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Island of Saints & Scholars ~ 7:30-9p.m.

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CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Theresa O'Malley, family and friends, on the loss of her dear husband Joe. He will be sorely missed.
- ♦ To Frank and John Droney, family and friends, on the passing of their cherished brother the legendary Chris Droney of Bell Harbour, County Clare Ireland, and the untimely loss of nephew Jim Droney and also a first cousin Margaret Droney
- ♦ To Dr. Robert T. Burke, family and friends, on the loss of his beloved wife Patricia Burke. She was a member of the Ceildhe Club, RI

A Chairde ,

The pandemic has led to sweeping changes and disruptions in nearly every aspect of our daily lives. People are also feeling overwhelmed by conflicting information from news sources and social media. In this time of great national difficulty, the Executive Board of the RHC Branch is well aware of what many of you are dealing with. *We are living in unprecedented times.*

If closing down during the pandemic was the hard part, reopening is the complicated part and unfortunately not on the horizon at the moment. We all wish we could press a fast-forward button and propel ourselves into the future and out of our current circumstances. During this critical time, our goal will continue to be focused on surviving the crisis so that we can welcome our branch members back when it's safe to do so. It's a slim line to walk, as social distancing challenges our once-thriving branch.

The Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCE Branch was founded in 1975 and is now in its 45th year. Once Larry Reynolds (RIP) became Chairman, he played a huge part in the development of the branch. Many of us who were fortunate to know him benefited significantly from his dedication. As your current chairperson, I am committed to navigating the branch challenges ahead.

Are you with me? Membership Dues remain a key revenue stream to keep us afloat. Enclosed is a membership application and an envelope addressed to Michael Hickey, Treasurer. While temporarily at a standstill, we encourage you to renew your membership. Together we'll keep the tradition alive. Thanks in advance. *We are extremely grateful for your support.*

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

Keep in tune with the tradition . . .

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EVENTS/NOTICES

- ♦ **Important ~ CCE Membership Dues - due date Nov. 1, 2020.** An application and return envelope are included with this newsletter. Kindly complete the application to insure our records are accurate and remit with payment to **Michael Hickey, Treas., 100 Woodpecker Road, Stoughton, MA 02072**
- ♦ **AGM - A virtual RHC branch Annual General Meeting** to elect Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley Branch Officers for 2020-2021 is planned for Sun., Oct. 25th at 2 p.m. To qualify, candidates must be members in good standing for a minimum of one year. If you would like to attend, kindly send a message to cceboston.org@gmail.com and note AGM Meeting as the Subject to be sent the link.
- ♦ **Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship**
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PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES

- ♦ Heavenly Father, watch over the world as we continue to struggle with Covid-19. Ease fears and worries. Heal those who have been infected. Lighten the hearts of those who are dealing with loss of loved ones and friends. Bring us peace and health. Amen

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ **The Seamus Connolly Collection of Irish Music Website**
connollymusiccollection.bc.edu

- ♦ **Irish Studies at Boston College** is pleased to present a fall 2020 Gaelic Roots Lunchtime Series of virtual events Hosted by Gaelic Roots Series director Sheila Falls, the fall 2020 series features:

October 22nd at 12 Noon EST:

Manus McGuire ~ fiddle performance and lecture

November 5th at 12 Noon EST:

Gerry O'Connor, ~ fiddle performance and lecture

The pre-recorded events will launch on two platforms: the Gaelic Roots Series Facebook page, with the option of live chat, and on Burns Library's Irish Music Archives YouTube channel, where it will remain available after the program.

www.facebook.com/gaelicroots

www.youtube.com/user/BurnsLibraryIMC

Canadian-American Club

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October 2020

A Chairde,

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude whether you are a longtime member, new to the branch, or considering joining or rejoining us. Your partnership enriches our organization and strengthens our commitment to be fully involved in the preservation, practice, and promotion of Irish culture.

Here are but a few of the goals we strive to keep paramount:

- ♪ To create a closer bond among all lovers of Irish music adding to a feeling of community
- ♪ To encourage and support children and adults learning music, song and dance
- ♪ To foster and promote traditional singing in both Irish and English

During this critical time for our organization, our goal will continue to be focused on surviving this crisis so that we can ultimately emerge and welcome branch members back when it is safe to do so. Membership is critical to the branch's ability to keep us active and vital and is only possible due to your generosity and support. Membership value is the sense of community and commitment to Comhaltas. Member benefits include a newsletter to stay connected and Treoir Magazine which is published in Dublin, Ireland.

CCÉ policies require that any communication with junior members be sent through a parent/guardian. Date of Birth (dob) information is required for identification of junior members and for placement in the proper age category if any junior member enters a CCÉ music competition event.

I have a bold request...please stay with us and renew your membership today. Detach and complete the form below. This ensures pertinent membership details will be current for our records and enables us to serve you better. Kindly make your check payable to CCÉ, note for dues on check, and mail both to Michael Hickey, Treasurer (address below).

Sincerely,

Tara Lynch, Chairperson

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Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCÉ Branch

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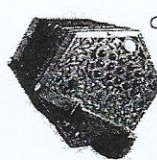
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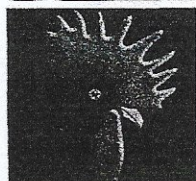
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