



President's Letter

By Laura Travis

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! A big THANK YOU to those who contributed to the Giving Tree to help out a local family, and to Liz Hughes and her friends for spearheading the effort...and thanks to EVERYONE who danced, sang, brought along friends, grandchildren, and each other, and supported a very lively December! After all the Holiday fun, we are looking at a terrific 2019, already filling in rapidly with events and undertakings for our Club. Find out the latest, plus how you can help out, on January 4 (7pm) when our Program Committee meets upstairs before the Irish session; all interested members are welcome.

There's a pair of stellar young musicians, Adam Agee and John Sousa, set to entertain us on January 20, a lecture January 25 followed by Sean Connell in the Pub, and membership meeting you won't want to miss on January 18, where you can hear more about a Club documentary project that is in the works! While we are on the topic of things to do, don't forget the annual Cape Cod Ceili Weekend at the Irish Village slated for January 25-27.

Many, many thanks to those of you who have returned your Irish Trip Raffle Tickets already! It's great to see them arrive in the mail each day. If you require more tickets, don't hesitate to get in touch and we will get them out to you.

Looking ahead, we have our St. Brigid's Day festivities coming up on its traditional date of February 1, so mark your calendars for a fun night of music and making Brigid Crosses in the Pub, where our special guest will be Bridget Fitzgerald!

Thanks again for all you do!

Laura

RECURRING EVENTS



**MONDAYS
SET DANCING**
7:15-9:15 pm



**FRIDAYS
PUB NIGHT**
7-11 pm



**3rd FRIDAY/MONTH
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
7 pm (Pub Night after)



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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

**General Membership Meeting - 7pm
Friday January 18
Please attend!
Your input is important!**

CALENDAR

January 2019		Details page 2
Friday 1/4	7pm 8-11pm	Events Planning Committee Meeting. Pub Night with Traditional Irish Music and Happy New Year
Monday 1/7	7:15-9:15pm	Set Dancing Classes resume
Friday 1/11	7-11pm	Pub Night
Friday 1/18	7pm 8-11pm	General Membership Meeting Pub Night Sing with Armand & Ben
Sunday 1/20	7-11pm	Concert w/Adam Agee & Jon Sousa
Friday 1/25	7-11pm 7:30pm 8pm	Pub Night 1916 Committee presents Irish documentary movie in upstairs hall Sean Connell performs in Pub
Saturday 1/26	10:30am -8pm	Boston Pub Crawl (details on page 2)
February		
Friday, 2/1	7pm-11pm	St. Brigid's 's Celebration Traditional Irish Music Session
Friday 2/8	7pm-11pm	Pub Night
Friday, 2/15	7-11pm	Pub Night Sing with Armand & Ben
Friday 2/22	7-11pm 7:30pm 8pm	Pub Night 1916 Committee Lecture Tim Keohane performs in Pub

Event Details



Boston Pub Crawl
Saturday, January 26th

Bus will leave at 10:30am from the club and return by 8:00pm. There will be at least three pubs where there will be entertainment.

*Cost is \$35.00 per person
Contact Marie Drumm at 241-8605 or
mariedrumm@hotmail.com*

***We need at least 40 people to sign up.
Join us for a fun day in Boston!***

1916 Committee Lecture
Friday, January 25, 7:30pm

The 1916 Committee will be experimenting with a new idea with our monthly lecture/educational series. This month the committee will be presenting a movie or documentary about the history and culture of Ireland. The title has yet to be decided but it is sure to be another interesting night at the Ceildhe Club. Please join us. This event is free and open to the public.

Sean Connell will be performing in the Pub at 8pm.

Club News

Condolences are extended to his wife, Kay, and to the family of John Vincent Roche who died on November 29. Vincent was a former Vice President and Trustee of the Ceilidhe Club and a member of Ireland's 32 Society.

We also extend our sympathy to Club President, Laura Travis, on the passing of her father, Edward Travis, on December 14, in Millbrook, NY. Our thoughts and prayers are with both the Roche Family and the Travis Family in the loss of your loved ones.

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 pfflynn534@yahoo.com. Thanks, Peg!

Book Club will meet Tuesday, January 8th at 1pm at the home of Helen Flynn, 26 Tecumseh St. Providence. This month we will be discussing three short stories from Dubliners by James Joyce.

Liz Hughes would like to thank everyone who contributed to the family that was adopted at Christmas. Everyone was so generous and a special thank you to Gail Mitchell who helped tremendously with tagging the gifts.

New Address: We send good wishes to long-time Club members Bob and Philomena Murphy who have moved to Highlands on the East Side, 101 Highland Ave., Providence, RI 02906. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Concert with
Adam Agee & Jon Sousa
On Sunday, January 20th

"The Fiddler and Guitarist from Colorado are creating waves across the States and beyond." Irish Music Magazine

Doors open at 7pm, concert begins 7:30
Admission: \$10 members & \$15 non-members

They will also have CD's for sale



Club History To Be Documented

Planning and initial work on a short documentary about the history of our Club began this fall. So far, four founding or long-time members have been interviewed: Alice Hearn, Peg Flynn, and Mel and Kathy Lynch.

A proposal to the R.I. Council on the Humanities (RICH) for grant funding to support continuation of this project is being prepared for submission in February

Please Help Us Document the Club's History

The project committee is also interested in collecting Club-related photos from the past for use in the documentary. If you have photos you think might be interesting, please contact Sorrel Devine @ firehead1@gmail.com or (401)837-7181. All photos will be returned after scanning to the archives.

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