



# SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club  
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



LÁNASA August 2017

## CÚL CAMP - 2017

St. Patrick's GAA Club hosted its annual Cúl Camp, a summer camp in Gaelic football, hurling & camogie with 65 children participating, ranging in ages from 6-15 years of age from June 26-30 at Notre Dame H.S., Fairfield.

Cúl Camps are held in every county in Ireland and throughout North America and seek to improve Gaelic games skills while having a ton of fun. The following coaches from Ireland & the US passed on their knowledge and passion for Gaelic football and hurling: James Quinn (Pomeroy, Co. Tyrone – nephew of Paddy Coyle), Liam Coyle (Trumbull – son of Paddy & Tamara Coyle), Clodagh McManamon (Newport, Co. Mayo), Fergal Guihen (Arigna, Co. Roscommon – nephew of Helen Lavin), Aoife McGirl (Nyack, NY), Ray Holian (GAC Member)(Balla, Co. Mayo), Patrick Makem (Co. Armagh & nephew of legendary Tommy Makem of Clancy Brothers fame!), Pat Daly (Annaduff, Co. Leitrim)(GAC Member), Jack Morrissey (Thurles, Co. Tipperary), Seamus Carbin (Norwalk – son of Declan & Liz Carbin), Timmy Forde (Easton – son of GAC Members Gerry & Noreen Forde), Brendan Watke (Fairfield, son of GAC Members Bob & Cathy Watke), Declan Ryan & Eimear Ryan (children of GAC



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Members Pat & Mairead Ryan), Conor Bennett (son of GAC Members Steven & Deirdre Bennett), Liam Holroyd (Fairfield, son of Chris & Stephany Holroyd), Emily Moore (on holiday from Thurles, Co. Tipperary). The camp relied on an army of GAC members

who volunteered their time all week to make the camp successful including: Pat & Mairead Ryan Jarlath & Celine Carbin, Tommy Moran, Paddy Coyle, Brendan Keatley, Gerry & Noreen Forde, Ken Gallagher, and Jimmy McPartlan. The camp

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## Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	Aug 4	John O'Donoghue
Friday	Aug 11	C-Sides
Friday	Aug 18	Karaoke
Saturday	Aug 19	Four of a Kind
Saturday	Aug 26	The Alehounds
Friday	Sept 1	Clare Island



## Events

TRAD MUSIC SESSION, WEDNESDAY AUG 2, 7PM  
TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, AUG 4 @ 8PM  
GAA GAMES - SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUG 5 & 6—TBA  
MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS - THURSDAY, AUG 10 @6PM, PG 4  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, AUG 11, 8PM  
GAA GAMES - SUNDAY AUG 13—TBA  
GAA GAMES - SUNDAY AUG 20—TBA  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY AUG 25, 6-9PM  
GAA GAMES - SUNDAY, AUG 27—TBA

## club ACTIVITIES

### MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

All members have been issued a white membership card with your name and a 5 digit number. This card is used for both entering the club and scrip-DO NOT DISCARD AFTER USING UP YOUR SCRIP.

If you have lost your card, there is a \$10 replacement fee. You can mail or drop off payment at the GAC, 74 Beach Rd. Fairfield 06824. Attn: Membership.

To check your Scrip balance, log into [gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html](http://gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html). If you have never used this link, please register your card by clicking on the "register now" like. For info: [membership@gacemail.org](mailto:membership@gacemail.org)

### FÁILTE COMMITTEE

No experience necessary!! Please volunteer to sit at the front desk to welcome our members and their guests. You can volunteer on a regular basis or a few hours a month or even a few hours a year! It's a great way to meet people and a great way to volunteer for our Club. To volunteer call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117

### FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

Meets Mondays 6:30 pm at First Church Congregational. Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band (475)329-0202 or visit [fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org](http://fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org)

### BUSINESS / TRADES DIRECTORY

Place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at [www.gaconline.org](http://www.gaconline.org). Go to GAC Business Directory Tab and follow prompts to add your listing. And don't forget when you need a business or trade service check the List and support our GAC Members.

### GOOD & WELFARE

A sympathy card was sent to Tom and Diane Grace on the death of their son and Jon Spodnick on the death of his mother.

Mass cards were sent to Adele Argenio Thomas on the death of her husband Packy; to the family of Robert Monteleone and the family of John Collins.

Congratulations to Karen and George Korner who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24.

Get-well cards were sent to recently hospitalized Members Mark Darcy and Jim Fahy.

Notify Noreen Reda of all member news; births, weddings, illnesses & passages at [npreda4@gmail.com](mailto:npreda4@gmail.com).



### GAA FINALS SEPT. 3RD & 17TH

Game and Buffet  
Breakfast \$20

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson  
203-372-1280

### IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

New Adult & Children classes to be offered in the fall if the interest is strong enough to support the effort, contact Des Nolan so we can begin planning. [DesNolan@OptOnline.Net](mailto:DesNolan@OptOnline.Net)

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, August 11 @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members.

