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Please see the enclosed sheet with additional information and important dates.

Please note: If your plans change, please be sure to cancel your room by March 31st. The Cooley-Keegan Branch will be responsible for the cost of all rooms cancelled after this date.

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A Chairde,

Last month, I asked for your suggestions for the newsletter. My first response was from our chairperson, Tara. She has asked that the chairperson's message become the Public Relation Officer's message. So, greetings to all from your new PRO! I'll do my best to live up to Tara's example.

This coming month there is much happening! We're fortunate that the covid virus is cooperating and it appears that for the first time in a couple of years, we'll be able to enjoy the "high holy days of March", as my wonderful friend Donna Sheehan always referred to them.

There is a page listing some St. Patrick's Month events for all to enjoy as part of this month's newsletter, as well as a page with information on the CCE Convention in April. Please take note of some very important dates regarding deadlines for reservations, registration, etc.

We realized there may have been a 'hiccup' last month with the mailing labels. If anyone did not receive a copy that should have, please let me know. I continue to welcome your comments and suggestions. Feel free to contact me at mo.woods@comcast.net. I look forward to seeing you at an event or two during March and especially look forward to seeing you in San Francisco in April.

God bless everyone...Maureen Woods, PRO

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 mduoher@irishculture.org.

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

Irish Cultural Center ~ Many events are scheduled for March, including activities all day long on March 17th. Please visit <https://irishculture.org>. Set dance workshops are being held Monday evenings.

Cape-Irish Concert ~ Bill Black and his group, Golden Lane, will be appearing at Highfield Hall in Falmouth for a "Prelude to Saint Patrick's Day" on Sunday, March 13th at 4 pm. \$10 members/\$20 non-members. <http://www.capeirish.com/golden-lane/gl-hfh3.pdf>

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Mike Feeney, the son of Tom Feeney and stepson of Ann Feeney, nephew of Mary Feeney Walsh and John & Roxanne Feeney, all members of the Reynolds Hanafin Cooley Branch.

PRAYERS AND WELL WISHES

We ask for your prayers for the daughter of Chris and Mike Hoke as Rani continues her brave battle with cancer. Chris and Mike are officers with the Croabh Dugan O'Looney Branch in Utica NY.

OF NOTE

The Button Box, one of our long-time advertisers, will be closing its sales store in March but will be maintaining its repair shop.

REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ Our reopening session will be held MARCH 6TH, a fitting way to kick off this special month!

Reminder: In our effort to "go green," we ask that everyone bring their own cups for tea at the seisiúns.

Set/Ceili Dance Workshops ~ Tuesday lessons (and a great deal of fun) reopened on February 22nd. All levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

EVENTS/NOTICES

Our friends at the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury, CT will be hosting a ceili on March 27th At 3:00 pm with the Pride of Moyvane Band.

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

BC Irish Studies will present a Gaelic Roots concert featuring music and poetry in memory of Sean O Riada & Ceoltóirí Chualann, Thursday March 31st, 6:30-8:30 pm. http://events.bc.edu/event/remembring_sean_o_riada_1931-1971_and_ceoltoiri_chualann#.YhPq8ejMJD8

Mid-Atlantic Fleadh ~ Save the date: Parsippany (NJ) Hilton May 6th – 8th. The deadline for registration and payment will be Monday, April 11th. <https://www.cce-ma.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>

Patrick J Touhey Memorial Weekend ~ In conjunction with the Canadian American Club, the Reynolds Hanafin Cooley Branch will be sponsoring this long running event. April 29th – May 1st at the Can-Am. <https://www.patsytouheyweekend.com/>

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You must register by April 8th for packages and banquets. There will be a \$30 price increase on March 1st for packages.

To book lodging: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50297175/owner/55434/home> or by calling Crowne Plaza Central Reservations: 888-233-9527 and state you are with the CCE Convention April 2022.

The original block of rooms has been sold out. The hotel has opened another block. However, the cost has increased by \$10 per night. Book your room now before they fill up again. The offer is valid until 3/24/22.

If you need to cancel a room reservation, please do so before 3/31/22. Payment for cancellations made after this date will be the responsibility of the Cooley-Keegan Branch.

Add on to your convention package with a tour of San Francisco. Tours are \$80 per person and must be booked by 3/21/22.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DIFFERENT DEADLINES FOR EACH
OPTION ABOVE.**

Any RHC members who are attending the banquet and would like to sit together as a branch, please contact me at mo.woods@comcast.net or 978-518-0436.

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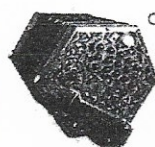
~ Here is rundown of some area events during the month of March ~

- March 6: CCE RHC session & ceili at the Canadian American Club in Watertown 3:00 pm-7:00 pm
- March 6: TÉADA presented by Brian O'Donovan at The Burren 7:30 pm
- March 12: Paul Byrom of Celtic Thunder at the Irish Cultural Center 7:30-9:30 pm
- March 13: Cape-Irish Concert with Bill Black & Golden Lane at Highfield Hall, Falmouth 4:00 pm
- March 16: Keith Harkin of Celtic Thunder at The Burren 7:30 pm
- March 17: St. Patrick's events all day at the Irish Cultural Center
 - ~ Simon Lace & Aoife Griffin 11:30 am
 - ~ For Folk's Sake 1:30 pm
 - ~ Irish Trad with Aoife Griffin, Jen O'Shea & Friends 5:00 pm
 - ~ & much, much more!
- March 17: St. Patrick's Dinner Variety Show at The Burren
Times: 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3 pm, 5 pm and 7 pm.
- March 19: Family St. Patrick's Celebration at Irish Cultural Center
~ Live music, arts & crafts, storytime and more 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- March 27: Ceili at the Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury, CT with Pride of Moyvane Band 3:00 pm
- March 31: Boston College Irish Studies Gaelic Roots Concert featuring music and poetry in memory of Seán Ó Riada and Ceoltóirí Chualann 6:30-8:30 pm, Gasson Hall, Room 100

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