



SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes  MEÁN Fómhair September 2014



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 ♦ 5 - 9 PM

Entertainment by

**BERNIE'S ORCHESTRA
BAVARIAN DANCERS**

**Enjoy Our Oktoberfest Buffet 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Spaten Oktoberfest Beer on Tap
Fun & Games ♦ Cash Bar**

\$20 Adults ♦ \$15 Children 12 & under

♦ Make check payable to GAC & drop off to Social mailbox or mail to GAC, Attn: Oktoberfest. Tickets will be mailed to you.

♦ Tickets Also On Sale Weekends At the Club ♦

Friday, Sept 5: 6-8 pm & Saturday, Sept 6: 12 pm-2 pm & 6-8 pm

Friday, Sept 12: 6-8 pm & Saturday, Sept 13: 12 pm-2 pm & 6-8 pm



Please Buy Tickets by Sept 14 - We Need Time to Make the Sauerbraten!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that you enjoyed summer with family and friends. Before the summer days faded to fall, we have activities that are sure to delight. Please support the 1916 Easter Rising Golf Classic on Sept 5th. County pride will be exuberant for the All Ireland Hurling and Football Finals with Irish Breakfast on Sunday mornings, the 7th and 21st. Come celebrate harvest with Oktoberfest on Saturday the 20th. The "GAC Stars" are in the studio taking lessons for the big night - the fifth annual *Dancing with the GAC Stars* charity fundraiser and many committees are planning more special events. I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

Sláinte,
Jude Fitzgerald



ALL IRELAND HURLING & FOOTBALL FINALS



HURLING ♦ SUNDAY, SEPT 7TH **FOOTBALL ♦ SUNDAY, SEPT 21TH**
8:30am Kilkenny vs Limerick 8:30am Minor Championship
10:30am Kilkenny vs Tipperary 10:30am Senior Championship


Irish Breakfast will be served in small Carolan Room after the Senior Championship games end. Adults \$20 ♦ Children Free. Come celebrate the raising of the Liam McCarthy Cup & the Sam Maguire Cup! GAC *Bulletin* will announce match-ups.



JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	Sept 5	Tim Harte
Saturday	Sept 6	Outside Chance
Friday	Sept 12	Sharon and Pat Burke
Saturday	Sept 13	Roll Away
Friday	Sept 19	Once Removed
Saturday	Sept 20	Camac
Friday	Sept 26	Across the Pond
Saturday	Sept 27	Celtic Justice
Friday	Oct 3	Alter Ego Band
Saturday	Oct 4	Ghost Riders



 **Lizzie Plays In the Pub: Thursdays Sept 4, 11 & 18 from 6-9 pm**

Events

1916 EASTER RISING GOLF CLASSIC
Friday, September 5, p 4



ALL IRELAND HURLING FINAL & BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am, p 1

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BARBEQUE
Mondays at 6:30 pm, starting Sept 8, p 3

OKTOBERFEST
Saturday, September 20, 5-9 pm, p 1



ALL IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL & BREAKFAST
Sunday, September 21, 10:30 am, p 1

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, Sept 26, 6-9 pm



TRIVIA NIGHT ♦ Friday, Oct 3, 8 pm



DAY OF IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE
Saturday, Oct 4, 8:30 am - 5 pm, p 3



REVISED August 25, 2014

CLUB ACTIVITIES

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 GAEIC 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, September 13 at 10:30 am. Susan Callahan: (203) 255-3905 or 7cs7cs@optonline.net

GAC BOWLING LEAGUE



Join us as we start a new season on Sunday, Sept 7 at 6 pm at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield. Bowlers of all levels are most welcome! It's a fun night out, light exercise, friendly competition, and a good way to meet people. We will bowl weekly on Sundays at 6:30 pm through May. For info, please call Donna Lillis at 203-373-9129 or Hilary Koreeda at 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



We extend our heartfelt condolences to Carol & Jim Ruddy on the loss of their son James Ruddy.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

P.K. Lenihan 203-261-6656

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Monday Night Musicians play on Mondays at 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 Cultural Room. Info: Kathy Thopsey at kthopsey@fairfield.edu.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

We begin the new season on Monday, Sept 22nd at 7:30 pm. The novel for discussion is *SOMEONE* by Alice McDermott, which follows an ordinary girl from an Irish-American family through the milestones of her life. New readers always welcome. We meet in the GAC Library. Questions, call Gloria Piche 203-260-4037.

