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**REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

**Monthly Seisiún** ~ The first Sunday of each month, October thru June, 3:00 - 7:00 pm at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Musicians are invited to join in. There is set, céilí, old-time waltz and other dancing. Admission \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Refreshments served. Remember to bring along your own tea/coffee mug to help save our planet!

**Set/Céilí Dance Workshops** ~ With Sally & Joe Harney and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday at the Canadian-American Club, September thru May, at 7:30 pm. *All levels welcome.*

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Δ Chairde,

As over two dozen RHC members are sure to attest, the convention in Buffalo was a huge success. Kudos to all who helped organize the event, especially Bridget English & Tim Quinn of the Buffalo branch, as well as to all the incredibly talented Boston folks who hosted workshops and presentations: Regina Delaney, Patrick Hutchinson, Máirín Uí Chéide, Sean Murphy, Elizabeth Sweeney and Jackie O'Riley. Applause as well to Michael McDonagh, Johnny Coe, Wynter Pingel, Stuart Peak and Stephen Devaney of Connacht, Friday night's band. "The craic was mighty." Congratulations to **Maureen Conway**, on receiving a well-deserved award in appreciation of her service and dedication to CCE, during the banquet awards ceremony. On behalf of the entire branch, thank you.

~ Some of the Boston contingent at the convention banquet ~



Wishing all our mothers, moms & mams many blessings on Mother's Day and throughout the year ahead. We appreciate all you do.

...Maureen Woods, P.R.O.

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**EVENTS/NOTICES**

**Monthly Seisiún/Céilí** ~ Our monthly céilí will be Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 -7:00 pm, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. \$10 members/\$15 non-members. Thank you for your donations of baked goods & raffle items.

**Weekly Set Dance Workshops** ~ with the Harneys and Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday, Canadian-American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

**Mid-Atlantic Fleadh 2024** ~ will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Parsippany Hotel in Parsippany, NJ. Registration is closed. We send our best wishes to all the participants. <https://ccemidatlantic.com/mid-atlantic-fleadh>.

**Raffle tickets in support of the Mid-Atlantic fleadh will be available at our May céilí.** They are \$20 each with \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second prize, and \$250 third prize. The winner need not be present for the drawing on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping this important event that provides our young musicians the opportunity to qualify for competing in Ireland at the **Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2024**, which will be held in Wexford Town, County Wexford, August 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

**CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY**

To the family and friends of John Dronoy, especially his brother Frank. John and his wife Pat (RIP) were very active members, faithfully making the long drive from Hartford CT to attend our céilís. A warm, affable gentleman, he generously shared his love, pride and deep knowledge of his Irish heritage. He greeted all with a genuine smile and we'll remember that smile with joy for having known him.

**A SPECIAL NOTE**

Alice Looney's daughter would like to thank the many friends from Comhaltas who reached out to her family after Alice's passing. She would like everyone to know that Alice loved being a member of CCE, as especially the long-lasting friendships she developed over the years.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Irish Cultural Centre**, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton  
Check the ICC website for more events:

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

**The Friday Night Session Group** holds an open session every week starting at about 6:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome. Always an enjoyable way to spend a Friday evening, along with dinner in the pub.

**Set dance workshops** with Cait Bracken, Mondays, 7:00 pm.

**Pop-up Gaeltacht** on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 8:00 pm in the pub. Enjoy an evening of conversation, music and laughter!

Learn more about our own Treoir na Gaeilge, Patrick Clifford:

[https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2c2rMtrrdx/?utm\\_source=ig\\_embed&ig\\_rid=6a0755eb-6ff4-40a4-a139-bc31385a48a0](https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2c2rMtrrdx/?utm_source=ig_embed&ig_rid=6a0755eb-6ff4-40a4-a139-bc31385a48a0)

**Monthly Mass & Breakfast** ~ Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am.

**Sina Theil** ~ in concert, Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

**Seán Keane** ~ in concert Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 -9:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

**Irish History Courses** ~ Sean Murphy will present the History of County Roscommon & Flight of the Earls in 1607 and the Plantation of Ulster. Sessions begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, via zoom.

<https://www.irishhistory.online/> His set dance classes are held at O'Shea's Old Inn, West Dennis, Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

**Seacoast Set Dancers** ~ are holding a **Crossroads Kitchen Ceili**, Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Unitarian Fellowship Hall, 20 Madbury Road, Durham, NH. Music by Seacoast Ceili Band. \$10, toe-tappers free. [Sue@seacoastsetdancers.org](mailto:Sue@seacoastsetdancers.org).

**Bill Black & Golden Lane** ~ in concert on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon on the Falmouth Library lawn. For more events scheduled on the Cape & south shore, visit [www.capeirish.com](http://www.capeirish.com)

**Cork Club** ~ monthly dance on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington. Music by Fintan Stanley. \$10. Refreshments served.

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“Mother's Delight” tune below courtesy of Bill Black  
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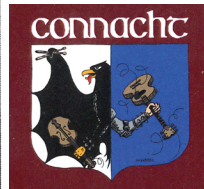
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