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



MÁRTA | MARCH 2018



Celebrate ST. PATRICK'S DAY



10 AM - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY ~ LIGHT FARE TO FOLLOW

♣ IN THE PUB ♣

- ♣ 10:30 - 11:30 The Shamrogues
- ♣ 11:30 - 1:30 Finn Magill
- ♣ 1:30 - 3:30 Camac
- ♣ 4:00 - 6:30 Foley, Gurney & Hamer
- ♣ 6:30 - 9:00 Once Removed
- ♣ 9PM - Close The Jolly Beggars

♣ IN THE CAROLAN ROOM ♣

- ♣ 11:00 - 1:00 Ringrose, Freeman & Mary Gardner
- ♣ 1:00 - 3:30 McLean Ave Band
- ♣ 3:30 - 5:30 Highland Rovers
- ♣ 5:30 - 6:30 Fairfield County Police Pipe & Drums
Lenihan School of Irish Dance
- ♣ 7:00 - 9:30 The Ruffians

Special Menu (in place of regular menu) starting at noon on Saturday March 17, which includes corned beef sandwiches, fish & chips, chicken fingers, fries and tuna sandwiches. Irish potato chips and Irish chocolates also available. **We also need** help making sandwiches and serving food on St. Patrick's Day. Please sign up at front desk or contact Mary O'Driscoll at 203-414-9462.

Volunteers needed for St. Patrick's Day Weekend. We need help at the Bar and front door for both Parade Day 3/16 and St. Patrick's Day 3/17. We will have 2 hr. shifts running throughout the day and we'll need 2 people on door people for each shift. Volunteers for the door contact Betty Leary betteleary@gmail.com or at 203-767-0117. For Bar volunteers contact Christine @ CBoccamazzo@fairfieldct.org.

CEILI DANCING - SATURDAY MARCH 10TH 4 TO 7PM



Kick up your heels and get warmed up for St Patrick's Day at the GAC's Ceili in the Carolan Room with music by The Connolly Ceili Band. \$15 admission. Contact: Noreen Forde 203-273-0483.

Children's St. Patrick's Day Party
Saturday, March 10th ~ 11 am to 1 pm
Buffet lunch available \$5
Performance & Mini Lesson by
Lenihan School of Dance.

Kelly Takacs: kellyanntakacs@yahoo.com

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, 8PM
TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY MARCH 7TH, 7PM
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH, 8PM
GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN - SAT MAR 10TH, 10:30AM
LEARN TO POUR GUINNESS - MONDAY MARCH 12, 7-9PM
MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS - THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH, 6PM
GUINNESS GLASS ETCHING - SUNDAY MARCH 25TH, 1-3PM
SENIOR LUNCH - THURS, MARCH 29TH, 12 NOON
FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH, 6-9PM
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Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	Mar 2	Peter McKiernan @ 8pm
Saturday	Mar 3	Camac
Friday	Mar 9	Mike McGovern
Saturday	Mar 10	Jefferson Hamer & Band of Jays
Friday	Mar 16	Dreams of Freedom @ 8pm
Saturday	Mar 17	See Schedule
Friday	Mar 23	Outside Chance
Saturday	Mar 24	Alan Gogarty
Friday	Mar 30	Good Friday- No Music
Saturday	Mar 31	Four of a Kind

\$5 Guest Fee - Friday March 16 & Saturday March 17th
All members must show GAC Membership Card or pay \$5 guest fee.

club ACTIVITIES

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.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Anyone interested in sitting at the front desk and greeting those who come to the GAC, PLEASE contact Bette Leary - betteleary@gmail.com. We will arrange schedules to fit your schedule. Sign up for once a week, once a month or even once a year! It's a great way to meet new people.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

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

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night is on March 30th from 6-9pm, featuring a 'kid-friendly' delicious buffet for \$5. Any questions call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117. Thanks in advance!

GLEE CLUB & CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Both Clubs are on hiatus and will announce when rehearsals resume.

GOOD & WELFARE

Mass Card were sent to Janice Fracassini on the death of her husband, Philip; And to the family of John Ulatowski.

Sympathy Cards were sent to James and Thomas Roach on the death of their sister, Mary Ann Sullivan; To Fran Tartamella on the death of her sister, Doris; To Mike Devaney on the death of his brother, John in Ireland.

Get Well wishes were sent to John Curtin, Sam Mostowy, Jay Dunn and Esther Lawless.

Notify Noreen Reda of all member news at npreda4@gmail.com.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group will meet Mar 10th at 10:30 am. For info contact Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Wednesday Evenings:

Irish Grammar Class 7:00-8:00 PM, contact JMinehan@gmail.com.

Thursday Evenings:

Kids/Parents Irish Learning Helper Session: 6:30-7:30 PM, contact DesNolan@optonline.net.

Beginners Irish Class 6:30-7:30PM, Cecilia.Dalzell@quinnipiac.edu

Lower Intermediate Irish Class 7:30-8:30, DesNolan@optonline.net.

