



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824
www.gaconline.org



CÉAO MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Eanáir July 2017



Celebrate the Fourth of July

Join us for a picnic at the club and
celebrate Independence Day
July 4th, 1-3pm Cost: \$12 per person

With Music by Mostly Green
12-4pm in the Pub

GAC IRISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION DAY/SESSIONS JULY 8TH, FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

Once you've finished celebrating independence from the English, come to the club the following weekend and celebrate your independence of English. A series of sessions will be presented throughout the day on various subjects in the Irish Language. The sessions are open to all, including those with no prior Irish whatsoever. English translation and phonetics will be provided for all material. You can come for one or more of any of the sessions (based on your interests). They will all be held in the Cultural Room upstairs in the club, which has limited comfortable seating, so to reserve the best seats register your interest with DesNolan@OptOnline.Net ahead of time, your friendly Irish Language Coach/Druid. Also email me if you have any questions.

Immersion Day Schedule

9:30 to 10:45am: Nursery Rhymes & Friendly Compliments

11 to 12:15pm: Blessing Yourself & Saying the Common Prayers
Lunch Break (brown bag or visit the Pub)

1:15 to 2:30pm: National Anthem & Irish Language Pride Poem

2:45 to 4:00pm: A Couple of Traditional Songs in Irish

4:15 to 5:30pm: A Couple of Pop Songs in Irish

Also note: Feile Inc. will sponsor its own Irish Immersion Day in October

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 GAELIC-AMERICAN CLUB AND FEILE INC. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Both the GAC and Feile Inc. have been providing scholarships to deserving high school students for a number of years and both organizations are pleased to announce this year's awardees.

The GAC Scholarship Recipients are:

Meghan Donahue

Fairfield Ludlowe High School
College: College of The Holy Cross

David DiFabio

Trumbull High School
College: Roger Williams University

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Feile Inc. Scholarship Recipients are:

Meghan Donohue

Fairfield Ludlowe High School

Chandler O'Reardon

Staples High School

Jake Walshe

Fairfield College Preparatory School

Many thanks to all who sat on both the GAC and Feile Scholarship Committees they had no easy task, reviewing and weighing the applicant's submissions.

Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	June 30	<i>Allen Gogarty</i>
Saturday	July 1	<i>Once Removed</i>
Tuesday	July 4	<i>Mostly Green 12-4pm</i>
Friday	July 7	<i>Karaoke</i>
Saturday	July 8	<i>Jolly Beggars</i>
Friday	July 14	<i>The Fearless Band</i>
Saturday	July 15	<i>no music</i>
Friday	July 21	<i>no music</i>
Saturday	July 22	<i>The Ruffians</i>
Friday	July 28	<i>no music</i>
Saturday	July 29	<i>Mike McGovern</i>



Visit the GAC Sunday
night July 2nd after
the town fireworks for
Margarita Specials and
great craic!

Events

TRAD SESSION WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 @ 7PM

TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY, JULY 7 @ 8PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRIDAY, JULY 14, 8PM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY JULY 28, 6-9PM

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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. If you have never used this link, please register your card by clicking on the "register now" like.

If you need to reach the membership committee, please use our email 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

SIMPLE SIGN-IN PROCEDURES

Members with membership cards DO NOT have to sign in. Only guests need to be signed in. The member signs his/her name one time for each and every guest. The guest signs his/her name and FULL address. Each guest signs their **own** name and address. It's that simple.

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. 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 Eileen Hussey on the death of her granddaughter. A sympathy card was sent to Peter, Jim, and John Doonan on the death of their sister, Nancy Kelly, in England.

A mass card was sent to Pat Dyer's wife Nancy and daughters Corinne and Katie following Pat's death. A mass card was sent to Jack Dundon on the death of his wife, Cathy. A mass card was sent to Maureen O'Keefe on the death of her husband, Robert.

Congratulations to George and Maureen Sullivan celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24.

A get well card was sent to Anne Surber recovering from spinal surgery following a fall.

Please notify Noreen Reda of happy news, births and weddings, to share with the members.

npreda4@gmail.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE

foghlaim Gaeilge

The Irish Language Group will offer Simple Summer Sessions in July and August. Anyone interested please contact DesNolan@OptOnline.Net or kthopsey01@gmail.com. Also Check out the Irish Language Immersion Day on July 8th! (Full details about this event are on page one).

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, July 14th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

LIBRARY

The GAC has received a donation of books and materials from The Connecticut Irish-American Historical Society due to their move to a new building. Thank you!

The library has its own email: library@gacemail.com. Have a question for the library? Please use our new email.

Library Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. open all day Fri. & Sat. monitored hours 6-9pm. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE IS ALLOWED in the library.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us Friday, July 28th for Family Fun Night! Buffet is served from 6-7:30pm only. Ice cream served at 8.

WEE IRISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the Wee Irish Festival Raffle!

- **1st Prize:** #12152 Jodi Moore, Fairfield
- **2nd Prize:** #23652 Schweiler, Fairfield
- **3rd Prize:** #13486 Griffin, Darien
- **4th Prize:** #13035 Christina Hennessy, Fairfield
- **5th Prize:** #06228 Marie O'Connell, Trumbull
- **6th Prize:** #19882 Bernadette Crowe, Fairfield
- **7th Prize:** #00383 M. Mitchell, Trumbull

50/50 Raffle collected \$926, giving the winner, Rich Moore of Fairfield \$463. Thanks to all who participated and Congratulations to our winners!

THE GAA GAMES FROM IRELAND IN JULY IN THE PUB

Sunday, July 2

- 9am Munster Football Championship Final: Cork Vs. Kerry
- 11am Leinster Hurling Championship Final: Wexford Vs. Galway

Sunday, July 9

- 9am Connacht Football Final: Galway Vs. Roscommon
- 11am Munster Hurling Championship Final: Clare VS. Cork

(Details for GAA Games on 7/16 & 7/30 to be announced)

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

The leadership of the Fairfield County Irish Festival cordially invites you to attend one of two 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 one of the following two evenings: Monday, July 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For more info Pat Speer at 203-410-1398, sheeaun@gmail.com.

DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS VIII

The contestants have been chosen and rehearsals are under way so watch for ticket sales and see first hand who will champion the 8th Annual Dancing with the GAC Stars Charity Fundraiser on Saturday night October 14th.



MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS IN THE PUB

Beginning August 10th and every Thursday of the month from 6-8pm, Mary Ellen Lyons will be in the Pub with members of the Glee Club and Children's Chorus to encourage singers. Lots of Irish Songs & plenty of fun!



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.

Free Actors Workshop

Led by one of the experienced director/actor/improv staff: Bettie Guggenheim, Barry Halprin or Eamon Speer. The sessions meet on Tuesdays beginning July 25 from 7:30-9:30pm and will cover Improv, Scene Study, Developing Believable Characters and more. For info contact bjgugge@sbcglobal.net.

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 or call (203) 377-1070.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

Save the Date for the GAC's infamous Oktoberfest! With music, dance, food fun & drink! Details to Follow!



*T'is July ... may you touch dragonflies and
stars, dance with fairies and talk to the moon.*