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A Chairoe,

Happy Saint Patrick's Month! A wealth of celebrations awaits us during our special Irish month, especially our regular seisiún and the St. Patrick's Céilí at the Irish Cultural Centre featuring the pride of our branch, the RHC Céilí Band. Our seisiún in February was, once again, a success as well as a lot of fun. Four sets of dancers on the floor with a dozen musicians on the stage to entertain us, delicious tea and baked goods to sustain us and delightful raffle prizes enticing us to purchase more raffle tickets. Please join the fun on March 5th.

Space in the newsletter is limited this month due to all the St. Patrick's Day events, but mention must be made of our upcoming CCÉ 50th Anniversary North American Convention in late June/early July. Please take a moment to register. It's shaping up to be an unforgettable weekend, along with the additional opportunity to explore our nation's capital.

Joo bless everyone... Maureen Woods, pro

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Francis Roche, ed., Collection of Irish Airs, Marches and Dance Tunes, Vol. 3, Dublin, 1927, p. 3

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Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Our monthly gathering will be Sunday, March 5th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown, MA. Admission \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Donations of raffle prizes and baked goods are always very much appreciated.

Don't miss the biggest event of St. Patrick's Month! Join the Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley Band at the Irish Cultural Centre's St. Patrick's Week Céilí on Saturday, March 11th, 2:00 - 5:00 pm, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA. Admission \$15, includes coffee & tea.

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

Our sincere condolences to our branch's Membership Coordinator, Barbara Boyd, and all her family, on the loss of her dear mother, Veronica M. Boyd. May she rest in peace.

PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES

Several of our members have undergone surgery recently. Please keep them in your prayers and send wishes for a speedy return to good health.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<u>Highfield Hall & Gardens</u> ~ Join Bill Black and his group Golden Lane for Irish traditional music, songs & dance on Sunday, March 12th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, 56 Highfield Drive, Falmouth, MA. Admission \$15-\$25. https://highfieldhallandgardens.org/event/golden-lane-irish-music-a-prelude-to-st-patricks-day/

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (continued)

<u>Irish Cultural Centre</u> ~ All events will be held at the ICC, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA. For more info, visit https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/* *March 11th ~ St. Patrick's Céilí with our RHC Band. *March 17th ~ Live music and events all day, 11:00 am - 11:30 pm. Corned Beef & Cabbage is on the menu. *March 17th ~ An Irish St. Patrick's Day Concert with Green Road & Clodagh Kinsella, 8:00 pm. *March 18th ~ A Family St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Boston College Gaelic Roots Concerts

Sliabh Notes, a trio featuring the music of the Sliabh Luachra region of Ireland, will perform Tuesday, March 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Gasson Hall, Room 100. Sponsored by *Arts Ireland*.

The Kane Sisters, highly respected musicians from North Connemara, will perform on Thursday, March 23rd, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Connolly House, Andover Room.

Both events are free and open to the public.

https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/mcas/sites/irish/events.html

<u>Irish Pastoral Centre</u> ~ Has a calendar full of celebrations this month, including a St. Patrick's Day Event on March 17th at Florian Hall, Dorchester, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Admission \$30. https://www.bostonirish.com/around-town/2023/irish-pastoral-centre-announces-march-celebrations

<u>Irish History Courses</u> ~ Sean Murphy's March courses will be "History of County Kildare" and "6 Counties /Northern Ireland 1992-1998". Thursdays, 3/2, 9, 16 & 23 at 6:00 & 7:30 pm, virtually via Zoom. Sean holds Set Dancing Workshops at O'Shea's Olde Inn in West Dennis on Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm. Special St. Patrick's events are planned: March 8th ~ Zoom presentation on the visit of JFK to Ireland in 1963 with the Cranston library. March 15th ~ a live presentation at 7:00 pm on "The Life and Times of Saint Patrick" at the Middleborough library. To enroll or for more info, email <u>seanmurphy630@gmail.com</u>

<u>The Burren in Somerville</u> ~ March 8th ~ Brian O'Donovan presents Dervish, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm, \$40. March 17th & 18th ~ St. Patrick's Day Variety Dinner Shows all day, \$30-\$35. https://www.burren.com/

<u>The Irish American Society</u>, Glastonbury, CT, will hold a spring céilí on Sunday, April 16th, 3:00 – 6:00 pm. \$15.



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