



IRISH AMERICAN HOME SOCIETY INC. February Newsletter



President's Message

Dear Members

We are rapidly approaching March and our celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Again I would like to congratulate Sister Peggy Evans, Parade grand marshal and Irene O'Conner, Person of the year and the honors that have been bestowed upon them.

Along with our celebration comes the need for volunteers. Everyone likes to enjoy these times so the more help we get the less time everyone needs to work. Please read the following pages for information on all our volunteering needs. From the Club dinner, parade day, and St. Patrick's Day itself there are many opportunities.

Another vitally important part of every St. Patrick's Day parade is the carrying of the county flags for the Irish American Home. To reserve your favorite county flag please contact V.P Maureen Kennedy. All flags are reserved on a first come first serve basis.

Last but not least please remember to support as many of the parade fundraisers as you can. Every town needs our help to keep this wonderful parade going year after year.

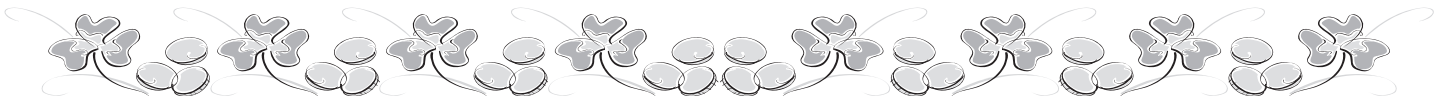
Gratefully,
Peter Hart
President

WINTER STORM CLOSING INFORMATION

The winter season is upon us and with that brings the eventuality of ice, snow, and wintry mix. The Irish American Home Society will do its best to remain open during inclement weather but will close if conditions worsen to the extent that the safety of our members and staff are at risk. We will put any closing notifications on television and/or radio. Please look for closing information on the following TV stations WFSB Ch. 3, WTNH Ch. 8, and WVIT Ch.30 or listen to WTIC 1080 AM on the radio. We ask that you refrain from using the clubs parking lots during storms so that snow removal can be done as expeditiously as possible following the storm. Thank You.

February Monthly Meeting

The IAHS December Monthly Meeting will be held in the Downstairs Hall on Friday Feb. 10, 2012 @ 8:00 PM.
We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Entertainment for February

Feb. 3, 2012 - Friday
Keltic Kick 9 PM
Feb. 10, 2012 - Friday
The Marksman 9 PM
Feb. 17, 2012 - Friday
Colm O'Brien 9 PM
Feb. 24, 2012 - Wednesday
The Rising 9 PM

Entertainment for March / April

Mar. 3, 2012 - Friday Once Removed 9 PM	Mar. 23, 2011 - Friday The Alehounds
Mar. 9, 2012 - Friday Brennan Brothers 9 PM	Mar. 30, 2012 - Friday Tom Lanigan Band
Mar. 10, 2012 - Saturday The Rising	Apr. 6, 2012 - Friday Closed Good Friday
Mar. 16, 2012 - Friday The Marksmen 9PM	Apr. 13, 2012 - Friday TBA
Mar. 17, 2012 - Saturday The Rising & The Blaney Bros.	Apr. 20, 2012 TBA

February

GRUB NOTES

Well winter is upon us, at least the cold is, and the best way to fight the cold is to get warm with friends on Friday nights at the Irish Club. Great Music, Great Food, and Great Friends. Pub Grub is well under way for the New Year and with our regular menu supplemented with some new volunteers and new specials we're looking forward to a great 2012. The Drum Roll Please..... Feb 3rd Lasagna & Garlic Bread Feb 10th Steak Tips Feb 17th Beef Stew/Corn Bread or "Loaded" Baked Potato Feb 22 is Ash Wednesday and Lent Begins..... and so do the specials; Shrimp cocktail, Grilled Tuna Sandwich and Baked Potato's will be served weekly.

Lent Specials Feb 24th Broiled Salmon w/rice Mar 2nd Fish & Chips No Grub March 9th and 16th due to St. Patrick's Day.

