to solo and figure competitions for both children and adults, we have some special competitions as well, taking place mid-day. The Parent/Child competition is being offered again this year as it was a big hit last year! Watch parents dancing with their children in the true spirit of Irish Dance. Other special competitions include Treble Reel Perpetual Trophies in memory of Kaitlin Saunders Derr and Kathleen Mulcahy Miskell. Live Irish Music will be played stage-side while dancers from New England, New York, and beyond compete for medals and trophies.

The day begins with Mass at 9:00 a.m. in our upstairs hall. This year Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ryan Duns from Boston College, before he picks up his accordion to play a stage at the feis. Fr. Ryan is a newly ordained Jesuit priest who grew up in the Irish community playing music. He says a short, but very meaningful mass geared towards dancers and their families. It's a mass not to be missed!

The dancing competitions begin immediately following Mass. Breakfast items are available in the downstairs lounge from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lunch is available on our field with a variety of items. Entrance to the Feis is \$10 per adult, \$5 ages 6 – 18 years, and no charge for children 5 years and younger. There will be several vendors available on the grounds selling Irish products and dancing supplies such as dresses, wigs, shoes, accessories, clothing, jewelry and more. For more information, please visit www.hartfordctfeis.com or contact Kristen Saunders (860)212-1106. Come down and enjoy Irish culture at its best!

BOGTROTTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

BOGTROTTERS 14th ANNUAL Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 18, 2016, at East Hartford Golf Course, East Hartford, CT. The proceeds will benefit the CT Children's Cancer Fund. Shotgun start at 9:00 AM with registration starting at 8:00 AM. The price will be the same as last year \$125. Included is a shotgun tee off, cart, food at the turn, and a dinner back at the Irish American Home. Contact Vincent Staunton at 860-561-2181 or John Gorman at 860-649-3879 for your spot.

22nd ANNUAL IRISH NORTHERN AID J.J. LONG GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for this annual event on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at the newly renovated KENEY GOLF COURSE in Hartford, CT. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. \$125.00 per golfer includes cart, green fees, lunch & beverages at the turn, on course prizes for men & women. Dinner and drinks back at the Irish American Home Society, 5:30 p.m., Sponsor a Tee Sign for \$100.00 or a memorial for \$35.00. All proceeds benefit the Bobby Sands Memorial Trust. To register, please contact Tom McBride 860-983-0846, Kate Mullan 860- 402-3787 or Cathy Hodlin, 860-306-7144, by email chdlin@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

Sympathy to the Families of:

Timothy Downs and Helen Quinn

COMMEMORATION OF THE 1916 EASTER RISING

The Commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising was held on Sunday, April 24th, and it was truly a special day at our club. We began with a moving reading of the Proclamation of the Republic by Pat Whelan. Pat's voice was strong, clear and resolute, which set the tone for the day. Mass was held with representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Ladies AOH, Gaelic Athletic Association, Irish Northern joining in the procession, led by the St. Patrick's Pipe Band. Each participant carried a candle representing each of the signers of the proclamation and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for Ireland. The candles were set upon the alter, in front of the names of the signers. Father Kinnane led a beautiful celebration of the Holy Eucharist which was followed by a reading of the poem An Aisling by John Droney in both the Irish and English languages. After Mass, President Kennedy laid a wreath in front of our memorial garden. This wreath contained 16 lilies representing those who gave their lives for Ireland. A flag raising was held, and the flag of the Republic hoisted high while the St. Patrick's Pipe Band played. A Tea Reception followed in our downstairs lounge and was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. The documentary Mise Eire was shown, which featured actual footage from the rebellion. And those who stayed on for a bit were treated to the broadcast of the GAA's commemoration from Croke Park, Dublin, Ireland, which was spectacular to behold. Special thanks to our committee who paid special attention to details and created a meaningful commemoration with just the right amount of pomp and circumstance: John Droney,

Sr. Peggy Evans, SND, Kathy Hickey, Lil Holleran, Pat Whelan and Maureen Kennedy. Thank you also to those who assisted with the reception and with other details of the event: Cora Dunning, Peter and Sana Hart, Jim and Kelley McElroy, Myles and Eileen McGee, Stephen Miskell, Eileen K. Moore and Dan Ustach. Thanks also to Dan Cahill who photographed the event for us. Those pictures are posted on our website.

