



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824
www.gaconline.org



CÉAD MILE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Mercheamh June 2014



Enjoy our family-style picnic
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Musical Entertainment
4:30 - 7:30 pm

Come celebrate America's birthday!
Park your car, eat and drink,
walk to the beach and
enjoy the fireworks!

Come back to the GAC for
more song and dance with
Outside Chance at 10 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who helped coordinate special events in May: an enlightening Irish History lecture, a family-fun trip to Gaelic Park, a delightful Mother's Day brunch, and a cheerful céilí. Thank you to the Social Committee and everyone who helped decorate the GAC float for the Memorial Day Parade and to all who marched to honor the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, representing our great Club within the town of Fairfield during its 375th anniversary year. The traditional barbeque that followed was a fun-filled outing.

With June comes another tradition - the Fairfield County Irish Festival - the premiere showcase of the best in Irish music, dance, food, and Gaelic football and hurling. I encourage members to volunteer their time and talents and join in celebrating 26 years of sharing our Irish hospitality and culture with the community. I look forward to seeing everyone on the field!

Sláinte,
Jude Fitzgerald



POUR A PINT & WINE TASTING

Monday, June 2nd ✧ 6 - 8 pm

*Pour your own pint of Guinness.
Savor samples from three wine vendors.
Enjoy a cheese & cracker platter.
\$5 Admission. See you there.*



Special Schedule

Saturday, May 31	Last spring lunch
Sunday, June 1	Last spring brunch
Friday, June 6	Membership Meeting, 8 pm
Friday, June 13	Club closed
Saturday, June 14	Club closed
Sunday, June 15	Pub opens 6 pm

JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday June 6	Sharon and Pat Burke
Saturday June 7	Shawn Taylor & The Wandering Roots
Friday June 13	Club Closed ♣ See you at The Festival
Saturday June 14	Club Closed ♣ See you at The Festival
Friday June 20	Ghost Riders
Saturday June 21	Kurt & Helen Band Classic and Country Rock
Friday June 27	McLean Avenue Band
Saturday June 28	Once Removed



Events

POUR A PINT & WINE TASTING
Monday, June 2, 6 - 8 pm, p 1



MEET 'N' GREET NEW MEMBERS
Wednesday, June 11, 6 - 7:30 pm



FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL
Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 15, p 6



FAMILY FUN NIGHT ♣ Friday, June 20, 6-9 pm

4TH OF JULY FAMILY PICNIC
Friday, July 4, 4 pm, p 1



club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Players meet Thursdays, 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, June 7 at 10:30 am.
Susan Callahan: (203) 255-3905
or 7cs7cs@optonline.net

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

 A Mass card will be sent to Susan Barrett and William Barrett, Jr. on the passing of their father, William Barrett, Sr., a World War II veteran, on March 1. Our condolences to the family of Ann M. Egan, who passed on February 16: children Tom Egan and Tricia (and Kevin) McGovern, sister Peggy Guido, nephew Mike Guido, and sister-in-law Catherine Egan.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

P.K. Lenihan 203-261-6656

IRISH/CELTIC CRAFTERS & ARTISTS

We plan to meet every two to three months to explore some form of Celtic craft or Irish art technique.

Des at desnolan@optonline.net.

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Monday Night Musicians play on Mondays at 8 pm.

IRISH LANGUAGE foshlaím Saeilge

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

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP


Gloria Piche (203) 260-4037

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran (203) 870-6043

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

If you were a sponsor in the past couple of years, please contact your prospective member(s) to check if she/he received an invitation for new membership. Check the board in the lobby that lists all those on the Wait List, which indicates applicant's status. The Membership Committee may be contacted at membership@gacemail.org or drop a note in the Membership mailbox.

We will host our second *Meet 'n' Greet* session to welcome new members on Wednesday, June 11th from 6 to 7:30 pm. We invite activity and committee representatives to help welcome members and encourage participation. 

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, June 6th at 8 pm; note the scheduling change to the first Friday. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SCÉALA

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

SENIORS

Join us for lunch on Thursday, June 26 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, June 22:

Ann Hague 203-374-5198
Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083
Sally Savage 203-366-4826

Thank you to all who donated coffee last month; we collected 30 lbs. This month we are collecting peanut butter, tuna fish, soup, and cereal for food pantries.

SET DANCING

We will meet for dinner and have our last dance of the season on Thursday, June 5.
Brian Reynolds (203) 214-2921

SPORTS COMMITTEE

GAA Games are broadcast live in the Pub on Saturdays and Sundays. Look for updates in the eMail *Bulletin*.

CLAN NA GAEL'S PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST runs through June 1 at 8 pm. Rules are available on the green table in the lobby. For further info, contact Nancy O'Neil at naoneil@charter.net or 203-377-1070.

