



Irish American Home Society Inc. MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Spring has finally arrived and we have many events planned. During the month of May we normally hold our annual President's Dance, however this year we have moved it to June 9th. The President's Dance is an annual tradition where we honor our past Presidents and welcome our new Life Members. This year, in breaking tradition, we chose to announce our recipient of the President's Award in advance. Please join me in congratulating **Liz Saunders** as our 2018 recipient! We hope that you can make the dance, as it's a lovely evening of ceremony and tradition. More details on this event are contained within the newsletter as are details on the Feis, which is being held June 3rd.

The Great Hunger Mass will be held on May 20th at 9 am with a full Irish Breakfast immediately following. The Malta House will be conducting a food drive as well. Details on this are also contained in this Newsletter.

Many thanks to the GAA for stepping up and taking over Pub Grub on April 6th and thank you to all those who came out and supported it! They did a fantastic job of preparing the fish & chips special and running the kitchen! They also helped cover the doors and paid for the food they cooked, as well as the cost of the band! It is no easy task running Pub Grub and we truly appreciate their efforts. It was a job well done! If any other group would like to help out with it one Friday night, please feel free to contact me.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

All the best,

Elizabeth O'Leary

President

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

Next New Member screening: Friday, May 11th @ 6:00 pm. (before monthly meeting)

Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, May 11th @ 7:30pm

PUB GRUB 6 to 8 pm

May 4 - Cinco de Mayo

May 18 — Cathy Hodlin's Pulled Pork

May 11 - New England Style Baked Cod

May 25 — Memorial Day Weekend—No Pub Grub

ENTERTAINMENT

May 4 - The Rising

May 18 - Jeff Conlon

May 11 - Liz McNeal

May 25 - Jerry Feeney

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

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.

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

IAHS Golf League

Spring is here and it's time to get ready for Golf Season!! Please consider joining one of our two leagues. The Monday League plays at 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 interested in playing please contact, Kevin Long (KML032@yahoo.com) for the Thursday Night League or Tom Pilch (Tom240@aol.com) for the Monday Night League.

YOUR HOME BASE FOR BASEBALL

Catch all the baseball action this season with MLB Extra Innings @ the IAHS. Watch up to 90 out-of-market games each week. From Boston to San Diego, Miami to Seattle we got it covered. Drink specials daily while baseball is on.



Pub Grub ends our season on May 18th! Thank you to everyone who faithfully patronizes this weekly club event and to all those members who volunteered their time and talents! **JUNE FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS**
June 1st The Rolling Tomato
June 8th Curbside Chef

HARTFORD GAA

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 Senior Hurling and Football teams have begun to practice outdoors at the Irish home, on Monday and Wednesday nights respectively. The Kevin Barry Hurling Tournament Finals are on Saturday, **May 5th** starting at 11 am. The Gaelic Football team will be hosting a 7's tournament on **May 12th** and the Hurling team has a home match on **May 20th** against the Barley House Wolves. Come on down and support your teams!

Youth practice has started and will run through June with Gaelic football at 3 pm and hurling at 4 pm on Saturdays at the Irish American Home Society. See Hartfordgaa.com and the Club calendar to confirm dates and times.

Save the Date

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.

GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING LIVE FROM CROKE PARK!

We are pleased to announce that we will be showing broadcasts of all the games LIVE from Ireland! The IAHS purchased the 2018 season package to show all the games from Premium Sports. There is a **\$20** charge to view the games, however, we are now offering a **MEMBERS ONLY SEASON PASS** for the spectacular price of **\$250!** That's right...only \$250 to view every game! You'll save over \$400 paying per match day. Passes can be purchased from Dan O'Connell. Season Passes make great gifts! Mother's Day and Father's Day are around the corner...a great gift for that parent who has everything (including the greatest and most generous kids in the world who always know the perfect gift).

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 apurcell-murray@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.

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 and children \$7.** 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 our 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 per person.** This year Liz Saunders will be received the 2018 President's Award!! Music will be provided by the Basket House Band. For tickets or to reserve a table, please contact Elizabeth O'Leary at (860) 888 - 8200 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 in January, we are changing our new members screening and swearing in process. The Board 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 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 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! AOH Fundraiser

Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 6 to 11 pm
Location: IAHS Glastonbury – Upstairs

Join us for a full-filled evening! There will be a silent auction and raffle drawings, along with a buffet dinner, Irish dancers and music. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please visit our website for further information: 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.

Get Well Wishes are extended to:

Kathleen Blake
Karen Breen
Marc Maio

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 pm. For more information, please call John Droney at (860) 521-2696.

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: [Johanna@snet.net](mailto:Johannah@snet.net) or (860) 982-1959

Selsiun 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.

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.

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 (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.



Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Please 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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MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <small>Submission Deadline for Scholarships</small>	2 7 pm Set Dancing	3 7:30 pm AOH Meeting	4 PUB GRUB— Cinco de Mayo THE RISING	5
6 SEISUN 4 TO 6 pm	7 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	8	9 7 pm Set Dancing	10 7 pm Set Back	11 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting PUB GRUB: Baked Cod LIZ McNEAL	12
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20 9 a.m. Great Hunger Mass SEISUN 4 TO 6 pm	21 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	22	23	24 7 pm Set Back	25 NO PUB GRUB JERRY FENNEY	26
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The Irish American Home Society

132 Commerce St. Glastonbury, CT

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Cocktails 5:30

Dinner 6:30

Cash Bar

\$35 Donation

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: _____

Foursome: 1. _____ 2. _____

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.