



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824
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CÉAD míle fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Deireadh fómhair | October '17



DON STIFFE CONCERT FRIDAY OCT 20 @ 7:30PM

The GAC is thrilled to present Don Stiffe, critically acclaimed as one of the greatest singer/songwriters to have emerged on the Irish Folk Scene in recent years "Don Stiffe, has a voice of rare expression and distinctive timbre that deserves to be heard far and wide." So don't miss the opportunity to experience this captivating performance! \$20 per person at the door | children free.

DON'T MISS THE GAC STARS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 7PM.

- Debbie DeLorenzo • Suzanne Moore
- Joan Hoar • Susan O'Hara
- Mary Ellen Lyons • Jack Tartamella
- Brian Thomas

Tickets are \$22 and go on sale Friday, September 8th from 6:30-9PM at the GAC. Or mail check payable to GAC, 74 Beach Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824 or drop in Social Mailbox.

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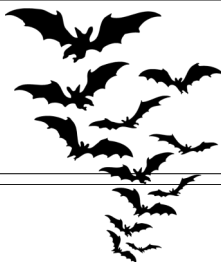
THE ANNUAL DAY OF IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE EVENT SATURDAY, OCT. 7 – 8:30 AM – 5 PM

One-day Irish language immersion course for all levels of speakers, presented by the GAC Irish Language classes and Feile, Inc. The day features a variety of cultural workshops, door prizes, coffee and light breakfast, lunch, so join us for the most fun you've had since the last Lá Gaeilge. Cost (all class materials included) \$50/pp. Bring a friend - \$40/pp. Students with ID - \$25/pp. Registration forms available in GAC lobby or contact us for more information or questions:

Roibin Griskus rdgriskus@aol.com
Cait Thopsey: kthopsey01@gmail.com
Maire-Eilis Vollemans: meov608@gmail.com

KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH FROM 11AM—1PM.

WEAR YOUR COUSTUMES | ENJOY FUN & GAMES



Events

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 8PM
TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 7PM
MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS - THURS, OCTOBER 12, 6PM, PG 4
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 8PM
GENEALOGY GROUP - SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 10:30AM
LITERATURE GROUP - MONDAY OCTOBER 23, 7:30PM
SENIOR LUNCH - THURS, OCTOBER 26, 12 NOON
FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 6-9PM
CLAN NA GAEL NEWS - NEWS & PERFORMANCE DATES, PG 4

THE GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: THE LIFEBLOOD OF IRELAND



Sunday October 22, 2-4pm
the 19th Lecture in a Series on Irish History: The Gaelic Athletic Association: The Lifeblood of Ireland. This lecture will explore the history of the GAA, and discuss how central it has been to the creation and maintenance of Irish identity. Presented by Michael Cronin, Academic Director of Boston College Ireland since 2005, and is a renowned scholar in the area of sport.

Registration: \$5.00 (students \$2.00 with ID)
to: marroyo@optonline.net

GAC APPAREL ON SALE IN THE LOBBY 6-9PM
October 13th and October 28th

Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	Oct 6	TR Dallas (direct from Ireland)
Saturday	Oct 7	Mostly Green
Friday	Oct 13	The Coracles
Saturday	Oct 14	Outside Chance
Friday	Oct 20	Sharon & Her Band
Saturday	Oct 21	Mike McGovern
Friday	Oct 27	Highland Rovers
Saturday	Oct 28	Camac
Friday	Nov 3	Roll Away
Saturday	Nov 4	Nine Mile Road

club ACTIVITIES

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

Join us Friday, October 27th for Family Fun Night! DJ Charlie will provide the music to 'dance your sillies out', Corky and his staff will provide a 'kid-friendly' delicious \$5 buffet. All of this happens from 6-9PM.

For our October FFN, we are seeking donations of NEW children's underwear and/or hats, mittens and gloves. Thanks for helping. See you at FFN! Contact Betty: 203-767-0117 or betteleary@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

New Schedule - Rehearsals begin Nov. 2 and continue every Thursday at 5:30PM for five weeks up to Christmas performance on Dec. 9th.

GAC GLEE CLUB

GAC Glee Club rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Carolan Room. Come join us!

GAC BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

Place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at www.gaonline.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.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, October 14th at 10:30 am. For info please contact Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

GOOD & WELFARE

A Mass Card was sent to Kim Murphy on the death of Michael, her husband.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Mary Ann Doonan and Joan McInerney on the death of their brother, Timothy O'Connell. A sympathy card was sent to Bernie McCoy on the death of his son, Daniel.

Congratulations Coleman Connolly (12-15 accompaniment) and **Jack Feeney** (u18 button accordion) who travelled to Ennis, Co. Clare to compete in the Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann! They represented the GAC very well and we wish them all the best in future Fleadhs! It's great to see traditional Irish music being passed down to the next generation.

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

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 hours Mon - Thurs open all day. Fri & Sat monitored hours 6 to 8pm. No drink or food in the library. Starting 10/19 and every Thurs. from 10 to 12 Library Volunteers needed for book covering, shelf shifting etc. Contact us at library@gacemail.org.



MONDAY NIGHT

FOOTBALL BBQ @ 7PM

The Monday Chefs Jay, Pat and helpers will serve up burgers, dogs, hot and sweet sausage and more. So come to the GAC and cheer for you team and enjoy!

