

OTTAWA CCÉ AN NUACHTÁN NEWSLETTER

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Saturday October 29 ~Hallowe'en Dress Welcome!!

CCÉ Ceili

Blessed Sacrament Church Hall 194 Fourth Ave. Ottawa

Admission: \$10 members~\$12 guests~\$5 students with student card ~children under 12 free~family rates

Music by the Ottawa Céili Band ~Entertainment by Cumbræe Irish Dancers



*Don't forget to bring along your donations of warm outer winter wear, mitts, gloves, hats, scarves...and socks too for our annual **Toques and Toes** drive. These will be distributed to the area's needy....money always is appreciated as well in case you don't "cniotáil"! Now go find an Irish speaker to unlock that clue!! And speaking of the Irish language....*

There are still spots available in the Monday night Irish language classes for beginners, intermediate or fluent speakers! Classes are at Blessed Sacrament and we are fortunate to have some native fluent speakers as instructors....this is a wonderful opportunity to speak with

some BLAS!! email sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca for details and rates.

Irish Seniors Drop-in Centre

*Tuesdays 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
St. Margaret Mary's Church hall,
Fairbairn at Sunnyside. Join the
gang for pot-luck lunch, stories,
music and great craic! Kay 613-829-
8467 Margo 613-837-4164*

Sessions in Ottawa and the Valley!

**Contact Janice Parton or
Craig Hamm for info on
music, workshops and
concerts in your area!**

<http://www.irishmusicottawa.ca>

<http://irishmusicottawa.blogspot.com/>



THE GAELIC HOUR
Sunday 8:00am - 10:00am
cjll 97.9fm



Streaming: www.thegaelichour.ca e-mail: austin@thegaelichour.ca

Thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Naomi Marie McApine (nee Deady) on her recent passing. She and her husband Frank were some of the original stalwarts of Comhaltas!

SOLAS NA BHFLAITHIS DI





Welcome to Ottawa Finn Patrick Reilly !! And Comhghairdeas to Irish Embassy First Secretary Hilary Reilly and husband!! Now the real work begins! But take heart....many of us have been there and survived! Don't be shy...helping hands are never far away! Sliocht sleachta ar shliocht bhur sleachta

Come out for.....set dancing....

**Mondays 8:30-10 PM Blessed
Sacrament Church Hall
Contact Síle Scott:
Sheila.Scott@uottawa.ca
possible new class times TBA!**

**Irish Solo dance...Monday evenings 7-8:30 PM Blessed Sacrament Church Hall
Contact Caitlin Crockard
cscrockard@hotmail.com**

an Irish instrument... instruments to lend to new students!

Roisin Philippe 613-440-3118 roseandrich@gmail.com

2011/12 Season CCÉ CÉILIS

**November 19
December 17
January 21
February 18
March 17~ Dinner/ Ceili
April 21
May 19
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

OCTOBER 15: Annual Regional AGM Kingston!!

Friday Night - There will be a session/siamsa at BEN'S PUB Street in downtown Kingston (please note that it no longer is at the RCHA Club). It will run from 7:00 to 11:00 or so. Members are invited to join others for dinner at Ben's Pub - 105 Clergy Street East 6:00 ... food available until about 9. Steafan Hannigan will be there to help lead the session

Accommodation Peachtree Inn 1187 Princess Street at a discounted rate of \$79 + tax. You must ask for the CCE rate to get the discount. They will only hold this rate until October 1 so you should book right away. They have said that if there are lots of rooms available after the first they will still honour the discount but they will not guarantee to. To avoid missing out you should book right away. Telephone number is [613-546-4411](tel:613-546-4411)

Saturday - All events are at the Seniors Centre at 56 Francis Street.

10:30 to 12:00 workshops set dancing Maureen Mulvey ~woodwinds - flute, whistle ~uillean pipes with Steafan Hannigan~ fiddle Saskia Tomkins~ Bodhran Jack Hickman ~Introductory conversational Irish Language

1:00 to 2:30 workshops woodwinds - flute, whistle uillean pipes Steafan Hannigan ~fiddle(Saskia Tomkins)

Workshops will cost \$15 per morning or afternoon session

Sandwich/cookie/veggie/luncheon from 12:00 to 12:45

The AGM will be from 12:45 to 4:30

We will have an attitude adjustment/personality development break with a cash bar (beer and wine) from 5:30 to 6:00 :)

Dinner will be from 6:00 to 7:15 at the seniors centre. Delegates, East Region Executive and the 60th Anniversary award recipients will be complimentary. All others will be charged \$25 (\$20 for Comhaltas members).

