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



Deireadh Fómhair | October

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The GAC needs some wonderful, talented people that would like to give back to the club. So many of you love coming to the club and enjoy the fabulous events and activities why not consider becoming a member of the Executive Committee. It is an opportunity to get involved and really understand what goes into making this such a special club. Please contact anyone on the nominating committee if you have an interest in running for office.

The positions are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and 1 Director's Position.

The Nomination Committee members are:

- Chair Jude Fitzgerald- jfitzgerald740@aol.com
- Frank Byrne - irishcab@optonline.net
- Steven Leach - Leechstm@aol.com
- Tony Hogan - Hogananthony@netscape.net
- Sue O'Donovan - Sueod@att.net

It is a great way to meet people and to do something to give back to the club.

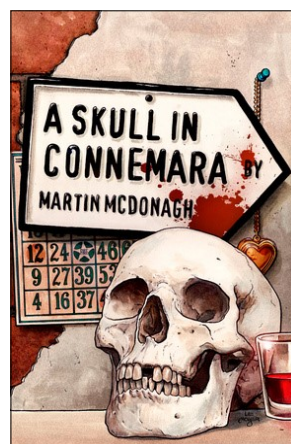
GAC IRISH LANGUAGE DAY AND VARIETY SHOW SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH, 2018



The "GAC Annual Irish Language Immersion Day" will be on October 6th, 2018. It is open to all levels from those with NO Irish to advanced. To register pick up a brochure from the front desk or on website Irish Language link found under Clubs & Activities Tab. (\$50)

For the first time ever in the 70 year history of the GAC, a "Variety Show in Irish" (session style) will take place from 2:30 to 4 PM. It will be open to the public (\$5/person) and a booklet will be published ahead of time with each performance piece in English as well as Irish, so everyone can understand the show on the day. For info contact Information DesNolan@OptOnline.Net

SKULL OF CONNEMARA OCTOBER 27 & 28 @ 8PM



Clan na Gael Players is presenting a staged reading of SKULL OF CONNEMARA by Martin McDonagh Saturday October 27 and Sunday October 28th at 8:00. Peg O'Leary is directing the cast of, Mathew Apgar, Noel McGovern, Breda O'Sullivan and Byrne White. This macabre, graveyard, black humor, set in Leenane, is recommended for mature audiences and is a fitting nod to the approach of All Saints Day. This event is free of charge.

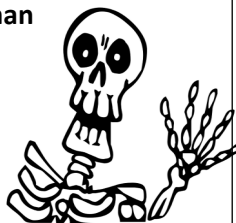
KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY SATURDAY OCTOBER 27TH FROM 11-1PM

Wear your Halloween costumes and come for games, crafts and fun!

Also we need volunteers to help with this event so please contact: Kelly at kellyanntakacs@yahoo.com.

Join us in the pub at 8pm

Friday	Oct 5	TR Dallas
Saturday	Oct 6	Allen Gogarty
Friday	Oct 12	Ringrose & Freeman
Saturday	Oct 13	Kurt & Helen
Friday	Oct 19	Coracles
Saturday	Oct 20	Four of a Kind
Friday	Oct 26	Mostly Green
Saturday	Oct 27	Crickstones
Friday	Nov 2	Camac



Events

TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, OCT 3RD, 7PM
TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, OCT 5TH, @ 8PM
GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN - SAT OCT 13TH, 10:30
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, OCT 12TH, 8PM
LITERATURE GROUP MEETING - MONDAY OCT 22ND,, 7:30
GREEN FIELDS OF AMERICA - WEDNESDAY OCT 24, 7:30PM
SENIOR LUNCH - THURSDAY, OCT 25TH @ 12 NOON
FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, OCT 26TH 6-9PM

CLUB ACTIVITIES

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 your fellow members.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to work the front desk. We especially need Wednesday night, Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon shifts covered. We would appreciate some volunteers for an occasional Friday and/or Saturday evening shift. This is a great way to meet members of our club (and the liquor commission requires all guests to be signed in!)

So all members must sign in each of their guests: the members name PRINTED for EACH guest and each guest sign their own name and address. It's really not a big deal, but, it would be a huge deal if the GAC were to be temporarily shut down because some member isn't in compliance. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Also, we would like to welcome back Rick Reidy. He will be working Sunday nights with the ever faithful, Mark Montgomery.

If you'd like to join the FAILTE committee, call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117 or email:betteleary@gmail.com

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 Oct. 26. All GAC families are invited to our monthly FFN from 6-9PM, the last Friday of every month. We have a \$5 buffet for the kids and parents are asked to order their meals from the regular GAC menu. (See more on page 3)

GLEE CLUB

Singers needed for Memorial Mass Choir - Rehearsals are Thursdays at 6:45PM in the Carolan Room. Memorial Mass is November 4th.

