



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club



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CLUB HOURS:

Wednesday & Thursday: 7pm-1am; Friday & Saturday: 7pm-2am; Sunday: 1pm-9p

March 2015

Mark Your Calendars

February:

Sat. 28th LepreCON 2pm

March:

Sun. 1st Corned beef & cabbage IACC 1-4pm

Wed. 4th Festival Meeting 7.30pm

Thurs. 5th Youth Football Meeting 7.30pm

Thurs. 5th Karaoke 7.15pm

Sat. 7th Genealogy Meeting 1-3pm

Sat. 7th New Haven St. Patrick's Parade Ball 7pm

Tues. 10th General Membership Meeting 8pm

Fri. 13th Just One More Fundraiser 7pm

Sat. 14th Pub Crawl 4.30-9pm

Sat. 14th Paul Byrom 8.30pm

Sat. 14th Milford St. Patrick's Day Parade 1pm

Sun. 15th New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade 1.30pm

Sun. 15th DJs Pat & Joan Kennedy 3-7pm

Mon. 16th Festival Meeting 7.30pm

Tues. 17th GAA games 8.30am - Irish breakfast

Tues. 17th Joan & Pat Kennedy on WNHU 88.7FM 8am-6pm

Tues. 17th DJ 7pm in lounge

Thurs. 26th Retirees dinner meeting 12.30pm

Sun. 29th Renovation Presentation 1pm

Sun. 29th Concert - The Coracles 3 - 5pm

April: - mark your calendars now!

Sat. 4th Easter Egg Hunt 11am

Sat. 11th Traditional Irish Concert 7.30pm

Sun. 12th Afternoon movie 3pm

Fri. 17th Happy Hour 4-8pm

Sat. 25th Italian Night Pasta 6pm

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday 7:30 PM - Executive Board

2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM - General Membership

1st Thursday 7:30 PM - Youth Irish Football

3rd Thursday 12:30 PM - Retirees

1st Saturday 1:00 PM - Genealogy

REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Gaelic Language

Thursday - 7:30 PM - Curlews Music

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland

Sunday 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M.

AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com

Echoes of Erin

Sunday 12 NOON-2:00 P.M.

Monday 6:00-8:00 P.M.

FM 88.7 WNHU or www.wnhu.net

Music of Ireland

Thursday 6:00-8:00 P.M.

FM 88.7 WNHU or www.wnhu.net

Upcoming Events



CLUB RENOVATION PRESENTATION Sun. 29th March at 1pm

Bill Mackey will update all members regarding our club renovations on Sunday afternoon, 29th March at 1pm. Please come out and hear the progress being made and future plans. The committee constantly hear that people do not know which door to use - hear the solution. Its too dark outside - hear the solution. Unwelcoming building - hear the solution. Kitchen upgrade: Hear the financial breakdowns. One estimate of \$14,000 does not include fridge and freezer. Everything is commercial grade. Included is grease trap, hand wash sink, new gas stove, 3 bay sink, dish washer, stainless setups, new deep fryer. Sink would be moved - do you think it will be feasible in its new place? Would Ansul system be needed and very expensive? The thought of the renovation committee was to have a working kitchen so people coming up could have food. YOU must have an opinion - come let us know. Façade: change some windows and replace doors - do you approve? Let us know. Lounge: it looks tired and dated back to the 90s. We need to get a pub feel - we have to go dark - repainting ceilings, walls etc. and replace floor with wood - how do you feel about that? Come let us hear from you Change the furniture - purchase dark furniture, booths, relocate double doors into hall, love seat etc. - your opinion on this is needed. Committee suggests cutting down trees in front of building, making a handicap ramp between front doors and all sort of other ideas - **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY** so please attend, listen and give us your feedback.

