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**Semi-Monthly Seisiún/Céilí** - The second and fourth Sundays of the month, Sept. thru June from 3-7 p.m. at the Canadian-American Hall, 202 Arlington St., Watertown, MA. Musicians are invited to join in. There is set, ceili, old-time waltz, and other dancing. **Doors open for a slow session at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday.** Refreshments served. Admission \$10

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### A Cháirde,

The North American CCÉ Convention will be held from June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel in New Jersey this year. *Hope to see many of you there.* The weekend also includes a Fleadh and Hall of Fame Induction. Frankie McCormick and his Mid-Atlantic Region team are going all out to ensure a mighty event. *Be sure to make your reservation soon. Details are further on in the newsletter.*

Many of us are hopeful groundhog Punxsutawney Phil was right and there will be an early Spring. In the meantime, check out the websites listed in this newsletter for happenings in March.

Did you know the first Saint Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1762? It was performed by Irish soldiers in the English army on the streets of New York City. The celebrations increased dramatically when Irish immigration to the United States exploded during Ireland's Great Potato Famine in 1845. Over one million Irish immigrants helped the holiday's popularity grow in the United States.

Up until the 1970's, Saint Patrick's Day had remained a minor holiday in Ireland with very little drinking, because the pubs were closed. America is credited with turning the holiday into the great party it is known for today.

*Happiness, peace and plenty to all this Saint Patrick's Day and all year long !*

God bless everyone . . . *Tara Lynch, Chairperson*

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# EVENTS/NOTICES

- ♦ **Seisiún / Ceilí – Sun., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> ▪ Sun., Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 ▪ 3-7p.m., Adm. \$10 ▪ Canadian-American Hall,  
 202 Arlington St., Watertown ~ Donations of baked  
 goods and/or raffle prizes gratefully appreciated.  
*Doors open at 1:30p.m. on the **fourth** Sunday for  
 a slow session.*
- ♦ **St. Patrick's Day Ceilí – Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup> ▪ 7p.m.**  
 Donation \$7 ▪ Danvers Art Assoc. 105 Elliot St.  
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 along your favorite dish to share, beer, wine  
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 talent too whether it be a song, a dance, a musical  
 instrument, a poem or story to entertain us.
- ♦ **Ceilí – To celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Spring!**  
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# CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Sophie Kirby, family and friends here and in  
 Ireland, on the loss of her cherished sister Nora Friel  
 in Ireland.
- ♦ To the Ronnie Barron family and friends on his  
 passing. A longtime member and loyal supporter  
 of the RHC Branch. He will be sorely missed.
- ♦ To Betty Cotton, family and friends, on the untimely  
 passing of her dear son-in-law Fernando DeCosta.
- ♦ To Sally Harney, Frances Ross, Theresa McLaughlin,  
 family and friends here and in Ireland, on the loss of  
 their beloved brother John Frances McLaughlin  
 in Ireland.

# PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES

- ♦ To all who are ill and/or recovering from surgery

- ♦ **NA Comhaltas Convention ~ June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Clare Battering Steps with Alanna

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**Sat., March 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 10a.m. – Noon ~ Fee: \$15**

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## Irish Session – Canadian-American Club (downstairs)

**202 Arlington St., Watertown**

**Thurs., March 14<sup>th</sup> ▪ 8p.m. ~ donation at door**

**Host: Joey Abarta**

## An Irish Celebration

**Memorial Hall ~ 529 Main St., Melrose, MA**

**Sat., March 16, 2019 ~ 3:00p.m. and 7:30p.m.**

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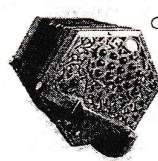


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