



# Irish American Home Society Inc. JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

## **President's Message**

Dear Fellow Members,

Mark your calendar for the *53rd Hartford Feis* on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Feis is our largest cultural event and fundraiser. This event draws dancers from across the U.S and is always a spectacular day of Irish dance. Come by and join us for breakfast or lunch..... enjoy the traditional Irish dancing and support your Club!

Our annual **President's Dance** will be June 9<sup>th</sup>. The President's Dance is an annual tradition where we honor our past Presidents, welcome our new Life Members and we will honor our recipient the 2018 President's Award, Liz Saunders. We hope that you can make the dance, as it's a lovely evening of ceremony and tradition.

Our last monthly members meeting until September will be on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please consider attending a meeting to catch up on Club business both old and new. Many times we have just enough members attending in order to hold the meeting, and we do require a minimum. As stated in our Bylaws, "Twenty-five members in Good Standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Membership meeting."

Finally, please join the Events Committee on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Club lounge, as we plan the Club's events for the upcoming year. We will be reviewing and setting dates for our most popular events, and are looking for your ideas for new and fun activities. Hope to see you there!

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

All the best,

*Elizabeth O'Leary*

President

**Next New Member screening: Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm.  
Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

## **FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS ARE BACK IN JUNE**

June 1 The Rolling Tomato

June 8 - Curbside Chef

***Pub Grub ended in May this year . . . .***

***Thanks to all our volunteers who devote countless hours to making Pub Grub such a success!  
See you in September!!***

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

June 1 - The Rising

June 8 - Jeff Conlon

**Our Friday night entertainment ends in June. Please stay tuned as we will be bringing back some bands of the past, and introducing new ones in the fall . . . .**

## 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](mailto: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

Our annual Irish American Home Society scholarships will be awarded at the June 8<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. Please join us at the meeting to congratulate this years winners!

## IAHS GOLF LEAGUE

Please consider joining one of our two recreational 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. If you are interested in playing please contact, Kevin Long ([KML032@yahoo.com](mailto:KML032@yahoo.com)) for the Thursday Night or Tom Pilch ([Tom240@aol.com](mailto:Tom240@aol.com)) for Monday Night.

## 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 during games.

## PAINT SIP FUN!

Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 4 pm

Please join the East Hartford and Glastonbury Parade Committees to support the 2019 St. Patrick's day Parade! Irish American Home Upstairs Hall. **Cost is \$35 per person**  
To reserve your spot please contact  
Sana Hart - [ohart72457@comcast.net](mailto:ohart72457@comcast.net)  
Jessica Dunn - [jessdunn21@gmail.com](mailto:jessdunn21@gmail.com)



## HARTFORD GAA

The Senior Hurling and Football teams continue to practice outdoors at the Irish home, on Monday and Wednesday nights respectively.

After a home match on June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Hurling team is off to Ireland to visit the home clubs of some of our members and play some matches. Come on down on the 9<sup>th</sup> to cheer them on and wish them luck on their trip.

The Senior Football team won the inaugural Greenwood Cup Championship, contested against their rivals in Albany. After a home and away match, your team was victorious! Congratulate them on their success as they head into the league. Home matches on July 7, 14 and 28.

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](http://Hartfordgaa.com) and the club calendar to confirm dates and times.

## Save the Date

Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> the HGAA will be attending and participating in **Irish Heritage Night at The Hartford Yard Goats**. Contact Paul O'Sullivan at [fota86@yahoo.com](mailto:fota86@yahoo.com) to reserve tickets. They are selling at \$6 and \$11; June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline! More information will be available on our website, [Hartfordgaa.com](http://Hartfordgaa.com), and our Facebook page. We still have "Rising Up and Reaching Out" HGAA T-Shirts available for sale and encourage all to wear your HGAA and county colors on the night!  
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## 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! Father's Day is just 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](mailto:membership@irishamericanhome.com) or Assistant Membership Secretary Ann Purcell-Murray [apurcell-murray@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>.

## HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

The IAHS will be holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> Halfway to St. Patrick's Day event for our members and their guests. Look for details in the July/August newsletter. We promise a fun filled day as we start the countdown to March 17<sup>th</sup>!

## 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. For more information visit [www.hartfordctfeis.com](http://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](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com). You may also purchase tickets at the bar. The deadline for Reservations or to purchase tickets is **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>** so that we may inform the caterer. Please join us for this wonderful event!

## ANNUAL RETIREES SARATOGA RACE TRACK BUS TRIP

Monday, July 23, 2018

**Off to the Races! Come spend the day at the oldest sports venue in the USA.**  
Depart from Irish American Home at 8 am  
Tickets are \$55 per person, includes Bus, Admission and Reserved Grandstand Seat  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

For Tickets Please Contact:

**Betty Mohan: 860-742-8548**  
**Patrick Tierney: 860-794-6785**

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month**) and new members will be sworn in during the monthly meeting at 7:30 pm.

## IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, contact Tom McBride (860) 983 - 0846.

## 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IRISH NORTHERN AID J.J. LONG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for this annual event on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at KENEY PARK GOLF COURSE in Hartford, CT. 1 p.m. shotgun start. **\$135.00 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 pm, Sponsor a Tee Sign for \$100.00 or a memorial for \$35.00. All proceeds benefit the Bobby Sands Circle Memorial Trust. To register, please contact Tom McBride 860-983-0846, or Cathy Hodlin, 860-306-7144, or by email [chodlin@comcast.net](mailto:chodlin@comcast.net). Hope to see you there!

**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](http://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](http://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 any additional renovation needs for the existing building.

## Sympathy to the Family of:

Robert Kennedy  
Ellen (Nell) Hosey

## Get Well Wishes are extended to:

Pat Keenan

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

## Selsiun Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Live traditional Irish music continues on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Please send contributions, in **WORD FORMAT only**, to [newsletter@irishamericanhome.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@irishamericanhome.com)

## HALL RENTALS

Our Upstairs and Downstairs Halls are available to rent for parties and gatherings. Contact Mary DaMotta (860) 881-5092 or Elizabeth O'Leary (860) 888-8200 for available dates and rates.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Food truck The Rolling Tomato THE RISING</i>	2
3 <b>9 am FEIS</b> <i>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</i>	4 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	5 <i>6 pm Events Committee 7:30 pm Board Meeting</i>	6 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	7 <i>7:30 pm AOH Meeting 7 pm Set Back</i>	8 <i>7:30 pm Monthly Meeting Food Truck Curbside Chef JEFF CONLON</i>	9 <i>5:30 pm President's Dance</i>
10	11 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	12	13 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	14 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	15	16
17 <i>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</i>	18 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	19	20	21 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	22	23
24	25 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	26	27 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	28 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	29	30