



President's Letter

By Laura Travis

Dear Members and Friends,

Lots of excitement brewing at the Club and it's not just the TEA! The Irish Trip Raffle is going along smoothly, and we have covered our costs...BUT we are still waiting for tickets to get returned! **We have people waiting to purchase tickets, and there are none here to sell them!**

So, if you have any unsold tickets on your dresser, please return them ASAP so we'll get ALL our tickets sold!

Brigid's Day has grown into such a special night in the Pub. This February 1st, our special guest will be sean-nos singer Bridget Fitzgerald and we will be making Brigid crosses in the corner as usual. Naturally a few door prizes and raffle items will be part of the fun. Also keep that heritage on the front burner...why not join Sheila Hogg's Irish Language Class which starts February 19th. She'll fill you in on the details, just email Sheila_hogg@brown.edu

Don't forget our Superbowl Party on Sunday, February 3rd President Emeritus Bob Sheridan will be holding forth at the bar and good spirits will prevail. Bring along game-day snacks, and we will root on those amazing Patriots to victory once more. Pub opens at 5 and game start @ 6:30pm.

Check out our calendar updates, and our special March Guide. I've designed this myself for you to easily print out or email along to friends and family, so we can share our truly magical March! Of special note, Colm Keegan of Celtic Thunder (you've seen them on PBS) will perform on Tuesday, March 5th. Tickets are already available on his website! See more info in newsletter. We are delighted to welcome this young "phenom" to our hall for an unforgettable night!

Many thanks to everyone who came to our January planning session and got our whole season up in record time. If there is an event or an activity you are interested in, why not volunteer! Helpers are always welcome! See you soon at the club.

All the best,
Laura Travis

President of Irish Ceilidhe Club of RI

RECURRING EVENTS



MONDAYS
SET DANCING
7:15-9:15 pm



FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT
7-11 pm



3rd
FRI/MONTH
7 pm (Pub
Night after)



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of RI"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Club dues are \$50 per person. Dues are renewed each April. You may mail dues to Ceilidhe Club. Thank you.

OFFICERS & BOARD

- President: Laura Travis
- VP: Barry Callahan
- Treasurer: Robert Rambo
- Recording Secretary: Sara Benz
- Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Langford
- Sergeant at Arms: Marie Drumm
- Trustees: Peg Flynn, Dennis Hughes, Sorrel Devine, Maggie Lenau

CALENDAR

February

Friday 2/1	7pm-11pm	St. Brigid's 's Celebration
		Traditional Irish Music Session
		Set Dances upstairs in hall
Mondays 2/4,11,18,25	7:15pm-9:15pm	
Sunday 2/3	5:30pm -11pm	Super Bowl w/ the Patriots in the Pub
Friday 2/8	7pm-11pm	Come join us for a fun night of board games & cards
Tuesday 2/12	1pm	Book Club see details in club news
Friday 2/15	7-11pm	Board Meeting & Pub Sing
Tuesday 2/19	6:30pm-8:30pm	Irish Language class w/ Sheila Hogg
Friday 2/22	7:30pm-11pm	1916 Lecture & Tim Keohne in pub
March		
Friday 3/1	7pm-11pm	Pub Night with Traditional Irish Music with Torrin Ryan & Armand Aromin
Tuesday 3/5	7:30pm-10pm	A Special Evening with Colm Keegan
Friday 3/8	7pm-11pm	Irish Film Feis w/ Jimmy Devine and friends
Friday 3/15	7:00p-11pm	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-7pm
		Pub Sing – 8pm
Sunday 3/17	11am-4pm	St. Patrick's Day at the Club



*Looking for the perfect gift for your SWEETHEART for Valentine's Day?
Purchase a Raffle ticket (or five) and he/she may win a Trip to Ireland or \$3000,
or a voucher for Cape Cod Irish Village or an Irish gift basket!
You will be a "winner" in your Sweetheart's eyes with this gift!!*

Trip to Ireland Raffle ---- Tickets \$25 each or five for \$100

Five raffle tickets have been mailed to each membership household. If you haven't received tickets or need more, contact Laura Travis at celticinfluence@gmail.com or ask for tickets at the club. Please forward unused tickets to the club for redistribution. This is our major fundraising event for the year. Buy some tickets for yourself, family & friends. Revenue generated allows your Ceilidhe Club to continue our events to promote Irish history and culture.

Grand Prize: Trip to Ireland. Winner has choice of \$3,000 cash or trip which includes an Aer Lingus voucher for \$1,500, a \$1,000 allocation for cottage rental, and \$500 allocation for car rental. If desired, we will work with winner to design the trip. **Second prize:** Voucher to Cape Cod Irish Village. **Third prize:** Irish gift basket.

ST. BRIGID'S DAY on February 1st

Festivities in the Pub

Along with Traditional Music Session with Torrín Ryan & Armand Aromin

Special Guest: Bridget Fitzgerald a founding member of the internationally acclaimed Irish music ensemble "Cherish the Ladies is considered a leading lady of the sean nos (old-style singing in the Irish Language) tradition in America. In her repertoire, Bridget is both ambassador and tradition bearer of the highest order and highest note, skillfully sung. Come and enjoy us for a fun fill evening of music, door prizes and special treats.

Hosted by Mary Lee Partington & our President, Laura Travis who will be making St. Brigid's Crosses.

Club News

Sorry that the Pub Crawl was cancelled but we didn't have enough sign ups. Thanks, Marie for organizing this trip for a fun day in Boston. Look for information in September for a trip in November.

1916 Committee Lecture: Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm. Topic to be announced. Tim Keohne will be performing in the pub at 8pm. Come on down for some music and refreshments after the lecture!

Irish Language Classes: Sheila Hogg will conduct Irish Language classes starting Tuesday 2/19/19 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for 10 weeks. If interested call her at 401 954-3365 for more information.

Condolences to Philomena Murphy and Josie Pelletier, sisters of longtime member of the club, Mary Taylor (Coyle) who passed away in January.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sorrel Devine who had an accident and broke her arm. Joan O'Sullivan who had foot surgery on Friday, January 25th and John Roach, who is in hospital in Florida. Thinking of all of you and we are hoping you all get better soon. Looking forward to seeing Sorrel and Joan in the club again soon.

Sunshine Committee: Peg Flynn, who heads our Sunshine Committee, would like to be informed of any members who are ill or who have experienced a family death. Peg reaches out with cards and phone calls on behalf of the Club. She may be reached at (401) 353-9411 or pflynn534@yahoo.com. Thanks, Peg!

Book Club will meet Tuesday, February 12th at 1pm at the home of Helen Flynn, 26 Tecumseh St. Providence. This month they are reading, **Reading in the Dark**" by Seamus Deane. All are welcome to this discussion. If interested call her @ (401) 353-9411 or email at pflynn534@yahoo.com

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