

IRISH SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bryan Daly

Dear Members,

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Irish Society of the National Capital Region and its goal to strengthen the Irish/Irish-Canadian community, promote Irish culture and heritage, promote the interests of the Irish/Irish-Canadian community, create a greater awareness of the Irish Society within the college and university community and provide appropriate financial support to members of The Society, as required. Our season began with a successful 2018 version of Ottawa Irish Festival thanks to our Past President Tracey Dixon and her team. The Proclamation was again made by His Worship Mayor Jim Watson and accompanied by former Councilor Marianne Wilkinson. Authors Day had well known Ottawa Valley personality Mary Cook as the featured author. She presented one of her memorable childhood stories about life in Renfrew County in the 1930's. Always well delivered and engaging.

The Annual St. Patrick's Parade was held on March 10th. Our Parade Marshall was Sharon McGarry, well known Ottawa area business person. Although the weather was quite cold, it was sunny resulting in a good turnout along the parade route. There were over 40 entries thanks to the hard work of Barry Edwards, Parade Applications Coordinator. Thanks to Sean Kealey and his team for setting up and looking after the logistics of the parade. It was a job well done.

The Annual Beau's Party in the Aberdeen Pavilion was well attended. The 12p to 4 pm slot was hosted by Howard Hayes and Mountain Tay along with other local musical groups. It was a top-notch presentation. After 4 pm, the atmosphere changed with bands, The Drop Kick Murphys, Doug Rebel and the KGB and closing with the Real McKenzies, a great

mix of Celtic and Celtic rock music. The event sponsor, Beau's All-Natural Brewery, advise it was a full house.

Irish Night at the Rink (Canadian Tire Centre) was another great success thanks to Board members Helena McSheffrey Beattie, Clare O'Connell Noon and Eva Plunkett. Despite the bad weather, there were over 100 avid fans perched on The Ledge. It is a great place to watch a game with the Senators and the Dallas Stars.

In July, we had the St. Patrick's Day in July baseball game at RCGT Stadium, home of the Ottawa Champions. Pre-game music was provided by Howard Hayes and Mountain Tay. As one would expect on a mid-July game, it is always hot.

The Annual Rideau Canal Celtic Cross Memorial service was held on the August long weekend. It was a special event as the cross had been damaged in the fall of 2017 and the replacement was installed in time for this ceremony. Representatives from the Embassy of Ireland, Bytown Museum, Ottawa & District Labor Council and the Irish Society NCR were present and gave brief presentations.