FAREWELL TO THE GAC CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Because the kids have so many outside commitments the Kid Chorus will be taking a break this year. So we will not be participating in the Christmas Fair or any of the other club festivities.

GOOD & WELFARE

A Mass Card was sent to the family of William Miller.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Megan McNamara on the death of her mother, Gertrude Healy.

Get Well Wishes to Chris Boccamazzo's granddaughter, Olivia.

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

GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets Oct 13th at 10:30 am For info Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@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.

Thursday Evenings:

Kids/Parents and Beginner/Teens/Adults meet at 6:30 PM.

Intermediate Level at 7:30 PM. contact DesNolan@optonline.net.

LIBRARY

Library is open Monday through Saturday and has added many new books. 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.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday Oct 12 @ 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. \$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.campuscardscenter.com/ch/login.html. For more information contact membership@gacemail.org

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Monday, October 22nd at 7:30 we will discuss *Saints For All Occasions* by J. Courtney Sullivan. A New York Times Critic's Top Book of 2017 and the Washington Post called it the year's best book about family. The novel chronicles the Rafferty family in Boston. It draws the reader into the lives of the Rafferty clan, and, in the rare miracle of fiction, makes us care about them as if they were our own family. Sullivan writes "this family has a way of forgetting what it doesn't want to know." If you have any questions, contact Clare Burnett at email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or phone 203-255-3848.

RUNNERS & WALKERS CLUB

Runners meet Saturday mornings at 8:30am to run 3.1 mile route from GAC. Walkers meet @ 9am, walk to the Fairfield Beach Club and back. Maps for both routes are on GAC website under Clubs & Activities Tab.

SEALA

Submissions for the Nov Seala are due Oct 12th. 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, Oct 25, reservations by Sunday, Oct 21, 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. Starting 9/13 ! Contact Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

MY NAME IS JOAN OCTOBER 28TH @ 2:30 PM



Feile, Inc. Invites you to a screening of Susan Drew's documentary, MY NAME IS JOAN. Susan details her story of being adopted, at age two, from Ireland in the late 1950's and her journey to find her birth mother in Dublin. The screening will be held on October

28th and will be followed by a Question and Answer forum and reception. The event will run from 2:30-4:30 and is open to all Free of charge.

ONE-ACT PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST

The reading of the contest finalist scheduled for November 4th, has been cancelled. Please check the GAC website for updates.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT OCT. 26. 6-9PM

All GAC families are invited to our monthly Family Fun Night from 6-9PM, the last Friday of every month. We have a \$5 buffet for the kids and parents are asked to order their meals from the regular GAC menu. The buffet is strictly for the kids - so there's no sharing with the parents! We try to keep the buffet price to a minimum and don't want to increase the price. Ice cream is \$1 and is served at 8PM.

Please monitor your children. No food, drinks, toys or running are allowed on the dance floor. Costumes are welcome to this month's FFN. Who knows: maybe our conga line will turn into a Costume Parade!

This month, we are asking each family to donate snack items for a special class at Blackham School in Bridgeport. Suggested items are: Welch's Fruit Snacks, Nutri-Grain Cereal Bars, Animal Crackers, Mini Rice Krispies Treats, Frito Lay Variety Pack, etc.



MONDAY NIGHT BARBECUE

We'll be barbecuing every Monday night @ 6:30pm until the weather gets cold. Menu includes: hamburgers & cheeseburgers (\$4 & \$5), hotdogs, sweet & hot Italian sausage, red hots, chili (\$2), knockwurst & Bratwurst (\$3) and much more. All condiments are included. For more information call 203-644-9073 or email poc6575@optimum.net.

THE MIRACLE WORKER



A big thanks to all those who supported Clan na Gael Óg's first production, The Miracle Worker. And a special thanks to the amazing young people in the cast and crew!

KUDOS TO ALL!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Committee will hold their annual Mr. and Miss Shamrock Scholarship Event on Saturday, December 15, 2018 (snow date Dec. 16) at the GAC from 4:00pm to 9:00pm.

Please look for the application for the \$3,000 scholarship at this website beginning November 1, 2018. www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com (Runner-ups will receive \$1750).

Candidates must fill in the application and send it to Patty McDonnell at www.pattymcd2001@gmail.com by Saturday, December 8, 2018.

THE CELTIC CALENDAR AND CROSS QUARTER DAYS 22nd in a Series on Irish History Lectures SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.



This lecture will discuss the Celtic cross quarter days: Samhain, Imbolc, Beltane, and Lughnasadh.

Karen Ní Chonghaile, who is with the Irish Language Society of Boston and is a native of County Galway, will be our lecturer. Karen has taught Irish from elementary to post-graduate level. She attributes her near-native fluency and her love of Irish grammar to a succession of inspirational educators, living in the native speaking Connemara Gaeltacht and her honors degree in Irish and Translation Studies.

