



Irish American Home Society Inc.

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Mother Nature responded to our wishes for warmer parade day weather this year! It was a beautiful day and all our county flags along with the Irish and American flags were proudly carried this year!

Congratulations again to Elizabeth "Lil" Holleran, Parade Grand Marshal, and Clement Sayers, Person of the Year. A huge congratulations and thank you to the Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee General Chair, Liz Saunders, and Parade Chair, Eileen K. Moore, for their hard work and endless hours spent making this event happen year after year. It is no small feat so well done!

I would also like to thank each and every volunteer who came out to volunteer their time to support the Club and the events we had leading up to Parade Day. From the peelers and servers for the Club's annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Parade Day gathering, to the crews that helped set up and clean up, as well as the sandwich making crew that comes in every year, we appreciate your dedication! A very special thank you as well, to Terry Saunders, Peter Hart and crew for always cooking the best corned beef around, and to Maureen Kennedy for her guidance and help making these events a huge success.

We have several important events this spring...the Mass in Memory of our Deceased Members on April 8th, The Great Hunger Mass on May 20th, the Hartford Feis on June 3rd and the Presidents Dance June 9th. More information is contained in this Newsletter. Please support these events and traditions at your Club, and we look forward to seeing you!

All the best,

Elizabeth O'Leary

PLEASE NOTE MEMBER SCREENING AND MONTHLY MEETING ON THE SAME DATE!

Next New Member screening: Friday, April 13th @ 6:00 pm. (before monthly meeting)
Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, April 13th @ 7:30pm.

PUB GRUB 6 to 8 pm

April 6 - GAA Night Fish and Chips April 20 — Crispy or Buffalo Style Chicken Wraps
April 13 - Steak Tips April 27 — Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches

ENTERTAINMENT

April 6 - Jeff Conlon April 20 - Rural Legend
April 13 - Brennan Brothers April 27 - Billy Eagen and The Rising

Don't forget . . . CLUB CLOSED ON FRIDAY, 3/30/18 and SUNDAY 4/1/18

VOLUNTEERS

Please check the [Sign up Genius](#) link on our webpage for current and upcoming volunteer opportunities. We need help on Friday nights both at the door welcoming members and in the kitchen for Pub Grub. If you would rather volunteer via email or phone call, please contact Elizabeth O'Leary at (860) 888-8200 president@irishamericanhome.com

EASTER EGG HUNT March 24, 2018

Grab the kids and hop down to the Club on Saturday, at 11:00 am. for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be lots of fun and games for kids of all ages! Don't forget to bring your basket or bag to collect your eggs. Visit with the Yard Goats before the hunt! **Admission is \$2.00 per child and reservations are required!!** Please RSVP by contacting Anne Purcell-Murray apurcellmurray@sbcglobal.net. Please watch our website in the event of inclement weather the day of this event or in the days leading up to the event. This is an outdoor event. Excessive mud on our field will force us to cancel this event.

IAHS Golf League Spring Kickoff APRIL 5, 2018

Spring is just around the corner, and its time to get ready for Golf Season!! Please come join us at our kick off meeting on Thursday, **April 5th at 6 pm** at the Irish American Home. There are two leagues to choose from, Monday and Thursday nights. The Monday League plays at the Rockledge Golf Course in West Hartford and the Thursday League plays the Long Hill Country Club in East Hartford. This is a recreational *Mixed Golf League* for anyone who enjoys playing golf. If you are planning to attend please contact, Kevin Long (KML032@yahoo.com) for Thursday Night League or Tom Pilch (Tom240@aol.com) for Monday Night League. We look forward to seeing you!

MASS IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS

On **Sunday, April 8th, 2018**, our 6th annual Mass in Memory of Deceased Members will be held at 9:00 am. in our Upstairs Hall. Notice of this Mass will be sent to the families of members who have passed away in the last year. All members and guests are welcome to attend. An Irish Breakfast will be served in the Downstairs Lounge from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Cost for the breakfast is \$12 for adults and \$8.00 for children. If we have inadvertently missed a family, please contact Elizabeth O'Leary at (860) 888-8200 or president@irishamericanhome.com

PARADE RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale now for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Raffle. This year's drawing will be on **Friday, April 13th at 9 pm.** at the Club. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available at the bar. There are four prizes and the top prize is a \$1,000.00 gift certificate at Liberty Travel. Second prize is a Getaway weekend to the Cape Cod Irish Village. Third prize is a Rynhart Collection Fossil Lamp. Fourth prize is a \$100.00 Gift Certificate at the Wood 'n' Tap. Help support the parade! Buy your tickets today!

