



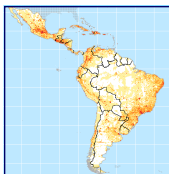
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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

 **feabhra** February 2015



Irish History Lecture: 11th in a Series **THE IRISH INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA** Sunday, February 8th ♣ 2 - 4 PM



Chronicles of the Irish in Latin America that reveal epic qualities, both from the victim's and the hero's standpoint, and the special place the Irish hold in the hearts of many Latin Americans, especially the Mexicans.

Presented by Jack Keogh, GAC member and international consultant who has spent over 10 years in Mexico and has a unique perspective on the Irish in Latin America.

Registration \$5 per person. Please send an e-mail to Mary Arroyo at marroyo@optonline.net with subject "Irish History" and include your name, address, and phone number. For more info, call Mary at (203) 377-2346.

Sponsored by Feile, Inc.

*Hosted by Fréamh Éireann Genealogy
and GAC Language Groups*



COME TO THE CÉILÍ

Sunday, February 22nd ♣ 3 - 6 pm

Get your dancing shoes on & come to the Céilí!

Music by John Whelan & Flynn Cohen

Not a dancer? Come and enjoy the music! \$15 at door.

Noreen Forde at (203) 273-0483 or nforde@aol.com



JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	Feb 6	Susan Gillespie & Gerard Corbett
Saturday	Feb 7	Keltic Kick
Friday	Feb 13	Peter McKiernan
Saturday	Feb 14	The Navels
Friday	Feb 20	Once Removed
Saturday	Feb 21	Ghost Riders
Friday	Feb 27	Peter McKiernan
Saturday	Feb 28	Celtic Justice
Friday	Mar 6	Mostly Green
Saturday	Mar 7	Camac



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking forward to 2015, my compliments go out to all of the members who made the effort to vote in the general election and showed an interest in the GAC. Whether your candidate won or lost, we can all work together to make a great club even better. I would like to thank the Election Committee for a difficult job well done.

I expect 2015 will be a busy year, especially with a number of activities centered around the planning of the centennial of the Easter Rising of 1916 in addition to the normal events. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and other committees to increase the number of cultural and social activities to increase member participation.

Patrick J. Carolan, MD

events

SUPER BOWL XLIX ♣ Sunday, Feb 1

Complimentary fare from kick-off 'til half-time

TRIVIA NIGHT ♣ Friday, Feb 6, 8 pm

IRISH HISTORY LECTURE:

IRISH INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Sunday, Feb 8, 2 - 4 pm

CÉILÍ ♣ Sunday, Feb 22, 3 - 6 pm

TRIVIA NIGHT ♣ Friday, March 6, 8 pm

Lenten Dinner Specials are on the menu
Ash Wednesday & Fridays during Lent

February 28th is the last day to use Scrip before expiration. March is a non-Scrip month. Cards will be refilled for use as of April 1st.
Hold Onto Your Card!



club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thursdays at 7:30 pm

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Welcome and assist people entering the Club - a great way to meet members in 2015! Please see Sue Allen at the front desk on Thursday nights or call Manager Tommy Flaherty at (203) 254-0673.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

We meet Mondays, 6:45 pm at First Church Congregational. Free lessons now available. Ted Rappa (203) 874-1183 or fairfield.gaelicpipeband@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night takes a break in February. Bette Leary and DJ Charlie will return on Friday, March 27.

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY GROUP

Our next meeting is Saturday, February 14 at 10:30 am. Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com


GAC BOWLING LEAGUE

Join us on Sundays at 6:30 pm at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield. Come alone or with friends!
Donna Lillis (203) 373-9129
Hilary Koreeda (203) 335-6861

GAC BUSINESS DIRECTORY/ TRADES LIST

The GAC Business Directory / Trades List is for trades AND professionals. To place your listing: Go to www.gaconline.org/directory1.html, click on GAC Businesses Directory and follow the prompts to add your listing. If you need a category added, e-mail the Committee from the *Contact Us* page.

