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**REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

**Monthly Seisiún** ~ The first Sunday of each month, September 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 & Alanna Callendrello are held each Tuesday, September - May, at the Canadian-American Club, 202 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,

Apologies for the late issuance of this month's newsletter. There was difficulty in scheduling our Annual General Meeting which delayed publication.

Speaking of our AGM, we encourage all members to participate (please see page 2 for details). As Alanna's notice stated: "Join us for some exciting news about our 2025-26 calendar, CCÉ Boston Irish Music School updates and the opportunity to influence the future of Traditional Irish Music in the Greater Boston Region." Every year, as part of the AGM, elections are held for all officer positions and nominations are welcome for any member wishing to volunteer for a role. New this year: join our AGM via Zoom! To submit nominations or to request a Zoom link, please send an email to [cceboston.org@gmail.com](mailto:cceboston.org@gmail.com) by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Busy month! October is also the time for membership renewal. All current members will be mailed a renewal form. Please know, we appreciate you and your dedication to perpetuating the celebration and enjoyment of our Irish heritage and culture.

I'd like to add a reminder that in addition to participating in our AGM, all members are very welcome to offer suggestions on the content and format of our newsletter, as well future advertisers.

As I will be unavailable the second half of October, distribution of the November newsletter may be delayed. Apologies again.

Many blessings to all ~ Maureen Woods, PRO

~ Kindly patronize our advertisers ~

~ Be sure to mention that you saw their ad in our newsletter ~

**EVENTS/NOTICES**

**Monthly Seisiún/Céilí** ~ Please join us on **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Members \$10, non-members \$15. Canadian American Club, 202 Arlington Street, Watertown. Don't forget your coffee cup and thank you in advance for your kind donations of baked goods for tea and raffle prizes. **Our monthly seisiún/céilí in November will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Weekly Set/Céilí Dance Workshops** ~ Every Tuesday with Barbara Boyd & Alanna Callendrello at the Canadian American Club, 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Come have some fun!

**Annual General Meeting** ~ As mentioned last month, our Branch's AGM will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, just before our monthly seisiún/céilí. Our organization is as strong as our membership ~ please join us! ...and bring a friend. You are our vitality and our strength. Let's celebrate the joy of Irish heritage & culture! Anyone interested in volunteering for a position as an officer is welcome to come forward. Especially needed is a webmaster, as Eileen McClelland is interested in stepping back after many years of extraordinary service.

**CCÉ Northeast Regional Meeting** ~ will be held in Utica, New York, on October 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. More details will be sent by email as they are made available.

**Membership Renewals** ~ Our membership year runs from November 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership renewal forms will be mailed in early October; dues are payable by November 1<sup>st</sup>. **Please make check payable to Reynolds-Hanafin-Cooley; the bank will no longer accept checks payable to CCÉ.** Our dues remain unchanged and continue to be a bargain!

**CONDOLENCES & SYMPATHY**

~ To Debra Curtiss, her husband Brian, and all the Drony family on the loss of her father and our long-time member, Frank Drony. Frank was a fixture on the dance floor at our céilís, often accompanied by his favorite dance partner Dottie Fox. A remarkable gentleman who loved life, he will be missed by his many friends and all who knew him.

~ To Mary Cadogan, and her family and friends, on the loss of her husband Paul Cadogan. Paul, with his wife Mary, attended our Tuesday workshops and monthly céilís regularly for many years and is remembered fondly by his many RHC friends

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Irish Cultural Centre**, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton  
Check the ICC website for more events:  
<https://www.irishculture.org/whats-on/events>

**Set dance workshop** ~ with Cait Bracken, Mondays, 7:00 pm. All levels welcome! \$10

**The Friday Night Session Group** ~ open session every week, 7:00 pm; all musicians, singers and toe-tappers are welcome.

**Emer Dunne** ~ concert has been rescheduled for Thursday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm. Support an acclaimed Irish folk singer from County Laois & her band on their first USA tour. Sure to be a great show!

**Boston Irish Beerfest**, Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 am-10:00 pm. The Friday Night Session Group, with John Kearney, will be playing for set dancing from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Sets will be called by Cait Bracken.

**Boston College Gaelic Roots Events** ~

**Kimberly Fraser**, 'one of the stellar players of the Cape Breton fiddle tradition' & **Oisín McAuley**, 'one of today's premier Irish fiddlers', Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Connolly House. Free <https://events.bc.edu/event/gaelic-roots-ft-kimberley-fraser-and-oisin-mcauley>

**Tony McManus**, 'the best Celtic guitarist in the world,' Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Connolly House.  
<https://events.bc.edu/event/gaelic-roots-ft-tony-mcmanus>

**Irish History Courses** ~ Sean Murphy's October courses will be 'County Cavan' and 'Northern Ireland/6 Counties 1939-1968' (Zoom). <https://www.irishhistory.online/>. 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. For more events on the Cape & south shore, visit <http://www.capeirish.com>. Thanks to the patrons of The Auld Triangle and passengers on Hyline's Irish Music Cruise, Cat's Melodeon and Golden Lane raised \$3500 for 'Adelia Strong' to help eliminate pediatric brain cancer. Many thanks to Bill Black for composing this month's tune in honor of the Drony boys of Bellharbour, County Clare.

**Cork Club Dance** ~ Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, with Erin's Melody. Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. 7:00-10:00 pm. Refreshments served. \$10.

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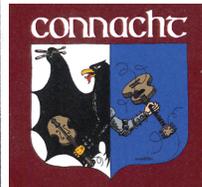
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