***Pub Grub is served each Friday 6pm until 9pm
Look for specials each week!***

2012 Festival Meeting

There will be a meeting for the GREATER HARTFORD IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL on February 8, 2012, 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs lounge. All are welcome to share their ideas!

March

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!

(The truth be told, we're looking for more than a few!)

Please consider volunteering for one of the events below or offer your services prior to the event. It's a great way to meet your fellow members! In fact, you just might find yourself enjoying a pint or two afterwards with your new found friends!

Peeling Party for Corned Beef Dinner: Saturday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

BYOP (Bring your own peeler)!

Corned Beef Dinner: Sunday, March 4th. We need volunteers to help set-up, clean-up and serve during the event.

Parade Day: We need volunteers to man the kitchen after the Parade until the last sandwich is sold! Sign up for a shift!

St. Patrick's Lunch: Friday, March 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We need volunteers to man the kitchen (and clean-up, too!).

St. Patrick's Day: From 11:00 a.m. until??? We need volunteers to man the kitchen! Sign up for a shift!

Call Maureen Kennedy (860)550-3126

Annual Corned Beef Dinner

Corned Beef Dinner, Sunday March 4, 2012, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Join us for our annual Corned Beef Dinner featuring tender Corned Beef, prepared under the direction of those legendary cooks, John Harrington and Stan Tuller! Served with cabbage, potato, carrots, dinner rolls and Irish Soda Bread.

Adults: \$12 Kids: \$7

We will be serving hot dogs for the wee ones...\$3 with chips!

CARRY YOUR COUNTY FLAG

in the Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade, Saturday, March 10, 2012. Please consider joining your fellow members and carry a flag in the club's contingent. Flags will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. We provide a club windbreaker and ask that you wear black slacks. Please call Maureen Kennedy to reserve your flag (860)550-3126

Join us on Parade Day, Saturday, March 10, 2012!

Join us after the parade for food, music and lots of fun! We'll be serving corned beef sandwiches all day and evening...and a hot dog & chips special for the kids!

St. Patrick's Day Lunch, Friday, March 16, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We'll be serving our traditional hot corned beef sandwich on rye, cole slaw, a pickle and house made Irish Soda Bread and butter! We'll also have a hot dog and chips special for the kiddies! We take to-go orders....just call the club after 9:00 a.m. (860)633-9691 to place your order. To-go orders can be picked up in the upstairs hall.

St. Patrick's Day! Saturday, March 17, 2012!

Come on down and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the IAHS! It's the best celebration around! We start early in the morning with televised football and hurling direct from Ireland (see our website for more information) and continue the day with great Irish music, food and lots of fun! We will be serving corned beef sandwiches all day and evening and a hot dog special for the young (and young at heart)!

BULLETIN BOARD

IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES

Traditional Irish country set dance classes are held in the upstairs hall on **Wednesday evenings** (except the fourth Wednesday of each month). This is a cultural function of the Irish American Home and there is no charge. The only requirements are hard-soled shoes and a little stamina. The classes begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call John Droney (860-521-2696).

WEEKLY CARD GAME

Every Thursday in the downstairs lounge at 7:00 p.m. members and their families are invited to join the group for a friendly game of **SETBACK**.

LADIES AOH

All Ladies who are interested in becoming a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians are asked to please contact Anne Marie McKinstry at (860) 875-8278 or a_mckinstry@sbcglobal.net

IRISH FOOD PRODUCTS

Irish food products are available for purchase by our members. Your favorite Irish cookies, candies, chocolates, crisps, sausages, rashers, black and white puddings, etc. will be available **for as long as there is a demand**.

Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available on the club's website or from Greg Burns @ 860-523-4919
burnsnmbgl@aol.com

IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the third Friday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the downstairs hall at the Irish American Home. Since 1970, the Irish Northern Aid Committee has been at the forefront in support of the struggle for freedom, justice, and self-determination for all the people of Ireland. For more information, please contact Tom McBride @ 860-983-0846

SEISIUN Every 1st and 3rd Sundays

Live Traditional Irish Music continues every first and third Sunday of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come join the singers and musicians appearing each Sunday in this open seisiún. Listen or play along with the lively jigs and reels, sing a song or dance a waltz, a set or céilí dance or just have a drink and relax to the music of Ireland. Join the seisiún and good cheer for a good cause as well -- Our Club. A slow music seisiún is held on the third Sunday between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for new or aspiring musicians to learn Irish music. The regular seisiún will follow at 4:00 p.m. For more information contact Liz Raymond (860-346-3235) or email Brent Morgan at bmorgan@wesleyan.edu. Beidh ceol, caint agus craic againn.

Board Of Directors Meeting

The I.A.H.S. Board of Directors conducts their business meeting on the Tuesday before the 2nd Friday at 8:00 pm every month. If you have a request or would like to meet with the Board Members please contact Recording Secretary, Kathleen Christ, 860-257-9658 to be placed on the Board agenda.

Good & Welfare

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS :

Bridget Marceau

We wish you a speedy recovery.

Sympathy is extended to the
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF:

**John Kelley
Eileen Mahoney
Gerald Sartori**

May they REST IN PEACE.

If you know of any member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away, give Margaret Moriarty a call (860-563-0804) or email at jandm85@cox.net so that an appropriate remembrance may be sent on behalf of the membership. If you have good news to share with the membership, i.e. birth, graduation, promotion, etc., please send the information, to be published in a future newsletter, to newsletter@irishamericanhome.com

Life Membership Criteria

To become a life member you must have been a member for 25 continuous years, you must be over 65, and your dues must be current, i.e., 2012 dues must be paid. Unfortunately, this is not automatic so if you think you are eligible, please call Debbie Cone at 860-529-1085 or Eileen McCormick at 860-561-4354. We will be happy to check for you.

IAHS COOKBOOK FUND RAISER

Time is running Short, Don't Delay

The IAHS is preparing a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our members. The cookbook will be professionally published and will contain special pages of interest, a table of contents, an index, photographs, helpful cooking hints and recipe dividers. It is sure to be treasured for years to come. Please submit 3- 5 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our group's cookbook. Please follow all of the directions on the Recipe Collection Sheet. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success. Recipes can be dropped off at the IAHS during normal business hours - Drop box and recipe sheets are located in the lounge Questions: Debbie Cone 860-529-1085

Parade Fundraisers

East Hartford Parade Fundraiser

E.H. Parade Committee
Annual Corned Beef Dinner
Sunday - February 12, 2012
Doors open at 1:00 PM
Honoring Mark McMahon as Town Marshal and Neil O'Connor as
Town Honoree
Tickets will be available in January
Contacts: Patty Merrick 860-883-8513/Theresa Doyle 860-568-
7685/Sana Hart 860-568-0628
\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

West Hartford Parade Fundraiser

DATE CHANGE!!!!!!!

West Hartford Parade Committee
February 24, 2012 7pm-12am
West Hartford Town Hall
50 South Main St West Hartford
Honoring Bernie Reilly-Duffy and Bridget Moran
Entertainment: New York Show Band
BYOB, set up is provided with coffee and tea
\$20 admission

Vernon Parade Fundraiser

Monday, Feb. 13, 2011 at Beni's Restaurant
1280 Hartford Turnpike (RT 30) Vernon, 5-8 pm.
\$10 per person, \$1.50 drafts, finger food, raffles. Join the fun.