Tickets - \$5.00
(Students with ID \$2.00)
Send check payable to
Feile, Inc. to:
Mary Adams-Arroyo

(For a definition of quarter days and cross quarter days see: www.almanac.com/content/quarter-days-and-cross-quarter-days)





THE GAC SPECTACULAR CHARITY EVENT

Don't Miss the GAC Stars
Charity Dance Competition along
with music by Outside Chance
Saturday, October 13th 7PM.

Tickets are \$22

TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Mail check payable to
GAC, 74 Beach Rd.,
Fairfield, CT 06824

or drop in Social
Mailbox. Tickets sell
out quickly !



ALICE MORGAN



ALISON FLANNERY



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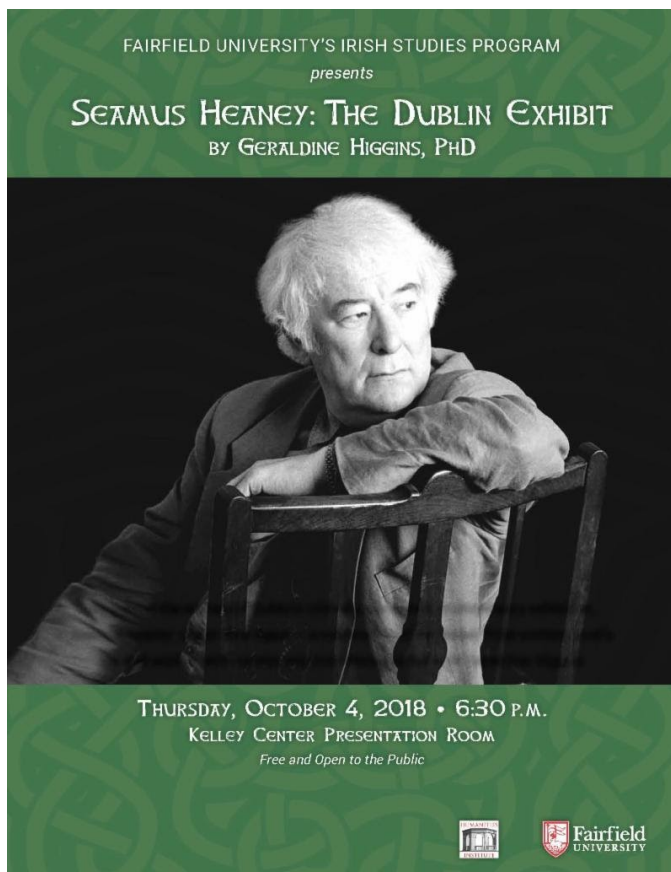
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SEAMUS HEANEY: THE DUBLIN EXHIBIT BY GERALDINE HIGGINS PHD

Thursday Oct 4th @ 6:30pm | Kelly Center Presentation Room | Fairfield University
~ Free and Open to the Public ~

OCTOBER

Deireadh Fómhair

Schedule

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

Pub hours

Dinner

Lunch & Branch

How To Reach us

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 Fax (203) 254-3012
 Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723
 Membership (203) 256-0380
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CÉAD MILE FAITE



Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAoine	Thursday DEARDAoine	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARNA
	1 October is a great time to get involved at the GAC	2 Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	3 7pm Trad Music Session 	4 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	5 8pm Trivia Night 🎵 TR Dallas 8 pm in the Pub	6 Irish Language Day & Variety Show 🎵 Allen Gogarty 8 pm in the Pub
7 Reminder Please sign-in Guests (maximum of 4)	8 Columbus Day Monday Night BBQ 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	9 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	10 	11 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	12 8pm Membership Meeting Sceala Submissions Due 🎵 Ringrose & Freeman 8 pm in the Pub	13 10:30am Genealogy Group Fréamh Éireann Meeting 7pm Dancing With The GAC Stars 🎵 Kurt & Helen 8 pm in the Pub
14 	15 Monday Night BBQ 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	16 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	17 	18 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	19 🎵 The Coracles 8 pm in the Pub	20 🎵 Four of a Kind 8 pm in the Pub
21 2pm Irish History Lecture: The Celtic Calendar and Cross Quarter Days	22 Monday Night BBQ 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band 7pm Irish Reading Class 7:30 Irish Literature Group 8pm Irish Instrument Session	23 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	24 7:30pm The Green Field of America Show (see insert)	25 12pm Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	26 6-9 pm Family Fun Night 🎵 Mostly Green 8 pm in the Pub	27 11am Kid's Halloween Party 8pm Skull of Connemara 🎵 Crickstones 8 pm in the Pub
28 2:30pm Documentary: My Name is Joan 8pm Skull of Connemara	29 Monday Night BBQ 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	30 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	31 Oíche Shamhna 	1 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	2 🎵 Camac 8 pm in the Pub	3 🎵 TBA 8 pm in the Pub