



SCÉALA

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



Meán Fómhair | September '17

LÁ GAEILGE

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

You are invited to attend a one-day Irish language immersion course presented by the GAC Irish Language classes and Feile, Inc. Classes are offered for all levels of speakers: No Irish, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced/Fluent. All class materials are included. The day also features a variety of cultural workshops, door prizes, coffee and light breakfast, lunch, music and at least a month's worth of "craic", so join us for the most fun you've had since the last Lá Gaeilge.

Cost-all inclusive: \$50/pp

Early Bird registration – by Sept. 15 - \$40/pp

Bring a friend - \$40/pp | Students with ID - \$25/pp

Registration forms will be available in the 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

SATURDAY, SEPT 30TH 4 - 8:30 PM

Entertainment by BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA & BAVARIAN DANCERS



Enjoy Our Oktoberfest Buffet 5 - 7pm Spaten Oktoberfest Beer on Tap Fun & Games Cash Bar \$22 Adults and kids seven and under are \$5. Tickets will be sale at the club Friday night Sept 8th and Saturday night Sept. 9th from 6 to 8PM. Or make checks payable

to GAC & drop off to Social mailbox or mail to GAC, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824. Attn: Oktoberfest. For more info contact: Social@gacemail.org

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 8PM

GAA FINALS BRUNCH - SUNDAY 9/3 AND SUNDAY 9/17 (\$20)

FESTIVAL INFORMATION MEETING - MONDAY SEPT 11, 7PM

MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS - THURS, SEPTEMBER 14, 6PM, PG 4

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 8PM

GENEALOGY GROUP - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 10:30AM

LITERATURE GROUP—MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 7:30PM

SENIOR LUNCH, THURS, SEPTEMBER 28, 12 NOON

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 6-9PM

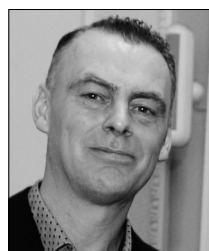
CLAN NA GAEL NEWS - AUDITION & PERFORMANCE DATES, PG 4

ANNOUNCING DANCING WITH THE GAC Stars VIII Contestants!

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

Don't Miss the GAC Stars on Saturday, October 14th 7PM. 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. Tickets sell out quickly!

THE GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION: THE LIFEBLOOD OF IRELAND



Save Sunday October 22, for 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. (check gaconline.org & e-bulletin for more info)

Join us in The pub at 9pm

Friday	Sept 1	Clare Island
Saturday	Sept 2	Kurt & Helen
Friday	Sept 8	The Ruffians
Saturday	Sept 9	Ringrose & Freeman
Friday	Sept 15	Susan & Gerard
Saturday	Sept 16	Dylan Connor
Friday	Sept 22	Ken McBride
Saturday	Sept 23	Keltic Kick
Sunday	Sept 24	McLean Ave Band 3-7
Friday	Sept 29	The Jolly Beggars
Saturday	Sept 30	Camac

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, September 29th 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.

We are asking EACH FAMILY to donate 1 bag of candy or EACH CHILD to donate 1 can of soup which will be donated to 'the troops' and the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk, respectively. Thanks for helping. See you at FFN! Contact Betty: 203-767-0117 or betteleary@gmail.com.

GAC CHILDREN'S CHORUS

GAC Children's Chorus will meet on Wednesday, September 6th, at 5pm in the Carolan Room. Children will be singing for the GAC Memorial Mass and participate in the Christmas Concert. School aged children are welcomed.

GAC GLEE CLUB

GAC Glee Club will begin rehearsals again on Wednesday, September 6th 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.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.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, September 9th at 10:30 am. For info please contact Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

A mass card was sent to the family of William Findley.

A mass card was sent to Denise Gilbane on the death of her mother, Ruth Gilbane.

A sympathy card was sent to Cody Nichols on the death of his father, Billy Marino.

Congratulations to Bette and Kevin Leary on the birth of their grandson, Tanner Joseph Leary.

Notify Noreen Reda of all member news; births, weddings, illnesses & passages at npreda4@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 6:30-7:30 PM, contact Cecia.Dalzel@quinnipac.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

The Library has plenty of good reads! Library Hours: Mon. thru Thurs. open all day Fri. & Sat. monitored hours 6-9pm. NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE IS ALLOWED in the library. Contact us at library@gacemail.org.

GAC APPAREL

Sale priced and available in the lobby 6-9pm on Friday 9/8 & Saturday 9/23. Also October dates are 10/13 and 10/28.

LITERATURE GROUP

The group will meet on Monday, September 18th at 7:30 in the library to discuss Edna O'Brien's *The Little Red Chairs*. The New York Times says it is a "Boldly imagined and harrowing new novel that is both an exploration of the theme of Irish provincial life from the perspective of girls and women and a work of alternate history in which the devastation of a war-torn Central European country intrudes upon the primal innocence of rural Ireland." New members are most welcome! If you have questions: Clare Burnett at 203-255-3848 or ClareBurnett@optonline.net.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

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. For info: membership@gacemail.org

SCEALA DEADLINE

September Sceala submissions are due Friday Sept 8th. Please send info to communications@gacemail.org.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, Sept 28th at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, Sept 24. 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 Set dancing resumes on Thursday Sept. 14th at 7:30pm. All are welcome! Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.



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.

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

The leadership of the Fairfield County Irish Festival cordially invites you to attend an informational meeting, 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 Tuesday, September 12, 7 - 8:30 pm. For info Pat Speer at 203-410-1398, sheeaun@gmail.com.



MARY ELLEN & FRIENDS IN THE PUB

Sept 14th, 6-8pm sing or just listen to Mary Ellen Lyons and members of the Glee Club & Children's Chorus to encourage singers. Lots of Irish Songs & plenty of fun!



GAA ALL IRELAND FINALS SEPT. 3RD & 17TH Game and Breakfast Buffet \$20

9/3 Senior Hurling Championship: Galway vs Waterford
9/17 Senior Football Championship: (yet to be determined)

U14 HURLERS WIN NORTH AMERICAN GAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Coaches Pat Ryan and Mike O'Connor and our U14 hurling team that captured the Continental Youth GAA Championship! St. Patrick's sent football and hurling teams from U8 through U18 to join over 2,500 other players from GAA Clubs across the US & Canada in Buffalo for the largest youth Gaelic games tournament in the world.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Sunday September 24 from 3-7PM

Join us for a great time in the Carolan Room with the McLean Ave Band with a special performance by the Lenihan School of Irish Dance.

