



Irish American Home Society Inc.

JULY/ AUGUST NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray...

So we gave it our best go. As I am sure you have heard by now, we came to the realization that the only course of action was to close while we make the necessary repairs to our main waste line. Hopefully you have received the email notice, but if not, the content of that message is contained within this newsletter.

The 52nd Hartford Feis was a great day for our club. We got through most of the day before light rain began to fall. Congratulations to Feis Chairwoman **Liz Saunders** who does an amazing job of organizing this event, our largest cultural fundraiser, each year. Many thanks to all who volunteered before, during and after the event. It is your efforts that make the Feis run so smoothly!

Mark your calendars for **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**, our food truck and Irish beer festival, on Saturday, September 16th. This is a family friendly event and we've lined up some great food trucks long with some interesting crafters and vendors. Appearing on our stage will be **Dacey Riley** and local Irish dance schools, promising a great day of food, music and fun. This event will follow the same format as our Summer Shindig...we are just going back to our roots and replacing the craft beer with what the crowds were asking for...those world famous Irish brews. **How can you help?** By volunteering for a shift and/or by attending and supporting this event. Tell your neighbors and friends. Bring the family. If you had the opportunity to attend the Summer Shindig, you know this is an affordable and family friendly event. So bring your blanket and a few beach chairs, come on down and **support your club!**

We are in the process of nominations for officer and director positions. This process should be important to every member of this organization and you should not only take an interest but also think about who your future leaders should be. *It is incumbent upon us all to actively seek out fellow members to lead our club.* Contact information for members of the Nominating Committee are contained within this newsletter.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer season!

All the best,

Maureen A. Kennedy
President

Next New Member screening: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 @7pm.
Next Monthly Meeting: Friday, September 8, 2017 @ 7:30 pm.

PUB GRUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for individuals interested in volunteering for Pub Grub. Our season begins in September and ends in mid-June. We serve on Friday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. You can help out weekly, once a month or whatever suits your schedule. No culinary skills required...just a positive, can do attitude! For more information or to volunteer contact Maureen Kennedy at (860)550-3126 or president@irishamericanhome.com.

I.A.H.S. 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Friday, June 9, 2017, the club awarded scholarships to the following well deserving students:

Jack Breton, son of John and Mary Breton of Wethersfield, who will be attending University of Hartford and Hartt School of Music.

Fiona Dunn, daughter of Michael and Kathleen Dunn of Wethersfield, who will be attending University of Scranton.

Maeve Foley, daughter of Brian and Bernadette Foley, of Wethersfield who will be attending Curry College.

Caleigh O'Connor, daughter of Joe and Joanne O'Connor, of Hebron, who will be attending Pennsylvania State University.

Special thanks to Jim Moriarty, our Scholarship Chair, for his dedication and hard work. Our gratitude to the Golf Tournament Committee (Tom Pilch, Chairman) for its ongoing support of our scholarship program and to the families of deceased members who have identified the scholarship fund as the beneficiary of contributions in memory of a deceased member. Congratulations to these fine scholars...we wish you the best in all your future endeavors!

INTERESTED IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN YOUR CLUB?

The Nominating Committee is seeking individuals who wish to run for one of the open Board of Director positions or any Officer position. We currently have a 2 year term and a 3 year term Board position open. Each Officer position is for a term of 1 year: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Membership Secretary, Assistant Membership Secretary, Corresponding Secretary or Sergeant-at-Arms. Interested candidates should contact a member of the Committee: Charlie Murray at (860)633-0663 or Cfmurray@sbccglobal.net. **Tom Pilch at (860)659-4463 or tom240@aol.com** or Allen Scarfone at (860)899-5889 or Scarfone184@cox.net. Nominations are made at the September Monthly Meeting, Friday, September 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

ELECTIONS

If an election is required, there will be two sessions held as follows: Sunday, October 1, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, October 6, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Results will be announced on October 6th following tabulation. If an election will be held, watch our website, Facebook and notices posted at the club for more information. Voting will occur in the Upstairs Hall. You must be a Member in Good Standing as of March 31, 2017 to be eligible to vote. You must present your Membership Card to cast your vote.

