

Comhaltas
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As we progress through the Christmas season, I'd like to wish each of you 'Nollaig Shona' (Merry Christmas) and "Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit" (Happy New Year). I hope you had a beautiful Christmas Day with family and friends! We have a few things going on this month that deserve mentioning:

Sessions and Ceili Dance Classes: Our open sessions continue on the 1st Tuesday at The Nail Creek Pub and on the 3rd Wednesday at The Mill. Both begin at 7.30; all are welcome to join in playing 'our' music or just come to listen. Both sessions are great fun and well-attended. NOTE: The Mill session begins with an hour or so as a 'slow session' to assist those learning tunes and those new to the music. After the first hour, things heat up and are played more up to speed. So come on over to the Nail Creek or to The Mill and catch a taste of Ireland right here in your neighborhood! Our ceili dance classes will start up again on Friday evenings at 7.00pm at The Seton Center on Barton Ave. We have had a slight lull in participation in the dance classes this past fall, so we hope with the new year, YOU will consider joining us! It is fun, it is great exercise and it is free!! You do not even have to have a partner! So..... you have no excuse for not trying out the ceili dance classes. They begin again on January 6th.

NASC Raffle: Each year in Spring, Comhaltas in Dublin runs a raffle for which each branch is encouraged to sell tickets. There are several money prizes (everyone likes that, right??) and the best thing is that the branch keeps 90% of the money they take in from selling the tickets..so it is a win/win raffle!! This past year, our own Bill Fahy won first prize and another prize winning ticket was also sold by someone in Craobh Dugan...so it is very much worth it to buy and to sell tickets. We have the tickets now and I will bring them to all of our events until we have to send the returns to Dublin in April. So.....please consider taking some of the tickets to sell to your family, friends and co-workers. The cost is \$2 each and \$10 for 6 tickets. They really do sell easily...and remember that for each \$10 we sell, Craobh Dugan keeps \$9...that is a nice deal! There are also prizes for the branch that sells the most tickets.....so let's get selling!! Thank you!!

ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER: This will be held on Saturday January 21st from 1.00 until 5.00 at the Holland Patent American Legion on Depot St in Holland Patent. For **paid members of Craobh Dugan**, the dinner is free. For guests, the cost is \$15. All are welcome to attend, but I need to know by January 13 who will be attending, so please RSVP to me by that date!! The agenda is: Social Hour from 1.00 until 2.00; hot

buffet meal served at 2.00; session/ceili from 3.00 until 5.00. NOTE: soft drink will be provided by the branch, adult beverages will be available for purchase at the bar. So, come one, come all to our annual gathering, where someone else does the cooking and clean-up!! Please remember to RSVP soon!

Kirkland Arts Center Performance: On Friday January 13, at 8pm our musicians will perform at the KAC 30th Anniversary Coffee House. There will be other performances as well but this is a significant performance because Craobh Dugan (At the time we were An Craobhin Ceolmhar) played at the very first KAC Coffee House. So, think about coming to support the Kirkland Arts Center and listening to some great Irish music on January 13...a great way to spend a wintry Friday evening!!

That seems to be all the news for now. Here is our January calendar:

3--Open Session at the Nail Creek Pub 7.30 pm

6--Ceili Dance Class at Seton Center 7.00pm

13--KAC Performance 8.00pm

18--Open Session at The Mill 7.30 pm (NOTE: Slow session until 8.30)

20--Ceili (with musicians) at Seton Center 7.00pm

21--Annual Appreciation Dinner Holland Patent American Legion 1.00--5.00

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