THE CORACLES Sunday 29th March 3-5pm

After the club renovation presentation stay at the club and enjoy a concert by The Coracles from 3-5pm. No set charge - donations accepted.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Alison McCormack, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are due 1st January. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club so if you have not already remitted your payment please do so as soon as possible. Family \$75, Individual \$50, renewing seniors \$20 each and \$30 per couple.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the December elections the membership voted in favour of our Club having a Board of Directors. The Executive Board is seeking a volunteer to Chair a committee to explore what exactly a Board of Directors means, who will be on it, what qualifications are needed, how many people and length of terms and how we are going to re-write the by-laws etc. If interested, please contact any member of the Executive Board.

LepreCON Is Back Again In New Haven: WIN A TRIP TO IRELAND! Sat. 28th Feb. 2pm.

We are proud to announce that the 2015 edition of the very popular LepreCON Fundraiser Bar Crawl is back in the Elm City. The highly anticipated event happens annually several weeks before St. Patrick's Day Parade, and features hundreds of revelers dressed in Leprechaun and Irish/Celtic attire parading all over Downtown. LepreCON, the brainchild of Anna Liffey's GM Frank Cullimore, started 4 years in 2011 and has grown in size, popularity and local folklore every year. "There's a SantaCon, and obviously the original Comic Con, why shouldn't the Irish be spoken for with LepreCON? It's already right there in the name. It was a given." LepreCON kicks off at 2 PM on Saturday Feb 28th. The sign up is same day, at Anna Liffey's. \$10 covers your enrollment, gets you a free pint, entrance and specials at all other participating bars on the bar crawl, and automatically enrolls you to win this year's grand prize- 2 trips to Ireland from sponsor Guinness. All proceeds go to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. From Liffey's, the bar crawl will go to The Russian Lady, Kelly's On Crown, and Cask Republic- all between Temple and Crown streets, before returning to Liffey's for the grand prize drawing, food and drink, and a special live show from one of the state's most talented and buzzed about bands- Lucid Empire. For 17 years, Anna Liffey's Irish Public has been a staple of New Haven, CT- for both the Irish-American community, and the metro region as a whole. Over nearly 2 decades, they've been a strong ally to the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Find out more at www.annaliffeys.com

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sun. 1st March from 1-4pm.

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 1st March from 1 - 4pm. Donation is \$15 per adult and children are half price. Hot dog and potato chips will be available at \$4.00 for children who do not wish to eat corned beef. For reservations and information, please contact Rich Ranciato at 203 410 4543 richard.ranciato@comcast.net. Reservations are necessary to avoid over or under buying by 28th February.

2015 CT. IRISH FESTIVAL Sat. & Sun. 27th & 28th June Meetings: Wed. 4th March at 7.30pm and Mon. 16th March at 7.30pm.

This year's festival is being chaired by Pat Hosey, no stranger to this position as he held it for many years in the past. First meeting will be held on Wed. 4th March at 7.30pm and the second meeting will be on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm. There is a lot of work to do and chairmanships need to be filled. Please attend these meetings and let Pat know what job you wish to do or call him at 203-248-1538.

ARE YOU THE BEST SINGER IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY? Thurs. 5th March at 7.15pm

Come on down to Heroes in New Haven and show us what you've got!! Join us for the Voice of the Parade Contest! The winners will take home a Golden Microphone Award and will also win the honor of marching in the 2015 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade! The Parade is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM!

Date: Thursday, March 5th, 2015 Time: Sign-ups: 7:15 to 8PM Contest begins at 8:15PM Place: Karaoke Heroes, 212 Crown Street, New Haven, CT Cost: \$5 (In-house raffle, prizes, and 2015 Parade Merchandise available) Judges: Jon McMillan (professional singer) and Fiona Stewart, 2013 Parade Queen. Prizes for best female performer, male performer, and best group performance (2 to 4 singers) will be awarded. All contestants must sign up the night of the event and be present to win. Decisions will be final. Hope to see you there!

YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING Thurs. 5th March at 7.30pm

The Youth footballers meet the first Thursday of each month. Games, schedules, fundraisers etc. are discussed. Please come out and support these young athletes. More information call Chairman Mike Faherty 203 640 8927.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE BALL Sat. 7th March at 7pm

The 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball this year will take place at Yale Commons, 168 Grove Street, New Haven at 7pm on Saturday, 7th March. The four Irish Societies proudly announce the honourees: Grand Marshal, Timothy F. Gallogly, James J. Dinnan Award to Edward McCarthy, Appreciation Award to Joanne Conlan, Cornelius Driscoll Award to Lt. William Tinker Ret. NHFD and a Special Recognition the late Donald "Cliff" Thomson. Dancing to the great sounds of DJs The Kennedy's and rock band Just One More. Buffet, dancing and open bar - contribution \$100 pp. RSVP by 23rd Feb. to Anne Hines @ 203 488-4902 or email ahsheep@aol.com. Black tie optional

TOAST of the TOWN PUB CRAWL 7th March 12 noon

Toast of the Town Pub Crawl @ Whitney Avenue Hamden: Saturday, March 7 12:00PM Start time: Mickey's to Eli's To Dunn's. Registration 12: - 1:35 @ Mickey's \$10 - Raffles, Prizes, Beer Specials. Registration: 12 - 1:35 @ Mickey's. All proceeds to benefit the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tues. 10th March at 8pm

Please attend our membership meetings and keep abreast of all the great things that are happening. It is your Club and the Executive Board welcome all help, concerns and comments from you. Hope to see you on Tuesday, 10th March at 8pm.

JUST ONE MORE joint benefit Fri. 13th March at 7pm.

Joint benefit for YOUTH FOOTBALL & 2015 PARADE -- FRIDAY, MARCH 13 AT LILY'S PAD @ TOAD'S PLACE....Our own John Mackey and his awesome band "Just One More" will take the stage on Friday, 13th March just hours before the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven on Sunday, March 15. Doors open at 7 pm; band will start playing at 8 pm. Nominal charge of \$10 to hear the band playing music for all ages! Check the parade website for contact information or read more about it in our next newsletter!

PUB CRAWL Sat. 14th March 4.30-9pm

St. Patrick's Day Pre-game Pub Crawl @ Campbell Avenue on West Haven's Campbell Ave Sponsored by the West Haven Irish-American Club Z's Corner Café (Registration Starts here at 4:00PM, Donation \$10 includes drink specials and official cup. Johnny's Grille, Dubel's Café, Duffy's Tavern, Kelly's on Campbell and Mike's Apizza (for a slice). Proceeds for both to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade!

INTERNATIONAL IRISH TENOR Paul Byrom Sat. 14th March at 8.30pm

A great evening is in store at DOWNTOWN Cabaret Theatre Company, 263 Golden Hill St, Bridgeport. Paul Byrom is often hailed as one of Ireland's premier tenors. His latest album "THIS IS THE MOMENT" debuted at No.1 on the World Billboard Charts. His talent as a tenor has taken him far and wide, and some of the many highlights of his career to date include performing for many dignitaries such as Irish President Mary McAleese, Emperor Akihito of Japan, Former Irish President and UN Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson and most recently for United States President, Barack Obama. In 2007 Paul became one of the original soloists in the show Celtic Thunder. Fans quickly nicknamed him "The Swanky Tenor" for his suave and romantic style in performing, which is stamped on such numbers as "Remember Me, Recuerde Me" and "She." Tickets \$53.15 including fees. If interested call Joan Hall 203-469-4252 hjoan68@gmail.com -car pooling can be arranged.

PARADE DAY MARCHERS - Sun. 15th March

John Mackey is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 15th March. If anyone is interested in marching or carrying one of our many County flags please contact John. The appointment of

flag bearers is on a first come, first served basis. Call 203-314-9683 early if you have a particular flag you wish to carry.

Special Parade Mass to Honour Joan Moynihan

This year on March 15th, the 10 am parade Mass will be celebrated in honour of Joan Moynihan at St. Mary's Church, Hillhouse Ave. New Haven. The Most Reverend Leonard Blair, Archbishop of Hartford will once again preside as Celebrant. Last year's Mass resulted in 'standing room only'. Besides Ireland's patron Saint, Patrick, being honored, Joan, who was extremely active in front and behind the scenes in the greater New Haven Irish community, will also share in this celebration. Joan was past President of the IACC in 1988 and 1989 and passed away on March 13, 2009. The parade committee will march up the center aisle in full dress at this Mass. Colour Guards from both The Knights of Columbus and the New Haven Police Emerald Society will also be in attendance. Quite a colourful Mass!