23rd ANNUAL IRISH NORTHERN AID J.J. LONG GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us for this annual event on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at KENEY PARK GOLF COURSE in Hartford, CT. 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. \$125.00 per golfer includes cart, green fees, lunch & beverages at the turn, on course prizes for men & women. Dinner and drinks back at the Irish American Home Society, 5:30 p.m., Sponsor a Tee Sign for \$100.00 or a memorial for \$35.00. All proceeds benefit the Bobby Sands Memorial Trust. To register, please contact Tom McBride 860-983-0846, Kate Mullan 860-402-3787 or Cathy Hodlin, 860-306-7144, or by email chodlin@comcast.net. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

In the May newsletter we provided information pertaining to the repairs of our main drain line scheduled to begin in June. It was our intention to move operations to the upstairs hall so that our members could still patronize their club during this project.

In recent weeks it has become apparent that we will not be able to operate in our upstairs hall and we will need to close for approximately 5 to 6 weeks beginning on Monday, June 19th, 2017.

There were a few factors that influenced this decision. One was the high cost of installing a card reader upstairs, which is required under our liquor license (the reader is what you insert your membership card into for access to the club). The larger factor, however, was the safety and security of our bar staff. The front entrance of the upstairs hall is completely obscured from the view behind the bar. The Board and I strongly felt this may put our bar staff in a situation that could become unsafe. The welfare and safety of our staff is of paramount concern.

We will open on some Saturday afternoons and every Sunday morning for the viewing of the hurling and football matches from Ireland. Those will be viewed in our upstairs hall and we will close immediately following the conclusion of the match. Watch our website www.irishamericanhome.com for the fixtures or call the club for more information at (860)633-9691.

Please watch your email for notice of our re-opening.

NOTICE

The Board of Directors has voted to endorse a rise in the annual Membership Dues as follows:

2018 Single Membership: \$ 85.00
2018 Spousal Membership: \$125.00
2019 Single Membership: \$100.00
2019 Spousal Membership: \$140.00

Per our by-laws, a vote must be held by the membership to change membership dues. The vote will occur at the **September Monthly Meeting, Friday, September 8, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Irish American Home Society, Inc. 132 Commerce Street, Glastonbury, CT.

GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING LIVE FROM CROKE PARK!

We are pleased to announce that we will be showing broadcasts of all the games LIVE from Ireland! The club purchased the 2016 season package to show all the games from Premium Sports. As in the past, there is a \$20 charge to view the games, however, we are now offering a **MEMBERS ONLY SEASON PASS** for the spectacular price of \$250! That's right...only \$250 to view every game! That's a bargain price of \$5.55 per game! Passes can be purchased from your bartender. Season Passes make great gifts! See Permittee Dan O'Connell.

On Summer Hiatus...

Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Set Dance Classes and the Sunday Seisun do not meet in the months of July and August.

HARTFORD GAA NEWS

The 2017 Gaelic athletic season is in full swing for the football, hurling, and youth clubs of the HGAA. We hold weekly practices and encourage new players to come out at any point in the season to play with us. Hurling practice is on Monday nights at 6:30 and Football practice is on Wednesday nights starting at 7 p.m. Youth practices are held on Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m.

For more information about playing football with our club please contact Rory at rory.mcglain@gmail.com. For more information about playing hurling with our club please contact Dick at bogrunner@aol.com.

For more information on youth practices please contact Johnny at johnbmurphy79@aol.com. Children of all ages and experience levels are welcome to join!

Upcoming Senior Football Matches:

July 15th – Galway HOME
July 23rd – Connemara Gaels AWAY
July 29th – Donegal HOME

Upcoming Senior Hurling Matches:

July 9th - Portland AWAY
July 23rd - Worcester HOME

Check our website for more details on the club calendar at: hartfordgaa.com

NEW YORK BUS TRIP

The annual New York Bus Trip will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017. Join your fellow members for a day in the city that never sleeps! Spend the day your way...shopping, dining sightseeing or at a Broadway show, or just take the bus trip for a day of pre-holiday fun! **We no longer are selling tickets to the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.** Mail your checks to: Margaret Moriarty, 8 Danforth Lane, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 (otkerry27@gmail.com)/(860)563-0804 or Kathleen Blake, 131 Coleman Road, Glastonbury, CT 06033 (860)633-0587. Please make checks payable to IAHS. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 15, 2017. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY! This trip sells out quickly!**

IRISH SET DANCE CLASSES

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

The **Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #2 and Ladies AOH** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Downstairs Lounge. The AOH is an Irish Catholic organization that promotes and encourages participation in our religion, charity and Irish culture, following the motto, "In Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity". For more information contact Jamie Forzono at (860)604-3021.

