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



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY "WEE" IRISH FESTIVAL FATHER'S DAY JUNE 17TH ~ NOON TO 6PM

FEILE once again will present the Fairfield County 'Wee' Irish Festival on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th from noon to 6pm at the GAC.

Join us for a family afternoon of music, dance, pipers, children's activities and food!

This year we welcome U.K. Gourmet, Ogham Art and Shamrock Chic as our vendors.

Don't forget to return your Raffle tickets for a chance to win 1 of 8 prizes - your odds are great!! Suggested donation is \$10 at the door. Check for updates in the GAC weekly e-bulletin and at Feileinc.org

IRISH LANGUAGE ~ GET INTO IT!

2018 is the Year of Irish Language and there are 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!**

Want to give your children a rich understanding of their Irish heritage? Jump in our **Kids Irish Language classes** this summer! Adult classes are always open as well! And don't forget to bring the whole family to the Wee Irish Festival June 17th, where kids can hear stories and music in both English and Irish!

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

"Learning Irish has been a fun experience for me. It was hard at first learning pronunciation, but now I use it every day. I feel like it connects me to my ancestors, too."

-Karol "Saoirse" Plomin, Kid's Irish Class Student

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, @ 8PM

TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH 7PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH, 8PM

GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN - SAT JUNE 9TH, 10:30AM

SENIOR LUNCH - THURS, JUNE 28TH, 12 NOON

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH, 6-9PM

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TRAD DAY SATURDAY JUNE 9TH

With live music throughout the day

Special concert by

Pride of New York at 7:30PM



Following last year's successful inaugural event, the GAC will again host the 2nd Annual "Trad Day."

Starting at noon, the day will feature many of the northeast's finest Irish traditional musicians and dancers, including numerous All-Ireland Champions. In a succession of sets in the intimate setting of the pub throughout the afternoon and into the early evening, culminating in a formal concert at 7:30 in the Carolan Room by North America's premier traditional band, Pride Of New York, featuring Joanie Madden, Billy McComiskey, Brian Conway and Brendan Dolan.

The day-long events in the pub will be free to members and guests, with admission to the evening concert \$20. (*See Pride of New York Concert Insert.*)

For event information please contact Gregg Burnett at (203) 255-3848. For concert reservations contact tmquinn@optonline.net.

Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	June 1	TBA
Saturday	June 2	Dylan Connor
Friday	June 8	The Jolly Beggars
Saturday	June 9	Annual Trad Day starts 12pm, Pride of New York Concert (\$20)
Friday	June 15	Coracles
Saturday	June 16	C-Sides
Friday	June 22	Mostly Green
Saturday	June 23	Mike McGovern
Friday	June 29	Alan Gogarty
Saturday	June 30	Keltic Kick

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 June 29th from 6-9pm, featuring a 'kid-friendly' delicious buffet for \$5. To ensure this is a great night for the everyone please keep in mind the following:

- ◆ If your child is in the Carolan Room for FFN a parent MUST be in the room with them.
- ◆ If your child leaves the room to go in the yard or bathroom, the parent is to accompany their child.
- ◆ Children may NOT roam the GAC unaccompanied.
- ◆ No toys, food, drinks or running on the dance floor. Please clear your table before your family leaves for the evening.

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

GAC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, June 8th @ 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.

GOOD & WELFARE

Get-well cards were sent to Don Cavett who is recovering from serious surgery and to Jackie Mahar recovering from surgery.

Congratulations to Bette and Kevin Leary on the birth of their ninth grandchild, Dean Louis Russell V.

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

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets June 9th at 10:30 am featuring Guest Speaker Maureen Taylor. For info 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 6PM to 9PM. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please SIGN OUT BOOKS.

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

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.

SCEALA

Got something to say? Submissions for the July Sceala are due June 8th. Please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at communications@gacemail.org. Please include ALL event details, date, time, location, cost, etc. Proper grammar is also greatly appreciated.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, June 28, reservations by Sunday, June 24, Lunch is \$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.

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 Phone 203-256-8033 or email via tkeane@optonline.net.

JUNE

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Schedule

Pub hours

Dinner

Lunch & Branch







How To Reach us

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

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Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAoine	Thursday DEARDAoine	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARn
Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	Is fearr Gaeilge briste, ná Béarla cliste. <i>To celebrate the year of Irish Language the Sceala will be adding a bit of Irish here and there. The quote above is pronounced: Iss faar Gay-el-geh brish-teh naw Bay-er-lah clish-teh ~ Do you know what it means? The answer can be found on GACs Irish Language ~ Foghlaim Gaeilge webpage.</i>				1 8pm Trivia Night 🎵 TBA 9 pm in the Pub	2 🎵 Dylan Connor 9 pm in the Pub
3 	4 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	5 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	6 7pm Trad Music Session 7pm Irish Grammar Class	7 6:30pm Irish Language 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	8 8pm Membership Meeting Sceala Submissions Due 🎵 Jolly Beggars 9 pm in the Pub	9 10:30am Genealogy Group 12pm Trad Day 7:30pm Concert Pride of NY (\$20) in the Carolan Room
10 Reminder Please sign-in Guests (maximum of 4)	11 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band 8pm Irish Instrument Session	12 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	13  7pm Irish Grammar Class	14 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	15 Pub Dining Only 6-8pm Miracle Worker Auditions 🎵 Coracles 9 pm in the Pub	16 1-3pm Miracle Worker Auditions 🎵 C-Sides 9 pm in the Pub
17  12-6am Wee Irish Festival	18 6-8pm Auditions Recalls 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	19 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	20 7pm Irish Grammar Class	21  Summer Solstice 6:30pm Irish Language Class (all levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	22 🎵 Mostly Green 9 pm in the Pub	23 🎵 Mike McGovern 9 pm in the Pub
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CLAN NA GAEL INTRODUCES SUMMER YOUTH PLAY!

Clan na Gael is pleased to announce its first annual summer production

The Miracle Worker

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.

Auditions:

Friday, June 15th, 6-8pm

Saturday, June 16th, 1-3pm

Monday (Call backs), June 18th, 6-8pm

Auditions will be held at the Gaelic American Club



ST. PATRICK'S GAA CÚL CAMP ~ JUNE 25TH - 29TH



Boys or girls interested in learning how to play Gaelic football, hurling, or camogie - register for Gaelic games summer youth camp at St. Patrick's GAA Club, June 25 - 29. Visit stpatricksgfc.org for more information and to register. No experience needed, all children are welcome to join the fun!

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 questions regarding the contest.

The Tara Theatre Company

is proud to present

"WAKE IN THE WEST" BY MICHAEL J. GINELLY

at the Milford Fine Arts Center, 40 Railroad Ave, June 22 & 23 at 7pm and June 23 at 2:30pm.

Tickets are \$15. Contact Maureen Richitelli at (203) 874-6273 and Linda Hardiman at (203) 415-7635

