



# Irish American Home Society Inc. MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

## *President's Message*

Dear Fellow Members,

The month of March is finally here, and with it our beloved parade and St. Patrick's Day. This is the time of year we celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, and there is no better place to do it than the Irish American Home Society! We kick off the season with our **Annual Corned Beef Dinner** on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, the **Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade** winds its way through the streets of Hartford and last but not least, **St. Patrick's Day** is on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Come by the Club after the parade and again on St. Patrick's Day for the best celebrations around! Look for the details for all these events in this Newsletter.

The parade will be led this year by our Grand Marshal's **Eileen and Myles McGee** who are proud members of this society, and our Person of the Year **Renee DiNino**. If you would like to march in the club's contingent and carry a county flag, please contact me. Each year, on the morning of the parade we tend to scramble to ensure we have 32 flag bearers...so please let me know in advance, as we'd love to have you!

We still have some fabulous volunteer opportunities available and the details are in this Newsletter. I'm quite certain we've got some seriously talented potato peelers and sandwich makers out there so please sign up, help support your club and have some fun too! **Please remember that our Membership meeting is March 1 this month.**

Beannachtai na Feile Padraig Daoibh Go Leir (The blessings of St, Patrick's Day to you)!

All the best,

*Elizabeth O'Leary*

President



### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT (Music starts at 2 pm downstairs)

**March 9 (Parade Day)**  
**March 17**

**Billy Egan and the Rising (downstairs)**  
**Gerry Feeny (upstairs hall 11 am to 2 pm)**  
**Billy Egan and the Rising (downstairs)**



### FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS 6 to 8 pm

**March 1 - Bears Barbeque in our kitchen**  
**March 8 - Roadside Dogger\*\***

**March 15 - Rolling Tomato**  
**March 22 - Roadside Dogger\*\***  
**March 29 - Pub Grub**

**\*\*Roadside Dogger will offer Grilled cheese and Fish & Chips during Lent, along with their other menu items**

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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ARE PROHIBITED; DO NOT BRING ANY INTO THE CLUB**

### FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

**March 1 - Liz McNichol**  
**March 8 - The Brennan Brothers (starts @ 7 pm)**

**March 15 - The Coricals**  
**March 22 - Jeff Conlon**  
**March 29 - Gerry Feeny**

*All music begins at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.*

**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)

**FOR OUR MARCH EVENTS:**

- Corned Beef Lunch 3/3:  
[Sign up Genius - Corned Beef Dinner](#)
- Parade Day 3/9:  
[Sign up Genius - Parade Day 3/9](#)
- St. Patrick's Day 3/17:  
[Sign up Genius - St. Patrick's Day 3/17](#)

**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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MARCH MONTHLY MEETING IS FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

**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.

**Mark your calendars!**

Sr. Peggy Evans will be celebrating her 50th anniversary in the near future. We would like to invite everyone to her **50th anniversary** celebration on Saturday, **April 6, 2019**. The celebration will start with a mass in the auditorium, with a reception afterwards. For more information and tickets, please contact the ECHS advancement office at (860) 649.5336. Tickets will be available soon. <https://www.echs.com/srpeggy>

**Greater Hartford St Patrick's Day Parade Annual Mass**

The Central CT Celtic Cultural Committee will hold the annual parade mass on **Friday, March 8, 2019 at 7 pm**, St Patrick / St Anthony Church, 285 Church St, Hartford.

Free, convenient, well lit and reserved parking is available in the Saints Parking Lot, (directly across from the church entrance). Please join us as we start Parade Weekend with this very special celebration which will conclude with the presentation of traditional walking sticks to the 2019 Parade Grand Marshals,

**Myles and Eileen McGee**



2019 Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade honors: **SPECTACULATOR SPECTATORS** Has your family been standing in the same spot for decades – grateful that you represent generations? OK – so this may be the year to put the Kellys, the O'Briens, or the Murphys – “on the map.” Does Hartford's St Patrick's Day Parade translate as “time to tailgate?” Well – this may be the year to trade the green eggs and ham for Eggs St Benedict, the Solo Cups for Walsh family Waterford . . .and – if the “Wearin O’ The Green” is your “go to” – consider this year – the “Singin’ O’ The Song” or a rendition of Connecticut Riverdance. Spectators will be viewed/judged **prior** to the parade and prizes will be awarded to **SPECTACULATOR SPECTATORS** in the categories of **Family, Tailgaters, and Spirit**. Start planning and stay tuned for more details.

**2019 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](mailto:james.moriarty1116@yahoo.com).

Information regarding eligibility is provided with the application. Submission deadline is **May 1, 2019**. Awards will be presented on June 14, 2019 at the Monthly membership meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Karaoke Night	April 13
FEIS	June 2
Scholarship Golf Tournament	September 6
Halfway to St. Patrick's Day	September 21

**PARADE FUNDRAISERS**

**Town Marshal/Honoree Reception**

**(Cromwell Parade Committee)**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2019 5 to 7 pm**  
Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416  
Edward H. Mann, Town Marshal  
Kelly Maher, Town Honoree

**Town Marshal/Honoree Reception**

**(West Hartford Parade Committee)**  
**Saturday, March 2, 2019 3 to 7 pm**  
Beachland Tavern; 1128 New Britain Ave, West Harford, CT **\$5 donation**;  
Guinness, Harp, Wine \$5, lite fare served  
Barbara Foley, Town Marshal  
Mark Jamin, Town Honoree

**St. Patrick's Day Parade  
New York Bus Trip**

Sponsored by Hartford Irish Northern Aid  
**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
Departs CT at **8:00 am**  
Leaves NY at **7:00 pm**

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day in New York, march in the parade, shop, or just enjoy the day visiting your favorite sites. **\$50 per person round trip**, make checks payable to INA. Mail to: Cathy Hodlin, 4 Vincy Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416



**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.**

**Back by popular demand!**

Please join us for  
Karaoke night  
Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
**7 to 10 pm**  
Drink specials, Bar bites  
will be available or bring  
your own snacks!!



