



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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www.gaconline.org



CÉAD MILE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



MÁRTA March 2014



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY Monday, March 17th

9 am **GAA Finals**
10 am **Flag Raising Ceremony**
Light fare follows
12 noon **Pub Opens**



♣ PUB ♣

1:30-3:30 **St Joseph's Céili Band**
3:45-6:00 **Acoustic Kevin**
of Co. Cavan Band
6:15-8:45 **Across The Pond**
9:00-Close **Camac**

♣ CAROLAN ROOM ♣

1:00-3:00 **The Shamroques**
3:15-5:30 **Ceol agus Craic**
5:30-6:30 **Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band**
Lenihan School of Irish Dance
6:30 - 9:00 **TBA**

Special Menu (in place of regular menu) starting at 3 pm on Sunday March 16 and Monday March 17, which includes corned beef sandwiches, fish & chips, chicken fingers, fries and tuna sandwiches. Irish potato chips and Irish chocolates will be available.

Volunteers are needed for the door on Sunday, March 16 starting at 4 pm and on Monday, March 17 starting at 12 noon. Please sign-up at the front desk, see Sue Allen, or call the Manager at 203-254-0673. We also need help making sandwiches and serving food on Sunday, March 16 and Monday, March 17. Please sign-up at the front desk or call Mary O'Driscoll at 203-414-9462.



\$5 Guest Fee ♣ Sunday, Mar 16 at 4 pm & Monday, Mar 17 at 1 pm

JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	Feb 28	<i>The Ghost Riders</i>
Saturday	Mar 1	<i>Across The Pond</i>
Friday	Mar 7	<i>The Irish Band</i>
Saturday	Mar 8	<i>The Tune Squad</i>
Friday	Mar 14	<i>Mostly Green</i>
Saturday	Mar 15	<i>Dreams of Freedom</i> from Co. Kerry
Sunday	Mar 16	<i>Keltic Kick</i> 4 - 7:30 pm
		<i>The Jolly Beggars</i> 7:45 - 11 pm
Monday	Mar 17	See Schedule Above
Friday	Mar 21	<i>Inside Out</i>
Saturday	Mar 22	<i>The Crickstones</i>
Friday	Mar 28	<i>The Ghost Riders</i>
Saturday	Mar 29	<i>Across The Pond</i>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm certain we're all glad to be shaking off February's cabin fever as we turn the corner toward spring and of course the celebration of St. Patrick's Day! As one of the busiest times of the year for our club, I'd like to acknowledge the volunteers who help make this celebration a success and to all, La Fheile Padraig Sona Daoibh!



Jude Fitzgerald



The Druids In Concert

Sunday, March 16th ♣ 3 pm



Ireland's most popular concert group, The Druids, will perform at the Gaelic American Club. All proceeds to benefit the 1916 100th Anniversary Easter Rising Memorial Fund. Tickets \$20. Contact Pat O'Connell: 203-644-9073 or poc6575@att.net.

Events

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & 2014 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS
Saturday, March 1, 7 - 11 pm, p 4



TRIVIA NIGHT ♣ Friday, March 7, 8 pm



WOLFE TONES CONCERT
Sunday, March 9, 7 pm, p 4



CULTURAL NIGHT
Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 pm, p 4



CHILDREN'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY
Saturday, March 15, 11am - 1pm, p 4



THE DRUIDS IN CONCERT
Sunday, March 16, 3 pm, p 1



ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION
Monday, March 17, p 1



FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, March 28, 6 - 9 pm



TRIVIA NIGHT ♣ Friday, April 4, 8 pm

club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thursdays at 7:30 pm

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Welcome and assist people entering the Club. See Sue Allen.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

We meet Mondays, 6:45 pm at First Church Congregational. Ted Rappa (203) 874-1183

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY GROUP

Our next meeting is Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 am. Susan Callahan: (203) 255-3905 or 7cs7cs@optonline.net

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. Are you a doctor, attorney, engineer, or other professional? It's easy to place your professional listing in the Directory. 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

 A Mass card will be sent to the family of Allida Finnegan who passed on Feb 7. A sympathy card will be sent to John Curtain on the passing of his brother Tom Curtin on Jan 13.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

P.K. Lenihan 203-261-6656

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foshlaim Saeilge

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 (203) 260-4037

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran (203) 870-6043

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2014 labels for door cards should arrive in the mail early April.