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran 203-870-6043

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, September 12th at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SCÉALA

Thanks to Peg O'Leary for sending rainbow photo from Kinnard East, Ballinskellings, Co. Kerry.

The October issue deadline is Sept 12. Please submit news to Rose Leahy, Editor via the *Contact Us* page on GAC website or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SENIORS

Join us for lunch on Thursday, Sept 25 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, Sept 21:

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

SET DANCING

We start dancing again on Thursday, Sept 11 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! For info: Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921

2015 GRAND MARSHAL

With more than 50 years of contributing to the Irish community, Ted Lovely looks forward to serving as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Committee's activities. Associations include JFK Division of AOH (Past President and Financial Secretary); Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Committee; Commodore Barry Day; GAC Genealogy; GAC Glee Club; and 1916 Easter Rising Committee.

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 & member news

MANAGER'S MESSAGE



PUB DINING: Saturday Lunch resumes from 12 noon to 3 pm, starting Sept 6th. Sunday Brunch will return on October 5th.



EVENT PLANNING: Members are encouraged to reserve 2015 calendar dates.

Tommy Flaherty

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BARBEQUE



Starting Monday Sept 8th from 6:30 pm until ?, weather permitting, the cooking mavens Pat, Pat and Jay will resume the Monday Night Football Barbeque. Menu includes Hamburger and Cheeseburger \$4, Hot Dog \$2, Pork Loin Ribs \$4. In October we will have Knockwurst and Bratwurst with Sauerkraut \$3. Please come, bring your appetite and enjoy!

PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST

The 4th Annual Playwright contest has come to an end. Thank you to everyone who submitted a play, the judges found them all to be fine entries. The three plays chosen to have readings presented this year are *The Drive* by Tracy James, *The Love Seat* by Martha Patterson and *Green Card* by Aaron McNicholl. Congratulations to the winners. The readings will be presented by the Clan na Gael Players on Sunday the 26th of October at 4 pm. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

Nancy O'Neil

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 Saturday, Oct 18 and Sunday, Oct 19 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. The cast includes a short stage show requiring singing and movement. Strong improvisational skills needed. Ability to play an instrument also welcome. Show dates are Nov 20, 21, 22 and 23. For more information, please contact Peg at opeggyo812@gmail.com.



*Celtic New Year & Halloween Party
with Tracy James & The Big Bad Band
Saturday, November 1* Save the Date!*

Day of Irish Language & Culture Saturday, October 4 ♣ 8:30 am - 5 pm



You are invited to attend a one day Irish language immersion course presented by the Irish Language Class and Feile, Inc. Classes will be for beginners (no Irish), beginners (a little Irish), intermediate and advanced speakers as well as a variety of cultural workshops. All skill levels are welcome. Cost \$50 includes lunch; student discount with student ID card. Registration forms will be available in GAC lobby after Sept 1 or call to register: Cait Thopsey at 203-459-9686 or Roibin Griskus at 203-233-4979.

IRISH HISTORY LECTURE

Fréamh Éireann Genealogy and GAC Language Groups are planning the next Irish History Lecture to be held on Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm with guest speaker, Dr. Christine Kinealy, Professor of History and Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University. Dr. Kinealy is a world renowned authority on The Great Hunger and was inducted into *Irish American* magazine's Irish America Hall of Fame in March of this year. We are very fortunate to have an expert of her stature lecture at the club and encourage everyone to attend. More information to follow in October *Scéala*.