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.

CLUB AND MEMBER NEWS

★ PROPOSED POLICY & PROCEDURE CHANGE ★

A policy change was proposed at the Membership Meeting on May 9th and will be brought to the floor for consideration at the Membership Meeting on June 6th. At that time, it may be discussed, withdrawn, amended, or adopted by a majority of those present and voting. The proposed change is the ADDITION of an Elections Code of Conduct, which follows.

ELECTIONS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Elections Committee shall be charged with conducting a fair, honest, and efficient election.

The Elections Committee shall be responsible for opening and closing the polling place, enforcing the Elections Code, maintaining accurate records of voting, staffing the poll site, and preparing and publishing all notices in connection with the election.

Each member of the Elections Committee shall be required to sign a Code of Conduct agreeing to remain neutral and not promote any candidates in any way, i.e., through phone calls, emails, or "voter cards", commencing with their appointment to the Committee until the final results are announced at the conclusion of voting.

All candidates for office must sign an agreement stating that they will conduct themselves in a manner that facilitates an honest, fair, and efficient election. Candidates agree to refrain from personal attacks upon any candidates or members of their family, or conduct any campaigning using the Gaelic American Club name or any GAC media for their personal campaign. Further, candidates will refrain from campaigning in the immediate area of the polling place and will keep a respectable distance from the voting machines and shall not linger in the lobby except to cast their own vote. Candidates shall not gather in the Carolan Room, the lobby, or the vestibule. These rules shall apply to all candidates including, the President of the Executive Committee, if running for another term, unless called upon to cast a vote to break a tie.

Candidate for Executive Committee

Elections Committee Member

CLAN NA GAEL PLANS TO SET SAIL



The Clan na Gael Players are pleased to announce its fall production, *S.S. DREAM SPINNER*, an interactive audience participation comedy/mystery which will be presented with a buffet dinner. The audience is encouraged to interact with the characters as they move among and mix with the guests. There will be four performances: Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with door opening at 7 pm and Sunday afternoon with door opening at 2 pm. The *S.S. Dream Spinner* is a luxury, economy cruise liner which specializes in weekend cruises with a variety of exciting stops to visit local points of interest. Entertainment, food and outstanding service are hallmarks of this carrier in addition to its low cost. Watch here for updates! The *S.S. Dream Spinner* will be hoisting anchor on November 20, 21, 22, and 23. Mark your calendars!

Peg O'Leary

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

held the Mid-Atlantic Regional Fleadh Cheoil in April. Tim Quinn led a group of Fairfield volunteers to help organize and staff the three-day festival of traditional Irish music. In addition to the musician-volunteers, the following members participated in the Fleadh competitions: Coleman Connolly and Tiernan Connolly, (1st place U12 Buíon Cheoil Chéilí Ceili Band), Claire Feeney and Jack Feeney (1st place U18 Grúpaí Cheoil and 1st place U18 Ceili Band), Mary Feeney (2nd Place U12 Storytelling), and Ellen Feeney (2nd place U12 Melodeon, 2nd place U12 trios, 1st place Groupaí Cheoil). Anyone interested in traditional Irish music, contact the local Comhaltas branch at <http://pvodonnellcce.org>.



SUMMER SPORTS

Cúl Camp ♣ June 23 - 27



St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club invites girls and boys between the ages of 6 and 15 to discover Ireland's traditional sports at its fourth annual Cúl Camp from June 23rd to 27th at Notre Dame High School, Fairfield. Cúl in Irish Gaelic means goal. Cúl camps are the official summer camps of the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), held in every county in Ireland as well as in the U.S. St. Patrick's Cúl Camp is designed to introduce boys and girls of all experience levels to the thrills and excitement of Gaelic football and hurling. Each day involves skill-specific instruction and small-sided games. For more info: www.stpatricksgfc.org.

Continental Youth Championships

The North American Gaelic Sports Championships (CYCs) will be held on Randall's Island, NY from July 24 to 27. Each year up to 2,500 children aged U6 to U18 to participate. St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club has captured three championships and plans to add to the club's legacy at the 2014 games. If your children are interested in playing, contact admin@stpatricksgfc.org. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, June 9 at 7:30 pm at the GAC for girls interested in playing in girls-only Gaelic football games. Women with experience in camogie and Gaelic football are encouraged to attend or volunteer. To volunteer at the CYCs, contact nygaagdo@gmail.com.

ANCIENT IRISH GENEALOGY SEMINAR

For those interested in exploring their ancient genealogies, ancient family history, and ancestral rights and privileges under Brehon Law, the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College will offer an eight week research seminar in Ancient Irish Genealogy on Tuesday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, from June 3 to July 22. For detail, please see <http://www.irishtribes.com/molloy.html>. To register: Catherine Tully Muscente at (516) 323-4710 or cmuscente@molloy.edu.