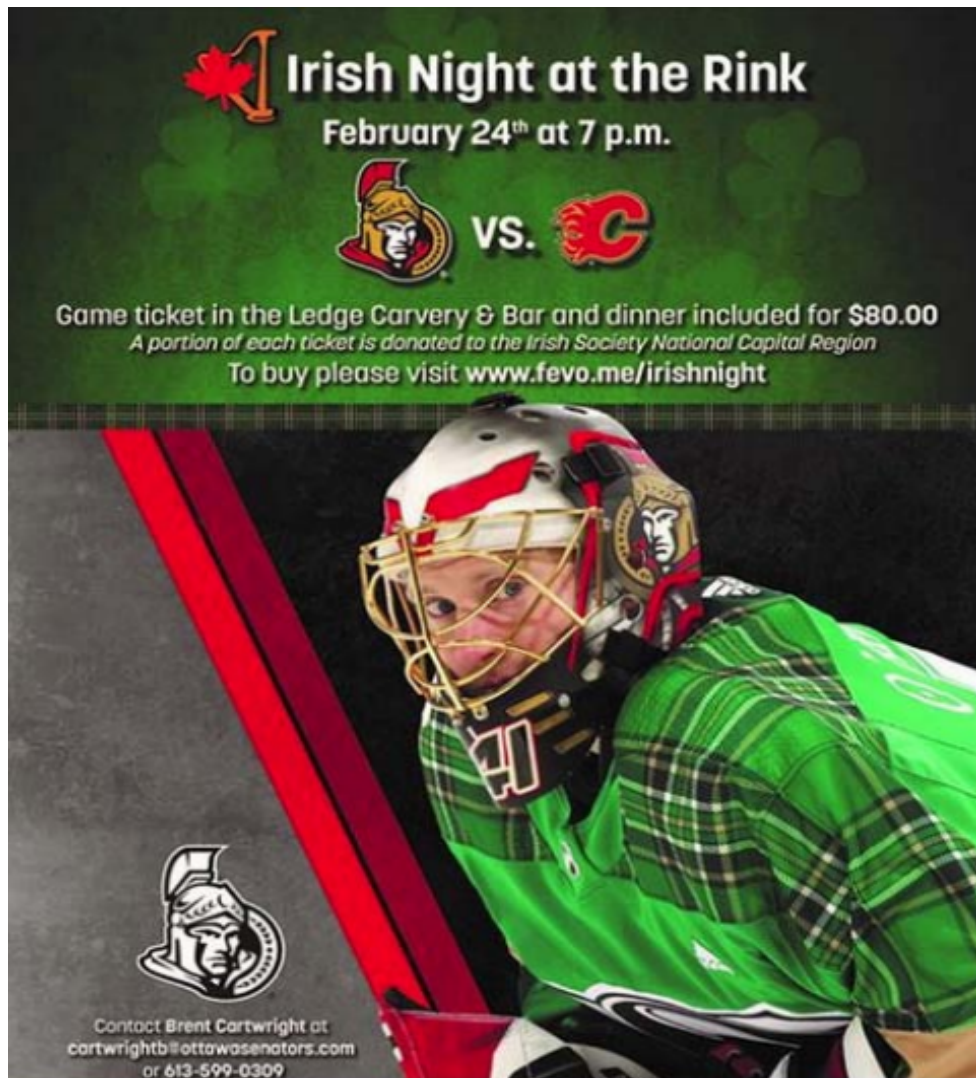
Irish Night at Rideau Carleton Raceway was another fundraiser. Again thanks to Helena McSheffrey Beattie, Clare O'Connell Noon and Eva Plunkett for getting this event presented. There was a very good turnout. Have to do it again in 2019.

IRISH SOCIETY WEBSITE



The Irish Society is pleased to announce that our website is up and running again. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please see www.irishsocietyncr.com for more information.

IRISH NIGHT AT THE RINK


See Mark Stone and Brady Tkachuk face-off against their brothers Michael and Matthew as the Senators take on the Calgary Flames on February 24th. Each ticket includes dinner in the Ledge Carvery and bar starting at 5pm. A portion of each ticket will be donated to the Irish Society of the National Capital Region.



Irish Night at the Rink
February 24th at 7 p.m.

 **VS.** 

Game ticket in the Ledge Carvery & Bar and dinner included for **\$80.00**
A portion of each ticket is donated to the Irish Society National Capital Region
To buy please visit www.fevo.me/irishnight



Contact Brent Cartwright at
cartwrightb@ottawasenators.com
or 613-599-0309

IRISH FESTIVAL: MARCH 7-17 2019

This year we have a jammed packed week of event starting with our Proclamation on March 7 and ending with our Parade and Beau's Party on March 16th. We are also pleased to announce our Parade Marshall this year is Ottawa REDBLACKS kicker Lewis Ward. If you still want to celebrate more. Join us on March 17 as we travel to Montreal to defend our trophy in the Montreal St. Patrick's Day Parade.



PROCLAMATION OF THE FESTIVAL

Free Event

Join the Mayor Jim Watson and other dignitaries to help us kick off the Irish Festival. We will have entertainment, food and fun. Meet this year's Grand Marshall for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The ceremony will start at 4:30pm and will wrap up at 6:30pm.



