



# SCÉALA

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



1st July 2018

## MÍLE BUÍOCHAS



On behalf of the board of Féile, Inc., I want to thank everyone who helped make the 2018 Wee Festival a success. Based on my very unscientific survey of those who attended, everyone had a great time. There were lots of activities for all ages, great trad and modern music, tasty food by our talented cooks Pat O'Connell & Jay Dunn and their crew, and the Irish dancing was terrific as usual. The prizes for the raffle and door drawings were better than ever. It was a wonderful display of Irish culture and hospitality at their best.

This event was the result of a lot of hard work by a very dedicated Festival Committee. All the volunteers deserve a big THANK YOU. GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAIBH.

We also want to thank the Gaelic American Club for its cooperation in staging the event. Jim Carolan and the Executive Committee, Chris Boccamazzo and the bartenders, Corky and the kitchen staff, Tommy Flaherty and his crew all were invaluable partners.

If you have any questions, comments or are interested in helping out at future Féile events, please email me [jminehan@gmail.com](mailto:jminehan@gmail.com) John Minehan ~ Pres. Féile, Inc.

## JOIN US IN THE PUB AT 9PM

Friday	July 6	The Crickstones
Saturday	July 7	Kurt & Helen
Friday	July 13	Karaoke
Saturday	July 14	Camac
Friday	July 20	Sharon & Her Band
Saturday	July 21	Mostly Green
Friday	July 27	Approaching Normal
Saturday	July 28	Four of a Kind

## Events

**TRIVIA NIGHT** - FRIDAY, JULY 6TH, @ 8PM  
**BLOOD DRIVE** - WEDNESDAY JULY 11TH 11AM TO 4PM  
**TRAD MUSIC SESSION** - WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 7PM  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** - FRIDAY, JULY 13TH, 8PM  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** - FRIDAY, JULY 27TH, 6-9PM  
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## 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:

Tim Forde  
Joel Barlow High School  
Shannon College of Hotel Management  
**Maura Keary**  
Lauralton Hall  
Trinity College in Hartford CT.

### Feile Inc. Moran Scholarship Recipients are:

**Maggie Buckley, Bridgeport CT,**  
Notre Dame, Fairfield  
**Kaitlin Kerr, Monroe CT**  
Masuk High School  
**Abby Turner, Westport**  
Staples High School.

## Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients!

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.

## SPEAK IRISH TO ME



As you probably know, 2018 is the Year of Irish Language but are you aware of the many opportunities for you to learn a little Irish at the GAC! Check the display at the front desk when you come for dinner and grab a language handout Irish / English translation, and phonetic guide all included!

Do you lead a club or event at the GAC? We can help you infuse the Irish language into your event!

Irish Language Immersion Day is Oct. 6th - Don't miss it! Handouts are on club's information table.

Email [DesNolan@OptOnline.Net](mailto:DesNolan@OptOnline.Net) for more info.

## club ACTIVITIES

### BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

Place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at [www.gaconline.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org).

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night is on July 27th from 6-9pm, featuring a 'kid-friendly' delicious buffet for \$5. Please remember to respect each other.

*This month we'll be saying farewell to our dear friend Charlie Lomnitze who is moving away. For the past 15 years he has been DJ for Family Fun Night and we invite all of our alumni, the families who have grown up at this kid-friendly event and have known Charlie, to stop by and bid him well on his next adventure.*

Any questions Bette Leary at 203-767-0117. Thank you all in advance!

### GAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, July 13th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all members.

### GLEE CLUB & CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Chorus rehearsals for Memorial Mass, will begin the last week of September, followed quickly by Christmas Program practice. Please think ahead and plan to participate.

### GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group on Summer break till September. Enjoy the Summer.

### GOOD & WELFARE

A sympathy card was sent to Mary Murray O'Shea and Carol Collins on the death of Brian Murray.

Heartfelt condolences to Noreen Reda and family on the loss of her sister in Ireland.

Notify Noreen Reda of all member news at [npreda4@gmail.com](mailto:npreda4@gmail.com).

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson  
203-372-1280

### IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

#### Monday Evenings:

Irish Reading Class 7:00-8:00 PM, contact [JMinehan@gmail.com](mailto:JMinehan@gmail.com).

Thursday Evening Sessions will resume in September.

### LIBRARY

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

Please SIGN OUT BOOKS. NO food or drink is allowed in the library. Volunteers needed for book covering, shelf shifting etc. Contact us at [library@gacemail.org](mailto:library@gacemail.org).

### LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group is on hiatus until September. See you in the fall!

### 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. \$10 replacement fee for lost card. You can mail or drop off payment with your info to the Attn: Membership. To check Scrip balance, log into [gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html](http://gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html). For more information contact [membership@gacemail.org](mailto:membership@gacemail.org)

### SCEALA

Got something to say? Submissions for the July Sceala are due July 13th. Please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at [communications@gacemail.org](mailto:communications@gacemail.org). Please include ALL event details, date, time, location, cost, etc. Proper grammar is also greatly appreciated.