June 13, 14, & 15



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Irish Festival

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JUNE 2014
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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	May 31 ... then Sept
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	June 1 ... then Oct

How To Reach us

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Pub emergencies	(203) 254-2723
Membership	(203) 256-0380
Scrip	(203) 254-8502
Social	(203) 418-7676
Website	www.gaconline.org

Céao Míle fáilte



Sunday Dómhach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Déardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
1 Deadlines Dancing with GAC Stars CNG Playwright Contest	2 6-8 Pour A Pint & Wine Tasting 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band 8pm Irish Instrument Session	3 7:30 Exec Comm Mtg Open to all Members Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	4 	5 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	6 8pm Membership Mtg ♪ Sharon & Pat Burke 9 pm In the Pub	7 10:30 Genealogy Group ♪ Shawn Taylor & The Wandering Roots 9 pm In the Pub
8 Pentecost Sunday	9 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	10 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	11 fáilte 6 pm Meet 'n' Greet New Members	12 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7pm Irish Festival Mass	13 Scéala deadline Club Closed Fairfield County Irish Festival	14 Flag Day Club Closed Fairfield County Irish Festival
15 Father's Day Pub opens 6 pm Fairfield County Irish Festival	16 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	17 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	18 	19 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game	20 Pub Dining Only 6-9pm Family Fun Night ♪ Ghost Riders 9 pm In the Pub	21 Summer solstice ♪ Kurt & Helen Band Classic & Country Rock 9 pm In the Pub
22	23 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	24 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	25	26 12noon Seniors Lunch 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game	27 Pub Dining Only ♪ McLean Ave Band 9 pm In the Pub	28 ♪ Once Removed 9 pm In the Pub
29	30 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session		Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4) Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar			

Fairfield County Irish Festival

Father's Day Weekend
June 13, 14, 15, 2014
at Fairfield University

Join Us For Our 26th Kick-off Mass on Thursday, June 12th at 7 pm in the Main Tent



MAIN TENT: SHOWCASE OF TALENT FROM IRELAND AND AMERICA Featuring music by *Fighting Jamesons, Broken Bango Strings, McLean Avenue Band*, and *The Highland Rovers* among others, and dancing with *Lenihan School of Irish Dance* and *Sheeaun Academy of Irish Dance*.

"THE GEORGE" PUB TENT *Tigh an Óil*

Friends gather for great music and great fun ... great "cráic"!



MORAN CULTURAL TENT *Ciorcal Cultúrtha Uí Mhóráin*

Named in honor of Joe Moran, who was a guiding force for the Festival, crowds gather to celebrate the many aspects of our Irish culture.

CHILDREN'S TENT *Tír na nÓg* Family fun abounds in storytelling, dance, plays and music ... plus magic shows, rides and crafts for children to create.



SPORTS *Páirc Imeartha (Playing Field)* Adult and children's demonstrations and tournaments of Irish Football and Hurling are run by The St. Patrick's Football Club, culminating with the 10th annual Donnelly Cup Tournament.

MARKETPLACE *Margadh Uí Bhaoill* Named in honor of Jan and Fran Boyle, Boyle Street Market offers the best in handcrafted and authentic Irish goods.



VOLUNTEERS are needed for Father's Day weekend, June 13, 14 & 15 at Fairfield University. Forms can be found at the Club or you can sign-up online - go to Festival webpage at <http://irishfestival.org>, click on "Volunteers" and then click again on "Volunteer Spot" link to sign-up.

FESTIVAL APPAREL: T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and buttons with the commemorative 26th anniversary logo are available for sale weekends at the Club and on the Festival field.

HOUSE TENT: We are requesting homemade goodies from all you bakers. Please bring them to the House Tent on the field.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Five cash prizes range from \$500 to \$5,000. Please return your raffle tickets ASAP at the Club or by mail to FEILE, 74 Beach Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824, or drop of at the Festival prior to drawing on Sunday, June 15, at 6 pm.

SHUTTLE SERVICE: Free 10-minute shuttle service from the Fairfield train station and Fairfield Ludlowe High School parking lots will bring you to main gate of Festival. No on campus parking.

ADMISSION

\$12 Adults

\$10 Students (with student ID)

Children under 16 free with parents

\$20 Three-day pass



FEILE, a 501(c) 3 non-profit, is continually promoting Irish culture with ever-widening charitable, educational, scholarship and literary pursuits. We enthusiastically look forward to the future and, in particular, we look forward to greeting you at the Festival over Father's Day Weekend and hope to see you for many years to come!

