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Útair nuachtar ~ newsletter

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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.*

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Δ Chairtoe,

Hoping a Thanksgiving Day appreciating our many blessings was enjoyed by all our members. As an organization, we had much to celebrate. Our Annual General Meeting was quite successful. It was heartwarming to have a good turnout of members and to have several step forward to volunteer for the open board positions. As you may have noticed in the heading above, we have several changes to announce: Alanna Callendrello – Chairperson, Regina Delaney – Vice Chairperson, Cait Bracken – Secretary, Jim Roach – Auditor, Barbara Boyd – Delegate to Regional Council. The remaining positions on the slate remain unchanged. Sincere thanks and wishes for a successful year to all our officers.

We are especially thankful for Tara Lynch, Frank Kennedy and Maureen Conway for their many years of service and for keeping our branch a vibrant and effective organization. We also greatly appreciate their willingness to continue serving the branch by helping the new officers transition into their new roles. We are so blessed to have had these dedicated individuals leading the way. They're sure to be still attending our sessions and events, so please take a moment to express your appreciation when you see them next.

A reminder: We know that sometimes things get put aside, and you may not have had the time to send your membership payment; we hope that you appreciate the work this organization does to promote and preserve traditional Irish music and culture and will consider renewing soon. Also, please remember the option of receiving this newsletter via email; it lessens our expenses considerably. Many thanks!

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EVENTS/NOTICES

Membership Update ~ Thank you to all who have remitted your dues for the Nov 2024 to Oct 2025 membership year. We appreciate your continued support. Membership cards will be mailed out soon. If you haven't renewed yet, it's not too late! Dues can be paid by following the instructions in the box on page one.

Monthly Seisiún/Céilí ~ Our Decembers seisiún/céilí has been canceled. Our next gathering will be Sunday, January 5th, 3:00-7:00 pm at the Canadian American Club, 106 Arlington St., Watertown. As always, thank you for your generous donations of baked goods and raffle prizes. Our February seisiún/céilí will be on February 2nd.

Weekly Set Dance Workshops ~ Every Tuesday with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello. 7:30 pm at the Canadian American Club. Please join us!

CCÉ North American Convention 2025 ~ will be held in Orlando, FL, the weekend of April 4th – 6th. Stay tuned for more details.

GET WELL WISHES & PRAYERS

Please keep Sally Harney in your thoughts and say a prayer that her broken wrist heals quickly.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

St. Stephen's Day Ceili ~ hosted by the South Shore Ceili Club, will be held at the Irish Cultural Centre on December 26th, 6:30 – 10:00 pm. Baked goods welcome.

New England Irish Harp Orchestra ~ will perform at the Burren, 247 Elm Street, Somerville. Saturday, December 14th, 7:00 pm. www.neiho.org

Irish Pastoral Centre ~ Monthly trad session will be held Sunday, December 15th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. All musicians, all ages, all levels welcome! 540 Gallivan Blvd, Boston.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR (continued)

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. Great way to start your weekend!

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

Annual Open House and 50/50 Draw ~ Celebrating their 25th Anniversary! Saturday, December 14th, 4:00 pm.

Irish History Courses ~ Sean Murphy's January courses will be History of Derry/Londonderry City/County and From the Great Hunger 1845-1852 to the Easter Rising 1916. (Zoom) No classes in December. <https://www.irishhistoryonline/>. Sean's set dance class is held at O'Shea's Old Inn, West Dennis. Tuesdays, 5:30 pm.

Bill Black & Cat's Melodeon ~ session at The Auld Triangle, 412 Main Street, Hyannis. Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 pm.

The Cultural Center of Cape Cod hosts the 15th Annual Cape Cod Celtic Christmas Celebration, Saturday, December 14th, 7:30 pm. 307 Main St., South Yarmouth. www.cultural-center.org For more events on the Cape & south shore, visit www.capeirish.com.

Cork Club ~ Christmas Dance Saturday, December 14th with Erin's Melody. January dance will be on the 11th with Mossie Coughlin. Knights of Columbus, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington. Refreshments served.

Danvers Set Dancers ~ with Eileen Dugal, will host a Christmas Ceili on Sunday, December 15th, 3:00 – 7:00 pm. Danvers Art Association, 105 Elliot St, Danvers.

South Shore Ceili Club ~ will be hosting their annual Christmas gathering. Details are being finalized; watch your 'inbox' for further information.

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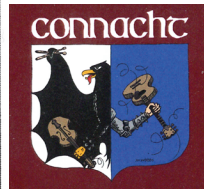
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