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A Chairde,

April is turning to May and the daffodils are “fluttering and dancing in the breeze” as we make our plans to celebrate our mothers, First Communion recipients and college graduates. We will also be taking time to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country, allowing us to enjoy our days of celebration.

Be sure to set aside Friday, June 9th, for our concert with Frankie Gavin at the ICC. I was fortunate to attend a Frankie Gavin concert at the Russel Festival in Doolin; it was an outstanding event. I'm looking forward to another lively evening with the Guinness World Records' fastest fiddle player in the world.

As our annual CCÉ convention quickly approaches, our members are finalizing travel plans. If you will be attending the conference banquet and would like to sit with fellow branch members, please let me know. We will be able to reserve tables of 10, but must submit names in advance. The banquet will honor Billy McComisky, National Heritage Fellow and four-time All Ireland Champion.

The Button Box, a long-time advertiser in our newsletter, has announced they have closed their shop. We sincerely thank them for their support to our branch and the Irish music community and send our heartfelt best wishes.

We're pleased to welcome our new advertiser, the Friday Night Session at the ICC. The open session welcomes musicians and singers of all ages and abilities. Please stop by and enjoy the craic from 7:00 - 10:00 pm.

GoD bless everyone...MAUREEN WOODS, PRO

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EVENTS/NOTICES

**CCÉ 50th ANNIVERSARY
NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION**

June 29 – July 2, 2023

Bethesda North Marriott Hotel
& Conference Center

5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, MD

To register and to make hotel reservations, visit:

<https://www.ccepotomac.org/convention2023.html#/>

****Important note:** *If you will be attending the banquet at the convention and wish to be seated with other members of our branch, please notify Maureen Woods as soon as possible. We will be able to reserve tables of 10 but must submit the names in advance.*

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Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Join us on Sunday, May 7th, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Donations of raffle prizes and baked goods are always needed & appreciated. We'll enjoy one final seisiún June 4th before our annual summer break.

Tuesday Set Dance Workshops ~ final class of the season with the Harneys will be held on May 23rd, 7:30 pm, Canadian-American Club, Watertown.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE SUMMER! DON'T MISS IT!

In partnership with the Irish Cultural Centre, we will be hosting a concert with renowned fiddler

Frankie Gavin

~ Don't miss this "Musical Force of Nature" ~

Friday, June 9th at 7:30 pm at the ICC

\$20 members/\$30 non-members/under 12 free

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankie-gavin-catherine-mchugh-cd-launch-concert-live-at-the-icc-tickets-580900618387>

Fleadh Cheoil ~ Returns this year to Mullingar Westmeath from August 6th – 14th. Lovers of all Irish cultural traditions are invited to the founding town of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

PRAYERS AND GET WELL WISHES

- ♦ For Jacquie McManus's husband Billy, who has recently been hospitalized and is in a rehab facility.

CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY

- ♦ To Bridie Rafferty and her family on the very tragic loss of her son Vincent.
- ♦ To Thomas O'Connor and family, on the passing of his wife Mary. Both have been members of RHC since the earliest days of our branch.
- ♦ To Jeanne Flaherty and family on the sudden death of her husband Bob. The Boston Irish community will miss his smile and his presence at so many events and venues.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Irish Cultural Centre ~ The Friday Night Session is held every week; all musicians and singers are welcome. Mass and Irish Breakfast on May 7th. Fiddle workshop with Gerry O'Connor on May 10th. Rose of Tralee Selection Festival on May 13th. For more information, visit <https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events/>

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy's May courses will be "History of County Laois" and "Six Counties/ Northern Ireland 1998-2023". Thursdays, May 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at 6:00 & 7:30 pm, virtually via Zoom. www.irishhistory.online or seanmurphy630@gmail.com
Sean holds Set Dancing Workshops at O'Shea's Olde Inn in West Dennis on Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm year-round.

Cork Club/Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr ~ will be holding a dance on Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 pm with music by Fintan Stanley. Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington. \$10. Tea will be served.

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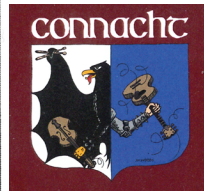
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