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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

Monthly Seisiún ~ Our next monthly seisiún at the Canadian American Club in Watertown, MA will be December 4th at 3:00 pm. Monthly seisiúns will continue on the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of January; **there will be no seisiún on January 1st.**

Remember to bring along your own tea/coffee mug! As always, donations for tea and raffle items are welcome and appreciated.

Set/Céili Dance Workshops ~ Tuesday workshops with Sally & Joe Harney and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday at the Canadian American Club at 7:30 pm.

CCÉ Music School ~ Registration for the next term will be held in January. Watch your 'inbox' for the exact dates. All classes are via Zoom and so are accessible to all. <https://bostonirishmusicschool.com/>

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A Chairde,

A dozen musicians on the stage playing lively tunes, three sets of dancers battering the floor and another twenty folks tapping their toes and enjoying lively conversation all combined to create the great craic that marked our seisiún last month. Be sure to not miss out on this month's fun on December 4th!

Doesn't it make your day to reach into your mailbox or open your 'inbox' and find something more than the circulars, bills and ads you regularly receive? Usually, a trip to the mailbox is rather uneventful; isn't it a bit of a lift to see our newsletter waiting for you amongst the unwanted jumble you expect to find? It's not too late to renew your membership so you continue to receive a little day brightener each month. I'll bet a friend would enjoy it as well. And additional day brighteners are the discounts you receive through your membership.

As we celebrate our blessings this Christmas, we can add another: that of our new Youth Officer, Niamh McGillicuddy. We extend our welcome and thanks to Niamh for becoming a branch officer, and also extend a welcome to all the next generation of CCE members and musicians.

Wishing all a joyous Christmas filled with countless blessings and a healthy & bright New Year!

Goó bless us everyone...maureen woods, pro

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RHC-CCÉ Annual General Meeting was held on November 6th. The current slate of officers was re-elected, along with our new Youth Officer, Niamh McGillicuddy. Congratulations Niamh! We enthusiastically welcome you, along with the talent and energy you bring to our community.

Irish Cultural Center ~ Ready for an Irish Christmas Hooley? Head to the ICC on December 3rd. Other holiday events are also scheduled, along with the Annual Open House and 50/50 draw on December 10th.

<https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy is offering special holiday themed 2-week classes this month: "History of Christmas" and "Christmas in Ireland" on December 8th and 15th at 7:00 pm. Classes are virtual, via Zoom. To enroll, email seanmurphy630@gmail.com. Sean also holds a Set Dancing Workshop at O'Shea's Olde Inn in West Dennis on Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

BC Irish Studies ~ BC will host a Gaelic Roots concert on December 1st with Brenda Castle on concertina joined by Alan Murray on guitar, in Connolly House at 6:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

<https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/mcas/sites/irish.html>

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

Sincere condolences are being sent to Barbara Washbond of CT, on the unexpected passing of her son, Thomas Radican, Jr., in September. Our prayers are with you and your family, Barbara.

Please remember in your prayers all our recently departed members and their families. May they rest in peace.

GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS

Especially during this holiday season, please keep in your prayers all our members, and those in their families, who may be suffering serious illness or injury.

EVENTS/NOTICES

2023 CCÉ North American Convention will be hosted by the O'Neill-Malcom Branch on June 29th-July 2nd at the Bethesda North Marriott in Bethesda, MD. Registration is now open! <https://www.ccenorthamerica.org/news-events/convention-2023/>

BCMFest ~ The Boston Celtic Music Festival, presented by Passim, returns on January 12th - 15th. "The 2023 festival will showcase Boston's deep tradition of music, song and dance from Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton and other Celtic communities." The lineup is truly impressive. <https://www.passim.org/live-music/bcmfest-2023/>

Cape Cod Céilí Weekend returns January 27th - 29th at the new location of the Irish Village, The Resort and Conference Center at 35 Scudder Ave, Hyannis. Details are being finalized and will be distributed via email.

Congratulations to our longtime member Richard Archer on receiving the Annual Fr. Dan Finn Community Award from the Irish Pastoral Center. Well deserved!

Of Special Note ~ Joe Cooley is one of the three very accomplished Irish trad musicians for whom our branch, Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley, is named. He is regarded as one of the most accomplished and influential button-accordionists of the twentieth century. Below you will find "Cooley's Reel," a favorite tune of his and the one most often associated with him.

Cooley's Reel

Reel, E Dorian or E Minor*

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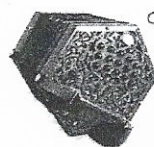
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*There are no C or C# notes in the tune, so it could be considered either E Dorian or E Minor

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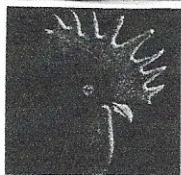


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