



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



ANNOUNCING DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS IX CONTESTANTS

- Lexi Flaherty
- Teri Deal
- Alice Morgan
- Alison Flannery
- Jillian Plomin
- Tim Creagh
- Dylan Strachan

Don't Miss the GAC Stars on Saturday, October 13th 7PM.

Tickets are \$22 and go on sale Friday, September 7th from 6:00-8PM at the GAC. Or mail check payable to GAC, 74 Beach Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824 or drop in Social Mailbox. Tickets sell out quickly!

ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL SEPTEMBER 2ND \$25 PER PERSON - INCLUDES BREAKFAST

8:15AM MINOR FINAL: GALWAY VS. KERRY MINORS
10:30AM SENIOR FINAL: DUBLIN VS. TYRONE

Join us in the pub at 8pm

Friday	Aug 31	Mike McGovern
Saturday	Sept 1	Coracles
Friday	Sept 7	Jolly Beggars
Saturday	Sept 8	Camac
Friday	Sept 14	Dylan Connor
Saturday	Sept 15	C-Sides
Friday	Sept 21	Ken McBride
Saturday	Sept 22	TBA
Friday	Sept 28	Susan & Gerard
Saturday	Sept 29	Approaching Normal



GAC'S OKTOBERFEST SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22 FROM 4-8:30 PM ENTERTAINMENT BY BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA & BAVARIAN DANCERS

Enjoy Our Oktoberfest Buffet served from 5-7PM Spatan Oktoberfest Beer on Tap Fun & Games Cash, Bar.
\$23 Adults and Kids 7 and under are \$5.



Make checks payable to GAC & drop off to Social mailbox or mail to GAC. Attn: Oktoberfest.
For more info contact: Social@gacemail.org



AUDITIONS FOR CLAN NA GAEL'S FALL PRODUCTION

Auditions for WHACKED an Adult comedy will be held Saturday, September 22nd and Sunday 23rd from 1:00-3:30. Needed are: 5 men and 3 women age range 20's to 65. Production dates are November 15, 16, 17 & 18. Auditions are open to all. No experience necessary. For more information contact the director guggenheimk@gmail.com.

Events

- TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, SEPT 5TH, 7PM
- TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPT 7TH, @ 8PM
- GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN - SAT SEPT 8TH, 10:30
- MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, SEPT 14TH, 8PM
- LITERATURE GROUP MEETING - MONDAY SEPT 17TH, 7:30
- SENIOR LUNCH - THURSDAY, SEPT 27TH @ 12 NOON
- FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, SEPT 28TH 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

A Big Welcome back to Tom Murphy! So glad you're well again and once again greeting members - stay well!

After 18 years of 'doing the front door on Thursday nights', Sue Allen is retiring. She will be missed and we'd like to thank her for all her years of dependable and faithful service.

Please email or call me if you would like to volunteer for the front door (FÁILTE COMMITTEE). It is a great way to get to know members and to see friendly faces. No experience necessary!

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 Sept 28th from 6-9pm, featuring a 'kid-friendly' delicious buffet for \$5. This month we're asking each child to bring a can of soup which will be donated to the Stratford soup kitchen. Their supplies of all foods are very low. It's a great way to encourage your child to help others.

As many of you know July FFN was the Charlie Lomnitzer last night as DJ. We would like to thank him for his 15 years of service and we extend best wishes to Charlie and his fiancée, Michelle.

Any questions call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117. Thanks in advance!

GAC CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Rehearsal begin Sept. 6th @ 5PM in the Carolan Room. The group will sing at Memorial Mass on Nov. 4th, Christmas Fair and Christmas Program, Sunday - Dec 9th (dress rehearsal Dec. 8th) Performance begins at 6PM, Carolan Room will be open for Dinner at 5PM.

GLEE CLUB

Singers needed for Memorial Mass Choir - Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 6th 6:45 to 7:45PM in the Carolan Room. Memorial Mass is November 4th.

GOOD & WELFARE

A Mass Card was sent to the family of Jack McCarthy. A Mass Card was sent to Cheryl Eustace on the death of her husband, John.

Congratulation to Tracy James whose one act play has been accepted into the 2019 NYWinterfest Theater competition in Manhattan premiering February 28th and March 1st & 3rd of 2019. We wish you success!

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

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets Sept 15th at 10:30 am 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 and BeginnerTeens/Adults meet at 6:30 PM.

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

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.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, Sept 14th @ 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.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html. For more information contact membership@gacemail.org

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Monday, September 17th at 7:30 in the library to discuss William Trevor's *Last Stories*. If you have any questions, contact Clare Burnett at email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or phone 203-255-3848.