SCRIP

Scrip will be credited to the green Scrip cards for use beginning April 1. Note that March is the only month that Scrip is not used. For inquiries, send an e-mail to 'Scrip' via the website or call 203-256-0380.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, March 14 at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SCÉALA

The April issue deadline is March 14. Please submit news to 'Newsletter' via the website or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SENIORS

Join us for lunch on Thursday, Mar 27 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, Mar 23:

Ann Hague 203-374-5198

Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083

Sally Savage 203-366-4826

We will be collecting toiletries for the Bridge Program, such as liquid soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, shaving cream and blades, deodorants, wash cloths and combs and brushes.

SET DANCING

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

SPORTS COMMITTEE

To all our Irish Football and Hurling fans: GAA Games are televised at the club on Saturdays and Sundays. Come meet up with friends and family and watch your county play!

A DAY OF IRISH MUSIC ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Join our own Pat and Joan Kennedy for a musical journey through Ireland. Tune in to WNHU 88.7 FM or go to www.wnhu.net as they Joan present *A Day of Irish Music* on March 17th from 8 am to 6 pm. Send in your requests and dedications to echoe2@comcast.net or call the station. Lots of prizes and giveaways all day long!



MAYO MAN OF THE YEAR



The Mayo Society of New York will pay tribute to our own Jim Feeney, Mayo Man of the Year on Saturday, March 15 at Antuns, Queens Village, NY. For those interested in celebrating, there will be a bus trip from the GAC to the event. For event and bus reservations, contact Noreen Forde at 203-273-0483 or ngforde@aol.com.

club and member news



AOH COMMUNION MASS & BREAKFAST Sunday, March 9th * 8 am

AOH John F. Kennedy Div. 1 Bridgeport/Fairfield will hold its 64th annual Communion Mass at St. Ann's Church, 481 Brewster St, Bridgeport on Sunday, March 9th at 8 am. (Please change your clocks the night before). A full Irish breakfast will immediately follow at the Gaelic American Club. The guest speaker will be Martin Galvin, Irish speaker and activist. Martin is a member of AOH Div 1, Bronx County and is chairman of Freedom for All Ireland in the Bronx. For information, contact Pat O'Connell at 203-644-9073 or poc6575@att.net. For breakfast tickets, please contact Chris Boyle at 203-283-3512 or chris@aohjfk.com.

1916 MEMORIAL MASS AND COMMEMORATION Sunday, April 6th * 3 pm



The ninth annual memorial Mass and Commemoration to remember the heroes of 1916 and the ten hunger strikers of 1981 will be held on Sunday, April 6th. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Lawrence Ryan, SJ at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 1719 Post Rd, Fairfield, 3 pm. The commemoration will follow immediately at the Gaelic American Club with guest speaker, Jim Gallagher, Irish activist and past president of AOH John P. Holland Division, New London, CT. For information, contact Pat O'Connell at 203-644-9073 or poc6575@att.net. Sponsored by the Gaelic American Club, AOH John F. Kennedy Division #1 and The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

★PROPOSAL OF AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS★

An amendment to the Bylaws was proposed at the Membership Meeting on December 13th and will be presented at the Membership Meeting on March 14th. At that time, it may be discussed, withdrawn, or adopted by two-thirds or more of the members present and voting in favor of the adoption. The bold text is indicative of the proposed amendment to clarify that a monthly Membership meeting will not be held in August.

Article VIII - Meetings and Elections

*"8.1 The regular monthly meeting of the GAC shall be held at eight o'clock in the evening on the second Friday of each month except the month of August, **when there will be no meeting.**"*



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Monday, March 17th
Downtown Bridgeport
Terry O'Connor, Grand Marshal

8:00am Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral

In Memory of Allida Finnegan

Celebrant Bishop Frank Caggiano
Lauralton Hall Choir

9:15am Flag Raising at City Hall

10:00am Grand Marshal's Breakfast

12 noon Parade Kick-off

GAC Members Welcome!

1:30 pm Post-Parade Luncheon

Full Breakfast is \$20. Lunch: Corned beef sandwiches with fixin's is \$20. Reserved seating for tickets purchased prior to March 7th; afterwards tickets are \$25 and seating is on a first come basis. Bridgeport Holiday Inn. For Reservations: Nancy Lovely at (203) 268-9657.

Congratulations to: Miss Shamrock Elizabeth Crocker; Mr. Shamrock Daniel Donahue; Miss Shamrock Runner-Up Colleen Chrzanowski; and Mr. Shamrock Runner-Up Daniel McInerney.

