

An Cumann: The Irish Association of Nova Scotia

February 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Ceili: Mark your calendars for An Cumann's 24th annual St. Patrick's Day Ceili, set for **Saturday, March 15** at Canadian Martyrs Church Hall, 5900 Inglis Street, Halifax. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner service starting at 6:30 p.m.

Joe Murphy is MC'ing this year's event, featuring a traditional Irish meal, great music and song, and lots of dancing. This always-popular evening sells out quickly, so don't be disappointed. Advance tickets are \$15 each, (children \$5), and can be purchased *until March 14* by calling 240-5278 or 479-1110, or via e-mail at info@ancumann.org. (Sorry, we can't hold tickets at the door.) Any tickets remaining will be sold at the ceili: \$20/adults, \$5/children.

And if you'd like to lend a hand, please join us. We can use your help in the kitchen, with serving, decorating or setting up and tearing down the hall. Interested? Email us at info@ancumann.org.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Come march with An Cumann! This year's parade, scheduled for **Saturday morning, March 15**, is taking a new route, departing Holy Cross Cemetery on South Park Street, heading down Spring Garden Road, then along Brunswick Street, ending up at St. Patrick's Church itself.

Be part of the An Cumann contingent or just come out and cheer us on. The parade's always a fun event and a great opportunity to show Halifax what An Cumann is all about. Watch for more details in the March **Scéala Online**.

Charitable Irish Society to honour Pat Curran: Great news! An Cumann's Pat Curran has been named recipient of this year's *Charitable Irish Society Service Award* for his years of tireless work promoting Irish heritage and culture in Nova Scotia. Bravo, Pat!

Pat will receive this richly deserved award at the CIS's Festival of St. Patrick Dinner, **Monday, March 17**, 6 p.m., at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. Tickets are \$75 each. This elegant evening sells out quickly, so reserve you tickets early by contacting Sean Phillips at seanphillips@eastlink.ca or by calling 422-2244.

NEWS

Scéala goes digital: **Scéala Online**, our new e-newsletter for An Cumann members, debuted on February 10. We hope you like our new look and enjoy the convenience of having **Scéala Online** delivered to your in-box every month.

Meet your new An Cumann Board of Directors: At our AGM in December, we welcomed new and returning members to the 2014 board.

President: Elizabeth MacDonald Vice-President: Patrick Eagan
Treasurer: Mary Rose Poirier Secretary: Pat Curran
Past-President: Dave Moriarity

Emily Anderson Erin McIntosh
Kelly Curran Pearse McCarron
Pauline Murphy-Sutow
Odane Finnegan

Brian Doherty named Honourary Member of An Cumann: As thanks for his many years of generous support to An Cumann, Brian Doherty was named an honourary member of the Association at our AGM. Brian, well-known as a musician, entrepreneur and the Honourary Consul-General for Ireland, is a former An Cumann board member. He's also the driving force behind the Old Triangle Open golf tournament, an annual fundraiser for An Cumann.

AROUND TOWN

A Poet and a Pint: Join Saint Mary's University's Seán Kennedy for an informal discussion of Irish poets and their works, every Tuesday evening in February, 5-7 p.m. at the Old Triangle.

Cyril Byrne Memorial Lecture: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Ford delivers this year's lecture on Friday, February 28, 7:30 p.m. in the McNally Theatre Auditorium. Admission is free. The American novelist and short-story writer, renowned for his work "Independence Day," also served as an Adjunct Professor at the Oscar Wilde Centre, School of English, Trinity College, Dublin from 2008-2010.

Margo Harkin Film Series: Dalhousie, Saint Mary's and NSCAD universities have collaborated to bring the work of celebrated Irish filmmaker Margo Harkin and her group Besom Productions to Halifax.

- Sunday, March 2, 8pm: 12 Days in July (1997) and Sisters of the Lodge (2011)
- Sunday, March 30, 8pm: Bloody Sunday: A Derry Diary (2006).

All screenings take place at NSCAD's screening room, 1649 Brunswick St. Admission is free.

2nd Annual Halifax Gaels GAA Club Trivia Night: Wednesday, March 5, 8 p.m. at the Resolutes Amateur Athletic Club, 5461 Inglis Street, Halifax. \$10/person. So put together your team of four for an evening with quiz master Gavin Meehan. All proceeds to support the Halifax Gaels.

6 Nations Rugby Championship 2014: All matches being shown at Durty Nelly's, Argyle and Sackville Streets in Halifax. Upcoming matches:

- Saturday, Feb 22, 12:00 Noon - England vs. Ireland
- Saturday, March 8, - 10:30am - Ireland vs. Italy
- Saturday, March 15, 2:00 pm - France vs. Ireland

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