## Irish Night at the Rink

The hockey game 2018, Ottawa Senators vs Dallas Stars, was a great event for the Irish Society and sold out. The Ledge has a wonderful view of the whole rink to enjoy the game It did include a wonderful meal, private bar and washroom and lots of Irish entertainment!

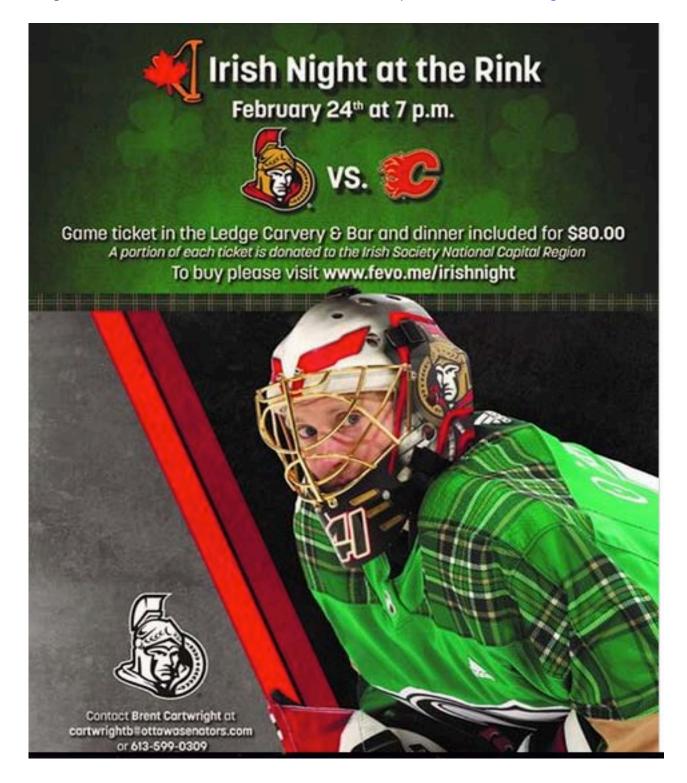






#### This year's game on February 24 has the Ottawa Senators vs Calgary Flames!

At this year's 'Irish Night at the Rink' on February 24, 2019, see Brady Tkachuk and Mark Stone face off against their brothers Mathew and Michael at the Senators take on the Calgary Flames! Each ticket includes dinner in the Ledge Carvery and Bar, starting at 5:00 pm, game at 7:00 pm. Last year's event sold out, so contact Brent Cartwright at 'cartwrightb@ottawasenators.com' or use the link: <u>https://fevo.me/irishnight</u>



# St. Patrick's Day in July at the Park

We celebrated "St. Patrick's Day in July" in 2018 at the RCGT Park on Coventry Road. The Ottawa Champions vs Les Aigles de Trois-Rivières proved to be a great game despite the pregame rain. We were entertained by Howard Hayes and his band and the Janet Egan Dancers.









## Irish Night at the Races

It was many years since we held this event at the Rideau Carleton Raceway which included a 'Prime Rib Buffet' and valet parking. Everyone had a great time watching the races and some even placed a wager or two and went home with some extra cash. The "Best Hat/Cap" competition produced great designs. Our Irish Ambassador Jim Kelly, his wife Anne Martin and daughters Orla and Ciara joined us in this very successful evening and even rode in the 'Pace Car' for a close-up of a race. Our generous sponsor was Bradley Kelly Construction and many local businesses donated door prizes.

Stay tuned for the next 'Race Day' planned for October 6, 2019!





Winners Circle



Cecilia Lloyd, winner 'Lady's Hat



Larry Chalk, winner "Men's Cap"



Ireland's "First Family" in Canada



Margo Connolly "Embassy Basket"



O'Connor Trio—Lionel, Patsy and Jesse



#### Welcoming Committee, Helena McSheffrey Beattie & Clare O'Connell Noon

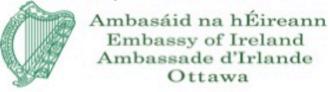


Irish Society NCR, Rideau Carleton Raceway and Irish Radio Canada

Irish Society NCR President, Bryan Daly and Irish Ambassador Jim Kelly

### Irish Night at the Races, September 9, 2018 "Door Prizes"

1. Embassy of Ireland Gift Basket



#### Winner: Margo Connolly

2. Ottawa Senators Pre-Season Games at CTC, two tickets (compliments of Brent Cartwright, Ottawa Senators Hockey Club) Winner: Hugh O'Donnell



- 3. Ottawa Senators Regular Season Games, CTC, October/early November, two tickets (compliments of Brent Cartwright, Ottawa Senators Hockey Club) Winner: Olivia Warnock
  - 4. "Makem and Clancy" Concert, Centrepointe Theatre, October 16, two tickets (compliments of Joan McDermott & Denise Unhola of JBC Irish Music Productions) Winner: John Wright



5. "Makem and Clancy" Concert, Centrepointe Theatre, October 16, two tickets (compliments of Joan McDermott & Denise Unhola of JBC Irish Music Productions) Winner: David Vickers

6. Chances 'R Restaurant, \$25 Gift Certificate



7. Beau's Brewery, Vankleek Hill, Voucher for VIP Brewery Tour for 4



Winner: Chris Dewar

# **Celtic Cross Memorial Ceremony**

The annual Celtic Cross memorial ceremony, honouring the Irish workers who died building the Rideau Canal between 1826 and 1832, was held at Lock One at the Rideau Canal on Monday, August 6, 2018. The colour party led by a piper marched from the north side of the Bytown Museum, across Lock two to the Celtic Cross Memorial. The ceremony began with the singing of the Irish and Canadian national anthems and closed with a lament played by the piper. There were speeches by a representative of the Irish Ambassador to Canada, Bryan Daly, Irish Society of the National Capital Region president and Sean McKenny, president of the Ottawa and District Labour Council.



The original monument, erected in 2004, was mysteriously destroyed after last year's ceremony. A replacement monument was unveiled during a ceremony on April 29, 2018.



Bryan Daly, president of the Irish Society of the National Capital Region, Sean McKenny, president of the Ottawa and District Labour Council, and Michael Hurley, the Irish Embassy's Deputy Head of Mission were on hand for the unveiling.

## Annual Members Christmas Party

Our annual members Christmas party was held on December 29, 2018 at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts in Brigid's Well. A large crowd attended and all had a great time mixing and chatting with other members of the Irish Society and each person attending went home with a door prize donated by many generous business and Irish Society members. All enjoyed a lovely array of food, tea and coffee which was available all evening. Great entertainment by Larry Chalk, Phil O'Brien and Jeff Rooney was really enjoyed by all. Even Santa Terry Russell made an appearance to everyone's delight!













#### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

For

MEMBERS OF THE IRISH SOCIETY NCR

Saturday December 29, 2018

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm





Brigid's Well (entrance on Cumberland Street) Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts 310 St. Patrick Street

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Complimentary Food, Tea, Coffee

Cash Bar

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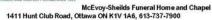






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