



# SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club  
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes  MÍ NA NOLLAS January 2017

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAN 4TH - TRAD MUSIC SESSION



Every first Wednesday of the month enjoy live trad music led by the Shamroques from 7PM to 9PM. All musicians are welcomed to sit-in the session. So dust off those instruments, warm up your voice and get energized with Traditional Irish Music.

## HISTORY LECTURE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

Professor Robert Savage from Boston College will speak about Irish Immigrants and America. He is a Professor of Irish, British and European History and author of *The BBC's Irish Troubles: Television, Conflict and Northern Ireland, A Loss of Innocence?* So save the date for a most intriguing lecture.



## NEW YORK GAA TO HONOR JIMMY FEENEY

Congratulations to Gaelic-American member Jimmy Feeney who will be honored at the 47th Annual Awards Banquet of the New York GAA Minor Board

Mr. Feeney is the Chairman of St. Patrick's GAA and is the second member, along with Paddy Coyle, of the Gaelic American Club and St. Patrick's to receive this great honor in the thirteen year history of St. Patrick's.

"I'm very proud and honored to represent St. Patrick's, the GAC and all the supporters of Gaelic Athletics in Fairfield County at the NY GAA Minor Board" said Feeney.

The New York Minor Board Dinner Dance will take place on January 28, 2017 in Bronx, NY. More information about tickets and transportation are available on [www.stpatrickgfc.org](http://www.stpatrickgfc.org).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January: the beginning of a New Year and the end of my two years as President of the GAC. It has been a good two years made enjoyable by many people, various individuals and committee members, who work hard to make the GAC as enjoyable as it is. It would be foolish for me to thank some, while forgetting others, in expressing my gratitude to those who have an interest in the betterment of the club and worked toward that end over the past two years. You and I both know who you are and I thank you for all your support and efforts in making these past two years pleasant. Continue to care, get the younger members involved in the Club and help it prosper.

At the January membership meeting, 68 years after the second President of the GAC had begun his first term in office, his grandson becomes the President. I wish him well.

~ P.J. Carolan

## Congratulations to the Newly Elected 2017 Executive Committee

**President:** Jim Carolan  
**Vice President:** Gerry Reidy  
**Recoding Secretary:** Sheila Tesei  
**Financial Secretary:** Sean Kelly  
**Treasurer:** Tom Egan  
**Director 3-Years:** Pat Carolan  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Hilary Dee Koreeda

## Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday Jan 6	<i>Jolly Beggars</i>
Saturday Jan 7	<i>Once Removed</i>
Friday Jan 13	<i>Peter McKiernan</i>
Saturday Jan 14	<i>The Ruffians</i>
Friday Jan 20	<i>Allen Gogarty</i>
Saturday Jan 21	<i>Keltic Kick</i>
Friday Jan 27	<i>Susan &amp; Gerard</i>
Saturday Jan 28	<i>Mike McGovern</i>



## Events

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 8PM

### GENEALOGY GROUP MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 10:30AM

**TRIVIA NIGHT** FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 8PM

**POOL TOURNAMENT** TUES, JANUARY 24, 7:30PM

### SENIOR LUNCH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 12 NOON

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 6-9PM

**ST. PATRICK'S GAA CLUBS NEWS** (PG. 4)

## club ACTIVITIES

### BAR COMMITTEE 8 BALL

#### POOL TOURNAMENT

Begins Tuesday Jan 24th at 7:30. This is a 2 person tournament, and both should be there on the 24th. The winning team will each receive a \$50 gift card. Join in on the fun. For more info call John 203-767-2847

#### 25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

#### BROKEN/LOST SCRIP CARDS

Individual Members: Send the broken card to us and we will send back a new, working card.

#### FÁILTE COMMITTEE

No experience necessary!! Please volunteer to sit at the front desk to welcome our members and their guests. One 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 Monday's 6:30 pm at First Church Congregational. Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band (475)329-0202 or visit 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 option under Membership 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.

#### GAC GLEE CLUB

Is on break until Wednesday Jan 25 @ 6:30pm. For more info contact [maryellen.lyons@outlook.com](mailto:maryellen.lyons@outlook.com)

#### GAC BOWLING

Sunday nights 6:30pm at Nutmeg Bowl. For more information contact Donna Lillis at 203-3736-9129

#### GENEALOGY GROUP

#### FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, January 14th at 10:30 am. For info Contact Donna Orazio: [donnaorazio@gmail.com](mailto:donnaorazio@gmail.com).

### GOOD & WELFARE

A mass card was sent to Catherine O'Connell on the death of her husband James "Balbo" O'Connell. A mass card was sent to Joan Greenwood and family on the death of their father Stanley Greenwood.

A sympathy card was sent to John Goodfellow on the death of his mother, Alice.

Get well wishes were sent to Ed Chrzanowski, husband of Sheila Gangle and to Tom Murphy the GAC Custodian, who is recuperating from a recent surgery.

