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A Chairoe,

Warm greetings to all as we begin 2022 and as we continue to cope with the pandemic. A year ago, I wrote that although we were not seeing the end of the pandemic quickly enough for most of us, we must remember that enjoying life along the way is key until "back to normal" is realized. I sincerely hope we all have been able to do so, by appreciating the often-overlooked aspects of everyday life that we once took for granted, as well as the unexpected joys that have presented themselves. With the annual convention in San Francisco still on schedule for late April, we certainly have much to look forward to. I can think of no better celebration of "back to normal" than attending this event.

As many are aware, Barbara Davis has retired as our Public Relations Officer. On behalf of the entire branch, I would like to offer our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Barbara for twenty-two years of tireless service. She, along with Bob, volunteered countless hours and energy towards the success of the RHC Branch and has always been a backbone of our organization. We thank them both for their dedication and look forward to continuing to enjoy their company at our monthly seisiúns and other events. Go Raibh Maith Agat

We are tentatively and optimistically looking at February 13th to once again reopen our monthly seisúin. Mark your calendars and we will send word when a decision is made, dependent, of course, upon any curves the virus sends our way.

God bless everyone... Tara Lynch, Chairperson

COMMUNITY EVENTS

History Classes On-line ~ with Sean Murphy on Thursday evenings. Topics for next session are "1916 Easter Rising" & "History of County Down" beginning March 3rd. To register, email mdooher@irishculture.org.

Can-Am News ~ The Club will reopen on February 1st. Please consider supporting the home of RHC~CCE by becoming a member. https://canadianamericanclub.com

Irish Cultural Center ~ Many events are taking place; please visit https://irishculture.org for the latest news. Set dance workshops are being held Monday evenings.

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Mary Devlin's family, especially her husband Jack and son Jerry. We were all so very lucky to have known her. Rest in peace, Mary. We will miss you.

Our thoughts are with the family, friends and students of Ashling Murphy, of County Offaly, after her tragic death. The entire CCE community mourns the loss of this accomplished and admired young member, a beloved teacher, athlete and musician. AR oheis Oé 50 RAIDH A ANAM.

AN INTRODUCTION

My sincere thanks to Barbara Davis for her 22 years of dedication to our branch and for nominating me to fill her large shoes. For those who may not know me, my name is Maureen Woods. I was introduced to CCE almost fifteen years ago after chancing upon set dancing while visiting Ireland and have been active in the greater Boston set dance community ever since. I'm looking forward to participating in the CCE mission of keeping Irish music, culture and traditions alive and welcome your suggestions for the newsletter. Please say a prayer that I'm able to meet the high standard set by Barbara!

REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ The December reopening seisiún was enjoyed thoroughly by all who attended. It felt so good to have live music filling the air and dancers on the floor. Unfortunately, monthly seisiúns are on hold once more, with the hope we can all meet again on February 13th. Notice will be sent as soon as a decision is made.

In an effort to do our part for "going green," we ask that patrons bring their own cups for tea at the seisiúns.

<u>Set/Ceili Dance Workshops</u> ~ Tuesday lessons (and a great deal of fun) are on hold. The regular Tuesday dancers will be notified when classes resume.

EVENTS/NOTICES

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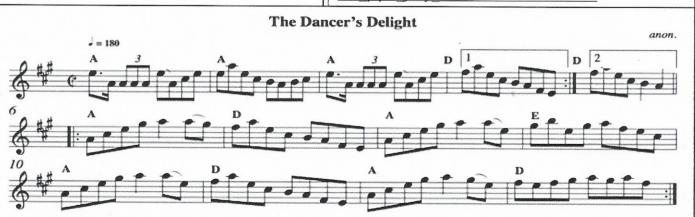
Our friends at the IAHS in Glastonbury, CT will be hosting a ceili on March 27th with the Pride of Moyvane

CIM of St. Paul Gaela ~ The Center for Irish Music in St. Paul MN is holding their annual Gaela Event online this year, February 26th at 6:30 pm. General admission tickets are **free**, but registration is required. https://one.bidpal.net/eigse2022/welcome

Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann ~ Traditional musicians of all ages (and anyone wishing to enjoy some great craic) are invited to gather in Mullingar next 31st July to 7th August for Fleadh Cheoil Mullingar 2022 "The Homecoming", which will be hosted by Mullingar Comhaltas Branch.

BC Irish Studies presents Gaelic Roots Concert with uilleann piper Jerry O'Sullivan, Thursday February 13th 6:30 pm.

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