CHILDREN'S IRISH PARTY

Donation to Pajama Patrol

This fun event is geared towards young families. Come and celebrate your Irish heritage with fun crafts for the kids, a magician, mascots, snacks and fun.

The event will be in the Scavi of St. Patrick's Basilica from 2:00pm-4:00pm



AUTHORS DAY

Sile Concannon is our featured author for 2019. Sile is from County Clare and is currently teaching in the Celtic Studies Department at University of Ottawa. Sile will be speaking from her thesis regarding women in Irish historical novels.

Authors Day is presented by Irish Seniors Social Group as part of the Ottawa Irish Festival and will be held on Tuesday March 12, 2019 starting at 10:30 pm at St. George's Parish Hall, 415 Piccadilly Avenue in Ottawa. A lunch will be served followed by her presentation. All welcome. Bring your friends. Free event



PAINT NIGHT

Deadline to submit a design is February 15. Pick a design to paint and send to d.a.sign.workshops@gmail.com along with a \$40 etransfer or PayPal to https://www.paypal.me/DASWorkshops?fbclid=IwAR00Y11kYhGakJGgX_WwztBP26lgQY8jLENml4WkegwaRWF1Ya8ITOAokgU

Join us for a fun evening and create your very own 11" x 16" handcrafted rustic sign, with plenty of our help. (no experience required)

It will be held at 310 Patrick's Street, St Brigid's Centre for the Arts at 7:30pm.



ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

Free Event

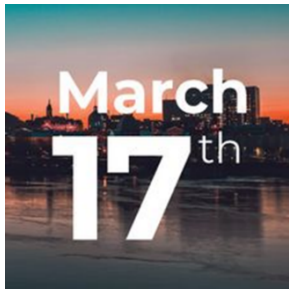
The Parade starts at 11am from City Hall down Laurier Street to Bank Street to Lansdowne Park where the party is. The Grand Marshall for the parade is Lewis Ward, kicker for the Ottawa REDBLACKS

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Tickets are \$29 + service fees for adults (19 and up) and it includes your first drink. For those 18 and under, tickets are \$5 + service fees. Anyone under the age of 19 must be accompanied by an adult.

Beau's St. Patrick's Party at Lansdowne Park will feature live music from The Mahones, Irish Moutarde, The Beatdown, É.T.É, and Mountain Tay, 12+ Beau's beers (plus guest taps), Irish-inspired eats & themed music + dance!

12:00pm-10:00pm at Lansdowne Park



BUS TRIP TO MONTREAL

\$50.00 per passenger

Join us to defend our title at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Montreal. We will travel to Montreal and participate in the Montreal St. Patrick's Day Parade at noon then celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Montreal on your own.

The bus will leave 9:30am from Ottawa City Hall. Will return to Ottawa at approximately

Volunteers for the Festival- We are looking for volunteers for the festival. If you are interested in volunteers, please go the Festival website.

If you require more information about the festival, please go to the festival website. We hope to see you there. Please also see the website to browse our past events.

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the September Annual General Meeting we were pleased to welcome new members to the Board of Directors. The following is a list of your Board of Directors for this upcoming year.

President – Bryan Daly

Past President/Festival Chair – Tracey Dixon

Vice President/Parade Chair – Sean Kealey

Secretary/Treasurer/Communications – Clare O'Connell-Noon

Membership – Helena McSheffrey-Beattie

Website and Media – Taylor Dixon

Community Outreach – Hugh O'Donnell

Director's at Large - Beverley Elliot

Karen Kealey – Waters

PAST EVENTS

Irish Night at the Rink

The hockey game 2018, Ottawa Senators vs Dallas Stars, was a great event for the Irish Society and sold out. The Ledge has a wonderful view of the whole rink to enjoy the game. It did include a wonderful meal, private bar and washroom and lots of Irish entertainment!



St. Patrick's Day in July at the Park

We celebrated "St. Patrick's Day in July" in 2018 at the RCGT Park on Coventry Road. The Ottawa Champions vs Les Aigles de Trois-Rivières proved to be a great game despite the pre-game rain. We were entertained by Howard Hayes and his band and the Janet Egan Dancers.



