



# The Irish Culture Club of Delaware

*Dear Members of ICCD,*

*As we approach the end of the year and find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season, it's a good time to reflect on the Club's past achievements in 2018 and to look toward the coming year and beyond.*

*During the past year the ICCD officers, the Board and the membership as a whole have concentrated on a new Membership Management application which includes a website. This app will increase membership participation and public exposure through a variety of social media outlets. It will help with our scholarship application process, fundraising efforts and overall participation between the membership and the club.*

*In 2018, we increased the amount of scholarship money offered and continue to try to find new avenues to increase this endeavor. We have also partnered with many worthy organizations including the Ulster Project of Delaware and Walkers Bank Mill Preservation group. We hope to continue to do this in the future.*

*None of these efforts would be possible without the commitment of our members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you.*

*We would like to give a special thank you to Greg McCoy who has published our newsletter for many years. He will be stepping down in its day-to-day operations. We hope we will be able to fill his big shoes. Greg will continue to mentor and keep us on the right track until we can achieve the high standards he has set.*

*Looking into the future, we are hoping our 40th annual ICCD 2019 Feis will be our biggest and best yet. We look forward to membership and community support for this huge undertaking. Please let us know how you can help make this happen.*

*Volunteer now! We promise you'll enjoy yourself during the whole process.*

*Our annual 2019 ICCD St. Patrick's Day parade will be taking place on Saturday, March 16 and is followed by our traditional Hooley. We will be selling T-shirts for this event. These will be available soon on our membership site at [www.irishde.org](http://www.irishde.org) (our new site goes live after January 1). Please be sure to check it out!*

*We are also in early talks about a trip to Ireland in August 2020. This trip will include attendance at the Notre Dame vs. Navy football game being held in Dublin. We will be partnering with some other groups and organizations to increase our numbers and keep the cost of the trip down. Please stop by a future meeting and let us know what you think, or email us at [302irish@gmail.com](mailto:302irish@gmail.com).*

*In closing, I would like to thank all the members and officers of the Irish Culture Club of Delaware who have participated this year. We look forward to your continued efforts. Our Club is only as good as the quality of its membership and ours is second to none. We look forward to seeing our members' continued participation in the coming year.*

*We hope to increase membership in the Club and hope everyone will help us with these efforts. Please make it a point to try to come to our monthly meetings at Catherine Rooney's. Join us for the hour before the meeting where we eat, socialize and talk about ways to improve the Club. We are always open to new ideas and new members! On behalf of all of the officers and the Board of Directors of the ICCD, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Slainte, Jimmy Mallon (president)*

## **Children's Christmas Party**

Santa is coming to town for the families of our Club. Join him on Saturday, 12/1 from Noon to 3 pm in our meeting room at Catherine Rooney's, 1616 Delaware Avenue in Trolley Square.

All families are invited to celebrate with Christmas cookies, snacks, juice, soft drinks and Santa, who is bringing a gift for each child.

Admission is free. Bring the kids and the grandkids too! Contact Nora Smith at 610-494-4347 to RSVP. She needs age and gender as she's Santa's helper. Pictures will be taken.

Call Nora with questions about the event too. Not an ICCD member? Well, now's a good time to join!



## **Welcome Our Newest Partner Businesses to the Club**

Our list of partners continues to grow. Partners make us stronger and better. By patronizing our Partners, ICCD members receive a discount—a great way to make your ICCD membership work for you! We've got two new Partners to announce.

Please welcome **BBC Tavern & Grill**, 4019 Kennett Pike, Greenville; website [www.bbctavernandgrill.com](http://www.bbctavernandgrill.com) and like them on Fb at [www.facebook.com/bbctavern/](https://www.facebook.com/bbctavern/). If you visit their website, you'll see that our fundraiser is listed too! Receive a 10% discount.

Please join us in welcoming **Finn McCool's Irish Pub** (in the previous Catherine Rooney's location on Main Street Newark). You'll receive a 15% discount. Visit their website at [www.McCoolIrishPub.com](http://www.McCoolIrishPub.com).

They join our fine list of Partner Businesses: **Catherine Rooney's** for a 10% discount on food and drink.

**Dead Presidents** for a 15% discount on food and drink at 618 No. Union St., Wilmington, 302-375-5627, [www.deadpresidentspub.com](http://www.deadpresidentspub.com); LIKE them on Fb at <https://www.facebook.com/Dead-Presidents-Pub-Restaurant-335193000460/>.

One visit to one of our Partners and you could save enough to pay off your membership. Our Partners support us; let's support them in return.

## **Annual Christmas Dinner**

Paul Mahoney II has put together the dinner of dinners! You do not want to miss this year. Join us on Thursday, December 6 at Catherine Rooney's. Cocktails start at 6 pm; dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost is only \$28 per person, including gratuity. Cash bar.

Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, cheeses, choice of three entrees, and choice of two desserts. By now, you should have received the menu in the mail along with your annual dues renewal notice. What a great time to celebrate the season AND renew your dues for another great year with ICCD!

Once again, we will enjoy the music of Seven Rings, playing Irish music for the season.