Higher Intermediate Class – meets Thursday from 6:30-7:30, contact JMinehan@gmail.com.

Grupa Comhra – 7:30- 9:00 PM, contact Cait 203-459-9686.

LIBRARY

Library is open Monday through Saturday and upon request. Monitored children's hours for the Library are Friday and Saturday only from 6PM to 9PM. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

NO food (including candy and gum) or drink is allowed in the library. Volunteers needed for book covering, shelf shifting etc. Contact us at library@gacemail.org.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

NOBODY'S BUSINESS: The Aran Diaries of Ernie O'Malley (edited by Cormac O'Malley & Roisin Kennedy)

WESTERN WAYS: Remembering Mayo through the eyes of Helen Hooker and Ernie O'Malley by Cormac K. H. O'Malley & Juliet Chrsty Barron

ERNIE O'MALLEY a booklet showing some original source materials. Created for the 20th anniversary weekend Glucksman Ireland House, New York University.

These books were donated to the GAC by Cormac O'Malley ((Ernie's son) on the occasion Irish Minister Cannon's visit.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, March 9th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members.

LITERATURE GROUP

On Monday, March 19th at 7:30 in the library to discuss *In The Woods* by Tana French. It is her first in a series of novels about The Dublin Murder Squad. The Washington Post calls her "the most interesting and most important crime novelist to emerge in the past 10 years." The New York Times calls the novel "required reading for anyone who appreciates tough, unflinching intelligence and ingenious plotting. New and returning members are most welcome! For questions, please call Clare Burnett at email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or call 203-255-3848.

SCEALA

Submissions for April Sceala are Due March 9th please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at communications@gacemail.org.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, Mar 29th, reservations by Sunday, Mar 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.

SET DANCING

Lace up your dance shoes because we're Set Dancing every Thursday at 7:30pm. All are welcome! Contact Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

DREAMS OF FREEDOM

Don't miss this ballad folk and rebel band from Co Kerry, who carry on the proud history, culture and traditions of Ireland through song and stories, performing in the Pub on Friday March 16th @ 8pm.





GUINNESS IS GOOD FOR YOU!
Monday March 12 ~ Learn to Pour Your Own Guinness All Participants get a complementary full glass of Guinness from 7-9pm in the Pub.

Sunday March 25th ~ Guinness Glass Etching from 1-3pm in the Pub. Space is Limited ~ First come First Serve!

CLAN NA GAEL'S SPRING PRODUCTION A SKULL IN CONNEMARA BY MARTIN McDONAGH

This black, grave yard comedy, is set in a small town in the wilds of Connemara. Three men, and a woman, lubricated with poitin, fall into a discussion, turned argument, around preparing burial room in the local overcrowded cemetery, as well as a, perhaps, suspicious death seven years prior.

Thursday thru Saturday, April 5th, 6th & 7th at 8:00 and Sunday April 8th at 2:30. Cabaret seating, bring your eatables. Drinks available at the bar.

For Reservations call Bette at: 203-767-0117. Or email her at: betteleary@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK'S SPRING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018



St. Patrick's congratulates the 47 boys and girls who completed the "Introduction to Gaelic Football" training over the past six weeks. An additional session has been added for Sunday March 25th in Stamford. Please see

website www.stpatricksgfc.org for more details or email: admin@stpatricksgfc.org.

St. Patrick's invites all girls & boys, ages 5 through 18 to play Gaelic Football, hurling, and camogie with the club for the NY GAA Spring 2018 Championship. No prior experience needed.

St. Patrick's will host the Club's annual summer camp in Gaelic Games from June 25-29, 2018 at Notre Dame High School from 9am to 3pm each day. Please see the website for more details. All are welcome and no prior experience needed!!

8TH ANNUAL ONE ACT PLAYWRITING CONTEST



The Clan Na Gael Players are pleased to announce that the 8th Annual One Act Playwriting Contest will commence March 15th and run thru August 15th 2018. Please

email Naoneil@charter.net for the 2018 Contest Instructions and Official Submission Form. Please contact Nancy O'Neil at (203) 377-1070 with any contest questions.

IRISH EMIGRATION VIDEO HISTORY PROJECT

The video history project is looking for immediate, professional help and advice from a club member with film making experience.

Our goal is to produce a documentary about the emigration from Ireland to Fairfield County. Presently fifty-five interviews were recorded of people who emigrated from Ireland.

Running time of interviews: 1 to 2 hours. Interviews covered life in Ireland and emigration to the states. All original video information has been entered into a data base system. Original videos have been converted to DVD format and loaded to a private secured site as well as preserved in their original forms.

Professional help needed to continue this important project. For more information or to lend a hand contact Peg at: opeggyo812@gmail.com.