PARADE DAY Sunday 15th March

Start your day off great with a special Parade Mass at St. Mary Church, Hillhouse Ave., at 10am. After Mass refreshments will be served thanks to the Pioneers of the Sacred Heart. We are appealing to everyone young and old to come out on Sunday, March 15th at 1.30pm. To show the spectators our pride in our true Irish heritage as we march down the streets of New Haven. We need 42 people to carry the various flags, so call soon as they are going fast. There will be two buses leaving from our Club at 11.30 SHARP!! to bring us to the starting point of the parade. Afterward we will have an early and, late bus to transport the marchers back to the club for ceol agus craic. Entertainment by DJs Pat and Joan Kennedy. No admission charge and food and beverages will be available. Please don't let the people down who revived this grand parade in 1956. Some of them may have passed on, but their memories are still with us. For further information please contact John Mackey 203 314 9683.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Tuesday, 17th March

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club. Watch the All Ireland Club Football and Hurling Finals starting at 8.30am. Irish breakfast will be served and corned beef sandwiches will be available. A DJ playing favourite Irish songs will entertain in the lounge at 7pm. If you have time to volunteer this day please call any club officer.

IRISH MUSIC ALL DAY LONG WNHU 88.7FM 8am - 6pm Tues. 17th March

Pat & Joan Kennedy will again present a day of Irish music on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. 2015 on WNHU 88.7 F.M. and streaming live on the web at WNHU.net. Starting at 8 a.m. they will bring you 10 hours of your favourite music and song. Lots of giveaways all day long. So tune in on March 17th and sing along.

RETIRES MEETING 26th March at 12.30pm

Please note the change in date for our March meeting. Our corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held on Thursday, March 26th at 12.30 p.m. Reservations are a must. Call Pat Donahue 203 248 4325 or Janet Butterworth 203 469 4682. April meeting will be on the 16th at 12.30 p.m.

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT Sat. 11th April at 7.30pm

A concert not to be missed at our Club *Featuring 2014 All-Ireland Fiddle Champion* DYLAN FOLEY with Dan Gurney on accordion and Eamon O'Leary playing guitar. Tickets \$20. For more info please call John O'Donovan 203-281-3563 or Patrick Stratton 860-664-1600.

HAPPY HOUR Friday 17th April 4-8pm

Happy Hour will be on Friday, 17th April 4-8pm. Come on out for good conversation and music in the lounge. Bring a snack to share if you wish. Beginning in May happy hour will be the first Friday of each month.



IRISH YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM – GEARING UP FOR 2015!!!

Gaelic Football 2015 Indoor Training and Registration Schedule: We're ready to rock the rafters at Connecticut Sportsplex 150 Foxon Rd. which started in January. Get the word out to friends and make it a New Year's resolution to introduce new players to our games. We're booked for Sundays 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. under six through under eighteen...Training Dates: March 1, March 8. Please contact John Mackey at 203-314-9683 for more info. It's over the bar and into the onion sack for 2015! We wish to thank all members who have supported our program with donations of time, money, and good will. Your help in keeping the Games of the Gaels alive in our club is never taken for granted.

LAUGH, LAUGH to benefit Youth Gaelic Sports Sat. 30th May at 7pm

Keep this date open for a great evening of dinner and comedy at our Club on Sat. 30th May at 7pm. Father Patrick Misgivings will entertain you with stories about growing up Catholic. \$20 Jeff Maxwell has tickets 203-605-7414. Dinner 7pm - show 8pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER

If you would like to make an announcement in the newsletter i.e. engagement, marriage, birth, graduation from college, or an achievement of any kind, please submit via email to Anne Hines at ahsheep@aol.com by the 15th of the month.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy to the families of: Mary Neville, New Haven by way of Co. Leitrim; Al Cronk, East Haven; Philip Shea, Hamden and to club member Tim Wall on the death of his father Tom Wall of Wallingford.