SATURDAY MORNING RUNNERS & WALKERS CLUB

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

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Submissions for the Oct Sceala are due Sept 14th. 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, Sept 27, reservations by Sunday, Sept 23, 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.

DONATIONS NEEDED

The GAC is in need of landscaping equipment. We need everything from mowers to rakes and shovels,

**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. Pick up a brochure from the front desk,

For the first time ever in the 70 year history of the club at GAC, an effort is underway to put on an a "Variety Show in Irish" (session style). 2018 is the Year of the Irish Language and we would like to show that the club actively participated in that. The show is being planned for October 6th, 2018, 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.



Currently, we are looking for members of the various activity groups at GAC, (singing, acting, dancing and music), who would be interested in participating in this uniquely historical event. If you're inter-

ested in participating, please talk to your activity leader who's been contacted already or if you need to work on your own contact Des Nolan directly. Des will help with Irish performance piece selection, pronunciation and provision of simple phonetics as needed. Think a 5 min performance slot, (or multiple of that if needed), with a focus on a relaxed presentation/performance. Traditional pieces are fine, but we're definitely seeking some contemporary interpretations on the traditional arts. Regardless, dare to be surprising and be entertaining!

If you think you might be interested in attending the show (no actual commitment needed) please send an email so we can get an idea of potential attendance. Contact Information DesNolan@OptOnline.Net



MONDAY NIGHT BARBECUE

The annual Monday night barbecue is back on September 10th and will continue every Monday night until the weather gets cold. Menu includes: hamburgers, hotdogs, sweet & hot Italian sausage, red hots, chili and much more. All condiments are included. Come, bring your friends and enjoy the delicious food. For more information call 203-644-9073.

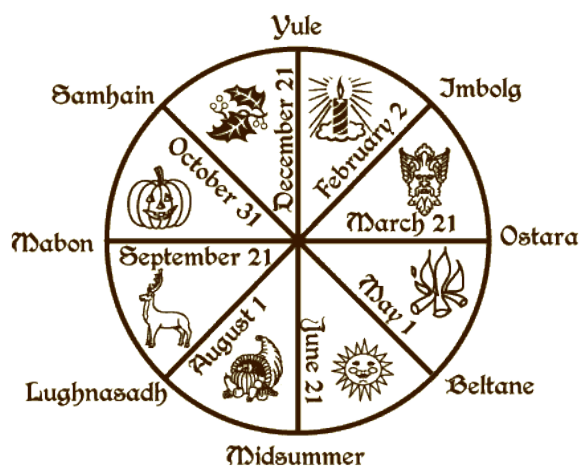
**THE CELTIC CALENDAR AND CROSS QUARTER DAYS
22nd in a Series on Irish History Lectures
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018 – 2:00 P.M.**

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 Conamara 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 DRIVE" BY TRACY JAMES
MAKES IT'S WAY BACK TO MANHATTAN**



The Drive, winner of 2014 GAC Playwriting contest, made it's debut at the Manhattan Repertory Theater this past April and will be back in NYC again. It has been accepted into the 2019 NYWinterfest Theater competition in Manhattan premiering February 28th & March 1st & 3rd of 2019 at the Hudson Guild Theater 441 W. 26th street. Special thanks to the GAC, Clan na Gael Players and Feile for their continued support.



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.

1ST ANNUAL ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Awarding 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes as well as 50/50 Raffle and more. So join us September 22nd, 2018 From 5-9PM at Insports, 29 Trefoil Dr, Trumbull, CT.

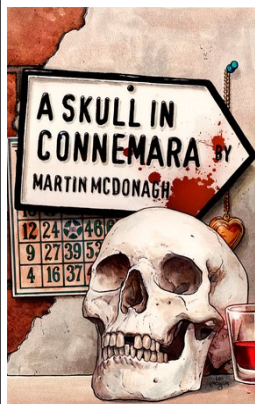
Food and Drink will be sold by Insports.

Make check out to Bridgeport AOH - \$100.00 per team of 2 by Tuesday September 18th. Send Check to AOH VP Mark Ryan 26 Riverbend Road, Trumbull CT 203-258-9846, mark.ryan@sbcglobal.net

VIDEOGRAPHERS NEEDED FOR ORAL HISTORY VIDEO PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to assist in the filming of interviews for the Oral History Video Project. This is a great learning opportunity for young people!

If you are interested in assisting in the filming process, or if you are an Irish-born member interested in being interviewed, contact Peggy O'Leary at 203-243-8124 or opeggyo812@gmail.com.



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.

MILFORD IRISH FESTIVAL

Friday Sept. 14th from 6-11pm & Saturday Sept. 15th from 11am - 11pm
Great weekend of Irish Music, Dance, Sports Food, Drink & More



