



SCÉALA

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



Lúnasa August 2014



1916 Easter Rising Golf Classic

The 1916 Easter Rising Committee is looking for foursomes and sponsors for their Golf Classic at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield on Friday, September 5th. Registration & Luncheon at 12 noon, Shotgun Start at 1 pm. Dinner at the GAC at 7 pm with Open Bar 7 to 10 pm. Awards & Raffle. Individual Entry \$150. Foursome \$600. Tee Sponsor \$100. Dinner Guest \$50.



All proceeds will go to erecting a monument to the memory of those who gave their lives during the Easter Rising in Dublin in 1916. The monument will be unveiled on April 24th, 2016 at the GAC. For info: Pat O'Connell (203) 644-9073 or Dave Howe (203) 767-6519

Friday, September 5th



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Executive Committee would like to welcome the new Permittee Chris Boccamozza and would like to thank the previous Permittee Marc Darcy for his service to the GAC.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated the Fourth of July at the Club. Come join us for an intriguing Trivia Night and for the exciting All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi-Finals. I encourage members to support the 1916 Easter Rising Golf Classic and look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Sláinte,
Jude Fitzgerald



 **Join us in the pub at 9 pm**

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



Friday August 8 *Sharon and Pat Burke*
Saturday August 9 *The Crickstones*

Friday August 15 *The Highland Rovers*
Saturday August 16 *The Irish Band*



Friday August 22 *The Kerry Boys*
Saturday August 23 *Once Removed*

Friday August 29 *The Navels*
Saturday August 30 *Mike McGovern Band*



Friday Sept 5 *Tim Harte*
Saturday Sept 6 *Outside Chance*



OKTOBERFEST
Bernie's Orchestra
German Buffet Dinner
Saturday, Sept 20th
♦ 4 - 8 pm ♦

More in September Newsletter

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!
Friday, August 1, 8 pm



HURLING & FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS
Sundays: August 10, 17, 24 & 31
Adults \$20; Children free

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, August 29, 6 - 9 pm



1916 EASTER RISING GOLF CLASSIC
Friday, September 5





club news & ACTIVITIES

APPLICATIONS


Applications for part-time custodian are being accepted at present. 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.

MEMBER NEWS

 Congratulations to Thomas Pearse Keane, St. John's Law School '13, who was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and to Sean Keane, son of Tom and Pat Keane, a member of the Boston College Gaelic Football Club, which placed 3rd at the 2014 National Collegiate Championships held at Gaelic Park.

 Good luck to Danielle Veith, who will perform with the touring Irish dance group *Take The Floor* in Limerick, Wexford, & Derry (Aug 7 - 9). The high school senior has danced with Lenihan School of Irish Dance for 7 years and was selected from hundreds of applicants.

SUMMER BLOOMS

 Summer blooms adorn along the Club's walkway to the front doors. It took time and labor to plant the flowers as we are trying to keep our grounds as beautiful as our Club's interior. As a polite reminder, please stay on the walkway when visiting the Club.

25 CARD GAME

We 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.


IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Monday Night Musicians play on Mondays at 8 pm.

IRISH LANGUAGE *Foghlaim 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

 Summer is a popular time for reading. Please be sure to sign-out books when borrowing them and to sign-in books when returning them.
Peggy Corcoran 203-870-6043

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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


SCÉALA

The September issue deadline is August 8. Please submit news to Rose Leahy, Editor via the *Contact Us* page on the website or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SENIORS

A special thank you to all who contributed to our June food drive. We delivered 12 bags of food to Operation Hope & Merton House. Sorry I missed the June lunch but it was in the capable hands of Phyllis, Esther, Mary, Sam & Pat O'Connell. See everyone back Sept 25. Have a wonderful & safe summer.
God bless, *Mary Ann*

SPORTS COMMITTEE

 Thank you to Noreen and Gerry Forde for having served as Chair and Co-Chair during the past few years, bringing their enthusiasm to organizing GAA Games gatherings and the *Hanging of the Jerseys*. Come cheer your favorite county during the All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi-Finals and watch satellite telecasts of live GAA Games in the Pub on August 10, 17, 24 & 31. Adults \$20; children free. Look for updates in eMail *Bulletin*.

Attention. Attention. Attention. Back by Popular Demand. Monday Night Football BBQ.

By the 3 Cooking Mavens - Pat, Pat & Jay - Starting Sept 8th. Look for Menu in *September Newsletter*.

A Prayer For Peter



We extend our heartfelt get well wishes to Peter Thaddeus Monks, son of Susan and Tom Monks, who is at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital ICU. The family humbly asks that you pray for Peter's recovery as he bravely battles cancer and fights for his life and that the medical team makes the best care and treatment choices; they seek the intercession of Venerable Father Michael McGivney, an Irish-American candidate for sainthood.

About Father McGivney: Born to Irish immigrants on August 12, 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Michael McGivney was ordained a priest in Baltimore in 1877. While serving at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal order, in 1882, whose four pillars are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father Michael J. McGivney venerable, approving a decree of "Heroic Virtue" for the parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue His work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present for the restoration of Peter Monks' health. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. OUR FATHER. HAIL MARY. GLORY BE.



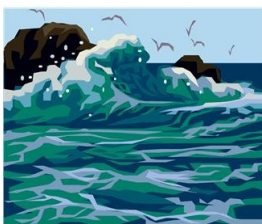
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AUGUST Lúnasa 2014



Schedule	Pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Brunch	How To Reach us
Mon & Tues	7 pm - 12 mid			Office (203) 254-0673
Wed & Thurs	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm		Fax (203) 254-3012
Friday	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm		Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723
Saturday	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	Resumes in September	Membership (203) 256-0380
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	Resumes in October	Scrip (203) 254-8502
				Social (203) 418-7676
				Website www.gaonline.org

Céao mBe
fáilte



Sunday
Dómhach

Monday
Luan

Tuesday
Máirt

Wednesday
Céadaoin

Thursday
Deardaoin

Friday
Aoine

Saturday
Satharn

Lugh is the Celtic god of blacksmiths and artisans, and is honored at the time of harvest as a grain god and a god of late summer storms. He held a harvest fair, which became known as Lughnasadh. On August 1, Ireland celebrates Lughnasadh with dancing, song, and bonfires; and the Catholic Church has a ritual blessing of farmers' fields.



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

1 Lughnasa
Irish autumn



8 pm Trivia Night

♫ **Camac**

9 pm In the Pub

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♫ **Pat Kane**

9 pm In the Pub

3

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6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band
at the church
8pm Irish Instrument
Session

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7:30 Exec Comm Mtg
Open to all Members

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6:30pm Irish Lang I
7:15pm Irish Lang II
7:30pm 25 Card Game

8 Scéala deadline



8pm Membership Mtg
♫ **Sharon & Pat Burke**
9 pm In the Pub

9 Pub Dining Only

♫ **The Crickstones**
9 pm In the Pub

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GAA Hurling Semi-Final
Broadcast live from Ireland

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♫ **The Highland Rovers**
9 pm In the Pub

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9 pm In the Pub

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9 pm In the Pub

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♫ **Once Removed**
9 pm In the Pub

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GAA Football Semi-Final
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7:30pm 25 Card Game

29 Pub Dining Only



6-9pm Family Fun Night
♫ **The Navels**
9 pm In the Pub

30 Pub Dining Only

♫ **Mike McGovern Band**
9 pm In the Pub

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GAA Football Semi-Final
Broadcast live from Ireland