### SATURDAY MORNING RUNNERS & WALKERS CLUB

Runners meet Saturday mornings at 8:30am and run from GAC to Old Post, to South Benson, to Clinton, to Oyster, to Jennings Beach Parking Lot, to Rowland, back to Old Post, then back to GAC. 3.1 miles. Walkers meets 9am, walk to the Fairfield Beach Club and back to the GAC is 1.5 miles. Maps for both routes are available on GAC website under Clubs & Activities Tab.

### SET DANCING

We'll be taking a break till September ~ Enjoy your summer!

### JULY 4TH BBQ



Join us at the GAC  
Wednesday July 4th for  
BBQ from 12 to 2pm.



### GIVE THE GIFE OF LIFE

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND  
DONATE BLOOD @ THE GAC  
WEDNESDAY JULY 11TH FROM 11 - 4PM

### 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. To join us Contact Tom Keane at [tkeane@optonline.net](mailto:tkeane@optonline.net) or Phone 203-256-8033.

**HAPPY  
HOUR**  
Wednesday thru  
Friday 4-6 pm  
SO JOIN US

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## Schedule

## pub hours

## Dinner

## Lunch & Branch

## How To Reach us

<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	7 pm - 12 mid		
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	
<b>Friday</b>	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	12 noon - 2:30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	12 noon - 12 mid	12 pm - 8 pm	12 noon - 8:00pm

**Office** (203) 254-0673  
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**Pub emergencies** (203) 254-2723  
**Membership** (203) 256-0380  
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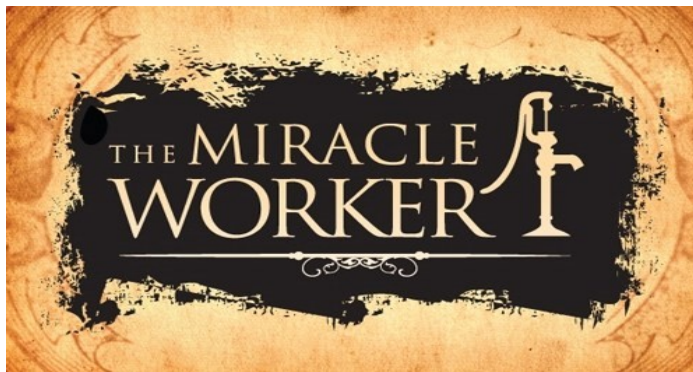
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Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>3</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>4</b> 12-2PM July 4th BBQ	<b>5</b> 7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>6</b> 8pm Trivia Night The Crickstones 9 pm in the Pub	<b>7</b> Kurt & Helen 9 pm in the Pub
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<b>15</b> Reminder Please sign-in Guests (maximum of 4)	<b>16</b> 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>17</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b> 7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>20</b> Sharon & Her Band 9 pm in the Pub	<b>21</b> Mostly Green 9 pm in the Pub
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## CLAN NA GAEL INTRODUCES SUMMER YOUTH PLAY!



**Directed by Jillian Shaw Plomin**  
**Performances: August 17, 18, & 19**

*The Miracle Worker* is the moving story of Helen Keller, a deaf and blind girl who, thanks to the tenacity and determination of her Irish immigrant teacher, Anne Sullivan, changed the world of communication forever.

All roles both on stage and backstage will be performed by youth. This is a great summer opportunity for kids, teens, and college students interested in all aspects of theater! Anyone ages 5 to 25 interested in working or performing in *The Miracle Worker* and adults wishing to assist please contact Jillian Plomin at [jplomin@gmail.com](mailto:jplomin@gmail.com).

## 8TH ANNUAL ONE ACT PLAYWRITING CONTEST

Clan Na Gael Players' 8th Annual One Act Playwriting Contest will commence March 15th and run thru August 15th 2018. Please email [Naoneil@charter.net](mailto:Naoneil@charter.net) for the 2018 Contest Instructions and Official Submission Form. Phone (203) 377-1070 with any questions regarding the contest.



**SHARON SHANNON BAND**  
**MONDAY AUGUST 6TH**  
**@ 7:30 PM**

**TICKETS: \$20 ADULTS**  
**\$5 CHILDREN**

The Sharon Shannon Band is one of Ireland's premier musical treasures. They appear regularly at major world music festivals around the world. A decade ago she teamed with the artist Mundy to make "Galway Girl" the #1 song in Ireland for an unprecedented two consecutive years. For more information contact: Gregg Burnett at (203) 255-3848 or email at [tmquinn@optonline.net](mailto:tmquinn@optonline.net).



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