Get Well Wishes

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

Walter Gannon, North Haven and Theresa O'Hagan, New Haven

WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS

Please make yourself known to our Officers and Club members when visiting so we can personally welcome you to our Club.

Cathy and Bobby Catapano, Orange, Katherine Frances Dempsey, Branford, Daniel and Bridget McCann, East Haven and Shane and Julie Murtagh, Hamden.

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift Certificates are available for IACC Memberships and GAA Games. It's a gift that lasts the whole year through. IACC Memberships are as follows: Single Senior \$20, Senior Couple \$30, Individual \$50, Family \$75. GAA Gift Certificates are \$220 for the 2015 season. What a bargain! This includes the viewing of unlimited Irish Football and Hurling games at the IACC. Normally you would pay \$20 per day to view the games. For Gift Certificates please contact John Cullinan, 203-506-5417 or jcullinan59@yahoo.com.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS-NORWICH Sun. 8th March

The New London Hibernians are planning a special mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich on March 8, 2015. This is the same day as the Norwich St. Patrick's day parade that starts at 1:00 P.M. They have invited the governor, our two US senators, Representative Courtney, and other dignitaries from the Religious and Irish-American communities. The mass will celebrate the Patron Saint himself as well as provide an occasion for the Irish community to celebrate their heritage. For additional info please contact Rick Connell at rconnellsr@gmail.com.

BOWLING TEAM

The bowling league is well underway and they bowl every Friday at Circle Lanes in East Haven at 7:30 P.M. If you are interested in joining you will need a team of 3. Please contact Mary Jane Stevens 203-772-1380.

DART TEAM

The Dart team play every Thursday at 8pm. If interested in joining the team please contact Peter Kilkelly at peterkilkelly@sbcglobal.net.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Keep in mind every Wednesday at 7.30pm the Gaelic Language classes are held and every Thursday the Curlews practice and play in the lounge at 7.30pm.

UPDATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN-THANK YOU

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations to our capital improvement campaign:

Gold \$1,000 to \$4,999

Sean Cox
Carroll MacFarlane
Michael Hanlon
John and Wendy Mackey
Sean Scollan (Anna and Daniel Murphy)
John and Kathleen O'Donovan
Michael and Anne Faherty
John and Alison McCormack
John and Anne Cullinan
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Kirby & Laurie Hawkes
Carole B. Brown
John McGowan
Denis Pomfret
Theresa O'Brien
Brendan & Maura Donohue
Maureen C Delahunt
Joseph Foley
Mary (Crissie) C. Parker
Georgeanne Flanagan
David & Elizabeth O'Keefe
Susan McNerney
Michael & Andrea Hogan
Jason & Jillian Simms
Bob & Maryette Russell
Russell & Pauline Mower
Nathalie Manniel
Mary Wallace

Bruce & Mary Dapkins
Patricia Stratton Bailey
Albert & Paul Paulsen
Eileen Tozzo (Courtney)
Ann Pervier
Shelia & John Haverhamph
Brian Burgh
Frank Supple
Mary Jane Conroy
Daniel Mallon
Anne Marie Mulholland
Edward & Eileen Donadio
Geraldine Faherty
Vincent & Claire Cleary
Donald & Bernadette White
Eileen Mulvey
Helen Kobylenski
Brendan & Maura Donohue
Thomas Sbabo
Margaret Jensen
John & Marie Lawless
Dorel Benson
Mike & Maryann Dean
Brendan Faherty
Connor
Deirdre and Seamus Dolan
Emmet Moore
Judy Doyle and Mike Clifford

Due to the support of these listed members we have raised \$39,943 in cash and pledges to date, greater than 80% of our goal of \$50,000. THANK YOU! CAN WE MAKE 100% BY ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

The capital improvement campaign is necessary to help raise funds for interior and exterior improvements which include remodeling the front façade on the building, the lounge area and kitchen. Additionally, a large outside patio and pavilion will be constructed and the expansion of our field to the minimum Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) requirements. These improvements will make our facility more enjoyable for all our members.

