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Craobh Dugan February 2012

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It is the end of January, and I don't think any one has burned out their snow-blowers this season!! We'll just have to see what the next 2 months bring.....

January Recap: Our Performance at the Kirkland Arts Center in January was very well received. The "grand finale" with Rattlin' Bog was alot of fun! And thanks to all who attended our 4th annual Appreciation Dinner on Jan 21. It was a nice afternoon of friendship, good food, music and dancing! Our monthly sessions continued on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday. Our ceili dance classes are up and running for the new year on Friday evenings.

NASC RAFFLE TICKETS: We have sold a number of tickets already and I am in the process of trying to get more sent to us. I will let you know when we have more and ask that each member/family take and sell (or buy) 12 tickets. This benefits Craobh Dugan as we keep 90% of the intake from selling the tickets. And remember, last year our branch sold 2 prize winning tickets. We have until early April to sell them so we have a good chance to sell many more.

March is coming! And that is historically our busiest time of year. We have several performances already booked and we are sure to get more requests. They are listed in the calendar below and--PLEASE--if you have not responded about participating, please do this today. It is important that we know who is available for which performances for program planning. Thank you!! And our BIG event in March is the....

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: The parade is on **Saturday March 17th** at 10:00 in Utica. Once again, Jim and Diana O'Looney have offered us their home as our base of operations for that day. We will meet there between 7 and 7:30am to have some coffee/tea and goodies. We will then decorate our float. I believe Bernie Adorino will again transport us on his flat bed, but I am awaiting confirmation of this. We would like to have a large number of Craobh Dugan members as well as family and friends join us in the parade...the more the merrier!! We always have a lot of fun, so please plan to join us!! We do not need a lot, but if anyone is interested in bringing some donuts or pastries, please let me know. Thanks!! NOTE: We have 2 performance requests for this date also...please RSVP to Mike Hoke as soon as possible so we can confirm or decline these requests.

The *Annual North American Comhaltas Convention* will be held in St. Louis on the weekend of April 26--29. The convention will have regional and provincial meetings plus a plethora of workshops and ceili. If you are able it is a wonderful weekend and will certainly be memorable for you! Go to www.stlouisirisharts on the web for more info.

That is it for now. Please try to attend our session and /or ceili dance classes...to participate or just to watch and listen. It is a great way to show your support for Craobh Dugan and your interest in the traditions of Ireland! Here is our calendar for February and March.....

FEBRUARY

- 3---Dance Class Seton Center 7.00
- 7---Session at The Nail Creek Pub 7.30 pm
- 10--Dance Class Seton Center 7.00
- 15--Session at The Mill 7.30 (**Slow session for the 1st hour, then uptempo).
- 17--Ceili Seton Center 7.00
- 24--Dance Class Seton Center 7.00

MARCH

- 1---Performance @ Rome Free Academy Time TBA
- 2---Dance Class @ Seton Center 7.00
- 6---Session @ The Nail Creek Pub 7.30
- 8--Performance at Valley Health Services Herkimer 7.00
- 9---Dance Class @ Seton Center 7.00
- 14--Performance @ Acacia Village Utica 6.30
- 15--Performance at Lutheran Care in Clinton 7.00
- 16--Ceili @ Seton Center 7.00
- 17--Parade 10.00 Meet @ O'Looney's 7-7.30am
 - Performance @ The Maennerchor in Marcy 1.00--4.00
 - Performance @ St. John's Church New Hartford 5.30
- 21--Session @ The Mill 7.30 (**Slow session first, then uptempo)
- 22--Performance at Presbyterian Home 7.00
- 23--Dance Class @ Seton Center 7.00
- 29--Performance at Harding Nursing Home 6.30
- 30--Dance Class @ Seton Center 7.00

That is it for now. Thanks, as always, for your support and dedication to preserving our Irish culture in the Mohawk Valley!

Slan,
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