



# Irish American Home Society Inc. DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



## *President's Message*

Dear Fellow Members,

The Christmas season is upon us and there are many holiday events at the Club this upcoming month! We've changed things up for some of the events this year, and we hope you'll come by to support the efforts of our Events Committee. Our annual **Christmas Shopping Day** is December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. Our **Members Christmas Party** has been moved to a Saturday evening, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. **Breakfast with Santa** is December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11am. Details for all these great events are contained within this Newsletter. Volunteer opportunities for these events and many others throughout the year are available and volunteers are always welcome. Come on down and support your Club, we'd love to see you!

On behalf of our Officers and Directors, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy, heathy and prosperous New Year! Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhasie Daoibh!

All the best,

*Elizabeth O'Leary*

President

**Next New Member screening: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm**  
**Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm**

## PUB GRUB is back!

**December 7 - Pub Grub**  
**December 14 - Food Truck**

**December 21 - Pub Grub**  
**December 28 - Pub Grub**

**Members—kindly refrain from bringing food in from 6 to 8 pm on Friday evenings.**  
**We appreciate your support for Pub Grub and the Food Trucks!**

## ENTERTAINMENT

**December 7 - Dually Noted**

**December 8 - Highland Rovers Trio (Members Christmas Party)**

**December 14 - Jeff Conlon**

**December 21 - The Brennan Brothers**

**December 28 - Highland Rovers Trio**

**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)

**MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Membership Mania is set for Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please consider donating an item, gift basket or gift card that can be given away as part of our prize drawings. If you can help with a prize, please email or call Kathy 860-836-3785- [dumpladykat@netscape.net](mailto:dumpladykat@netscape.net). Looking forward to another successful membership weekend!

**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.

**NEW MEMBER SCREENING**

The Board of Directors are available to screen any potential new members beginning at 6 pm on meeting nights (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month). Successful candidates will be sworn in the same night, during the monthly meeting at 7:30 pm.

**2019 Membership Renewals**

- Single Membership: \$100.00
- Spousal Membership: \$140.00

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Club will be closed on **Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Club will be open on **Monday, New Year's Eve, December 31 at 4 pm**

**BAR BITES**

The IAHS is now offering a simple menu that is aimed to satisfy. We will offer:

- Mini Pizzas \$3
- Pretzel Sticks \$3
- Mac & Cheese Bites \$4
- Chicken Bites \$5

Served Tuesday through Sunday. Bar bites will be available on Fridays, **only after** Pub Grub or Food Truck times.



**MEMBER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join your fellow members at our annual Member's Christmas Party, on SATURDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs lounge. Enjoy dinner with all the trimmings plus dessert. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 pm. You must purchase a ticket in advance or make a reservation **NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Tickets are \$7 for members and \$12 for non-member guests (limit of one guest per member). You may make reservations and purchase your tickets at the bar or by contacting Elizabeth O'Leary 860-888-8200, Mary DaMotta 860-861-5092, or email at [President@Irishamericanhome.com](mailto:President@Irishamericanhome.com) Please call or purchase your tickets by Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Adults only, please!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Breakfast with Santa**

Our annual breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 am. We ask each child to bring a new, unwrapped toy for admission (please consider toys or gift cards for older children). There is a \$5 charge for adults. A photographer will be on hand to capture your child's moment with Santa. **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST** (we want to ensure we have enough crafts and food on hand). Reservations can be made by contacting Ann Purcell Murray at [apurcellmurray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apurcellmurray@sbcglobal.net) or (860) 633-0663. Please include the number of children and adults attending. Groups of 6 or more may reserve a table.

**MEMBERSHIP MANIA  
OPEN HOUSE - RETURNS**

Due to the overwhelming success of last years' "Membership Weekend" we are doing it again! The weekend of January 4, 5 & 6, 2019 has been designated as "Membership Weekend". All members are **encouraged** to come to the Club during the times listed below to pay your renewal membership dues and receive your new card. We will have more help this year to make the process go smoothly. Please support your Club, help defray the cost of two mailings by coming down this weekend to renew your membership. Let someone else cook dinner & spend time relaxing after the hectic Holidays. Pub Grub will be open featuring our delicious corned beef sandwiches and other fare. Also look for "Drink Specials" all weekend!

**PLEASE** bring a friend or friends to show off our renovated Pub Area and maybe become a potential member. Our Board of Directors will be on hand to screen new members and our President will swear them in.

There will be Prize Drawings for all members who renew during "Membership Mania". You will get FREE chances to win a prize:  
Renew on Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> get 6 tickets  
Renew on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> get 4 tickets  
Renew on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> get 2 tickets

Also receive one (1) additional ticket for every new member you sponsor that gets sworn in during the weekend.