The removal of rock and excess dirt is on-going and should be completed by the spring. The remaining field projects including grading, irrigation system and turf installation will be completed in early spring 2015. The decision from the GAA on the amount of a grant is still pending final approval. Therefore we are again asking for those who have not contributed to this campaign to do so today. This is our club and we need your support to complete these key projects. Every dollar will bring us closer to our goal. Thank you again for those who have already contributed. Please remember that the Irish American Community Center, Inc. is recognized as a 501C3 not-for-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Therefore your charitable contributions are deductible to the extent allowable under IRS regulations. Please check with your tax advisor for any limits on your contribution. Thank you again for those who have supported this campaign and in advance to our remaining members for your anticipated generous support.

2015 ANNUAL BANQUET Sat. 21st Nov.

The date has been set for our annual Banquet at Cascade's on Sat. 21st November. Margaret Dalton and Erin's Melody will provide the music that evening. More information will follow in future newsletters.

CLOSINGS

For closings due to inclement weather please check our website www.iacc-ct.com, IACC Facebook page and/or listen to the Irish radio shows for updates. All closings will also be posted on WTNH, WVIT and WFSB TV stations and their websites.

UP TO DATE MAILING ADDRESS

If you have moved or are planning on moving please keep the Club informed of your new address. Please call Alison McCormack 203 272 4465 or email her at almack325@sbcglobal.net. This would include any phone number and email changes also.

DECEASED MEMBER LIST-NHGF&HC

A new listing of the NHGF&HC Deceased Member List is now available at the club. The listing is located in a three ring binder on the table, under the Memorial Boards, at the entrance to the club. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact Bernie Singer at bernard.singer@snet.net.

EMAILS / NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive emails from the IACC which include the info on the latest events and/or the newsletter by email please send your name and email address to theresa.obrien@live.com.

Please send newsletter items by the 15th of each month to Anne Hines at ahsheep@aol.com.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to Pat Hosey for stepping up to the plate and chairing our CT Irish Festival - I hope all the members will help and support him. My thanks to everyone who helped us out in any way over the last few weeks. The next few weeks will be busy at the club starting with our corned beef and cabbage dinner. I hope to see you at some of our upcoming events. Please try and come to club renovation presentation March 29th. Bill Mackey and his committee have been working hard on this. This is our members chance to have their input. St Patrick's Day Parade is almost upon us so, please call Gaelic Club President John Mackey and let him know that you will be marching with him. This is the day for all of us to show how proud we are of our club. The youth football players have been training hard getting ready for the spring league. It is great to hear that they recruited new players as that means we have new families in our club. I want to welcome all of the new members that have joined our club recently. Finally we had to close the club a couple of times recently due to weather. We do this only for the safety of our members and employee. Please check your local TV stations during bad weather to get updates. Sincerely, John Cullinan

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is staying warm and in this 2015 edition of the polar vortex. More importantly, I hope it warms up before parade day! Thanks everyone who came out for the Super Bowl, we had a great crowd and an outstanding game! Sorry Seahawks fans! Special thanks to everyone who came to the membership meetings. We're having lively discussions about the future direction of our club. Please try to attend Tuesday, March 10th. We appreciate everyone's input. A very busy season is right around the corner. We have our postponed Queen's dance on Saturday the 28th and corned beef dinner the following afternoon. We'd like to have as many marchers as possible for Parade Day, Sunday, March 15th. Please consider representing your club with pride and carrying a County or Province banner. Buses will start leaving for the parade at around 11:30 so please join us. Also, don't forget indoor training at the Connecticut Sportsplex on Rt. 80 in North Branford every Sunday from 12:30-2:00 pm until March 8th. All members' children and grandchildren are welcome so bring the kids up to burn off some of that cabin fever! Finally, mark your calendars for Sunday, March 29th when Eileen Roxbee and Bill Mackey will present their findings from the renovation committee. Then stay and enjoy The Coracles in a concert to benefit the capital campaign. See you at the club! John Joe.

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