### LIBRARY

The Library has plenty of good summer reads! Library Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. open all day Fri. & Sat. monitored hours 6-9pm. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE IS ALLOWED in the library. Contact us at [library@gacemail.com](mailto:library@gacemail.com).

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us Friday, August 25th for Family Fun Night! Buffet is served from 6-7:30pm only. Ice cream served at 8.

### GAC SINGERS

GAC Glee Club and the GAC Children's Chorus rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 6th. So save the date!

### GAC APPAREL ON SALE

Sale priced and available in the lobby 6-9pm on Saturday 8/5 Friday 8/11, Friday 9/8 & Saturday 9/23.

### U8 Tournament - 2017

St. Patrick's held its annual U8 Tournament on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame High School. GAA Clubs from throughout the tri-state area and Boston sent over 16 teams to participate in this thrilling tournament. Special thanks to the following GAC Members who volunteered to make this event successful: Anthony & Liz Giardina who ran the concessions & grill all day, Tommy Moran & Paddy Coyle (Tournament Directors), Tom Quinn (organizing committee and referee), Jack Feeney (referee), Timmy Forde (referee), & Seamus Carolan (referee). Special thanks to Mr. Richard MacLean whose generous sponsorship of the tournament made it all possible. Following the game, the adults participated in an exciting encounter featuring Ireland vs USA in Gaelic football (all local players). Despite the youth, athleticism, & sheer passion of the USA team, Ireland's experience and uncanny ability for the ball to find the back of net, saw them prevail in a very close but exciting match. Plans are already being made for the 2018 match!

### Féile (Ireland)

John West Féile na nGael and John West Feile Peil na nÓg are the All-Ireland Club festivals for Hurling, Football, Camogie and Handball at Under 14 years of age level. Teams participating at the National Finals at both festivals are nominated by their County Bord na nÓg to represent their respective Counties. The NY County Board held intensely competitive tryouts in Gaelic Park in the Bronx and Rockland. This year, the following children of GAC Members were selected to represent New York in this tournament: Colin Fleming (Gaelic football, son of Chris and Joan Fleming), Luke Giardina (hurling, son of Anthony & Liz Giardina), and Ronan O'Donnell (son of Mike & Kathryn O'Donnell). The NY team captured the Division 1 Championship amongst fierce competition. The NY Hurlers made history as the first US team to participate in this tournament they nearly pulled off an amazing result by getting to the Connacht GAA Hurling feile final and just losing out by three points. Congratulations to Colin, Luke, and Ronan for your accomplishments in Ireland! We are so proud of you!



## "HOW TO RUN AN IRISH FESTIVAL AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!"

The leadership of the Fairfield County Irish Festival cordially invites you to attend an informational meetings, around this subject. We are seeking out the next generation of motivated leaders who want to have a vital, fun, annual Irish festival. Join us in the small dining room on Tuesday, September 12, 7 - 8:30 pm. For info Pat Speer at 203-410-1398, sheeaun@gmail.com.



### MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS IN THE PUB

August 10th, 6-8pm sing or just listen to Mary Ellen Lyons and members of the Glee Club & Children's Chorus to encourage singers. Lots of Irish Songs & plenty of fun!

### CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

**Part-time 7am - 1pm daily**

Job consists of routine work to maintain the cleanliness of an assigned facility and grounds. This employee performs cleaning and function on the day or evening shift. Work is evaluated through observation while work is in progress and by inspection of completed assignments. For entire job description go to [gaconline/helpwanted/](http://gaconline/helpwanted/) found under newsletter tab or contact: [manager@gacemail.org](mailto:manager@gacemail.org)



## CLAN NA GAEL NEWS It's A Wonderful Life

BY TOM LANDRY

Clan na Gael's Fall Production  
November 16, 17, 18 & 19.

Auditions are Sept. 30 1-3:30pm, Oct. 1 1-3:30pm. Open auditions, no experience necessary. Actors and staff will be needed. Large cast, including children.

### One Act Playwright Contest

One Act Playwright Contest began March 15th, 2017 and will run thru August 15th, 2017. To receive the contest instructions and entry form: [Naoneil@charter.net](mailto:Naoneil@charter.net) or call (203) 377-1070.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 4 - 8:30 PM

Entertainment by **BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA & BAVARIAN DANCERS**



Enjoy Our Oktoberfest Buffet 5 - 7pm Spaten Oktoberfest Beer on Tap Fun & Games Cash Bar \$22 Adults and kids 7 and under are \$5. Make checks payable to GAC & drop off to Social mailbox or mail to GAC, Attn: Oktoberfest.

**For more info contact: [Social@gacemail.org](mailto:Social@gacemail.org)**



## DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS VIII

8th Annual Dancing with the GAC Stars Charity Fundraiser  
Saturday night October 14th.

