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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MILE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes  *Mertheamh June 2017*

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC DAY SATURDAY JUNE 10 @ NOON

The GAC will host the first annual Traditional Irish Music Day ("Trad Day") in the Pub at noon. There will be a rapid fire series of music sets featuring numerous All-Ireland Champion musicians and singers, as well as our own local musicians and dancers. Featured performers include Brian Conway, Mattie Connolly, Damien Connolly, Don Meade, Josephine McNamara, Loretta Murphy and many more, including our own Shamroques and Might Shamroques.



A formal concert in the Carolan Room will follow the pub sets, at 7pm featuring the renowned uilleann piper Cillian Vallely (of *Lunasa* fame), All-Ireland Champion fiddle sensation David Doocey and Ryan McGyver on guitar and songs. We'll cap off the evening with an open session back in the pub immediately following the concert.

All Pub Sessions are FREE
Admission to Concert: \$20.

Plan to join us for an extraordinary day of music and song, and bring the family. This is a rare opportunity to introduce your children to their Irish musical heritage.

DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS VIII



YOU could be the next winner of the upcoming "Dancing with the GAC Stars VIII"! Seeking members to dance in the 8th annual charity fundraiser on Saturday, October 14th. NO experience necessary. Members of ALL ages welcome, including children. This is your chance to be a part of one of the most spectacular events at the GAC and raise \$\$ for a charity of your choice. Must commit to weekly dance lessons beginning in July at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Southport. If interested and/or have questions, contact Fran Tartamella at fitzmella@yahoo.com or 203-260-4180.

WEE IRISH FESTIVAL

With no Irish Festival this year, are you wondering what you'll do on Father's Day? Why, let's have a celebration anyway!

Feile, Inc. and the GAC are bringing you the "Wee Festival" Fundraiser! Join us on Fathers' Day, June 18th, Noon to 6pm for a day of dance, song, piping, food, drink, and plenty of great craic!

Suggested donation: \$10

Featuring: The Highland Rovers, Camac, Lenihan School of Irish Dance, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band, The Shamroques, Sheeaur Academy of Irish Dance, Once Removed

JOIN us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	June 2	<i>Outside Chance</i>
Saturday	June 3	<i>Crickstones</i>
Friday	June 9	<i>Highland Rovers</i>
Saturday	June 10	<i>TRAD DAY</i>
Friday	June 16	<i>Roll Away</i>
Saturday	June 17	<i>Four of a Kind</i>
Friday	June 23	<i>Sharon & Her Band</i>
Saturday	June 24	<i>TBD</i>
Friday	June 30	<i>Allen Gogarty</i>
Saturday	July 1	<i>Once Removed</i>
Tuesday	July 4	<i>Mostly Green</i>



Events

TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY, JUNE 2 @ 8PM
TRAD SESSION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 @ 7PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING FRI, JUNE 9, 8PM
GENEALOGY GROUP SAT, JUNE 10, 10:30AM
SENIOR LUNCH THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 12 NOON
FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY JUNE 30, 6-9PM
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club ACTIVITIES

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. Fee \$10.

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.gaonline.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

GAC Glee Club is on summer break. We will begin rehearsals again the third Wednesday of September.

GAC CHILDREN'S CHORUS

GAC Children's Chorus will begin rehearsals again the first Wednesday of September, 6:30pm.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, June 10th at 10:30 am. For info please contact Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

Sympathy cards were sent to: **Liz Feeney** on the death of her mother; to **Kenny Elwood** on the death of his mother; **Joan Hoar** on the death of her husband, Robert; **Jim and Carol Ruddy** on the death of their grandson.

Get well cards were sent to: **Mary Ann Doonan** who is recovering from surgery and **Pat Dyer** who is recovering from a serious illness.

Notify Noreen Reda of happy news, births and weddings, to share with the members. npreda4@gmail.com.

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Saeilge

Beginners Thurs. 6:30 to 7:30

Intermediate -Thurs. 7:30-8:30

Advanced - Grammar: Wed 6:30 - 7:30, Literature: Thurs. 6:30-7:30, Conversation: 7:30-9:00 Contact kthopsey01@gmail.com if interested

SET DANCING

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

LIBRARY

The Library Hours continue: Open Mon. thru Thurs., Fri. & Sat. monitored hours 6-9pm. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES ALLOWED in the library.

LITERATURE GROUP

The group does not meet again until September. Enjoy your summer!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, June 9th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, June 29nd at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, June 25th. 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. Please bring non-perishable food items for Operation Hope.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT CHALLENGE

FRIDAY JUNE 30 FROM 6-9PM

In connection with the Senior Luncheon we'll be collecting canned goods for Operation Hope. Each family is asked to bring in one canned good.