The membership mourns the passing of Peggy Corcoran, only child of Stephen and Peggy Corcoran who were founding members of the Gaelic American Club.

Notify Noreen Reda of happy news, births and weddings, to share with the members. [npreda4@gmail.com](mailto:npreda4@gmail.com).

#### IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

#### IRISH LANGUAGE

#### Foghlaim Saeilge

**New Beginner and Intermediate Classes** Thursdays at 6:30 to 7:30 and 7:30 to 8:30 respectively.

**New Beginner** Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm upstairs in the Cultural Room – Contact Cecia.dalzel@quinnipac.edu.

**New Intermediate Class** – Thursdays 7:30-8:30 pm upstairs in the Cultural Room. Classes meet every Thursday. For more information and to register, contact [Desnolan@optonline.net](mailto:Desnolan@optonline.net)

**New Grammar Class-Intermediate Level** – every Wednesday, starting Sept 7 from 7:00-8:00 pm upstairs in the Cultural Room. For registration: [jminehan@gmail.com](mailto:jminehan@gmail.com)

**Current Intermediate Class** – meets every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 in the library upstairs.

**Grupa Comhra** – Irish conversation group, any level, meets every Thursday from 7:30-ish- 9:00 pm in the snug at the end of the bar. For further information call: Cait 203-459-9686; no registration necessary.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton House Committee.  
203-372-1280

#### LIBRARY

Library hours have been extended especially for children 8 years old and older. Friday and Saturday from 6PM to 9PM. Please note: Children 12 & under need a parent to sign out books to take home.

**Shelf Readers Needed:** Volunteer who are willing to keep books on specific shelves in order. When in the club, visit the Library and straighten out (maintain Dewey order) books on your assigned shelves. The library maintains over 2,000 books by Irish authors, about Ireland or/and the Irish people at home and abroad.

Donations are welcomed. Library is open Monday through Thursday. [maryellen.lyons@outlook.com](mailto:maryellen.lyons@outlook.com) for information.

#### LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Monday, January 23rd at 7:30 to discuss *Twisted River* by Siobhan MacDonald. The novel is about two families in crisis and a holiday house swap gone terribly wrong. The Library Journal says "This thrilling tale...will be a strong choice for readers who enjoyed Paula Hawkins' *The Girl On The Train*." Please bring a wrapped gently-used book for a post-holiday book exchange. New members are most welcome! For more info phone Clare Burnett 203-255-3848 or email her at [clareburnett@optonline.net](mailto:clareburnett@optonline.net).

#### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, January 13th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

#### SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, January 26th at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, January 22th. Cost for lunch \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. Ann Hague 203-374-5198; Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

#### SET DANCING

Thursdays at 7:30pm. All are welcome! Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921

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**"MR. AND MISS SHAMROCK" RECEPTION****JANUARY 7TH 6-9 PM**

Join us on January 7, 2017 6-9 p.m. (Snow date: January 8, 2017) as we honor the four recipients of the "Mr. and Miss Shamrock" Scholarships. Seating is reserved and tickets are: Adults \$20.00, Teens \$10.00, Kids 13 and under free. Coffee and Pastries will be served. Contact Patty McDonnell pat-tymcd2001@gmail.com or phone 203-366-2417

**THANKS TO OUR MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL CHEFS!**

The Chefs, as most know grill for Monday night football games (weather permitting) and this season they've giving the proceeds of their endeavors back to the GAC with the purchase of a TV for the Pub. Again we thank you for your tasty contributions and better view of the games!!

**TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS**

Trivia Night is back after a short holiday break and will commence on Friday January 20th @ 8PM

**ST PATRICK'S HURLING & FOOTBALL CLUB**

St. Patrick's GAA Club would like to thank all the GAC members who kindly supported our annual dinner dance in December. Special thanks to: Tom Flaherty and all the GAC staff (especially those who helped change the Carolan Room from a craft fair into a banquet hall in less than an hour and prepared the room for elections the following day!); Chris Boccamazzo & her team of hard working bartenders; Damien & Sally Connolly for the lively jigs & reels; the McLean Avenue Band for keeping the dance floor jumping all night; and Ollie O'Neill & his team from O'Neills in SoNo for a wonderful Irish "home-cooked" dinner! Mark your calendars for December 2nd, 2017 as we plan to do it all over again!

**INTRO TO GAELIC FOOTBALL FOR CHILDREN**

St. Patrick's GAA Club will host its annual 6-week winter training program for Children 6-8 Years Old on Saturdays beginning Sat Jan 21 @ 4-5pm at The Field House in Fairfield. Cost is \$60 and includes T-shirt and graduation ceremony. Limited capacity. To register: [www.stpatricksgfc.org](http://www.stpatricksgfc.org). For additional information: [admin@stpatricksgfc.org](mailto:admin@stpatricksgfc.org).

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