Glastonbury Parade Fundraiser

Glastonbury Parade Committee Pub Night
February 29, 2012 4:00 - 9:00 PM
The Diamond Pub & Grill
195 Hebron Ave. Glastonbury
\$10.00 Donation
Sheila Dupuis - sheiladupuis123@gmail.com
or 860-633-1883
Free Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials
50/50 Raffle

Manchester Parade Fundraiser

Manchester Parade Committee
29th Annual Corned Beef Dinner & Dance
Saturday - February 18, 2012
Doors open at 6:00 PM
Honoring Dr. John Malone as Town Marshal and Irene Smith as
Town Honoree
Elks Club 30 Bissell Street, Manchester
Tickets \$25

East Hartford Parade Fundraiser

East Hartford Parade Committee Pub Night
March 1, 2012 5:00 - 9:00 PM
Sully's Prospect Café
Main St., East Hartford
\$5.00 Donation
Theresa Doyle - 860-5687658
Sana Hart - 860-568-0628
Patty Merrick - 860-883-8513
Music By Black Dogs
Raffles & Drink Specials

South Windsor Parade Fundraiser

South Windsor Parade Committee Pub Night
February 23, 2012
Pub II 59 John Fitch Blvd. (Rte 5)

West Hartford Parade Fundraiser

West Hartford Parade Committee
Pub Night
March 3, 2012
McLadden's Irish Publick House
37 LaSalle Rd., West Hartford
\$10.00 Donation
\$3.00 Harp & Guinness Lite fair, Live Music

Send in Parade Fundraisers

If you have any Parade Fundraisers that you would like included in the newsletter please send them to the newsletter email
Address : newsletter@irishamericanhome.com

Annual Parade Mass

The annual Parade Mass will be on Friday evening March 9, 2011 at 7 PM at **Cathedral of St. Joseph (NOTE NEW LOCATION)**, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford with Archbishop Mansell presiding. All are invited. Details in next month's newsletter. Any questions contact Anne Marie McKinstry at 860-875-8278.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade & Mass Book- 2012

Proud to be Irish Sponsorship Request

1. () Memorial Ad (\$10.00)
In Memory of: _____
Requested by: _____

2. () Memorial Ad (indicate page size from selection & write message below)

_____ 1/8 page at \$25.00	_____ 1/4 page @ \$50.00
_____ 1/2 page @ \$100.00	_____ Full page @ \$200.00

3. () A Cairde Gael (Friends of the Irish)
() § Name only: _____
() A Caidre Gael Ad-(indicate page size from selection below)

_____ 1/8 page at \$25.00	_____ 1/4 page @ \$50.00
_____ 1/2 page @ \$100.00	_____ Full page @ \$200.00

Messages () Memorial Ad or () A Caidre Gael

Sponsorship Ads in Proud to be Irish assists in offsetting the cost of running the Greater Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade. It is our hope that you will use this venue to recognize past and present IAHS honorees and family members or show your individual or family support for the parade. Photos can be included in your message if desired but must be submitted electronically (paradebook@sbcglobal.net) with a note of such on your returned sponsorship form.

If you wish to be included in the 2012 Parade Book- Proud to be Irish please complete this form and mail with your check payable to The 5 C's or Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee by **February 11th, 2012** to the following address.

CCCCC
Erin M. Conneely
88 Cumberland Road
West Hartford, CT 06119-1013

PDF documents and electronic ads are preferred and can be send with photos to: paradebook@sbcglobal.net

