

# Irish Culture Club of Delaware

# NEWSLETTER

July/August 2022

## Delaware and Diamond State Feisanna

The ICCD sponsored Irish Dance Competitions will be held at the Chase Center on the Wilmington Waterfront on **August 13-14**



### 50/50 Chances

We are asking ICCD members to help sell 50/50 chances. Proceeds will be split by the ICCD and the 6 local Irish Dance schools (DoCairde, Harper, Hester, Emerald Isle, McAleer Paulson and McHugh who are assisting in running the feisanna. Chances are \$5/each.

Contact Eileen Paulson  
(paulson004@aol.com)  
(302-547-2538)

to arrange pick up/drop off of the chances

### Raffle Baskets

The ICCD is looking for cash or gift donations for our Raffle Baskets. Proceeds to be split by the ICCD and the 6 supporting Irish Dance Schools.

- Irish Tea Basket (Tea, Cookies, Crackers, Tea pot or kettle, dish towels, tea cups, etc)
- Kid's Game Night (kid's board games, snacks, serving containers, etc)
- Basket of Cheer (liquor, wine, glasses, liquor cart)

Contact Nora Smith for information. 302-893-6498  
Noratsmith8@yahoo.com

### Volunteers

We are looking for ICCD Members to greet our dancers and guests at the feis each day. Please contact Eileen Paulson (paulson004@aol.com) to schedule your time.

## Sponsorships Needed

We are looking for corporate and personal sponsorships ranging from \$20-\$300 to help offset feis expenses. See attached form and donation solicitation letter. The ICCD is a 501(c) non-profit organization and all donations are tax deductible. See p. 4-5



# History of the Delaware Feis

## Early Years

Jim O'Hanlon, first president of the ICCD was approached about hosting a Feis by parents of Irish Dancers in DE.

On Aug. 20, 1978, the First Delaware Feis was held at Concord High School.

Martin and Norah Mulhern, Tom & Cis Brady, Bob and Joan McHugh, Leonard and Mary Ann Kelleher, Pat Kelley, Fred and Madge Deely, Brian and Ann Harkin, Joe and Mary Ranegan, John O'Toole, Bess O'Hanlon, Tommy and Maisie Healy, Jim Murphy, Jim Schofield, Jim Skelling, Jack McDermott, Pat Donnelly and Pat Downs comprised the first Feis Committee and volunteers. In order to attract non-dancers, the feis committee offered essay, bread making, and doll competitions, field games and more!

## Later Years

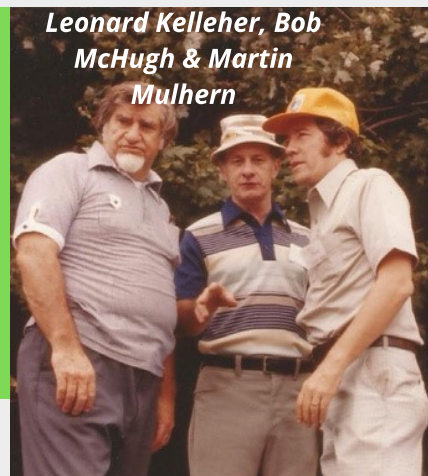
Due to unpredictable weather, Hugh McBride, the president of ICCD at the time, moved the feis indoors at Concord High School, then to St Thomas School, and then the University of Delaware. In 1993, Nora Smith and Christine Flanigan took over as Feis Co-chairs with the help of Frankie and Iris Morrison, Alice Seaburg and Paul Dolan. In 1995, the feis was moved to St. Mark's High School where it remained until 2021, when it was moved to the Chase Center on the Riverfront. This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the Feis, which is now run by co-chairs, Nora Smith and Eileen Paulson

## History of Feisanna

Gathering together for Irish music and dance dates back to 1000 AD. These events were originally entertainment at political meetings but in the 18th century, solo dance competitions emerged



*Leonard Kelleher, Bob McHugh & Martin Mulhern*







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## New ICCD Officers

Congratulations to **Walter Ferris**, the new Club Secretary and **Cassie Millar**, the new Club Treasurer.



**Next Meeting: August 16 @ 7 pm**  
**Catherine Rooneys**

## Membership is Now Digital!

ICCD Memberships are now purchased and managed on our website! Simply visit <http://www.irishcultureclubde.com/membership> and create your account. If you have already paid for the year and have provided the ICCD with your e-mail or phone number, your membership should be automatically granted to your account. If you have not paid for the year, continue with the prompts to purchase either an individual or household membership for the year. If you experience any problems with this process, contact [iccd.software@gmail.com](mailto:iccd.software@gmail.com) with details of your issue.