The previous Sunday, April 17th, the club held a 100th Anniversary Ceili with Music in the Glen Ceili Band with special guest John Whelan. The ceili was very well attended and enjoyed by all. This event has been registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (The Irish Dancing Commission) who asked that dances be held all over the world to mark the anniversary. Thank you to John Droney, who puts great care into every ceili he organizes. Lastly, thank you to all who attended these very special events. It is you who keeps our heritage and the culture alive and well at this Society.

SUMMER SHINDIG!

Food Trucks, Craft Beers, Music and more!

Saturday, August 27, 2016

2:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Rain or Shine

Save the date and plan to join us at our second Summer Shindig! It's a great way to close out the summer with family and friends! Bring a blanket or chairs...enjoy some of Greater Hartford's best food trucks...sample and enjoy some great craft beers...visit the crafters and vendors and dance to the music of FourFathers and The Score. As the sun goes down, grab your blanket and enjoy a warm summer evening. We're looking for volunteers! If you can't help on Saturday, perhaps you can help with set-up on Thursday and Friday or clean-up on Sunday! Contact Liz Saunders at lizsaunders@comcast.net to volunteer for your club!

This and that...

Congratulations to our new Life Members! Life Membership is granted after 25 years of continuous membership and reaching at least 65 years of age. Join me in congratulating Frances Keenan, James Moher and Phillip Sheridan.

On May 15th, we held our Mass in Commemoration of the Great Hunger (an Gorta Mor). Each year, John Droney, produces a flyer that gives some statistics and interesting facts about this horrific time in Ireland's history. Reading through it the other day, I came across this statement, "Those of us who are Irish born or of Irish descent, whether we are aware of it or not, have had one or more of our immediate ancestors suffer and probably die from starvation during the famine years, 1845 to 1851". This statement was so powerful to me after just viewing a copy of the 1911 census that my mother has. My maternal grandfather was born in 1907 in the town of Birr, King's County (now known as Offaly) and he was 6 years of age at the time of the census. His father was 57 years of age and was born in 1854...a few years after the famine. This would mean that my great great grandparents would have definitely been impacted...and perhaps the siblings of my great grandfather, as well. Now I'll be searching my maternal grandmother's people in Co. Galway. Take a look back at your family tree...it can be very sobering in light of an Gorta Mor.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Great Hunger Mass and breakfast...Sr. Peggy Evans, SND, for arranging the liturgy, and John Droney for sharing his knowledge and his research on the famine. Thanks to those who helped with the breakfast...Sheila Dupuis Green, Justin Hart, Peter Hart, Sana Hart, Eileen K. Moore, Jeffrey Reynolds, Liz Saunders, Terry Saunders and Allen Scarfone. And thank you to my mother, Bernadette Kennedy, for baking the brown bread for me.

NOTICE OF RESULTS FOR VOTE FOR BYLAW AMENDMENT

At the Monthly Membership Meeting held on Friday, May 13, 2016, the following bylaw change was voted on and adopted by the majority of those in attendance. Two thirds of the majority are required for any bylaw change.

Article X-Dues and Fees ~ Section 2: Failure to pay dues:

Membership privileges for each Member in arrears for greater than three calendar months shall be suspended. Dues must be paid by March 31st to be "eligible to vote" in the Annual election. Members in arrears for up to three years may be automatically reinstated by paying all past dues owed. Requests for reinstatement for Members in arrears for three years or more as of January 1 must be directed to and approved by the Board.