GOOD & WELFARE

 Get well wishes to Tom Scanlon, who is recovering from surgery.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

P.K. Lenihan 203-261-6656

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Gaeilge

Learn Irish! Beginners classes meet at 6:30 pm and Intermediate classes meet at 7:15 pm on Thursdays in the Cultural Room on the second floor. For more info, contact Kathy Thopsey at kthopsey@fairfield.edu.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

Gloria Piche at 203-260-4037

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran (203) 870-6043

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, Feb 13 at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SCÉALA

The March issue deadline is Feb 13. Please submit news to 'Newsletter' via the website or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SENIORS

Join us for lunch on Thursday, Feb 26 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, Feb 22:
Ann Hague 203-374-5198
Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083
Sally Savage 203-366-4826

SET DANCING

We dance on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Brian Reynolds (203) 214-2921

Irish Music

On the radio or via the Internet for your listening pleasure

WVOF 88.5 FM Fairfield Univ

Sundays, Noon - 2 pm
Irish Melodies

WFUV 90.7 FM Fordham Univ

Saturdays
8 - 9 am *Mile Fáilte*
9 - 12 N *A Thousand Welcomes*
12-1 pm *The Thistle & Shamrock*
Sundays
12 - 4 pm *Ceol na nGael*

WSHU 91.1 FM Sacred Heart Univ

Saturdays
8 - 9 pm *The Thistle & Shamrock*



www.clarefm.ie

www.midwestradio.ie

LOVE THEE, DEAREST?
LOVE THEE?

Love thee, dearest? love thee?
Yes, by yonder star I swear,
Which thro' tears above thee
Shines so sadly fair;
Tho' often dim,
With tears, like him,
Like him my truth will shine,
And--love thee, dearest? love thee?
Yes, till death I'm thine.
Leave thee, dearest? leave thee?

No, that star is not more true;
When my vows deceive thee,
He will wander too.
A cloud of night
May veil his light,
And death shall darken mine--
But--leave thee, dearest? leave thee?
No, till death I'm thine.



Thomas Moore

Love
friendship
loyalty



CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To renew your membership, go to www.gaconline.org, login with your email address and password.

First time Login?

1. Click "Forgot password" at the top right corner, beside the Login button.
2. Complete the form and you will be e-mailed an entry box to create your password.
3. Now Login with your e-mail address and password.
4. Click on "View Profile" at the top right corner, beside the Logout button.

Please review your details and make any updates. Renew by choosing check processed electronically (free); credit card (3% fee); or mailed paper check.

Possible reasons why you are unable to login:

*If you have never provided your e-mail address you will be unable to login.

*If your e-mail address was originally entered incorrectly in the old database.

*If your email address has changed.

To provide an e-mail address, please go to www.gaconline.org/contact.html and choose "Membership Committee" or drop a note in the Membership mailbox.

Some members have not provided an e-mail address and will need to renew the "old" way. If you have not received your renewal form in the mail, please let us know. **Renewal deadline is February 28.**



FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL

The 2015 Festival is moving along. The Committee is meeting every two weeks. Our next meetings will be held on Mondays, Feb 2 and Feb 16 at 7 pm in the O'Keefe Room. We are looking for individuals or small groups who would like to manage one small event, such as a cooking lesson or soda bread contest. We are also looking for people who would be interested in spending one or two hours advising our subcommittee on publicity and advertising. Attendance at all meetings is not required. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh perspectives! If interested, please email Maura O'Donnell at maura418@aol.com.

The 2015 Festival returns to the fields of Fairfield University on Father's Day weekend: June 19, 20 & 21.




The Mating Season



The Clan na Gael Players are in production with Sam Cree's *The Mating Season*. The action takes place in the living room of Sidney Gillespie, a widower. It looks like Sidney has found a prospective wife and is giddy with happiness! But, of course, there are problems upon problems. Mrs. Jamieson, his housekeeper, is not happy with his choice of the pushy Stella Morley, or her spoiled, smart-mouthed daughter, Vanessa, who want to make changes in Sid's household - plans that include Sid moving his sons Mervyn and Robin, as well as his brother-in-law Fred out, and eliminating the housekeeper's job, before she and her daughter move in. Sid's attempts to placate her demands include dealing with his son's girlfriends, Barbara and Helga, both of whom completely misinterpret his interest in them. Then there is his brother-in-law, Fred and Fred's sweetheart, of many years ago, Violet! Misunderstandings, confusion, spying, lying, twists and turns fill the room before the dust settles on a final resolution. It's all in good fun ... the audience will be laughing out loud as the action moves quickly along. Show dates are April 9, 10, 11 & 12. Next month the cast will be revealed!

ONE ACT PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST

Clan na Gael announces its 5th annual Playwright Contest, which begins February 15th and runs through July 15th. The contest is open to all ages; complete rules and entry forms will be available in the Club lobby on the green table. For further information, please contact Nancy O'Neil at naoneil@charter.net or (203) 377-1070. 

