



# The Cairde Connection

*“Keeping the Irish Arts Alive!”*

Irish Cultural Center at  
Elms College

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## Events of May, June and July include bus trips, book reading, Irish language immersion and Celtic Adventures for Kids

A group will travel by bus on Sunday, May 3 to Worcester to attend the Pilgrim Souls Production of *Stones in his Pockets* at the Worcester Hibernians. Dinner will follow before the return to Chicopee.

On Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm in the Dooley Campus Center, Dublin novelist Ann O’Farrell will read from her books *Norah’s Children* and *Michael* and talk about life in Ireland. We will serve tea and light refreshments.

Another group will travel on Saturday, May 16 to the National Archives, Pittsfield where participants will have an opportunity to research their ancestors. Jean Nudd, archivist, and several volunteers will be available to assist people in their search. We have included a registration form on page 6 of this newsletter: members \$40, non-members \$45. If interested, let us know by May 7.

The language committee has set Satur-

day, June 6 from 8:30 am-5:00 pm for the annual Irish language immersion day. Classes will be offered on several levels with three teachers from Cumann na Gaeilge in Boston and one from Daltai na Gaeilge in New York. Vice Consul, Deirdre Ní Fhallúin, who holds an advanced degree in the study of the language, will give a presentation on the state of the Irish language in Ireland. The day also includes workshops in dance, Irish lessons on the Internet, and Irish Drama. Call the Center for a registration form; fee \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members, \$10 for high school and college students to cover the cost of lunch.

We are now accepting registrations for Celtic Adventures for Kids program that runs from July 27-31 where the children will learn all things Irish. They will have workshops and/or classes from 9:00 am-3:00 pm daily. Kerri Sullivan will

teach dance; Terry Ezold will lead the singing and give lessons on how to play the tin whistle and the bodhran; Tom Moriarty will give lessons in the Irish language; Anita Taylor will share stories of legendary figures and heroes; Martha Franz will work with the children on arts and crafts projects. The children will swim daily in the Maguire Pool.

And they love it! Each year on the last day of the Celtic Adventures for Kids, they insist that “Next year, we’re going to have the camp for two weeks.”

## Member dues

Thank you to all our faithful members who renewed for 2009. We list additional patrons for 2009: John and Sheila Flynn of Longmeadow. If you do not have a 2009 member card, we would happily receive your dues.

## Journey of the Soul travelers set out for Ireland: April 19-29



The Irish Cultural Center, founded in 1999, strives to “keep the Irish arts alive.”

The Irish Cultural Center...

- Serves as a public forum for events, including lectures, musical presentations, films and exhibits
- Promotes ties between the Center and educational organizations in Ireland, especially with the Basket Cultural Center
- Serves as an academic link with Irish American social organizations in Western New England.

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## Marching proudly in the Parade

The sun shone brightly on Holyoke for the St. Patrick’s Parade on March 22, and so, even though the day was quite blustery, we proudly marched with our banner proclaiming our 10th anniversary celebration in October. A group of Elms students joined Irish Cultural Center members to march along the route as we promoted our Center, its history and programs.



Above: Elms students on the route;  
Left:  
Damien Murray, Chip Costello, Kathy Lynch, Mary Ellen Lowney and John Baker prepare to set out on the route

## Items of interest

### The John Boyle O’Reilly Club:

May 3 Murder Mystery Dinner; doors open at 5:00 pm with no tickets sold at the door. Call James 737-1706 or Tom 733-4746

June 26 Annual John Boyle/Sons of Erin Golf Tournament to be held at the Edgewood CC and hosted by the Sons this year. All proceeds to benefit the John Boyle Gaelic Games on TV from Ireland.

July 11 bus to New Britain Rock Cats

August 8 11th Annual Music Festival

Web site: [www.jbo-club.com](http://www.jbo-club.com)

### Sons of Erin

May 16 Colleen Golf Scramble

June 21 30th Anniversary Party with the Wolfetones

August 1 9th Annual Pat Hurly Open

Web site [www.sonsoferin.com](http://www.sonsoferin.com)

### McDermott Academy

May 30, 6 pm at Elms College dance recital “Evolution of Irish Dance” adults \$18 children \$10 [mcdermottrecital2009@gmail.com](mailto:mcdermottrecital2009@gmail.com)

### Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival

Saturday, July 18 at Look Park, Florence Cost \$15, children 6-12 \$5, children under 6 free. [www.glasgowlands.org](http://www.glasgowlands.org)

### Blackstone Valley Festival

Saturday, July 25 Indian Ranch, Webster [www.blackstonevalleycelticfestival.com](http://www.blackstonevalleycelticfestival.com)

### Pilgrim Souls Production

Stones in his Pockets May 1, 2, 8, 9 at 7 pm, May 3 at 2 pm

## Traditional Irish brown soda bread

Cut 3 tablespoons margarine or butter softened into 1 1/4 cup white flour, 1 1/4 cup whole wheat flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt until mixture resembles fine crumbs.