To save your spot at the dinner table, please RSVP to Paul Mahoney II at 302-658-7989 or 540-7681.

## **Save a Tree Today**

Just let us know if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter online! Email Anita at [anita.odonnell@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:anita.odonnell@cruiseplanners.com). Starting with the January issue, you'll be able to read the newsletter on our website.



We need your email address! Please send it to [302irish@gmail.com](mailto:302irish@gmail.com). Also, update your profile on our website after 1/1. Thanks!

## **New ICCD Fundraiser at BBC on 2/21**

For our newest event, we need your help. Dave Dietz of Brandywine Brewing Company in Greenville is helping us raise funds for our St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as our

Scholarship Fund through a Guest Bartender event on Thursday, February 21 from 6 to 9 pm at BBC.

Do you know someone who can motivate others to donate to ICCD? Maybe that person can be one of our 18 Guest Bartenders. We're making a list of possible Guest Bartenders for the event.

No bartending skills are needed. What's important is the ability to encourage people in their network to donate in advance of the event. A Guest Bartender needs to send a few emails and post on social media with preset information that we will make available for them to cut and paste.

Please reach out to Jimmy Mallon, who is running the event, with your names. Mark your calendars to join us too at the event on Thursday, 2/21 from 6 to 9 pm at BBC in Greenville. If you'd like to help us that night by selling raffle tickets to those attending our event, let Jimmy know.

Most importantly, just show up and have fun! If you decide to have a bite to eat during the event, be sure to let your server know you're with ICCD. They're donating 10% of the food proceeds to our Parade and Scholarship Fund!

Email Jimmy Mallon at [302irish@gmail.com](mailto:302irish@gmail.com) or call him at 302-545-5609 to give him your Guest Bartender names, or if you have questions about the event.

## Welcome to Our New Members

Let's welcome our new members:

Christine Igo

David Dietz

Mette and John Kurth

Tim Bradley

Charles Mulrooney

## Check Out the New Website

You're going to see a wee bit of a change after January 1 when you type [www.irshde.org](http://www.irshde.org) in your browser.

That's when we're unveiling our new Membership Management tool offered through Wild Apricot. Here's what you'll notice: the website looks different (it's a work in progress), you can donate money to the Club's General Fund or Scholarship Fund, You can pay your membership dues for 2020. You can contribute to a specific Guest Bartender (please

do so in advance of the fundraiser at BBC on 2/21 from 6 to 9 pm.)

You'll have links for our Newsletter. You'll see links for Meeting Minutes. You'll see links for our Bylaws.

If you're a current member, you will have a profile online that you can edit and add your picture too! As a member, you have access to Members Only pages of the website. No public access on those pages; so be sure to login.

The first time that login, the Members page will prompt you to edit your profile. Please do so, and also choose a password. Give the password to your family members, if you have a family membership, so they can see the Members Only pages too.

You'll see events on the Events page too. This website is dynamic in that we will have frequent updates. Be sure to check in at least weekly so you'll be in the know!

Please send submissions for the website to Anita O'Donnell at [anita.odonnell@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:anita.odonnell@cruiseplanners.com).

## Reach Out to Us on Social Media

You'll be seeing more of ICCD on social media in 2019. This is one way to find new members, connect with our present members, build a cohesive Club with members who want to be actively involved, and promote our programs.

If you haven't done so already, please LIKE us on Fb [www.facebook.com/DelawareIrish](https://www.facebook.com/DelawareIrish); on Twitter at [www.twitter/IrishDelaware](https://www.twitter/IrishDelaware) and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/irishcultureclubde/?hl=en>.

## Sunshine News

Get Well Wishes and Prayers for Pat Kelly, Paul Mahoney, II and Pete Casey (of the Seven Rings).

## Our Next Meeting

Current and future members are welcome at our next General Meeting on Tuesday, January 15 at 7 pm at Catherine Rooney's, 1616 Delaware Avenue, Trolley Square in Wilmington, You don't have to be a current member or even Irish to join us! Just join us! Come at 6 and have a drink with us too!

## Upcoming Irish Events

- **LIVE IRISH MUSIC @Catherine Rooney's**, 1616 Delaware Avenue, Trolley Square, Wilmington, DE [www.catherinerooneys.com/home/events/](http://www.catherinerooneys.com/home/events/)

- 11/30 from 6 to 8pm, ICCD Happy Hour/Membership Drive at Dead Presidents on Union Street.
- 12/8 from 6 to 9 pm, Seamus Kennedy at Finn McCool's Irish Gastropub, 102 E. Main St., Newark, DE 302-369-7330; [www.mccoolirishpub.com](http://www.mccoolirishpub.com). No cover for Seamus Kennedy, but you must make reservations as this is filling up fast!
- The Wilmington Grand, Copeland Hall, Wed., Dec. 13th, 8:00 pm  
Spirited Gaelic songs and stories; lively instrumentals played on fiddle, pipes, and harp; and thrilling

traditional dance, all celebrating the Christmas holiday as the Irish do.

[www.tickets.thegrandwilmington.org/](http://www.tickets.thegrandwilmington.org/)

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## Merry Christmas to One and All!



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