CULTURAL NIGHT - WEDNESDAY MARCH 14 - 6:30 PM



The Shamroques
 Lenihan School of Irish Dance
 St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club
 Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band
 Clan na Gael
 Set Dancers
 Irish Language Club

2018 IS YEAR OF IRISH LANGUAGE

The Irish Government has declared 2018 the Year of Irish Language. People are encouraged to speak or learn some (or more) Irish. In light of that, the following Irish events are offered:

- ♣ A new display exists at the front desk, in which every couple of months there will be a different set of handouts with Irish, English Translation and Phonetics on some interesting topics.
- ♣ Assistance to all activity groups and staff within the club to work with them to introduce a little Irish to their activity or work.
- ♣ An open invitation to participate in the Common Prayers/Anthem in Irish at the club's flag raising on St Patrick's Day or in a practice session 2PM Saturday March 3rd, or the Irish Language Immersion Day on October 6th. Handouts for both activities are on club's information table. The one for St Patrick's Day has English Translation and Phonetics.
- ♣ Also, please come and see some Irish performed at the Cultural Night. For more information contact Des @ DesNolan@OptOnline.Net



MARCH MÁRTA

Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Pub hours

7 pm - 12 mid
5 pm - 12 mid
4 pm - 2 am
12 noon - 2 am
12 noon - 12 mid

Dinner

5 pm - 9 pm
5 pm - 10 pm
5 pm - 10 pm
12 pm - 8 pm

Lunch & Branch

12 noon - 2:30pm
12 noon - 8:00pm

How To Reach us

Office (203) 254-0673
Fax (203) 254-3012
Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723
Membership (203) 256-0380
Social (203) 418-7676
Website www.gaconline.org

CÉAO MILE FÁILTE



Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
	Please remember you'll need to have your membership card with you to enter the club on St. Patrick's Day Weekend (both Friday 3/16 & Saturday 3/17) or you will have to pay a cover charge.			1 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	2 8pm Trivia Night Peter McKiernan 8 pm in the Pub	3 Camac 9 pm in the Pub
4 Reminder Please sign-in Guests (maximum of 4)	5 6:30 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 Irish Grammar Class 7pm Trad Music Session	8 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	9 8pm Membership Meeting Mike McGovern 9 pm in the Pub	10 10:30am Genealogy Group Fréamh Éireann Meeting 11am Kid's Party 4pm Ceili Jefferson Hammer & The Band of Jays @ 9 pm
11 	12 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Learn to Pour Guinness 8pm Irish Instrument Session	13 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	14 6:30pm Cultural Night 7pm Irish Grammar Class	15 6pm Mary Ellen & Friends 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	16 12 Noon Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade 2pm Pub Opens Early Dreams of Freedom 8 pm in the Pub	17 See Schedule
18 Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	19 7:30pm Irish Literature Group 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument	20 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	21 7pm Irish Grammar Class	22 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	23 Outside Chance 9 pm in the Pub	24 Alan Gogarty 9 pm in the Pub
25 1-3pm Guinness Glass Etching	26 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	27 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	28 7pm Irish Grammar Class	29 12 Noon Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	30 6pm Family Fun Night Good Friday -No Music	31 Four of a Kind 9 pm in the Pub



2018 ANNUAL GREATER BRIDGEPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE BREAKFAST & LUNCHEON

Friday, March 16, 2018

Holiday Inn Bridgeport, 1070 Main Street

Breakfast: 10:00AM | Tickets: \$25.00

Lunch: 1:30PM

Classic Irish Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal

Tickets: \$30.00

Join the 2018 Grand Marshals David and Ann Marie Curtin at the St. Patrick's Day Celebrations before and after the parade! Enjoy Music, Dancers, and Entertainment at both breakfast and lunch!

Contact Marilyn Mitchell at MOOMMY1@aol.com or phone at (203) 261-4767 or Patty McDonnell by email at PATTYMCD2001@GMAIL.COM Or phone at (203) 366-2417 for questions, tickets, and Reservations. Checks can be made out to GBSPDC and sent to P.O. Box 9211, Bridgeport, CT 06601

*Reserved seating only for tickets purchased by March 10. Tickets after March 10 will increase by \$5. Pay online at: www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com

THE 54TH ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Monday, March 12, @ 6pm in the Grand Ballroom of the Bridgeport Holiday Inn. In 1965, a local group of businessmen organized the Saint Patrick's Scholarship Fund to assist a full-time college student with his or her tuition regardless of ethnicity, religion or origin for each of four years from the dinner's proceeds. 6pm cocktails/ 7pm prime rib dinner/ 8pm keynote speaker/ 9pm entertainment. \$125.00 pp/ formal attire required. \$100.00+ donors' names will be listed in the 2019 program. Tickets: davehowe173@gmail.com or (203) 767-6519.

JOIN THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Meetings are held at the GAC every 3rd Thursday of the month. This fraternal group mixes social functions and Christian charity on a regular basis. Contact Division President Tom Keane for more info: tkeane@optonline.net or 203 256-8033.



PLEASE REMEMBER YOU'LL NEED TO HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU TO ENTER THE GAC ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND (BOTH FRIDAY 3/16 & SATURDAY 3/17) OR YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY THE \$5 COVER CHARGE.