GREATER BRIDGEPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Half-way to Saint Patrick's Day 2015

Sunday, September 7th at 3 pm at Anna Liffey's, Fairfield. \$25 for food and drink ticket. For info: Maura.Crossin@yahoo.com

11th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic

Thursday, September 25th at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. Awards, Raffles & Silent Auction. Alanna Kabel 203-233-4598 ♣ Tom McCarthy 203-218-4843 ♣ Pat Daly 203-394-2170

Grand Marshal 2015

We are proud to announce Ted Lovely will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2015 Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade; see page 2.



The 1916 Easter Rising Committee is looking for foursomes and sponsors for their Golf Classic at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course, 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. More info: Pat O'Connell (203) 644-9073 or Dave Howe (203) 767-6519.

The 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Benefit Concert will be held on Friday, Oct 17th at 7:30 pm with *Ally Harron & Marian Curry* - back by popular demand. Great Irish & Country music for dancing and listening. Tickets \$20. All proceeds will go to defray cost of the 100th Anniversary 1916 Easter Rising Monument. Info: Mary Ann (203) 377-4586

**Dancing with the GAC Stars V
Charity Fundraiser**
in association with
Fred Astaire Dance Studio Southport

Saturday, October 18 ★ 7 pm

General Admission
\$22 per adult, \$12 per child 12 & under

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Saturday, Sept 6: 12 pm - 2 pm & 6-8 pm
Friday, Sept 12: 6-8 pm
Saturday, Sept 13: 12 pm - 2 pm & 6-8 pm

After September 6, we will accept
checks payable to GAC either dropped off
to Social mailbox or mailed to GAC,
Attn: Dancing with the GAC Stars.
Please include your mailing address,
phone #, and email address.
Tickets will be mailed in October.



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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 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	Resumes October 5

How To Reach us	
Office	(203) 254-0673
Fax	(203) 254-3012
Pub emergencies	(203) 254-2723
Membership	(203) 256-0380
Social	(203) 418-7676
Website	www.gaconline.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 back 2 School 	1 Labor Day 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	2 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	3	4 6-9pm Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game	5 Pub Dining Only 7pm 1916 Easter Rising Golf Dinner Tim Harte 9 pm In the Pub	6 Outside Chance
7 Grandparents Day 10:30 Hurling Final & Irish Breakfast 6pm GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl	8 6:30 Monday Night BBQ 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	9 7:30 Exec Comm Mtg Open to all Members Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	10	11 Patriot Day 6-9pm Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	12 Scéala deadline 8pm Membership Mtg Sharon & Pat Burke 9 pm In the Pub	13 10:30 Genealogy Group Roll Away 9 pm In the Pub
14 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	15 6:30 Monday Night BBQ 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	16 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	17 <i>Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound on the moor</i>	18 6-9pm Lizzie 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	19 Once Removed 9 pm In the Pub	20 Pub Dining Only 5-9pm Oktoberfest with Bernie's Orchestra Camac 9 pm In the Pub
21 10:30 Football Final & Irish Breakfast 6:30 GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl	22 Autumn 6:30 Monday Night BBQ 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7:30 Irish Literature 8pm Irish Instrument	23 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	24	25 12noon Seniors Lunch 6:30pm Irish Lang I 7:15pm Irish Lang II 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	26 Pub Dining Only 6-9pm Family Fun Night Across the Pond 9 pm In the Pub	27 Celtic Justice 9 pm In the Pub
28 Pub Dining Only 6:30 GAC Bowling at Nutmeg Bowl	29 6:30 Monday Night BBQ 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	30 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	Oktoberfest & Dancing with GAC Stars Tickets On Sale at Club Fri Sept 5 * 6 - 8 pm Sat Sept 6 * 12 - 2 pm & 6 - 8 pm Fri Sept 12 * 6 - 8 pm Sat Sept 13 * 12 - 2 pm & 6 - 8 pm		 Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4) Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	

IRISH INTERESTS



COMMODORE JOHN BARRY DAY Saturday, Sept 13th at 10 am Perry Green on Southport Harbor



The John F. Kennedy Division #1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) invites all Club members and fans of Irish history to a commemoration of Commodore John Barry, the Wexford born "Father of the U.S. Navy."