IMMIGRATION REFORM

If anyone is interested or if you know someone who might be interested in President Obama's immigration reforms, please contact me at 203-644-9073 or poc6575@att.net. I have information that can greatly help you. *Pat O'Connell*

APPLICATIONS

The GAC accepts applications for kitchen, wait staff, bartenders, and custodial positions. Should a vacancy occur, applications on file will be considered. Applications may be found in the Manager's mailbox in the lobby stairwell.

IRISH INTERESTS



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
Tuesday, March 17th
 Downtown Bridgeport
 Ted Lovely, Grand Marshal



8:00 am Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral
 9:15 am Flag Raising at City Hall
 10:00 am Full Breakfast
 12 noon Parade Kick-off
 1:30 pm Lunch: Corned beef sandwiches
 & fixings

Reserved seating for breakfast and lunch at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn are \$20 per meal when purchased by March 11th; afterwards tickets are \$25.

For Reservations: Marilyn Mitchell at moommy1@aol.com | (203) 261-4767 or Patty McDonnell at pattymcd2001@gmail.com | (203) 366-2417.

WOMEN AND THE GREAT HUNGER IN IRELAND **June 3 - 6 at Quinnipiac University**

The conference will examine the role of women during a period of sustained hunger or famine. Three distinguished keynote speakers include: Jason King, PhD, of Galway University; Ciarán Reilly, PhD, of Maynooth University; and Margaret Ward, PhD, of Queen's University, Belfast.

Details of the conference can be found at:
<http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-and-centers/irelands-great-hunger-institute/women-and-the-great-hunger-in-ireland-conference/>.

The Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University offers a deeper understanding of the causes and consequences of the Irish Famine, also known as An Gorta Mór.



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February
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Schedule pub hours Dinner Lunch & Branch

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 - 3:00 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	11:30 am - 2:30 pm

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CÉAO MÍLE
fáilte



Sunday Dómnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
1 St. Brigid's Day ✠ Celtic Spring Super Bowl XLIX Spread Kickoff 'til half-time 🏈 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	2 Groundhog Day 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	3 St. Blaise's Day Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	4 🎵 Informal Music 7 -10 pm In the Pub	5 6-9 pm 🎵 Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	6 🧐 8 pm Trivia Night 🎵 Susan Gillespie & Gerard Corbett 9 pm In the Pub	7 Pub Dining Only 🎵 Keltic Kick 9 pm In the Pub
8 🍀 2-4 Irish History Lecture Irish Influence In Latin America 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	9 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	10 7:30 Exec Comm Mtg Open to all Members Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	11 🎵 Informal Music 7 -10 pm In the Pub	12 Lincoln's Birthday 6-9 pm 🎵 Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	13 Scéala deadline 🧐 8 pm Membership Mtg 🎵 Peter McKiernan 9 pm In the Pub	14 Valentine's Day 💕 10:30 Genealogy Group 🎵 The Navels 9 pm In the Pub
15 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	16 President's Day 🇺🇸 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	17 Shrove Tuesday 🥞 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	18 Ash Wednesday ✠ ∞ Lenten Specials 🎵 Informal Music 7 -10 pm In the Pub	19 6-9 pm 🎵 Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	20 ∞ Lenten Specials 🎵 Once Removed 9 pm In the Pub	21 Pub Dining Only 🎵 Ghost Riders 9 pm In the Pub
22 Washington's Bday 3-6 Céili 🍀 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	23 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	24 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	25 🎵 Informal Music 7 -10 pm In the Pub	26 6-9 pm 🎵 Lizzie 12noon Seniors Lunch 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	27 ∞ Lenten Specials 🎵 Peter McKiernan 9 pm In the Pub	28 Pub Dining Only Membership Renewals Due Last Day to Use Scrip 🎵 Celtic Justice 9 pm In the Pub

Irish Lore

- 🍀 Eating a plate of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday is a popular custom.
- 🍀 Feast of St. Brigid is honored on Feb 1. Making a St. Brigid's Cross out of rushes or reeds is a popular custom.
- 🍀 St. Valentine's relics are buried at the Carmelite Church in Dublin.
- 🍀 Patrick Francis Healy was the first African-American Jesuit and the first African-American president of Georgetown University.
- 🍀 George Washington declared St. Patrick's Day a holiday while his troops were encamped during the American Revolution in 1780.



Reminder
Please Sign-In Guests
(maximum of 4)
Please Return Your
Glasses to the Bar

