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



CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Láil July 2014

4th of July Family Picnic

Enjoy Our Family-Style Picnic ★ 4 - 7 pm

Musical Entertainment ★ 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Picnic Tickets at the Door

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

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Come back to the GAC for
more song and dance with
Outside Chance ★ 10 pm - 1 am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work to help make the Irish Festival such a great success, especially all those involved in running the GAC corned beef tent.

We welcomed new members with *Meet & Greet* sessions in May and June and will do so again in July; thank you to all the committees who attended. The Club is doing very well financially; thanks to all our members who make this happen.

Hope you have a happy 4th of July holiday and enjoy the summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Sláinte,
Jude Fitzgerald



UPDATE The proposed change to Policy and Procedures to add an Elections Code of Ethics was *not adopted* by Membership at the June meeting.

1916 EASTER RISING CLASSIC

The Committee will hold a golf tournament on Sept 5th at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course, Fairfield. All proceeds will go towards the commemorative bronze monument to be erected at the GAC. For more info: Pat O'Connell at poc6575@att.net or (203) 644-9073.

Events

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

MEET & GREET NEW MEMBERS
Thursday, July 17, 6 - 7:30 pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT ♣ Friday, July 25, 6-9 pm
TRIVIA NIGHT ♣ Friday, August 1, 8 pm



GAC AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gaelic American Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to award two high school graduates from the Class of 2014 with \$2,000 scholarships to Elizabeth Croker, daughter of James and Siobhan Croker and graduate of Fairfield Ludlowe High School, who will attend The National University of Ireland, Galway; and to Liam Patrick Oliver, son of Dean and Ann Oliver and graduate of Foran High School in Milford, who will attend Albertus Magnus College. Thank you to the applicants and good luck to all in their educational endeavors! GAC has awarded scholarships for the past 26 years. Future applicants are encouraged to participate in GAC activities.



JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday July 4 **Outside Chance** ★ 10 pm
Saturday July 5 **Gary Collins Band**

Friday July 11 **The Crickstones**
Saturday July 12 **Sharon and Pat Burke**

Friday July 18 **Four of A Kind**
Saturday July 19 **Roll Away**

Friday July 25 **Mike McGovern Band**
Saturday July 26 **Across the Pond**

Friday August 1 **Camac**
Saturday August 2 **Pat Kane**



Club Activities

25 CARD GAME

Players meet Thursdays, 7:30 pm

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Welcome and assist people entering the Club. See Sue Allen at front desk on Thursday nights.


FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND


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

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 the family of Patricia Westfield, pipe major with the Gaelic Pipe Band, who passed on June 11. Heartfelt condolences to Den Fry and family on the passing of his cousin John Payne, Jr.; Joan Kleinknecht and family on the passing of her brother, Carl; Doreen O'Connell and family on the passing of her father; and to Kathleen Thopsey, Casey Jones, his wife, Debbie and family on the passing of their mother, Marie Jones.

 Get well wishes to Joan Kleinknecht; Harold "Bob" Hough, Sr.; Timothy O'Shea; and Joe Blackall.

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.

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran (203) 870-6043

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



We will host our third *Meet & Greet* session to welcome new members on Thursday, July 17th from 6 to 7:30 pm. Activity and committee representatives are invited to help welcome new members and encourage participation.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, July 11th at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

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The August issue deadline is July 11. Please submit news to 'Newsletter' via the website or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

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

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.

GAELIC SPORTS

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, e-mail admin@stpatricksgfc.org. To volunteer at the CYCs, e-mail nygaagdo@gmail.com.






A MONUMENTAL LEGACY

The Consulate General of Ireland is hosting "A Monumental Legacy: Archbishop John J. Hughes and the Building of St. Patrick's Cathedral" with a selection of paintings from the Brian P. Burns Collection of Irish Art. Expert narrative panels and rarely seen artifacts from the Archdiocesan Archives will be on display, along with the original bell striker, restored by member Matt Miner through July 31. For more info: www.saintpatrickscathedral.org/hughes. To schedule an appointment to visit the exhibition, contact the Consulate at 212-319-2555, ext. 0.

CLAN NA GAEL AUDITIONS



Auditions for Clan na Gael's production of *S.S. DREAM SPINNER*, an audience participation comedy/mystery with a buffet dinner, will be held on Oct 11 and 12. The cast includes a short stage show requiring singing and movement. Strong improvisational skills needed. Ability to play an instrument also welcome. More information to follow.

July Lail 2014				Schedule		Pub hours		Dinner		Lunch & Branch		How To Reach us		Céad Míle Fáilte	
				Mon & Tues Wed & Thurs Friday Saturday Sunday		7 pm - 12 mid 5 pm - 12 mid 4 pm - 2 am 12 noon - 2 am 12 noon - 12 mid		5 pm - 9 pm 5 pm - 10 pm 5 pm - 10 pm 5 pm - 10 pm 5 pm - 9 pm		Resumes in September Resumes in October		Office Fax Pub emergencies Membership Scrip Social Website (203) 254-0673 (203) 254-3012 (203) 254-2723 (203) 256-0380 (203) 254-8502 (203) 418-7676 www.gaconline.org			
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IRISH FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 26 YEARS

The 2014 Irish Festival Committee would like to thank all the members of the Gaelic American Club and their friends who volunteered their time over Father's Day weekend. The Festival is only made possible each year by the scores of volunteers from our Club who give up their weekend to share our culture and friendship.

Jameson's tasting - new this year - and the Guinness pour - back by popular demand from last year on Father's Day - were well received. Sunday sported several youth hurling games held on the field, which was very exciting. Congratulations to the Irish Sports Youth League of Boston who hoisted the 10th Donnelly Cup.

Congratulations to Irish Soda Bread winners: Jim Coyne, Stamford, 1st place; Colleen Costello Rutkunas, Fairfield, 2nd place; Ellen Mahoney Giannino, Monroe, 3rd place; and to Brown Bread winner Ellen Terebesi, Fairfield. Thank you to all participants.

In a ceremony in the Main Tent, FEILE awarded \$1,500 scholarships to four 2014 high school graduates. Recipients and their respective colleges: Michael Connolly, Clemson University; Megan Fickes, Boston College; Maureen Gertzakis, Fairfield University; and Tim Kelly, Sacred Heart University. Congratulations and good luck to all in your educational endeavors!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Festival with the raffle. This year's lucky winners: \$5,000 Frank O'Neill, Milford; \$2,500 Eileen Spiltor, Fairfield; \$1,250 Kathy Kenney, Fairfield; \$750 Mary Cannon, Fairfield; and \$500 Dorothy Kennedy, New Port Richey, FL.

**THANK YOU ALL WHO CAME
TO SHARE A PART OF THEIR
WEEKEND AND SUPPORTED
THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE IRISH FESTIVAL!**

*Maura O'Donnell, Co-Chair
Pat Speer, Co-Chair*



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How To Reach us	
Office	(203) 254-0673
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