TICKETS—Eileen Ivers 4/21/18

Discount tickets are available to members for Eileen Ivers, a world renown fiddle player, performing at the Bushnell. She was a founding member of Cherish the Ladies and is a Grammy awarded, Emmy nominated, 9-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. IAHS members can save \$10 or \$5 per ticket (depending on seating zone). Call David directly at **860-987-5959**. Tell him the code (IAHS) to get the discount.

HARTFORD GAA

NOTE CORRECTED DATE AND LOCATION

Hartford GAA Annual Golf Tournament 2018

The Hartford GAA will hold its annual golf tournament on Saturday, **May 19, 2018** at Tallwood Country Club, Hebron, CT. Lunch at 12 pm. followed by a shotgun start at 1 pm. Scramble format. Dinner at 7 pm at the Irish American Home. Cost \$135 per player for 18 holes, cart, range balls, gift, on course prizes, lunch and dinner with a two-hour open bar. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, visit the GAA website hartfordgaa.com or contact Stephen Miskell at Stephenmiskell@icloud.com or (860) 478-2052.

Training:

The Gaelic Football team has its first action of the season, participating in a 7s tournament at the famed Gaelic Park in the Bronx on **April 8th**. Come down and support if you are able! The team will be hosting a 7's tournament on **May 12th at HOME**—we welcome your support that day as well!

Youth practice starts on April 7th and will run through June with Gaelic football at 3 pm. and hurling at 4 pm on Saturdays at the Irish American Home. See Hartfordgaa.com and the club calendar to confirm dates and times.

Save the Date:

The Hartford GAA is running Pub Grub on **April 6th** at the Irish American Home! We will be serving up some good food and hopefully plenty of craic. Music by Jeff Conlon. Come on down, wear your club's colors, and have some fun with your Hurling and Gaelic Football Teams. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Paul O'Sullivan at fota86@yahoo.com or sign up via the link on the IAHS website.

Join us at our annual **Ca\$ino Bu\$ Trip** taking place on Saturday, **April 14th**. Tickets are \$35 and include round trip transportation to Mohegan Sun, \$15 food voucher, and a \$10 table bet. Can't beat that deal! Seats are going fast, so contact Rory McGloin at rorymcgloin@gmail.com

Friday, July 6th the HGAA will be attending and participating in the **Irish Heritage Night at The Yard Goats**. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for ticket information.

Last but not least . . . Welcome to the incoming HGAA board for 2018!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To become a life member you must be a member for 25 continuous years, be 65 years of age and your dues must be current (2018 dues must be paid). If you believe you meet these criteria, please contact Membership Secretary Kathy Saimininkas at (860)633-9691 or membership@irishamericanhome.com or Assistant Membership Secretary Ann Purcell-Murray. apurcellmurray@sbcglobal.net. Please note that you must contact us in order to establish your eligibility. As most of the applications lack a date of birth, we rely on each member to let us know they are eligible. Life Membership is awarded at the annual President's Dance to be held on June 9th.

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Irish American Home Society scholarships are now available on the Club website or by contacting Scholarship Chair Jim Moriarty at 860-563-0804 or james.moriarty1116@yahoo.com. Information regarding eligibility is provided with the application. Submission deadline is **May 1, 2018**. Awards will be presented on June 8, 2018 at the monthly membership meeting.

GREAT HUNGER MASS—MAY 20th

The Mass commemorates the Great Famine in Ireland and is now celebrated around the world a week after it is celebrated in Ireland. Our Mass will take place at the Irish American Home on Sunday, May 20th at 9 am and the celebrant will be Father James Nock. A full Irish breakfast will be served in the Lounge following the Mass. **Adults \$10.00 and children \$7.00**. The Malta House will be conducting a food drive so please bring your non-perishable donation.

53rd Annual HARTFORD FEIS SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

The annual Hartford Feis will take place on our field Sunday, June 3, 2018. This event is our largest cultural fundraiser for the Irish American Home Society. In addition to solo and figure competitions we have some special competitions including Treble Reel Perpetual Trophies in memory of Kaitlyn 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 am. in our upstairs hall. The dancing competitions begin immediately following Mass. Food is available throughout the day. Entrance to the Feis is **\$10 per adult, \$5 ages 6 to 18**, and no charge for children 5 years and younger.

An event this big needs your help. Please consider volunteering to work on a stage, set-up or take down. For more information, to access the syllabus or to sign up as a volunteer, visit www.hartfordctfeis.com or contact Liz Saunders 860-951-5269. Come down and enjoy Irish culture at its best!