We plan on making the 60th anniversary awards presentations between 7:15 and 8:00 so as not to interfere with the ceili. There are a lot of awards so we felt that it would be better to have the presentation as part of the dinner. It is our regular ceili night and to take an hour out of it for the awards could put a damper on the ceili for non-Comhaltas members who regularly attend our ceilis. The dinner will be a more intimate setting anyway in our groups opinion. Anne McConnell-Strong invited His Excellency Irish Ambassador Ray Bassett to present the awards and he has accepted. The ceili will go from 8 to 11:00 or 11:30 and admission is \$10 (\$8 for Comhaltas members). Steafan & Saskia will provide the music. PLEASE CONTACT bowesjulie@sympatico.ca TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE!

Please note that the dinner charge does not include admission to the ceili. There will be separate tickets for each .

PLEASE SUPPORT OTTAWA BRANCH 60TH ANNIVERSARY RECIPIENTS: Toni Forsythe and Pat Cassidy

Another Caint is Comhrá Successful Irish Language Immersion Weekend!!!

contributed by Bridget Guglich

The 12th annual event, sponsored by the Irish language group, Caint is Comhrá, under the auspices of CCE, Ottawa, was held at the beautiful Galilee Retreat House on the last weekend of September. The experience of being in a totally Gaelic atmosphere was enhanced by the gorgeous weather and the serenity and peace that this venue provides. We were blessed to have 2 young Irish teachers, who are visiting scholars attached to Concordia and U of O. In addition we had the help of our regular local teaching talent which is thriving in an atmosphere, where classes and conversation groups are available.


Gaeilgeoirí or Irish language enthusiasts came from London On, Kingston, Brockville and Montreal and we had a record attendance.

Two people who have played a huge role in advancing the use and knowledge of an Gaeilge, were honoured at the Saturday evening Siamsa. Mary Coffey who has taught for years up to the present day and Rosemary O'Brien who teaches Irish at the University of Ottawa, were presented with floral bouquets by Paula Molloy from The Embassy of Ireland.

Caint is Comhrá provides bursaries to students who are eligible to enable them to participate more fully in the Irish Community.

The bursaries are named as follows:

1. The Mary Coffey Bursary given to a candidate taking TEG, which is a standardized test of competency in Irish, defined by the European Language Testing Centre. { TEG= Teastas Eorpach Gaeilge }
2. The Rosemary O'Brien Bursary, is given to enable attendance at the Immersion Weekend in Galilee.
3. The Pat and Deirdre Scott Bursary allows a student to attend the Irish Language Summer camp held every August in the Gaeltacht in Tamworth. Of particular note is the amount of musical and artistic talent present at the Siamsa. It was truly amazing to watch so many young people and some not so young, share their gifts through song dance or playing an instrument. A memorable weekend!!



Mary Muckle

Harp ~ Voice ~ Piano
Harp Lessons

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Phone: 613-825-1379
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Oireachtais Cheandada July 6-8 2012!
Details to follow! Volunteers are needed in all capacities...pre-planning and day of! We would love you to help!!

CCÉ membership invoices are now in the mail! Please renew yours today....they make a great gift as well!

Ottawa Branch AGM:

Monday Oct 3 8PM Blessed Sacrament Church

Irish Language Classes will be shortened and set dancing classes pre-empted! All members welcomed and encouraged to attend...give us your ideas and input!

Sympathies to CCÉ member Errol O'Reilly and his family on the recent and tragic death of his brother-in law over the summer.

Ní thuigfidh tú an bás go dtiocfaidh sé go dhorás féin

High Cross Kilfenora:

Clare Dwyer



The Ottawa Celtic Choir is a community choir whose mandate is to sing the songs of the Celtic nations and the Celtic diaspora in English and in the six Celtic languages Ellen MacIsaac 613-740-1160 or ellen@laughingbrook.ca

Our Irish tradition....."One of the oldest Celtic prayers is a prayer called "

St Patrick's Breastplate"

"I arise today through the strength of heaven:

Light of sun,

Radiance of moon,

Splendour of fire,

Speed of lightning,

Swiftness of wind,

Depth of sea,

Stability of earth,

Firmness of rock.

"Is minic a bhí fear maith i seanbhríste" : As Bearla.....Good men can often be found wearing worn britches!



....WE ARE OUT THERE ON THE WEB! COME PLAY WITH US!

REMEMBER: ST. LOUIS MISSOURI IS HOSTING THE 2012 NORTH AMERICAN CONVENTION THIS SPRING...DETAILS TO FOLLOW!