Commodore Barry's birthday is one of the AOH's National Holidays. The Order has spearheaded the erection of the "Barry Gate" and monument at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Please join the Division as we participate in the Fairfield County Board - AOH's annual Barry Day Commemoration. There will be a color guard, piper, remarks by Commander Regina Gallagher Meringo, U.S. Navy and a wreath laying ceremony. Help us honor the Irish-born founder/first flag officer of the U.S. Navy. A reception follows at Port Five Naval Veterans, Black Rock after the 60 minute commemoration. For info: contact JFK Div. President Tom Keane at tom@aohjfk.com or (347) 405-3666.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS

Fairfield University will hold an *Introduction to the Irish Language* (certificate) class which will meet for 10 weeks on Tuesdays, starting Sept 16 from 7 to 9:30 pm. Cost \$395. GAC Member John Feeney is the instructor. For more info and to register: Elizabeth Hastings at (203) 254-4000 ext 2688 or ehastings@fairfield.edu.

IRISH FILM FESTIVAL

The Fairfield University Irish Studies Program is hosting an Irish film festival featuring four filmmakers/producers who are coming from Ireland to present their films (3 documentaries and a situation comedy) at Fairfield Univ.'s DiMenna-Nyselius Library on Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 7 pm. The event is free.

- ♣ Kevin McCann: *The Boys of St. Columb's*
- ♣ Lelia Doolan: *Bernadette: A Political Journey*
- ♣ Connor Montague: *Who Needs Enemies*
- ♣ Alan Gilsenan: *Eliza Lynch: The Queen of Paraguay*



MILFORD IRISH FESTIVAL

Friday Sept 19th: 6-11 pm & Saturday Sept 20th: 11 am - 11 pm. www.milfordirishfest.com



ST. PATRICK'S STELLAR SUMMER

St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club enjoyed a busy and successful summer. At the start, the U12 Hurling team captured the NY GAA Minor Board Championship at the Rockland GAA Centre of Excellence and the U10 Hurling team won the semi-final. Well done to Coaches Mike O'Connor and Pat Ryan for their hard work in teaching hurling skills and instilling a love of this great game to the youth of our club.

Under the careful guidance of coaches from Ireland and Fairfield County, seventy-two players practiced drills and played games to improve Gaelic football and hurling skills at the annual Cúl Camp, held at Notre Dame High School in late June. The graduation ceremony with GAA medals was held at the GAC and the McLean Avenue Band entertained. Many thanks to the Manager and Permittee for making this a very special event.

The summer was capped off with the annual Continental Youth Championships (CYC) at Randall's Island, NY in late July - a tournament of 2,500 players from U6 to U18 from across North America competing in Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie. St. Patrick's captured THREE championships! Congratulations to our U8 and U12 Hurling teams and our U18 Gaelic Football team on their championships. St. Patrick's accomplishments at the CYC:

- U8s Hurling - Champions (beat Chicago)
- U8s Football - Semi-finalists
- U10s Hurling - Semi-finalists
- U10s Football - Finalists
- U12s Hurling - Champions (beat Delco Gaels)
- U12s Football - Finalists
- U14s Girls Football - Champions (played on Rockland team) tied to win final
- U14s Boys Football - Champions (played on Rangers team)
- U16s Boys Football - Finalists (played on New Haven team)
- U18 s Boys Football - Champions

For info on joining the fun of Gaelic football, hurling and camogie, visit www.stpatricksgfc.org or send e-mail to admin@stpatricksgfc.org.