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Vice Chairman Report **Stuart McEnerney**

We held our first membership meeting of the new year on January 26, 2008 at the Meriden AOH . We discussed a few ideas on ways to help enhance our branch. You will read about these and more inside. As you may have noticed I have changed the look of our newsletter. Actually, it came about from writers block as I was thinking of what to write. I decided instead I would look at the other publisher features on my computer instead of concentrating on writing. Let me know what you think of the new look.

Some members have asked for contact information for the branch officers to accommodate those who do not have computers. Stuart McEnerney (203)235-6269, Cynthia Prior (860)995-4794, Eileen Grabowski (860) 529-2922. If you have any questions, concerns, or additions to the newsletters please contact us.



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Musicians Wanted

We are looking for musicians that would be willing to “donate” some time to help raise funds for the branch. We would like to perform concerts for area establishments and events using our own musicians that would be willing to participate and use the funds to enhance our branch. Some of these enhancements would be to sponsor a big name group to

perform, possibly start a scholarship program for a young child or member to be able to learn to play an instrument, take dance lessons, language lessons, and to help provide funding for mailings and publications of the branch. If you are interested in “donating” your time. Please contact Stuart McEnerney at (203) 235-6269.

Celtic Showcase

We are looking for participants to start an exploratory committee on the possibility of starting an annual Celtic Showcase. The Celtic Showcase would involve the help of many people and organizations. These organizations would have the opportunity to "showcase" what they are about to attract new members and participants. The vision of this "Showcase" is a one day event. Imagine Traditional music, step dance lessons, Ceili and Set dance demonstrations and lessons, Language display and mini lesson, story telling of the Ancient Celts, music demonstrations and lessons, Irish History, and various Cultural organizations. If you are

interested in exploring this possibility please contact one of the branch officers their contact information is located on the front page of this newsletter or email us at

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The Mystic Parade Committee is sponsoring a spectacular concert at the Mystic Seaport's Seaman's Inne on Friday March 28, 2008 at 8pm. The committee is proud to sponsor Sliabh Notes and Mick Moloney along with Jerry O'Sullivan, and Niall O'Leary. Tickets are \$30, call 860-536-3537 to reserve tickets.

Traditional Irish Concert

Eastern Connecticut State University Thursday Feb 28th @ 7.30pm Betty Tipton Room, Student Center Dr Dora Hast and Stan Scott with guests PV O'Donnell and John Tabb. Hobson Family Stepdancers Information call (860) 465 -0028

Free admission

The PV O'Donnell St. Patrick's Day

Celebration St Josephs College The Carol Autorino Center

Featuring PV O'Donnell and Connecticut's Irish Musicians Singers and Dancers (cont. p.3)

Sunday March 16th 2pm Senior Show \$15, 6:30 pm Evening Show \$25. Ticket info Box Office (860) 231- 5555 www.sjc.edu/arts.

Membership Dues

Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration. Your membership expiration date is located in the top right hand corner of the mailing label.

If you miss renewing your membership in time, you risk missing the next issue of Treior.



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Irish Language / Saint Patrick's Day Parades

“A chara;

Beginner's Irish language practice seisiún continue at the Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Irish is not be taught at this time, rather it is a time to improve our conversational skills. The language seisiún starts at 1:30pm & is followed by a music seisiún at 3pm.

We are looking for experienced speakers to help us improve our speaking & comprehension skills.

In addition, our own CCE “Treoraí na Gaeilge” (Irish Officer), John Feeney will present a short history on the language and a lesson with a display at the beginner's Irish language practice seisiún at the Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury on Sunday April 20th.

Any questions, contact Cynthia (aka Toiréasa-Máire) at 860-995-4794 or Debbie (aka Gobnait) at 860-665-9013.

If you would like to have John speak at your location please contact johnfeeney51@comcast.net

Following parade dates:

March 8 Waterbury

March 9 New Haven

March 15 Hartford, Meriden, and Milford

March 16 Danbury

March 30 Mystic



Members Notes

I want to welcome our new members to the branch and hope that we fulfill your expectations. For those who have renewed their memberships, thank you.

Congratulations to Mary Burke for being nominated at our last membership meeting to receive the “Bridge to the Future Award”. This award will be given out at the

North American Convention the weekend of March 27-30, 2008 in Parsippany, NJ.

I want to let member Ann Kinsella Jacksis that our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery.

“Comhaltas people have rightly been described as ambassadors for our country, communicating in a language that knows no boundaries and which has won us friends and admirers far and wide.”

More Area Musical Entertainment

Saturday April 26th, 7:00 p.m.

P.V. O'Donnell and Friends will be performing at Amistad Hall in the Porter Memorial at 75 Main Street, Farmington.

The event is a fundraiser for an elementary school in Sierra Leone. The cost is \$12.00 per

person and includes dessert and coffee, and features a silent auction.



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