

Irish American Association

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The Next Business Meeting will be December 20th, 2012 at 7:00 pm Sharp!

OFFICERS

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TREASURER: Brendan Smith
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PJ Quinn ...Chairman
Butch Russell
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Board of Directors Message

On behalf of the Management, Staff, Officers and Board of Directors I would like to wish all the members and their family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Congratulations to all the officers that were elected for 2013 and thanks to all that came down and voted.

PJ Quinn
Chairman

President's Message

As we enter the last month of the year I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. I want to thank all of you for the honor of being President of our club and look forward to next year as a member of the Board of Directors. Thanks to all of you that came down on Election Day to vote and to renew your membership for next year. Please remember not to throw away your membership card as it is good forever as long as the dues are kept up. Please be aware that if your dues are not paid prior to January 1st it will not work to let you enter into the club without ringing the bell.

There are a lot of people I want to thank for all of your support while I was President but to make it short thanks to all of the Chairmen of all of the Committees as well as to those who served on the committees and supported them. On Election day I want to thank Neal Carroll and Mike McCarthy for working on the Charity Basket for the day, Keith and Bill Lordan as well as Scott Norris for working on the Membership renewal table and Dick Purcell, Tom O'Brien, Ray Brady, Jim Conway, Lee Grasso Jake Wade, Larry Kinnon and everyone else that assisted in getting the voters in and the votes counted. I apologize for those I may have left out, you know who you are and I thank you.

Thanks to Butch Russell, Keith Lordan, Scott Norris, John Schefferin. Phil Connors and the rest of the Veterans Day Committee for another great day to honor our Veterans.

Thanks to PJ Quinn and the Ways and Means Committee for putting together all of the events leading up to New Years and beyond. Please check the bulletin and come down and enjoy the entertainment at the club.

By this time next month we will have a new slate of Officers and Board of Directors. I want to wish our new President Mr. Dennis Leonard the best and offer him my total support and look forward to working with him and all of the Officers and Board of Directors in 2013.

Once again thanks for all of your support and I want to wish you all and your families a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy and HEALTHY New Year!

President
Rick O'Sullivan

Veterans Committee Message

On November 11, we were pleased to see that over 80 Veterans participated in our annual Veteran's Day Dinner celebration. This year we paid special honor to all those Veterans who served in the Middle Eastern Theatre.

In what has become an annual Veteran's Day tradition, we donated over 320 pairs of socks to St. Michael's Parish at the Chelsea Soldier's home. The Veterans who reside there are always grateful for the club's support and appreciates that the Irish American Club remembers their service to our country each Veterans Day.

Also at this year's dinner, a special plaque was presented to Veterans Committee member John Scheifferrn in recognition of his many years of service on the committee and all the efforts that he has devoted to making our Veterans Day celebration so successful. Thank you John.

Semper Fi

Butch Russell
Veterans Committee Chairman

New Year's Eve Party

Tickets are on sale for the New Year's Eve Party with the Noel Henry Show Band. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes prime rib and roast breast of chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Join us for a great night and to ring in 2013!

For tickets to any of these events, contact PJ Quinn at 781-322-8624 or Bill Hart at 781-321-7720.

Chaplain's Message

Dear Members

I first and foremost want to wish all of you a very blessed holiday season and I hope this time is filled with much happiness and peace for you and your families. This time also affords us to see and respond to those who are less fortunate than ourselves and we can see on a very local level the need to help people with food, children with toys or even just an ear to listen. Let us embrace the gift of giving of our time and if able, or our treasure so that this season is brighter for someone else. Please know that I will offer my mid-night Mass on Christmas Eve for the members of the IA and your families. May all that this season represents be yours in abundance!

Merry Christmas

Very Rev. Richard O'Donnell VF
Chaplain

TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY

This year we will once again start our Toys for Tots drive with a social event on Saturday night December 8th. We are happy to be able to bring back Jim Plunkett this year for the first time in a while that he has been here for a club social.

Doors will open at 7:00 P.M. and Jim will play from around 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

The past few years we have had a great success in having people donate an unwrapped toy for a child and we hope to carry on the tradition.

