



Irish American Home Society Inc. MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Spring has finally arrived and we have many events planned. The Great Hunger Mass will be held on May 19th at 9 am with a full Irish Breakfast served in the Pub downstairs immediately following Mass. The Malta House will be conducting a food drive as well. The Annual Feis will be held on Sunday, June 2nd. Details on these events are also contained in this Newsletter.

Many thanks to the GAA for stepping up and taking over Pub Grub again! They took over the kitchen April 12th and did another fantastic job preparing Fish and Chips and running the kitchen. Once again, they paid for the food that evening, provided all the manpower, and cleaned the kitchen after! Thank you to all of those who came out and supported this event, it was a great success. It is no easy task running Pub Grub and we truly appreciate their efforts. If any groups are looking to help out one Friday night, please feel free to contact me.

All the best,

Elizabeth O'Leary

President

MONTHLY MEETING — MAY 10

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

PUB GRUB 6 to 8 pm

May 3-	Pub Grub	May 24	NO Pub Grub
May 10	Woody's Hot Dog Truck		Memorial Day Weekend
May 17	Pub Grub	May 31	Pub Grub

**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

May 3 - The Coracles	May 24 - Liz McNichol
May 10 - Jeff Conlon	May 31 - Dan Ringrose
May 17 - The Rising	

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 or 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.

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 can not find a seat 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!



Scholarship Golf	
Tournament	<u>September 6</u>
Halfway to	
St. Patrick's Day	<u>September 21</u>

GREAT HUNGER MASS

Sunday, May 19th

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.

54th Annual HARTFORD FEIS SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

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 or contact Liz Saunders 860-951-5269. Come down and enjoy Irish culture at its best!



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.

2019 Irish Golf League

There 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 interested, please contact either Tom Pilch Tom240@aol.com (Monday league) or Kevin Long KML032@yahoo.com (Thursday)



ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S DANCE Saturday, June 8th

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. 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!

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

membersip@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 8th.

HARTFORD GAA

The Hartford GAA will hold its annual golf tournament on **Saturday, May 11th** 2019 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. Please visit the website: www.HarfordGAA.com

Senior: The hurling and football teams are outside and practicing on Monday and Wednesday nights respectively. Be sure to come down to the Irish Home on **May 19th** as the hurlers faceoff against Providence at 3:30 pm and also on **May 25th** as the footballers do battle with Albany. See the Club calendar on the website or on Facebook @HartfordGAAClub to see the whole schedule.

Youth: The youth program continues to train on Saturdays in May.

T-Shirts: We still have this year's parade t-shirts available with a theme of "Knot Irish, Knot a Problem!" Contact hartfordgaelic@gmail.com if interested

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, 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

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.**

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 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.

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 or **Mary DaMotta at (860) 881-5092** 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.

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.



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.

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MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	2 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	3 <i>Pub Grub</i> THE CORACLES	4
5 <i>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</i>	6 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	7 Board Meeting	8 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	9 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	10 7:30 pm <i>Monthly Meeting</i> <i>Food Truck—Woody's</i> <i>Hot Dogs</i> JEFF CONLON	11
12 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	13 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	14	15 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	16 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	17 <i>Pub Grub</i> THE RISING	18
19 9 am Great <i>Hunger Mass</i> <i>SEISUN 4 to 6 pm</i>	20 St. Patrick's Pipe Band	21	22	23 <i>7 pm Set Back</i>	24 NO Pub Grub LIZ McNICHOL	25
26	<i>Memorial Day</i> 	28	29 <i>7 pm Set Dancing</i>	30	31 <i>Pub Grub</i> DAN RINGROSE	