**Hours and Entertainment:**

- Friday, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Jeff Conlon
- Saturday 5:00 to 9:00 pm Gerry Feeney
- Sunday 2:00 to 6:00 pm

**Prizes drawn on Sunday at 6:00 pm**

**FOOD – MUSIC – FUN and GIVE AWAYS  
ALL WEEKEND**

**2018 HOLIDAY FAIR**

Please join us on Sunday, **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** for our Annual Holiday Fair! Doors open for shopping from **10 am to 4 pm**. The smell of fresh greens mixed with peat will set the stage for this year's event. Breakfast will be available in the downstairs Pub from 8:30 to 11 am, followed by a Lunch Menu from 12 noon to 3 pm. Upstairs and Downstairs will be filled with a wide variety of vendors. There will be beautiful gifts direct from Ireland, as well as those handcrafted right here in the USA by local artisans, along with cash and carry items from your favorite catalogs and food items. The Club will have a selection of Irish Groceries, in addition to Club Apparel for Christmas giving.

This year Cora Dunning and Karen Breen are heading up a Members' Holiday Treasure Sale with **ALL** of the proceeds going to support our Club! They are looking for donations, so if you have some Waterford packed away gathering dust, or Belleek tea pots in need of some Irish Breakfast Tea, please consider donating them to the Treasure Sale. Raffle-type baskets with Gift Cards, crystal wine glasses, bottles of cheer or hand-crafted items would be very much welcome. Cora is looking for a wide range of items – or in Dublin-speak, from "a needle to an anchor". Think of this donation as your Christmas Present to your Club!! To donate, please contact Cora at 860-918-3129. We need Members to both donate AND Purchase!!

Christmas is built on tradition, and it is our hope that all our members will come out in force with family and friends to join together in making this Holiday Fair a tradition at the Irish American Home a resounding success!

**PARADE FUNDRAISERS:**

Pub Night - **East Hartford Parade Committee**. Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Carmine;s Bar Grill & Stage, 389 Main Street, East Harford, CT **6 to 8 pm**. \$5 donation gets you a buffet, 50/50 raffle, door prizes. Honoring Town Marshal Tim Larson and Town Honoree Robert Buettner.

**Glastonbury Parade** Dinner, honoring Town Marshall Dave O'Leary. Saturday, February 2, 2019. Details to follow in next month's newsletter

**SAVE THE DATE: in 2019**

- Karaoke Night February 9
- Parade Day March 9
- FEIS June 2

- Scholarship Golf Tournament September 6
- Halfway to St. Patrick's Day September 21

## Hartford GAA

**Monday Dec. 31, 2018** – An Irish New Year's Eve Family Celebration: Come ring in the New Year on Irish Time! This is a great family event featuring a DJ and plenty of games and fun to keep everyone entertained!! A pizza dinner will be served and please bring a dessert to share. Doors open at **4:30 pm** in the Upstairs Hall and the party goes until 7:30 pm. Seating is first come, first serve. Adults \$10, Children \$7 (children under 4 are free). Families of 4 or more \$30.00. For more information, please contact Stephen Miskell (860) 478-2052 or [stephenmiskell@icloud.com](mailto:stephenmiskell@icloud.com).

**Sunday Jan. 27, 2018** - We will be having the 2019 convention and elections for the HGAA Board at the Irish American Home at 2pm. If you are interested in a HGAA board position please contact Dan Ustach at [ustachdaniel@gmail.com](mailto:ustachdaniel@gmail.com). Come get involved and support your HGAA in 2019!

## 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.

**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)

## 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.**

## 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 & any additional renovation needs in the existing building.

## Sympathy to the Family of:

Maxine Banks

## Get Well Wishes to

Jimmy Staunton

## 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, Facebook, and the following TV stations: WFSB Channel 3, WVIT Channel 30 and Fox 61. 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!!

## 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 has starting back up at the Club. If you are interested, please contact Johanna Mackey at: [Johannah@snet.net](mailto:Johannah@snet.net) or (860) 982-1959.

## Seisiun 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.

## HALL RENTALS

Our Upstairs and Downstairs Halls are available to rent for parties and gatherings. Please contact **Mary DaMotta** at (860) 881-5092 [mmsay@aol.com](mailto:mmsay@aol.com) or **Elizabeth O'Leary** at (860) 888-8200 [president@irishamericanhome.com](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com) for available dates and rates. They have the ability to check dates electronically. Please keep in mind the downstairs hall is **only** available for rent to members in good standing. Any Satellite organizations (namely, Irish Northern Aid, Ancient Order of Hibernians, or the Gaelic Athletic Association) wishing to rent halls, should contact Dan O'Connell at (860) 633-9691. Normal protocols that have been established for these Satellite groups must be followed.



**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.

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8 Children's Christmas Party	10 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	11 7:30 pm Board Meeting	12 7 pm Set Dancing	13 7 pm Set Back	14 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting Food Truck, JEFF CONLON	15
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