Add enough milk to make a soft dough.

Knead mixture on a floured surface until smooth.

Shape into a round cake and place on a greased cookie sheet or in a loaf tin.

Cut a deep cross on the bread with a floured knife and bake in a hot oven at 375 ° for 35 to 45 minutes.

Brush with margarine.

*The cross represents the Trinity and is made to bless the bread so that none is wasted.*

## Irish bread recipe

Microwave 1 1/2 cup raisins moistened with a little water for 1 1/2 minutes to soften: drain, set aside to cool.

Combine 1 1/2 cup buttermilk, 2 tablespoons of melted butter or margarine, 1 slightly beaten egg, raisins and stir with a fork.

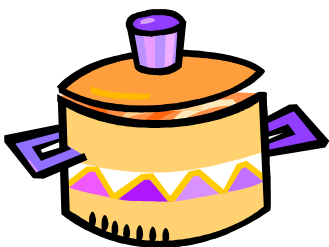
Combine 3 1/2 cups flour, 2/3 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt. Mix for 2 minutes using a whisk. Add wet ingredients to the dry and mix with a fork till all is wet and combined.

Put into a loaf pan and baked at 350 ° for 45-50 minutes.



## Corned beef

Put into a large pot 4 pounds flat cut corned beef with 2 large onions, one stuck with 6 cloves, 1 large sliced carrot, 1 teaspoon dry mustard powder, 1/2 teaspoon thyme, 1 tablespoon parsley. Cover with water and bring to the boil. Simmer gently for 2 1/2 hours or until tender. (If desired, cook cabbage, cut into wedges) in a separate pot using 3 cups of broth from the meat pot.



**Sr. Judy, Chip Costello (pictured above) and Kathy Lynch took part in the Day of Irish Culture at the Massachusetts State House on March 18**

## Irish potato soup

Boil 6 medium sliced, peeled potatoes, 2 small chopped onions, 2 stalks chopped celery. Drain and mash, using an electric beater.

Add 1/2 stick butter, 2 cups milk, salt and pepper.

Heat mixture and add milk to the consistency wanted.

Add fresh chopped parsley

## Traveling to Ireland Continued from page 4

Since that time, I have journeyed back to Ireland almost on a yearly basis. In late 2005, I was asked by the Irish Cultural Center if I would consider putting a tour together and have been involved doing that for our 2006, 2007 and 2009 tours. Every year we have gone we have had people searching and finding pieces of their roots and connecting with relatives. There isn't anything that warms my heart more than to see the excitement and smiles on the faces of those that

have also found their link to this beautiful, warm and friendly place that lies across the "pond"—a place that many of us can call home.

*\*St. Mary's Cathedral, Killarney, (officially known as the Catholic Church of St. Mary of the Assumption) was designed by Augustus Welby Pugin. Construction began in 1842, interrupted for five years due to the Great Famine, and finished in 1855. The total cost was £20,000 when completed and ready for worship.*

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## ICC Calendar of events

**Ongoing: Language groups meet weekly:** beginners, intermediate, conversation, advanced. Call the registrar at 265-2314 for fall classes.

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**3rd Sunday of each month, except March: Irish Music Seisiún,** 1:00-4:00 p.m. Dooley Campus Center, dining hall annex: May 17, Jun 21

**May 3** bus trip to Worcester Pilgrim Souls to attend *Stones in his Pockets* by Marie Jones followed by dinner. Departure 12:30 pm with return by 6:30 pm. Members \$65, non-members \$70

**May 13 7:00 pm** 2nd floor of Dooley Campus Center book reading and signing with Ann O'Farrell, author of *Norah's Children* and *Michael*

**May 16** bus trip to Pittsfield National Archives to pursue one's roots. Departure at 8:30 am with return

by 5:00 pm. Members \$40, non-members \$45

**June 6** La Gaeilge (day-long language workshop: Irish lessons on several levels; workshops in dance, Irish lessons on the Internet, and Irish drama. Members \$35, non-members \$45, students \$10

**July 27-31** Celtic Adventures for Kids week-long fun and learning experience. Call for a registration form or download from our website. \$200 (\$20 discount for members, \$20 discount for sibling)

**Sept 18-October 4**

Big E exhibit and information

**October 9-11**  
a weekend of great events to celebrate our tenth anniversary See page 5.

Our sympathy to Kathleen McCarthy on the death of her brother Peter Lineen