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**CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY**

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♦ To Bill McEvoy's family and friends on his loss just shy of his 98th birthday. In 2000 Bill received the CCE highest honor Tíonol Leo Rowsome Award for his exceptional contribution to the preservation and promotion of traditional Irish music since 1972. He retired as Provincial Chairman for North America in 1997 but always remained involved. Bill passed to his eternal home to be reunited with his beloved wife Lily and daughter Marian.

♦ To Phyllis Reynolds' family and friends on her passing. There are too many ways to list her contributions. The amount of "behind the scenes activities" from folding and stamping hundreds of monthly newsletters to putting up with seemingly endless calls for music or Comhaltas related items, yes and so much more, all while raising a large family. Our overall sentiment is - "How wonderful it is that Phyllis and Larry are together again."

**A Chairde,**

Our Music School Classes took off successfully and virtually via Zoom in November and continues through January. Hats off to the dedicated teachers and students of all levels.

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I am pleased ninety-two members and friends joined in from near and far to the Virtual Social Tea Zoom event, Sunday, Dec. 6th. Everyone delighted in seeing, talking, and sharing news with each other. Some shared photos of new grandchildren. Vincent Crotty presented an impressive Neon painting and his wife Kieran Jordan danced sean nos, her specialty.

Others were also prepared to entertain us. Regina Delaney played the harp and sang along with her daughter Alanna, both dressed in their Christmas best. Mairin Keady treated us with songs in both Irish and English. Mossie Murphy gave us a tune from Ireland. A young lady named Wynter played the concertina. At the risk of leaving someone out, it's safe to say there were jokes, poems, tunes, songs, and much more. It was a heartwarming experience and lasted long after the anticipated end time.

*Let's do it again.* St. Stephen's Day Virtual Open House is the plan from 3-5 p.m. Look for an email to RSVP. A link to the Zoom event will be sent to you. Make sure we have your email, if not, send it to [mauconway@aol.com](mailto:mauconway@aol.com) or [cceboston.org@gmail.com](mailto:cceboston.org@gmail.com)

Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year to you and yours.  
 God bless everyone... **Tara Lynch, Chairperson**

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EVENTS/NOTICES

- ♦ **Important ~ CCE Membership Dues - due date Nov. 1, 2020.** You can apply for or renew membership and/or pay dues online...  
[cceboston.org/membership-dues/](http://cceboston.org/membership-dues/)

Also see membership info to the left in this newsletter. We are grateful to all for your renewals. Welcome to new members Membership cards to be sent upon receipt.

- ♦ **AGM - A virtual RHC Branch Annual General Meeting** was held to elect Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley Branch Officers for 2020-2021 on Sun., Oct. 25th. The slate remains unchanged with the exception of the Treori na Gaeilge ~ who is Patrick Clifford.

PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES

- ♦ For the Harney family. The son of Sally and Joe Harney, Joe Jr., received a serious diagnosis. Please keep Joe Jr. and his extended family in your thoughts and prayers as together they navigate this medical journey. Sally and Joe have expressed their deep appreciation for your kindness.
- ♦ For Frances Ross to continue making progress in her recovery. Frances is extremely grateful to all for your prayers and remembrances.

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Hughie Gaffney on the loss of his dear brother James Gaffney

- ♦ To Jim and Julie Keaney on the untimely passing of their cherished son Sean
- ♦ To Helen McGowan Gardner on the loss of a dear brother-in-law Charles J. McGowan
- ♦ To Maureen Merrill Woods on the passing of a dear brother-in-law Edward F. Woods
- ♦ To Paul Keating, CCÉ Provincial Board Public Relations Officer, on the loss of his beloved brother Robert E. Keating

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

- ♦ To Connie Patten's Mom, Ilse Rene Wolf, celebrating her 100th birthday

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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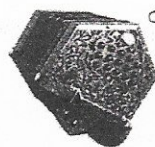
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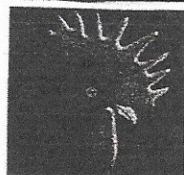
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