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Dues payable by Nov. 1: Individual Adult Membership \$25 • Second Adult (same address) \$8 Couples \$33 • Jr Membership (under 18) \$5 • Family Membership (with all children under 18) \$40

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REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES

<u>Monthly Seisiún</u> ~ 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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A Chairde,

I'll begin with a sincere thank you to all the veterans in our branch and our community. We appreciate you with all our hearts.

All members have received a mailing from our branch regarding the continuation of our Annual General Meeting. As stated, we are at an impasse and need members to volunteer. The positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will be open. We ask all interested members to please attend the upcoming meeting on November 10th at the Canadian-American Club in Watertown at 1:30 pm (preceding our monthly céilí).

Membership renewal month is upon us; dues are payable by November 1st when the new membership year begins. All members have received a form and reply envelope in the mail. Please be sure to complete the form and send it along with your dues to Michael Hickey. You may also renew online, if you prefer: <u>https://cceboston.org/membership/</u>. Many, many sincere thanks for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh!

Thank you as well to all who attended our céilí and Northeast Region Hall of Fame Induction held at the ICC on October 26th. Congratulations to Mark Warford, this year's inductee. The music with Tara Lynch, Sheila Falls, Rosanne Santucci and Michael McDonagh was mighty!

NOTE: Our December céilí will be held the 2nd Sunday of the month, (12/8), due the first Sunday falling on Thanksgiving weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving! I'm very thankful for the camaraderie we share.

300 bless everyone...Maureen Woods, p.R.O.

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EVENTS/NOTICES

<u>RHC</u> Annual General Meeting ~ Please join us for the continuation of our annual meeting on Sunday, November 10th, 1:30 pm at the Canadian-American Club, prior to our monthly céilí. As mentioned in the recent mailing to all members, your attendance and input are needed in order for our branch move forward.

<u>Membership letters</u> ~ have been mailed to all current members. Thank you for continuing your membership. Please send along your dues, by mailing a check or by paying online through our website. Details are in the letter.

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Sunday, November 10th, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Canadian American Club, 106 Arlington St., Watertown. Don't forget your cup to help save the planet. As always, thank you for your generous donations of baked goods and raffle prizes.

<u>Our next seisiún/céilí will be held the 2nd Sunday in</u> December, the 8th. Please note the change in schedule!

<u>Weekly Set Dance Workshops</u> ~ Every Tuesday with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello. 7:30 pm at the Canadian American Club. Come join the fun!

<u>CCÉ North American Convention 2025</u> ~ will be held in Orlando, FL, the weekend of April $4^{th} - 6^{th}$. Stay tuned for more details.

GET WELL WISHES & PRAYERS

Please offer a get-well prayer for Tim McGraw for his recovery from a recent stroke. We send healing wishes.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

<u>Canadian American Club Annual Gala/Fundraiser</u> ~ Sunday November 3rd, 1:00 – 7:00 pm. \$20. Please support our home club by attending this annual event. For more info: https://www.facebook.com/canadianamericanclub

<u>COMMUNITY CALENDAR (continued)</u>

<u>Irish Cultural Centre</u>, 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 workshop with Cait Bracken, Mondays, 7:00pm **Diarmuid ÓMeachair in concert** featuring Nathan Gourley on guitar. November 15th, 7:30 pm.

<u>Irish History Courses</u> ~ Sean Murphy will present the history of County Donegal and The Great Hunger/Famine, An Gorta Mór 1845-1852, via zoom starting 10/31.

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

Boston College Gaelic Roots Concert ~ well known to most in our area, award-winning uilleann piper Joey Abarta will appear in concert on November 7th, Connolly House, Andover Room. 6:30 pm. Free & open to the public. https://events.bc.edu/event/gaelic-roots-ft-joey-abartauilleann-pipes

<u>Cork Club</u> ~ is sponsoring a benefit for the **Irish Pastoral** Centre at the Irish Social Club, West Roxbury. Saturday, November 9th. Mass at 6:30 will be followed by light refreshments and dancing to Tommy Byrne Band. \$15.

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 <u>www.capeirish.com</u>.

Brian O'Donovan Legacy Series ~ Fiddler Gerry O'Connor, direct from Ireland, will be accompanied by our RHC member Kevin McElroy on guitar and song. The Burren Backroom, 247 Elm St, Somerville. Wednesday, November 20th, 7:30 pm. https://tickets.24hourmusic.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1 496

Tune courtesy of Bill Black

The HILLS OF TARA (barn dance)



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