



# Irish American Home Society Inc. APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

## *President's Message*

Dear Fellow Members,

Mother Nature once again 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 Eileen and Myles McGee, Parade Grand Marshals, and Renee DiNino, Person of the Year. A huge congratulations and thank you to the Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee as well as 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 donate their time to support the Club and our events! To all the peelers, servers and clean up crew for our corned beef dinner as well as all the door people, kitchen staff, ticket sellers and cleanup crews on Parade day and St. Patrick's day, your time is greatly appreciated and helps make these events a huge success. A very special thank you as well, to Terry Saunders, Peter Hart and crew for always cooking the best corned beef around, to Lil Holleran and Eileen McGee for all the scone baking, and last but not least, to our expert sandwich makers who come in bright and early to get the much sought after sandwiches made.

We have several important events this spring...the Mass in Memory of our Deceased Members is on April 14<sup>th</sup>, The Great Hunger Mass is on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Hartford Feis is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information is contained in this Newsletter. Please come out support these events and traditions at your Club, we look forward to seeing you!

All the best,

*Elizabeth O'Leary*

President

### **MEMBERS**

Please refrain from scheduling any parties or gatherings on Friday nights in the Pub downstairs. It is our busiest night of the week and many of our regular members could not find a seat recently because of the increased number of non-member guests that have been coming down. We want you to welcome your friends and family, but please be courteous to your fellow members and limit the number of guests you invite on Friday nights. Thanks for your cooperation!



### **PUB GRUB 6 to 8 pm**

<b>April 5 - GAA Pub Night</b>	<b>April 19—Good Friday (Club closed)</b>
<b>April 12 Food Truck—Rolling Tomato</b>	<b>April 26 - Pub Grub</b>

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

**Please remember that outside beverages are prohibited**

### **FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT**

<b>April 5 - The Coracles</b>	<b>April 19 - CLUB CLOSED</b>
<b>April 12 - The Brennan Brothers</b>	<b>April 26 - The Rising</b>

*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)

## 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.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: APRIL 12**  
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## 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 is celebrating an anniversary! We invite everyone to her **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** celebration at East Catholic on Saturday, **April 6, 2019**. The celebration will start with a mass in the auditorium, followed by a reception. For more information and tickets, please contact the ECHS advancement office at (860) 649 - 5336 or purchase tickets online

<https://www.echs.com/srpeggy>  
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## SAVE THE DATE:

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

## 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.

## MASS IN MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Mass in Memory of Deceased Members will be held at **9 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](mailto:president@irishamericanhome.com)

## GREAT HUNGER MASS Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

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 in the Upstairs Hall at **9 am** and the celebrant will be Father James Nock. A full Irish breakfast will be served in the Downstairs Lounge following the Mass. **Adults \$12.00 and children \$8.00**. The Malta House will be conducting a food drive so please bring your non-perishable donation.



## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual HARTFORD FEIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>

The annual Hartford Feis will take place on our field. 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 stageside 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](http://www.hartfordctfeis.com) or contact Liz Saunders 860-951-5269. Come down and enjoy Irish culture at its best!

## EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, April 13

Grab the kids and hop down to the Club on Saturday, at **11 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**, payable at the door. **NO reservations** are required!! 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.

## 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!!**  
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## 2019 Irish Golf League

With Spring just around the corner, it's time to get ready for Golf Season. The kick off meeting for the Golf Leagues-Mondays and Thursdays, will be on **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm**, in the downstairs back room. This is a recreational Mixed Golf League for all who enjoy a good time playing golf. The Monday Night League plays at Rockledge Golf Course in West Hartford, and the Thursday Night League plays at the East Hartford Golf Course. If you plan on attending the kick off meeting, please contact either Tom Pilch [Tom240@aol.com](mailto:Tom240@aol.com) or Kevin Long [KML032@yahoo.com](mailto:KML032@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DANCE Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

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 2019 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**. For tickets or to reserve a table, please contact Elizabeth O'Leary at (860) 888 - 8200 or [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 May 31st** so that we may inform the caterer. Please join us for this wonderful event!



## Hartford GAA

**HGAA Pub Grub, April 5<sup>th</sup>:** We'll be serving up some good food and hopefully plenty of craic. Come on down, wear your club's colors, and have some fun with your hurling and Gaelic football teams.

**Senior:** The hurling and football teams are looking forward to getting outside for practice as soon as the field is ready. Be sure to come down to the Irish Home on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm to support your hurlers as they take on the lads from the Jersey Shore GAA!

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

**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.HarfordGAA.com](http://www.HarfordGAA.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)

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

## Sympathy to the families of:

Patrick Keenan  
Katie (McLaughlin) Maio

**Get Well Wishes to:**  
Barb Hedges



## 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 (2019 dues must be paid). If you believe you meet these criteria, please contact Membership Secretary Kathy Saimininkas at (860) 633 - 9691 [membership@irishamericanhome.com](mailto:membership@irishamericanhome.com) or Assistant Membership Secretary Marigrace Riley. 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 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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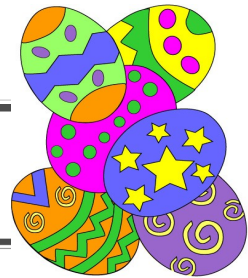
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	4 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	5 <i>Pub Grub GAA THE CORACLES</i>	6
7 <i>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</i>	8 <i>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</i>	9 <i>Board Meeting</i>	10 <i>EVENTS COMMITTEE 6:30 pm 7 pm Set Dancing</i>	11 <i>6:30 pm Golf League Kickoff 7 pm Set Back</i>	12 <i>7:30 pm</i> <i>Monthly Meeting Food Truck THE BRENNAN BROTHERS</i>	13 <i>Easter Egg Hunt KARAOKE</i>
14 <i>Deceased Members Mass 9 am</i>	15 <i>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</i>	16	17 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	18 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	19 <i>GOOD FRIDAY CLUB CLOSED</i>	20
21 <i>EASTER</i> <i>CLUB CLOSED</i> <i>NO SEISUN</i>	22 <i>St. Patrick's Pipe Band</i>	23	24	25 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	26 <i>Pub Grub THE RISING</i>	27
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