Put On Your Green ~ March with the GAC



FEILE BOARD NEWS

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors of Feile, Inc. welcomed two new members: Ms. Colleen Filush, musician and, for the past several years, chairperson of the Festival Music Committee; and Ms. Eileen Lynam, who has served as Coordinator of Volunteers for the Festival. To them, we say Failte! At the same time, we bid a fond farewell and note with sadness the departure of two dedicated, very long-serving board members: Mr. Peter Bellew, our fount of steadiness and wisdom; and Ms. Carol Kuhta, who for many years coordinated donations for the board. To Peter and Carol, we say Go raibh maith agat agus Dia leat!

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 GAC Manager's mailbox in lobby stairwell.

BAR CHIPS will no longer be honored in the Pub after March 10th. So you must use them ... or lose them.



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE & 2014 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Honoring

Sam & Mary Mostowy ♣ Chuck O'Connor

Saturday, March 1st ♣ 7 - 11 pm

Music by Tommy Mulvihill

**Join Us In Thanking Sam, Mary, and Chuck
For Dedicating Their Time & Talents to Our Club**

Tickets \$50 ♣ Includes Dinner, Two Drinks &
a Fun Night Filled with Music and Dancing

RSVP by Feb 27 to Patty: cavangirl1@juno.com
or 203-372-5612. Checks made payable to GAC
can be mailed or dropped off in Social mailbox,
Attn: St. Patrick's Dance & Awards.



Children's St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 15th ♣ 11 am - 1 pm

Kids lunch available \$5

Performance & Mini Lesson by Lenihan School of Dance
Sarah Neafsey ♣ saneafsey@gmail.com



Irish Folk Legends The Wolfe Tones Sunday, March 9th 7 pm

Tickets \$25: Send an e-mail to Sheila
at wolfe-tonesgac@yahoo.com and mail
or drop off a check payable to GAC, Attn:
Wolfe Tones. Payment is required to hold
reservation. Or buy online* at
[http://thewolfe-tones.ticketleap.com/the-
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anniversary-tour--gaelic-american-club/](http://thewolfe-tones.ticketleap.com/the-wolfe-tones-50th-anniversary-tour--gaelic-american-club/)
*Service fee applies



Cultural Night

Wednesday, March 12th ♣ 6:30 pm

Noel McGovern, Emcee

The Shamroques

Lenihan School of Irish Dance

Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band

St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club

Clan na Gael ♣ Set Dancers

Irish Language Club



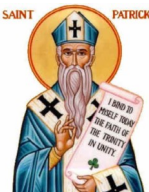











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<div> <div>Sunday DOMHNACH</div> <div>Monday LUAN</div> <div>Tuesday MÁIRT</div> <div>Wednesday CÉADAÓIN</div> <div>Thursday DEARDAÓIN</div> <div>Friday AOINE</div> <div>Saturday SATHARN</div> </div>		<div> Mon & Tues 7 pm - 12 mid Wed & Thurs 5 pm - 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 </div>			<div> Office (203) 254-0673 Fax (203) 254-3012 Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723 Membership (203) 256-0380 Scrip (203) 254-8502 Social (203) 418-7676 Website www.gaconline.org </div>	<div>  </div>
<div> <div>  <div> ST. PATRICK used the shamrock to teach the Irish about Christianity's doctrine of the Holy Trinity. March 17th is the anniversary of his death in the 5th century. More than 100 St. Patrick's Day parades are held across the US. A green line is painted on 5th Avenue in New York City and the Chicago River flows green to celebrate the day. </div> </div> </div>		<div>  </div>			<div>  Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4) Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar </div>	<div>  1 Pub Dining Only 7 pm St. Patrick's Dinner Dance & Members of the Year Awards ♪ Tommy Mulvihill ♪ Across The Pond 9 pm In the Pub </div>
<div> 2 6:30 GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl </div>	<div> 3 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session </div>	<div> 4 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult </div>	<div> 5 Ash Wednesday ☩ Lenten Specials ♪ Informal Music 7-9 pm In the Pub </div>	<div> 6 6:30pm Irish Language I 7:15pm Irish Language II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing </div>	<div>  7 Lenten Specials 8 pm Trivia Night ♪ The Irish Band 9 pm In the Pub </div>	<div>  8 10:30 Genealogy Group 1-3pm CNG Auditions ♪ The Tune Squad 9 pm In the Pub </div>
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