Memorial Funds

Please consider naming one of two funds the IAHS has established over the years to receive memorial donations upon your death. Both funds are intended to memorialize our deceased loved ones while benefiting our members. The first is our **Scholarship Fund** which was established to grant educational scholarships to the children of members in good standing. Scholarships are awarded in June of each year. The second fund is our **Building Renovation Fund**, established to help fund the proposed new building and renovation of the existing building.

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next month's edition. Send contributions, in WORD FORMAT, to newsletter@irishamericanhome.com.

WEEKLY CARD GAME

Enjoy playing cards? Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the downstairs lounge, members and guests are invited to join in a friendly game of Setback.

SIGN IN YOUR GUESTS! PROTECT YOUR CLUB!

State liquor control laws mandate that private clubs maintain a guest book where non-member guests are required to register and be signed in by the member. **Please ensure that your guests are properly signed in...help protect your club!** Failure to comply with the liquor laws may result in fines or other penalties such as closure of our pub for a period determined by the Liquor Control Commission. Please remember that you are responsible for the conduct of your guests and they must depart the premises when you depart...no exceptions. This is your club...protect it at all times! Thank you for your cooperation.

Seisiun Every 1st and 3rd Sundays

Live traditional Irish music continues on the first and third Sundays of each month at the Irish American Home Society, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come join the singers and musicians at this open seisiun. Listen or play along with the lively jigs and reels...sing a song if you are so inclined...or simply relax and enjoy the music of Ireland. A slow music seisiun is held on the third Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn Irish music. For more information, contact Liz Raymond (860)346-3235.

IRISH NORTHERN AID

The Hartford Unit of Irish Northern Aid meets the 3rd Friday of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Hall of 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.

HONOR GUARD

It is this Society's tradition to honor our deceased members by the presence of an Honor Guard at the funeral service and interment. While we have several dedicated members who faithfully participate in this tradition, we would like to ensure a full complement at each service. If you are interested in participating when the need arises, please contact Charlie Murray at (860)633-0663 or Kathleen Blake (860)633-0587. **The Honor Guard will participate in the funeral services for all members when the member has previously requested or the family requests our services. If you would like to have an Honor Guard at a member's funeral, please call Charlie or Kathleen to advise them of the arrangements.**

Sympathy to the Families of: Michael Sinon

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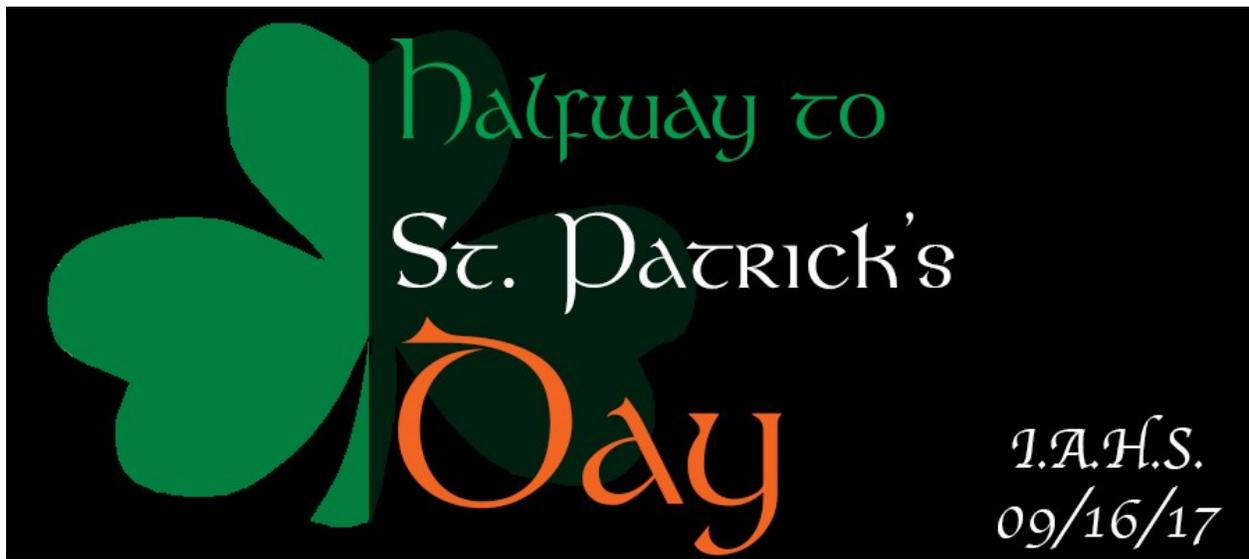
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GOOD AND WELFARE

If you know of any member who is ill, in the hospital or has passed away, please contact Margaret Moriarty (860)563-0804 or otkerry27@gmail.com so that an appropriate remembrance may be sent on behalf of the membership. If you have good news to share, i.e. birth, graduation, etc., please send the information to newsletter@irishamericanhome.com

HALL RENTALS

Our Upstairs and Downstairs Halls are available to rent for parties and gatherings. Contact Dan O'Connell for available dates and rates (860) 633-9691.



