

# Irish History Round Table



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## 500<sup>th</sup>

In more than 40 years of monthly programs, it's easy to lose the exact count. But, whether we are right on the money or off by one or two, the Irish History Round Table is going to celebrate its 500th meeting this month and then start counting the next 500.

We have a great program for the occasion. Three talented folk musicians — Rick Spencer and Dee and Rich Kelly — who go by the name “Ask Your Father,” will explore in melodies and in words the history of one of Irish-America's greatest cultural treasures: its music.

Their presentation is titled “Creating a National Identity: Songs of the Irish Americans.” With their voices and a variety of instruments, the trio from Norwich will trace the history of songs that evoke strong emotional visions of Ireland, but are of American authorship. “Presenting songs of labor, emigration, homesickness and struggle,” says Spencer, “we recognize a people who have traveled far, achieved much and recorded their journeys in songs with fullness of feeling and tremendous faith.”

After the presentation, we will enjoy a special treat: a deli-

*Monthly Program*  
*Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.*



*Rich and Dee Kelly, Rick Spencer*

icious chocolate-raspberry cake and a memorial toast in honor of the milestone we have reached.

As always, the program is free and open to the public. Don't miss this one.

**Annual  
Christmas  
Dinner**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012 — Elis on Whitney — Hamden — \$25 per person**

**6 p.m. Cocktails — 7 p.m. Dinner — Seating limited — Reserve now**

**Call Elizabeth Dalton (203) 288-9035 or Mary McMahon (203) 795-6309**

**Deadline for reservations — Dec. 10**

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**Meeting #500 — Tuesday, \*November 13,\* 2012**

**(\*SECOND TUESDAY\*)**

***Creating a National Identity: Songs of the Irish Americans***

**Folk musicians: Rich and Dee Kelly and Rick Spencer**

**Knights of St. Patrick — 1533 State St.— New Haven**

**7:30 p.m. — Free and open to the public**

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**RADIO**

- ◆ Thursday — 6-8 pm, WNHU, 88.7 FM — “Music of Ireland” — Tom Faherty with Kenny live from Ireland — Rebroadcast following Thursday, noon-2 pm.
- ◆ Sunday — 9-11 am — WQUN, 1220 AM — “Sounds of Ireland” — Sean & Brendan Canning.
- ◆ Sunday— 12-2 pm & Monday — 6-8 p.m. — WNHU, 88.7 FM — Echoes of Erin— Joan & Pat Kennedy, Siobhan Dacey & Pat Hosey.

**WEBSITES**

- ◆ CT Irish-American Historical Society — [www.ctiahs.com](http://www.ctiahs.com)
- ◆ New Haven Irish-American Community Center — [www.iacc-ct.com](http://www.iacc-ct.com)
- ◆ Milford Irish in Connecticut — [www.milfordirish.org](http://www.milfordirish.org)
- ◆ AOH Fr. McKeon Division 7, New Haven — [www.nhoah.com](http://www.nhoah.com)
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