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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 Barbara Boyd are held each Tuesday, September - May, at the Canadian-American Club, 106 Arlington Street, Watertown at 7:30 pm. \$7. *All levels welcome.*

Boston Comhaltas Music School ~ Offers two 10-week semesters in the spring and fall for most traditional Irish instruments, including banjo, bodhran, button accordion, concertina, flute, guitar, harp, mandolin, tin whistle, and uilleann pipes, as well as singing. Rental instruments are available to enrolled students.

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Δ Chairde,

“Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

~ Henry James

I couldn't agree more with Mr. James. Whether you're vacationing or stay-cationing, make the most of our summer afternoons.

While our next seisiún/céilí is not until October, we're planning an exciting gathering in September. As you know, after nearly 40 years of teaching & promoting set dancing, along with a whole lot of fun, our Múinteoir Damhsa, Sally Harney, has decided to step back from her Tuesday workshops. We'll be paying tribute to her and Joe with music and dancing on Sunday, September 22nd. (See page 2 for details). For tickets, please contact Michael Hickey mph3@verizon.net or Barbara Boyd barbaramboyd@comcast.net. Be sure to purchase your tickets early as seating is limited!

We look forward to a new semester of our Music School, which will be starting in late September; registration will open mid-to-late August. Please watch for an email regarding registration dates as well as the start date of classes. Also keep an eye on your inbox for the deadline to apply for our Larry Reynolds Music Scholarship.

Bain sult as do shamhradh!

May God bless everyone...Maureen Woods, P.R.O

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EVENTS/NOTICES

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 6th, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Canadian American Club, 106 Arlington St., Watertown.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ Tuesday workshops with Barbara Boyd will resume on September 10th, 7:30 pm at the Canadian American Club.

Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann ~ All our good wishes for a successful and enjoyable trip will be traveling with our young musicians competing in Wexford, August 4th - 11th. <https://fleadhcheoil.ie/>

Tribute to Sally & Joe Harney ~ An afternoon of music & dance honoring decades of keeping Irish Set Dancing flourishing in our branch. Sunday, September 22nd, 3:00-6:00 pm, Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St, Dorchester. \$25

Féile Cheoil Larry Reynolds ~ With pride, once again we are a sponsor of this weekend celebrating Larry & the East Galway style of music. September 5th – 8th, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. A full schedule of music, singing, dancing, culture & heritage is planned. <https://feilecheoilLarryreynolds.com/>

RHC Music School ~ Registration will open in August and classes will begin late September. Watch your 'in-box' for information. **Larry Reynolds Scholarship** ~ Submit your application soon! <https://cceboston.org/scholarships/>

GET WELL WISHES & PRAYERS

- To Bob Davis who continues to await word on a surgery date. Sending healing prayers your way, Bob.
- To Michael O'Neill as he recovers from knee surgery.
- To Maureen Cathcart for a quick recovery from surgery.

CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY

- To Bridget English, vice-chair of our CCÉ Northeast Region, and her husband Tim Quinn (Northeast Region Chair), on the loss of her brother Patrick.

CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY (cont'd)

- To Ann Walsh, and all her family, on the passing of her husband Bill. Both Bill & Ann have been longtime, very active members of our branch. Bill greeted everyone with a warm smile and friendly words and will be sincerely missed by all who knew him.

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 7:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.

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

Pop-up Gaeltacht in the pub, August 17th, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Kings of Connaught concert August 17th, 7:30-10:00 pm.

Seán Keane in concert Friday, September 20th, 7:30-9:30 pm.

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy will present the History of Co. Mayo and Protestant Ascendancy & the Penal Laws, September 5th-26th, via zoom.

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

Boston College Gaelic Roots Concert with Éilís Kennedy of west Kerry, Thursday September 19th, at Connolly House, Andover Room. Free & open to the public.

Cork Club ~ monthly dance on Saturday, September 4th, 7:00 pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington. Music by Fintan Stanley. \$10. Refreshments served.

Irish Pastoral Society ~ Monthly trad session, August 18th, 3:00 - 5:00 pm. All musicians, all levels, all ages welcome. Tea & coffee served. IPC, 540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston.

Bill Black & Golden Lane ~ in concert on Sunday, September 22nd, 1:00 pm, aboard the Cape Cod Canal Cruise. Bill Black & Cat's Melodeon session at The Auld Triangle, 412 Main Street, Hyannis. Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. For more events on the Cape & south shore, visit www.capeirish.com.

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Promoting Traditional Irish Culture, Music and Dance in the Boston Area

A Tribute to Sally & Joe Harney

For nearly 40 years, Sally & Joe have dedicated themselves to keeping the Irish Set Dance tradition flourishing in the Boston area. Sally, our Múinteoir Damhsa (Dance Teacher) has taught the traditional Irish Sets and footwork. Joe has assisted by teaching the basics and providing lots of encouragement to the beginners. Together they have easily volunteered more than 8,000 hours of their time to foster this great Irish tradition.

Sally and Joe have decided to step back from this commitment.

Over this time span there have been:

- ♪ Millions of steps that glided, pattered, battered, or otherwise danced across the hall by
 - ♪ Hundreds of dancers
- ♪ Many friendships have formed, a few marriages started
- ♪ Moments of sadness and grief at the passing of dancers we have come to know
 - ♪ But most of all lots of fun times, and countless laughs, that have enriched our lives

**Please join us to say thanks and honor
Sally and Joe Harney
Sunday September 22, 2024 3-6 pm
Florian Hall, Dorchester, MA**



Tickets for this event are \$25 per person Make check payable to: Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley CCE
Advance purchase recommended due to limited seating.

Tickets are available from: Barbara Boyd BarbaraMBoyd@comcast.net,
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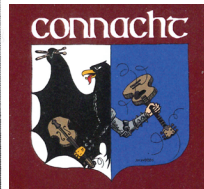
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