There will be a cover charge of \$10 per person.. We hope you can continue to support the club and our efforts for the Toys for Tots.

Thanksgiving Day Breakfast

I would like to say thank you to all those who helped out in the kitchen, who came to eat and to the great club that we have here and all it offers to the area.

Scott Norris

Chairman
Thanksgiving Day Breakfast Committee

Children's Christmas Party

I have today heard from Santa that The Children's Christmas party will be held on December 23rd, 2012 in the main hall starting at 1:00pm. This is open to all members with children up to the age of seven. Any member requesting tickets should receive them from the bartender notifying him of the sex and age of the child.

For those adults looking for a letter from Santa to your child you should go to our web page: <http://www.maldenirishamerican.org>. Here you will click on the box at the top left of the page that says Santa's Letter to Child. Save the letter and change the information that is located in bold underline print to suit your needs and mail to that special someone. What child wouldn't appreciate a letter from Santa?

If you have any problems downloading the letter, please contact Bill Smith at wpsmith9@aol.com
- Reference "Santa's Letter" in the Subject box and I will email it to you.

Irish American Club Golf League

While it is still only December, it is not too early to start planning for the 2013 golfing season. The IA Golf League committee has already begun making preparations for another terrific season. The cost to play in the golf league this year will remain at \$450, - this is for IA club members only - and will be payable in three equal installments of \$150 each. We ask you that have your first payment in to the golf committee no later than February 15th; please make all checks payable to Jack Marshall and indicate your preference for playing in the afternoon or evening divisions on your check. For your convenience, one or more committee members will be at the club each Sunday afternoon during the month of February from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to accept your payment.

Early in April – check the February 2013 bulletin for the actual date - a league meeting will take place where the league rules and regulations will be discussed. All interested golfers are encouraged to attend this meeting and voice their ideas as to how we can best improve our league. This is the time and place to discuss league policy and procedures, not on the golf course. At the close of this meeting our 2013 golf teams will be drawn. Actual play will begin in late April.

The Golf Committee would like to congratulate the winners of the 2012 Team competition: George Nuttall and Paul Kelly and our individual champion for 2012, John Manni

Keep in mind that any IA member interested in playing in the league during the 2013 season should contact one of our committee members: George Nuttall, Bill Lordan or Jack Marshall

The IA Golf Committee

Fat Man Contest

For all those interested in taking off a few pounds, this is the contest for you. Sign up on Friday Dec 21st, 2012 between 5 and 6pm to be weighed in. This contest runs until Friday March 15th, 2013 weigh out time is between 5 and 6pm. It is not necessary to lose the most weight to win the contest. Winner is established by percentage of weight lost. See bulletin board in club to sign up.

Bill Smith

MALDEN IRISH AMERICAN JACKET

Club jackets are now available for order. They are nice jackets and will be available in Harvest Green or Black. They will have our logo on the front and your name placed on the sleeve. You can also have other designs placed on the jacket as well (i.e. flags, fighting leprechaun etc.) for a small extra fee.

Sizes available are XSmall-5X.

See Brendan Smith for more info. There will be a few samples on display at the club to be used to try on for sizes. The base price of the jackets will be \$50

Ways and Means Committee

12/6/12 - Irish Christmas Show with Andy Cooney and Deirdre Reilly - this has been a sold out show in the past so get your tickets early - Tickets \$25 each

12/8/12 - Toys for Tots drive with music provided by Jim Plunkett – Tickets - \$10 each

12/31/12 – New Year's Eve Party with the Noel Henry Irish Showband – Tickets \$50 each which includes dinner, party favor, champagne toast and all the trimmings!

3/1/13 – Derek and the Young Wolftones – Tickets \$25 each

3/9/13 – Direct from Ireland with Tony Kenney – Tickets \$25 each

3/17/13 – Music in the main hall with Erin's Melody and Andy Healy Band and Heavey Quinn Academy of Irish Dance and the Kevin Barry Pipers.

For tickets to any of these events, contact PJ Quinn at 781-322-8624 or Bill Hart at 781-321-7720.

PJ Quinn and Keith Lordan

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