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A Chairde,

Warm spring greetings to everyone. And especially warm Mother's Day wishes to all the mothers, moms and mams in our community.

I'm pleased to report that the CCE Convention in San Francisco was a big success ~ and a lot of fun! Our branch was well represented; the Boston contingent numbered eighteen and each of us enjoyed the music, dancing, classes, craic, the hospitality of the Cooley-Keegan folks and, of course, witnessing Bob Davis's award being bestowed. Next year's convention will be held in the Washington, D.C., area, hosted by the O'Neill-Malcom Branch. Here at home, the Patsy Touhey Weekend was well attended and a success as well; we look forward to the tradition continuing in 2023.

We've learned some very good news via Facebook: The Irish Village will stay at its current location through September. A new location has been finalized and will be announced in May.

<https://www.facebook.com/tomas.maccormaic/posts/5014054218641634>

For those looking for a social dancing opportunity this month, you can venture to the Knights of Columbus in Arlington on May 14<sup>th</sup> and join our long-time member Richard Archer and the Cork Club, with music by Fintan Stanley.

Please remember, your suggestions are welcome, for the newsletter and any ideas in general. Enjoy spring!

Please continue to pray for Ukraine ~

GoD bless everyone...Maureen Woods, pro



## REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

**Monthly Seisiún** ~ As of this printing, a date for a May céili is not set. We will send out a notice when plans are definite.

**Set/Céili Dance Workshops** ~ Workshops continue to be held every Tuesday evening from 7:30-9:00. Come join the fun! All levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

We sadly report the death of Kathleen McGillicuddy, and send our heartfelt condolences to her husband John and daughters Aisling and Niamh, all members of the RHC Branch, as well as to her mother Mary, her brother Patrick and her extended family and many friends.

We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of Terrence McCarthy, especially his son Michael & wife Kathleen and his daughter Patricia Darrah and husband Matthew. Almost 50 years ago, Terry McCarthy returned from a vacation in Ireland and reported to Sally Harney that "set dancing was back in Ireland". A tradition was born. Using whatever means available to them, Sally and Terry taught set dancing, introducing many Bostonians and Irish born to the lively figures. Our sincere thanks to Terry (& Sally) for the legacy we continue to enjoy.

We send prayers to all who have lost loved ones. May your warm memories bring you much comfort.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Irish Cultural Center** ~ Once again this month, the ICC has a wealth of events lined up. Máiréad Nesbit & Friends will be in concert on May 8<sup>th</sup>, Strawberry Hill on May 28<sup>th</sup> & Devri on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Or, plan to attend the Tea & Fashion Show on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Set Dance classes with Cait Bracken continue to be held each Monday evening at 7 PM. <https://www.irishculture.org/>

## COMMUNITY EVENTS (continued)

**Irish History Courses** ~ Sean Murphy's classes are held online Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 PM. Upcoming courses: Anglo Irish Treaty & Civil War in Ireland and History of County Fermanagh on 5/12, 19, 26 and 6/2. To register or for more information, email [seanmurphy630@gmail.com](mailto:seanmurphy630@gmail.com).

## EVENTS/NOTICES

**CCE Convention News** ~ The 2022 Convention was a resounding success! The highlight for our branch attendees was Bob Davis receiving a much deserved award for his unending efforts to support the branch in any capacity needed. He exemplifies the spirit of our RHC branch and is our own "one person hospitality committee".

The O'Neill-Malcom Branch in Washington, D.C., will be hosting the 2023 Convention. More details to come.

**Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann** ~ Make your travel plans: All lovers of traditional music are invited to gather in Mullingar July 31st to August 7<sup>th</sup> for Fleadh Cheoil Mullingar 2022, "The Homecoming".

**CCÉ Mid-Atlantic Region Fleadh** ~ May 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.cce-ma.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>

**Of Special Note** ~ Riverdance are performing at the Wang Theater from May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> and while they are in Boston, they are delighted to host a FREE Riverdance Masterclass at the Irish Cultural Center on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – noon. All ages and abilities are welcome to attend. They aim to teach, inspire and educate but most importantly they will aim to have fun. Come meet, learn, and dance the iconic choreography with the cast of Riverdance. Register your interest at: <https://riverdanceofficial.wufoo.com/forms/riverdance-masterclass-boston/?fbclid=IwAR2Shn1xISE82t09zGnzu9mvMRMGw1mQz1MTHkqkyND0EDhnOTEKkhk3G9xw>

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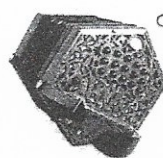
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