*Saturday, September 16, 2017
Irish American Home Society
132 Commerce Street
Glastonbury, Connecticut*

*2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
\$5.00 entrance fee - 21 and over*

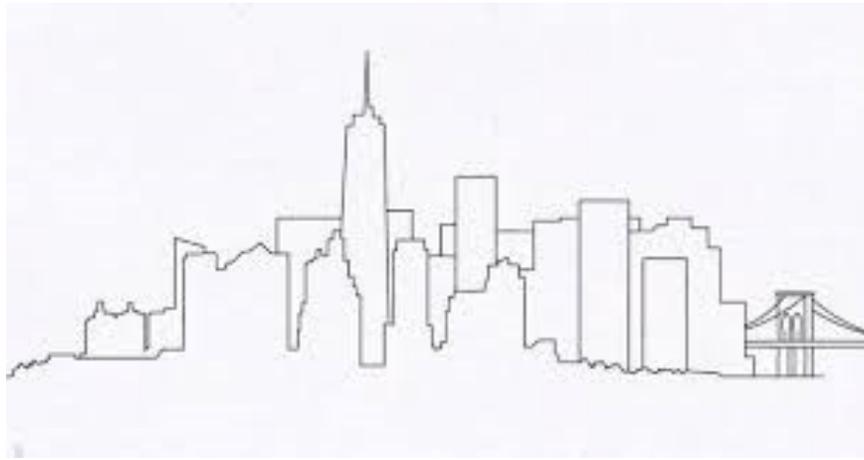
Grab the beach chairs and the family and come on down to enjoy our new *Halfway to St. Patrick's Day* event. Enjoy a variety of food trucks, vendors, entertainment, and of course, some of the best brews Ireland has to offer! Enjoy the sunshine, some Irish music and watch the performances of local Irish dance schools, then close out the evening with that dynamic Irish band, *Dacey Riley!*

Help your club by volunteering for this event. Sign up at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449aca82ba6fa7-half>

Can't volunteer? Then support this event by *attending* this event! Tell your friends and neighbors! Get the word out! It's going to be a great day!

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day is an all ages event. Adults age 21 and over pay a \$5 entrance fee. Those under age 21 are free. Positive ID of age 21 will be required to consume alcoholic beverages. We reserve the right to limit or deny the sale of alcoholic beverages to anyone at our discretion. Handicap parking will be available adjacent to the club. We **will not be providing transport** from any of the parking areas. Parking will be available on our property off Kreiger Lane. Anyone entering the club's property, over the age of 21years, will be required to pay the entrance fee with no exceptions.

No coolers - No dogs (except service dogs)



**ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO
NEW YORK CITY!**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

**DEPART AT 7:00 A.M. EAST HARTFORD COMMUTER LOT (MAIN STREET ON THE
EH/GLASTONBURY LINE)**

RETURN BUS 6:00 P.M. DEPARTURE

**\$35.00 PER PERSON (NON-REFUNDABLE)
DEADLINE TO RESERVE SEATS - OCTOBER 15, 2017**

JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS ON THIS ANNUAL TRIP TO THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS. SPEND THE DAY YOUR WAY...SHOPPING, DINING, SIGHTSEEING OR AT A BROADWAY SHOW. RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **NUMBER OF SEATS:** _____

EMAIL: _____

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35th Annual IRISH GOLF CLASSIC

To Benefit the IAHS Scholarship Fund

Friday, September 10, 2017

Application (Please print clearly)

Team Captain:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Select One:

Open Flight

Champion Flight (All players must be over 50)

Women's Flight

Tee Sponsor Application (Please print clearly)

Sponsor a Hole - \$100

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Company / What you want printed on the sign:

Checks should be made out to: IRISH AMERICAN GOLF

Mail to: Tom Pilch
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Glastonbury, CT 06033