## Hartford GAA

**Parade:** Please join the HGAA in its annual participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>**. You can purchase our T-shirt for this year's march by emailing the club secretary at

[Secretary.hartford.northeast.usa@gaa.ie](mailto:Secretary.hartford.northeast.usa@gaa.ie). Check out the design on our Facebook page.

**Training:** After a well-deserved rest, the Hurling and Football seasons are back in action with our Indoor Training Sessions. This is where we put in the work to make our 2019 season a success. The Football team has scheduled 8 sessions at the Oakwood Soccer Center in Glastonbury from 10 to 11 pm starting February 5<sup>th</sup> and ending March 26<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday nights). The Hurling team will be training at the Star Hill Athletic Center in Tolland from 9 to 10 pm starting February 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing for eight weeks on Thursday nights. All new players welcome! See [Hartfordgaa.com](http://Hartfordgaa.com) and the club calendar or our Facebook page to confirm dates and times.

**Youth:** The youth program will begin outdoor training on Saturdays in April.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Annual Open House and Registration, starting at 2 pm at the Irish American Home. Come down to the club and signup for the season using our online registration platform. Folks will be around to help with registering and introducing the game to any new players. Spread the word!

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** 2019 Golf Tournament at Goodwin Golf Course in Harford. Lunch at 12 noon: shotgun start at 1 pm. Scramble format. \$140 per player which includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, gift, on course prizes, lunch and dinner with one-hour open bar. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Stephen Miskell (860) 478-2052 or email: [stephenmiskell@icloud.com](mailto:stephenmiskell@icloud.com). Please visit the website: [www.HartfordGAA.com](http://www.HartfordGAA.com)

## 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)

## 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 Fund**, established to fund a proposed new building in the future.



**Get Well Wishes to:**  
Patty Reilly

## 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 Dronney at (860) 521-2696.

## 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 **Elizabeth O'Leary** at (860) 888-8200 [president@irishamericanhome.com](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com) or **Mary DaMotta** at (860) 881-5092 [mmsay@aol.com](mailto:mmsay@aol.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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# MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>7:30 pm</b> <i>Monthly Meeting</i> <i>Food Truck</i> <b>LIZ McNICHOL</b>	2
3 1 to 4 pm <i>Corned Beef &amp; Cabbage dinner</i> <b>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</b>	4 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	5	6 <b>7 pm Set Dancing</b>	7 <b>7 pm Set Back</b>	8 <i>Food Truck</i> <b>THE BRENNAN BROTHERS</b>	9 <b>The Rising</b> <b>HARTFORD's ST. PATRICKS DAY</b>
10	11 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	12	13 <b>7 pm Set Dancing</b>	14 <b>7 pm Set Back</b>	15 <i>Food Truck</i> <b>THE CORICALS</b>	16
17 <b>The Rising</b> <b>NO SEISUN</b>	18 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	19	20 <b>7 pm Set Dancing</b>	21 <b>7 pm Set Back</b>	22 <i>Food Truck</i> <b>JEFF CONLONS</b>	23
24/31	25 <b>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</b>	26	28	28 <b>7 pm Set Back</b>	29 <i>Pub Grub</i> <b>GERRY FEENEY</b>	30



## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS IN MARCH!

(The truth be told, we're looking for more than a few) Please consider volunteering for one of the events below or offer your services prior to the event. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities...find one that suits you. It's a great way to meet your fellow members. In fact, you just might find yourself enjoying a pint or two afterwards with your new-found friends! Call Elizabeth O'Leary (860) 888-8200 or email [president@irishamericanhome.com](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com) or utilize **Sign Up Genius:** [www.irishamericanhome.com/](http://www.irishamericanhome.com/)

### ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 1 to 4 pm. Join us for our famous corned beef, served with cabbage, potato, carrots, dinner rolls and Irish Soda Bread. **Adults \$15 and kids 12 and under \$8.** Nobody does corned beef better than the IAHS! Enjoy performances of Irish step dancing in the upstairs hall beginning at 12 noon. We serve in the downstairs lounge as well. We hope to see you there!

**Peeling Party for Corned Beef Dinner:** Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. BYOP (bring your own peeler). We also need help setting up the Upstairs Hall for the dinner.

**Corned Beef Dinner:** Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 4 pm. We need volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and serve during the event.

**Parade Day:** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: We need volunteers to staff the kitchen after the Parade until the last sandwich is sold! The Upstairs Hall will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. Sign up for a shift!

**Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>:** We need volunteers to help prepare for St. Patrick's Day! We will be portioning cole slaw, pickles, etc. We begin at 6 pm and it won't take much more than an hour or so, with enough volunteers.

**St. Patrick's Day, Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>:** From 11 am until??? We need volunteers to staff the kitchen. Sign up for a shift! We need volunteers to staff the doors on Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day.

**Doors (March 14 and 17):** We need volunteers to check ID's and collect the cover charge. If you are interested, please contact Eileen McGee at (860) 550-3732 by phone or text.

### CARRY YOUR COUNTY FLAG!

Carry your County flag in the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Please consider joining your fellow members and carry a flag in the club's contingent. Flags will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We provide a Club windbreaker and ask that you wear black pants. Please call Elizabeth O'Leary to reserve your flag (860) 888- 8200 or email [president@irishamericanhome.com](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com)