2012 PARADE GRAND MARSHAL AND PERSON THE YEAR RECEPTION

The Parade Grand Marshal and Person of the Year Reception will be held on **Sunday, February 25**, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the upstairs hall. The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee has selected Sister Peggy Evans as the Parade Grand Marshal and Irene O'Connor as Person of the Year. Also, this year we will honor the recipients of the Celtic Son & Daughter Scholarship. A buffet by Michael's Catering will be served. Tickets are \$25.00. To purchase tickets please mail your check (payable to C.C.C.C.C.) to Mary Lynch, P.O. Box 610, So. Glastonbury, CT 06073-0610. For more information or to reserve tables (groups of 8 or more) contact Mary Lynch (860-652-0422). All tickets must be purchased by Thursday, February 16, 2012 or until sold out.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Set Dancing in the Upstairs Hall 7PM	2 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM	3 AOH Meeting Pub Night with Keltic Kick 9 PM	4
5 Seisuin 4PM	6 St. Patrick's Pipe Band Upstairs Hall	7 New Member Screening 7PM Board Meeting	8 Set Dancing in the Upstairs Hall 7PM	9 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM Union Meeting Upstairs Hall	10 Monthly Meeting 8PM Pub Night with The Marksmen 9 PM	11
12	13 St. Patrick's Pipe Band Upstairs Hall	14	15 Set Dancing in the Upstairs Hall 7PM	16 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM	17 Pub Night with Colm O'Brien 9 PM	18
19 Seisuin 4PM	20 St. Patrick's Pipe Band Upstairs Hall	21	22 Electricians Union Meeting Upstairs Hall	23 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM Union Meeting Upstairs Hall	24 Pub Night with The Rising 9 PM	25
26 5C's Parade Grand Marshal Reception	27 St. Patrick's Pipe Band Upstairs Hall	28	29 Set Dancing in the Upstairs Hall 7PM	March 1 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM	March 2 Pub Night with Once Removed 9 PM	March 3
March 4 IAHS Annual Corned Beef Dinner Seisuin 4PM	March 5 St. Patrick's Pipe Band Upstairs Hall	March 6	March 7 Set Dancing in the Upstairs Hall 7PM	March 8 Setback in the Lower Lounge 7PM	March 9 Pub Night with Brennan Brothers 9 PM	March 10 Parade Day The Rising All Day

Upcoming Meetings

2 - 3 - 2012
**Ancient Order
 Of Hibernians**
7:00 PM
Contact
Ray McKinstry Jr.
860 - 798 - 9591

Next Meeting
3 - 2 - 2012

2 - 7 - 2012
**New Member
 Screening**
7:00 PM
Contact
Debbie Cone
860 - 529 - 1085

Next Screening
3 - 6 - 2012

2 - 7 - 2012
**Board of
 Directors**
After
**New Member
 Screening**

Next Meeting
3 - 6 - 2012

2 - 10 - 2012
**IAHS
 Monthly
 Meeting**
8:00 PM
Lower Hall

Next Meeting
3 - 9 - 2012



Deadline for Newsletter Submissions is February 15, 2012

FAMILIES WELCOME

We pride ourselves here at the Irish American Home as being a "family friendly" environment. Certainly our facilities and our grounds make that possible, not to mention our "can't be beat" pub grub prices. We do, however, ask that you be respectful of your fellow members and our club property by making sure that your children are adequately supervised while they are here. We do, after all, want to provide a comfortable "home" for all of our members. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know the IAHS has two halls available for rentals? Our **Upper Hall** is an ideal location for wedding receptions, dinner dances, concerts, plays or business/group meetings. Seating capacity is 208 for banquets to 400 for auditorium style seating.

Our **Lower Hall** is perfect for small gatherings such as bridal or baby showers' birthdays, christenings, or family reunions. Seating capacity for the lower hall is 80. Rental of lower hall is restricted to **Members Only** due to Liquor Control Laws.

Please contact **Dan O'Connell** for all your rental needs whether it be large or small.

Phone: (860) 633-9691 Email: hallrentals@irishamericanhome.com

Web Addresses

For more information check out our websites



Irish American Home Society Inc.
www.irishamericanhome.com

Greater Hartford St. Patrick's Day Parade
www.irishamericanparade.com

Greater Hartford Irish Music Festival
www.irishmusicfest.com



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Receive the Newsletter Electronically

Attention Members: If you would like to have the Irish American Home Society Newsletter delivered to you electronically, you now have that option. Send a request to membernews@irishamericanhome.com and let us know the members that this will include. The newsletter will then be electronically sent to you in a PDF format. This is an effort to reduce the cost of mailing the newsletter to our entire membership. Remember this is only an option. Regular mailings will continue to the membership every month.

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