LITERATURE GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, October 23rd at 7:30 to discuss The Thing About December by Donal Ryan. The novel is a "concise, radiant, measured and integral work," says The Guardian newspaper. Set in rural Ireland at the time of the Celtic Tiger it is "an exquisite tale of a man-child's struggle to make sense of a greedy world." New members are most welcome to join us! For more info Clare Burnett 203-255-3848 or email ClareBurnett@optonline.net

MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS IN THE PUB

Thursday Oct 12th 6-8pm sing along or just listen to this informal gathering with Mary Ellen, Glee Club & Children's Chorus singing Irish favorites.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Thursday, October 12th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

The white membership card with your name and a 5 digit number is used for both entering the club and scrip DO NOT DISCARD AFTER USING UP YOUR SCRIP. If you lose your card, there is a \$10 replacement fee. You can mail or drop off payment with you info to the 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. For info: membership@gacemail.org

SCEALA DEADLINE

September Sceala submissions are due Friday Oct 13th. Please send info to communications@gacemail.org.



SENIORS

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



 OCTOBER Deireadh fómhair		Schedule	pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Branch	How To Reach us	CÉAD míle fáilte
Mon & Tues Wed & Thurs Friday Saturday Sunday		7 pm - 12 mid 5 pm - 12 mid 4 pm - 2 am 12 noon - 2 am 12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm 5 pm - 10 pm 5 pm - 10 pm 12 pm - 8 pm	12 noon - 2:30pm 12 noon - 8:00pm	Office (203) 254-0673 Fax (203) 254-3012 Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723 Membership (203) 256-0380 Social (203) 418-7676 Website www.gaonline.org		
Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn	
1 1-3:30PM CnG Auditions	2 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	3 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	4 6:30pm Glee Club 7pm Trad Music Session 7pm Irish Grammar Class	5 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	6 8pm Trivia Night ♫ TR Dallas 9 pm in the Pub	7 Lá Gaelige 8:30 am – 5 pm ♫ Mostly Green 9 pm in the Pub	
8 October is a great time to get involved at the GAC	9 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	10 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	11 6:30pm Glee Club 7pm Irish Grammar Class	12 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	13 6pm GAC Apparel on Sale 8pm Membership Mtg ♫ The Coracles 9 pm in the Pub	14 Pub Dining Only 10:30am Genealogy Group Meeting 7PM Dancing w/GAC Stars ♫ Outside Chance 9 pm in the Pub	
15 Reminder Please Return Your Classes to the Bar	16 7pm Festival Meeting 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	17 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	18 6:30pm Glee Club 7pm Irish Grammar Class	19 6pm Mary Ellen & Friends Sing along in the Pub 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	20 Pub Dining Only 7:30pm Don Stiffe Concert ♫ Sharon & Her Band 9 pm in the Pub	21 ♫ Mike McGovern 9 pm in the Pub	
22 2PM Irish History Lecture “GAA Lifeblood of Ireland”	23 7:30pm Irish Literature Group 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church	24 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	25 6:30pm Glee Club 7pm Irish Grammar Class	26 12noon Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	27 6pm Family Fun Night ♫ Highland Rovers 9 pm in the Pub	28 11am Kid's Halloween Party 6pm GAC Apparel on Sale in the Lobby ♫ Camac @ 9pm	
29 3pm Back to School Bash w/ McLean Ave Band & Lenihan School of Irish Dance	30 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	31 Samhain Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	1 6:30pm Glee Club 7pm Irish Grammar Class	2 5:30pm Children's Chorus 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	3 ♫ Roll Away 9 pm in the Pub	4 ♫ Nine MileRoad 9 pm in the Pub	

7TH ONE ACT PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST

The Clan Na Gael Players are please to announce the winners of the 7th One Act Playwright Contest. The winning plays are:

- **Tour de eclipse by Rose Leahy**
- **Michael's Wedding by Alison Flannery**
- **Egg, scrambled by Rob Rooney**

The winning plays will be read on Sunday, Oct 15th from 2 to 4pm in the Carolan Room. The Reading is free and everyone is welcome to come spend a entertaining afternoon with us. There will be an opportunity at the end of the Reading for the audience to discuss the writing and performance process with the playwrights, actors and directors. Refreshments will be served.

It's A Wonderful Life

BY TOM LANDRY

November 16-18 @ 8pm & 19 @ 2:30pm

Step back in time with us, to Radio Station WBFR on Christmas Eve during the war years of the 1940's. Where cast, crew and audience are prepped for the live broadcast. IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, the well loved Christmas show, features more than twenty roles filled by men women and children of all ages.

Reservations: betteleary@gmail.com | 203-760-0117

At each performance our audiences are invited to share a champagne toast and cake with us in celebration of our 30th Anniversary!

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID & ANN MARIE CURTIN

2018 Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day

Parade Grand Marshals

David & Ann Marie Curtin are the great-grandchildren of Irish immigrants and very active in the Irish cultural community as members of the Gaelic American Club; Ancient Order of Hibernians, John F Kennedy Division; and long-time supporters of the communion breakfast, St Patrick's Scholarship dinner and marched in the Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day parade with the Fairfield Garden Club and the Irish Scholarship Committee for more than 20 years.

"Ann Marie and I will walk again - as we have for the last 20 years - in particular as a remembrance of our great-grandparents and for all those who came both before and since. On this coming St. Patrick's Day we should remember that we're all immigrants," said David, a retired Verizon executive.

Both from Syracuse, N.Y., The Curtins moved in 1980 to Connecticut, where they raised their five children: Meghean, Paul, Dave, Dan and Neil and are now the proud grandparents of 17 grandchildren. Ann Marie is a retired special education teacher in the Fairfield Public School system. Both are daily communicants at St. Pius X church in Fairfield, where Ann Marie is both a Eucharistic minister and lector.

The 2018 parade will be on Friday, March 16 in downtown Bridgeport.

UPCOMING PRE-ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FESTIVITIES

The Grand Marshals' Ball and Christmas Gala is scheduled for Dec.

15 Mister and Miss Shamrock dinner- dance for Jan. 13, 2018

For further information visit: www.stparicksdaybridgeport.com

Congratulations David & Ann Marie Curtin



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