Irish Night at the Races

It was many years since we held this event at the Rideau Carleton Raceway which included a 'Prime Rib Buffet' and valet parking. Everyone had a great time watching the races and some even placed a wager or two and went home with some extra cash. The "Best Hat/Cap" competition produced great designs. Our Irish Ambassador Jim Kelly, his wife Anne Martin and daughters Orla and Ciara joined us in this very successful evening and even rode in the 'Pace Car' for a close-up of a race. Our generous sponsor was Bradley Kelly Construction and many local businesses donated door prizes.

Stay tuned for the next 'Race Day' planned for October 6, 2019!



Winners Circle



Welcoming Committee
Helena McSheffrey Beattie
& Clare O'Connell Noon



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Cecilia Lloyd, winner 'Lady's Hat



Larry Chalk, winner "Men's Cap"



Irish Society NCR, Rideau Carleton Raceway and Irish Radio Canada

Irish Society NCR President, Bryan Daly and Irish Ambassador Jim Kelly

Irish Night at the Races, September 9, 2018 "Door Prizes"

1. Embassy of Ireland Gift Basket



Ambasáid na hÉireann
Embassy of Ireland
Ambassade d'Irlande
Ottawa

Winner: Margo Connolly

2. Ottawa Senators Pre-Season Games at CTC, two tickets (compliments of Brent Cartwright, Ottawa Senators Hockey Club)

Winner: Hugh O'Donnell



3. Ottawa Senators Regular Season Games, CTC, October/early November, two tickets (compliments of Brent Cartwright, Ottawa Senators Hockey Club)

Winner: Olivia Warnock

4. "Makem and Clancy" Concert, CentrepoinTE theatre, October 16, two tickets (compliments of Joan McDermott & Denise Unhola of JBC Irish Music Productions)

Winner: John Wright



5. "Makem and Clancy" Concert, CentrepoinTE theatre, October 16, two tickets (compliments of Joan McDermott & Denise Unhola of JBC Irish Music Productions)

Winner: David Vickers

6. Chances 'R Restaurant, \$25 Gift Certificate



Winner: Wendy Sauvé

7. Beau's Brewery, Vankleek Hill, Voucher for VIP Brewery Tour for 4



Winner: Chris Dewar

Celtic Cross Memorial Ceremony

The annual Celtic Cross memorial ceremony, honouring the Irish workers who died building the Rideau Canal between 1826 and 1832, was held at Lock One at the Rideau Canal on Monday, August 6, 2018. The colour party led by a piper marched from the north side of the Bytown Museum, across Lock two to the Celtic Cross Memorial. The ceremony began with the singing of the Irish and Canadian national anthems and closed with a lament played by the piper. There were speeches by a representative of the Irish Ambassador to Canada, Bryan Daly, Irish Society of the National Capital Region president and Sean McKenny, president of the Ottawa and District Labour Council.



The original monument, erected in 2004, was mysteriously destroyed after last year's ceremony. A replacement monument was unveiled during a ceremony on April 29, 2018.



Bryan Daly, Sean McKenny, and Michael Hurley, the Irish Embassy's Deputy Head of Mission were on hand for the unveiling.

Annual Members Christmas Party

Our annual members Christmas party was held on December 29, 2018 at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts in Brigid's Well. A large crowd attended, mixing and chatting with other members of the Irish Society. Everyone attending went home with a door prize donated by many generous business and Irish Society members. All enjoyed a lovely array of food, tea and coffee which was available all evening. Great entertainment by Larry Chalk, Phil O'Brien and Jeff Rooney was really enjoyed by all. Even Santa Terry Russell made an appearance to everyone's delight!



Thank you to our sponsors



Members Christmas Party, December 29, 2018
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Saint Brigid's Centre For The Arts
Brigid's Well Pub
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