The change amends the existing bylaw by increasing the time a member's dues can be in arrears before it would cause suspension from two months to three months. This change remains consistent with the existing date of March 31 to pay dues to be eligible to vote.

BUSINESS NETWORKING

Join us Tuesday, June 21st, 2016, for our next "Irish First" Business Networking Group meeting (third Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs lounge. Grace Brady, Executive Director, of Quinnipiac University's Ireland's Great Hunger Museum (Musaem an Ghorta Mhoir) will be speaking about her Irish history and her involvement with the museum- www.ighm.org 203-582-6500. "Irish First" is a free monthly event, open to all members who would like to meet and network with other Irish business owners and professionals to help grow your business or profession. Our group has been growing every month with new members and guests. Food is provided 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! Call Ed Patterson to register at (860) 215-1349 or edpatter-son22@gmail.com.

RETIREE'S GROUP DINNER

The next Retirees Dinner will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Irish American Home in the downstairs lounge. All retirees are invited to attend. The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person. Raffle prizes and desserts would be greatly appreciated. If you are a retiree and you haven't joined us yet, please come down, bring a friend...meet old friends and enjoy a great meal. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! For reservations, please call Betty Mohan at (860)742-8548 by Wednesday, June 8th.

First Annual Irish American Home Society Irish Film Festival

September 30 – October 1, 2016

This fall, the IAHS will hold its 1st Irish film festival and our theme for this inaugural year is the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising (with the exception of the children's films). The premiere of the festival will be Friday, September 30th as we host the University of Notre Dame Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies and screen their documentary "1916 The Irish Rebellion". We will be joined by the screenwriter, Briona NicDhiarma and others involved in the making of this film. After the screening there will be a question and answer period. While this documentary was aired on public television in March, we are one of only a few cultural organizations that will show the documentary and host the film makers. This is an opportunity only afforded to major universities and colleges across the globe. We will be announcing the roster of films for Saturday shortly along with ticket sales information. Please visit the link on our website www.irishamericanhome.com/FilmFestival for information as it become available.

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.

SIGN IN YOUR GUESTS! PROTECT YOUR CLUB!

State liquor control laws mandate that private clubs maintain a guest book where non-member guests are required to register and be signed in by the member. **Please ensure that your guests are properly signed in...help protect your club!** Failure to comply with the liquor laws may result in fines or other penalties such as closure of our pub for a period determined by the Liquor Control Commission. Please remember that you are responsible for the conduct of your guests and they must depart the premises when you depart...no exceptions. This is your club...protect it at all times! Thank you for your cooperation.

Parade Raffle Winners

1st. Victoria Tilson, Manchester; 2nd. Joan Walsh, Bolton ; 3rd. Lori Connor, Higganum; 4th. Tom Pilch, Glastonbury. Congratulations to all!

JULY HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, July 1- Regular hours
Saturday, July 2 – Closed
Sunday, July 3-Closed (open for GAA broadcast Sunday morning until 12 noon)
July 4—closed

A REMINDER...

Children must be accompanied by their parents when in the pub. They may sit at a table but state liquor control laws prohibit them from sitting at the bar and from ordering food or beverage at the bar. **Parents...you must order and purchase snacks, candy and beverages for your children.** Children should also not run through the club, nor congregate on the front stairs or in the back hallway. This is for the safety of the children and our other members and guests. We love our families that come and support the club. However children running loudly through the club interrupts the quiet enjoyment of other members. Thanks for your cooperation.

SESIUN

Traditional Irish Music Seisiun in our pub on the 1st Sunday of the month starting at 4:00 p.m., and the 3rd Sunday starting with a beginner's hour at 3:00 p.m. followed by the regular seisiun at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Liz Raymond (860)346-3235 or Brent Morgan bmorgan@wesleyan.edu.

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.

IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 9:00 p.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.

AOH

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.

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 at kablake@cox.net or (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.**

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.

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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 otker-ry27@gmail.com

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 newslet-ter@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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JUNE 2016

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