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DANCE SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018

The President's Dance will be held on **Saturday, June 9, 2018**. This annual event celebrates this Society by recognizing and honoring our past Presidents; awarding Lifetime Membership to members that have achieved the requirements; and presenting the 2018 President's Award. The evening begins with cocktails at 5:30 pm followed by a catered buffet dinner. The program begins at 7:30 and is followed by dancing from 8 to 11 pm. **Tickets are \$35.00 per person**. For tickets or to reserve a table, please contact Elizabeth O'Leary at (860) 888 - 8200 or president@irishamericanhome.com. You may also purchase tickets at the bar. The deadline for Reservations or to purchase tickets is **Friday June 1st** so that we may inform the caterer. Please join us for this wonderful event!

NEW MEMBER SCREENING

Due to overwhelming response and feedback during our Membership Mania weekend, we are changing our new members screening and swearing in process. Beginning in **April 2018**, we will now screen potential new members and swear in new members all on the same night. Board Members will be available for screening beginning at 6:00 pm on meeting nights (**the 2nd Friday of each month**) and new members will be sworn in that same night during the meeting as usual.

HELP WANTED!

The Club is looking for bartenders to supplement the existing bar staff. Experience preferred, but will train. People with flexible schedules and availability during the day for short notice rentals are strongly encouraged to apply. Contact President Elizabeth O'Leary at president@irishamericanhome.com

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Irish Language Classes will be starting back up at the Club in September. There is room in the Intermediate Class for anyone who has previously studied the Irish language. We will also be offering a beginners class for anyone with little or no previous experience with the Irish language. If you are interested, please contact Johanna Mackey at: Johannah@snet.net or (860) 982-1959

Seisiun Every 1st and 3rd Sundays

Live traditional Irish music continues on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at the Irish American Home Society, from 4 to 6 pm. 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 to 4 pm. This is an opportunity to learn Irish music. For more information, contact Liz Raymond (860) 614-9431.

IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES

Traditional Irish country set dancing classes are held on Wednesday evenings (*except the fourth Wednesday of the 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 pm. For more information, please call John Droney at (860) 521-2696.

The **Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Division #2 and Ladies AOH** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm 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 John Slevin www.hartfordaoh.com

Memorial Funds

Please consider naming one of two funds the IAHS has established over the years to receive memorial donations upon your passing. 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.

Sympathies to the Families of:

James Droney

Raymond Yakaitis (brother of Ann Robinson)

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 Fox 61. This information will also be on our **Facebook** page. 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!!

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.

IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 8 pm in the Upstairs 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.

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.**

WEEKLY CARD GAME

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



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

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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 otkerry27@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 newsletter@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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APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy Easter</i> CLUB CLOSED	2 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	3	4 7 pm Set Dancing	5 7:30 pm AOH Meeting	6 PUB GRUB— GAA Night: Fish and Chips JEFF CONLON	7
8 9 am Deceased Members Mass	9 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	10	11 7 pm Set Dancing	12 7 pm Set Back	13 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting PUB GRUB: Steak tips BRENNAN BROTHERS	14
15 SEISUN 4 TO 6 pm	16 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	17	18 7 pm Set Dancing	19 7 pm Set Back	20 PUB GRUB: Chicken Wraps—Buffalo/Crispy RURAL LEGEND	21
22	23 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	24	25 7 pm Set Dancing	26 7 pm Set Back	27 PUB GRUB: Philly Cheese steak THE RISING	28
29	30 St. Patrick's Pipe Band					

Hartford GAA Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday May 19, 2018.

Place: Tallwood Golf Club, Hebron, CT.

Time: 12pm Lunch.

1pm Shotgun Start - Scramble Format.

7pm Dinner (approx.) Irish American Home.

Cost: \$135.00 entry per player.

Fee includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, gift, on course prizes, lunch, dinner & 2 hour open bar.

Sponsorship: Platinum: \$1000.00 includes 4 golfers & 2 Tee signs.

Gold: \$ 500.00 includes 2 golfers & 1 Tee sign

Silver \$ 100.00 includes 1 Tee sign.

Donations also accepted

Checks made out to HGAA.

Mail checks & registration form to:

Stephen Miskell 23 Highview Ave Wethersfield Ct 06109

Checks & registration must be received by May 10th.

Contact: Stephen Miskell 860-478-2052

Name: _____

Handicap: _____

Sponsorship: PLT: _____ GLD: _____ SILVER: _____

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3. _____ 4. _____

Additional Guest for Dinner @ \$30 _____ **TTL Enclosed \$**

Raffle to follow dinner. Raffle donations accepted and appreciated

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Proceeds for the Hartford GAA.