We'll also offer a Celtic Knotwork Drawing Session: materials and instructions will be provided for drawing basic Celtic knotwork designs. Seating limited to one table of participants at a time, Any kids/adults participating should be able to draw simple shapes with a steady hand, (connect dots), and have the patience to repeat simple patterns a number of times, (for 5 to 15 mins). No other artistic skills are necessary. Basically Celtic Art Design is a zen like exercise that can be performed by artists and artistically challenged individuals alike if interested please contact DesNolan@OptOnline.Net.

PLEASE watch your children. Kids are NOT to leave the room without a parent. Toys are NOT to be brought into the Carolan Room from the Reidy (children's) Room. NO toys or running on the dance floor. Please pick up food spills and help clear your table.

Buffet is served from 6-7:30pm only and Ice cream at 8pm. Thank you for your help and consideration in these matters.

ANNUAL CÚL CAMP



St. Patrick's GAA Club will host its Annual Cúl Camp, a summer camp in Gaelic football, hurling & camogie for children 5-15 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. Camp will be staffed by GAA Certified coaches - with many coming direct from Ireland - to lead the training. Camp hours are 9 am to 3 pm each day. Graduation & medal ceremony on June 30th with family lunch & social following at the GAC. Space is limited and there are early registration and sibling discounts available. To register please visit: www.stpatricksgfc.org or email us at admin@stpatricksgfc.org.

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Schedule

	pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Drunch
Mon & Tues	7 pm - 12 mid		
Wed & Thurs	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	
Friday	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	
Saturday	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	12 noon - 2:30pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	12 pm - 8 pm	12 noon - 8:00pm

How To Reach us

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Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
	29 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	30 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	31 	1 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	2 8pm Trivia Night 🎵 Outside Chance 9 pm in the Pub	3 Pub Dining Only 🎵 Crickstones 9 pm in the Pub
4 Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4) Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	5 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	6 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	7 7PM Trad Music Session	8 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	9 8pm Membership Mtg 🎵 Highland Rovers 9 pm in the Pub	10 10:30am Genealogy Group Meeting 🎵 Trad Day Noon in the Pub 7pm Formal Concert
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18 “Wee” Irish Festival Noon—6pm Happy Fathers’ Day!	19 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	20 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	21 SUMMER SOLSTICE	22 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	23 Pub Dining Only 🎵 Sharon & Her Band 9 pm in the Pub	24 Pub Dining Only 🎵 TBD 9 pm in the Pub
25 	26 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7:30 Irish Literature Group 8pm Irish Instrument Session	27 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	28	29 Noon Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	30 6pm Family Fun Night 🎵 Allen Gogarty 6 pm in the Pub	1 🎵 Once Removed 9 pm in the Pub

**CLAN NA GAEL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF
PRESENTING PLAYS BY OR ABOUT THE IRISH
One Act Playwright Contest**

One Act Playwright Contest began March 15th and will run thru August 15th. To receive the contest instructions and entry form: Naoneil@charter.net or call Nancy O'Neil at (203) 377-1070.

Writers Workshop

Instructed by Jack Rushen, a local published playwright and screenwriter. The workshop will run 4 weeks on Wednesdays 7-9pm, beginning June 28th. Class size is limited to give all students quality learning time. To sign up: Nancy O'Neil at 203-377-1070.

FREE 4 week Summer 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.

Clan na Gael's Fall Production

Open Auditions for Clan na Gael's Fall Production of "It's A Wonderful Life" By Tom Landry are Sept. 30 from 1:00 - 3:30pm and Oct. 1 from 1:00 - 3:30pm. No experience necessary. Actors and staff will be needed. Large cast, including children. Show Dates are: November 16, 17, 18 & 19.

We are fun! Come play with us!

For further information contact: opeggyo812@gmail.com

**GREATER BRIDGEPORT
ST. PATRICK'S PARADE GRAND
MARSHAL NOMINATIONS**

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Parade is now accepting nomination letters for the 2018 Grand Marshal. Letters should include the nominee's contributions to the Irish community and other reasons for the nomination. The Grand Marshal must be of Irish descent. Nominations can be made for an individual or for a couple (but both must be of Irish descent). The Grand Marshal will be chosen in July by the past Grand Marshals. Please send the nomination letters to Tom McCarthy "Grand Marshal Nominations" at 135 Harlem Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06606. Deadline to submit letters is June 30, 2017

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 7 @ 7PM
TRAD MUSIC SESSION**



Get warmed up for The GAC's Trad Music Day with Wednesday's lively Irish Music Session led by the Shamroques from 7-9pm. All musicians are welcomed to sit in on the session.



FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Tuesday July 4th Picnic from noon to 4:00 pm
with music by Mostly Green ~ \$12