



# SCÉALA

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



Samhain November 2014


## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Elections for 2015 Executive Committee offices will be held on Sunday, December 7, from 12 noon to 6 pm. All members in good standing as of Sept 30, 2014 are eligible to vote. Members must present their membership card or a photo ID in order to vote. Volunteers are needed for two hours shifts: 12-2, 2-4, and 4-6 for manning the machines, checking in voters, and verifying membership; contact Deirdre Bennett. Election Committee:

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## GO RAIBH MILE MAITH AGAIBH

 The Irish Language Group would like to thank Feile for their annual support of our Day of Irish Language and Culture. It was our best one yet with 40 people attending. We had three levels of Irish Language taught; the advanced level by the Irish Fulbright Scholar from UCONN. Corky and the crew put out a delicious luncheon. Prof. Padraig Mahoney of Sacred Heart presented a lecture on his experience of studying the language in Ireland. Workshops were presented on Ogham by Chris Conway and 25 Card Game instruction by Colm Mac Fhionnghaile. Door prizes and a seisun wrapped up the day with four participants joining James McInerney of Ceol agus Craic. Go raibh mile maith agaibh to all who helped and participated. Cáit Thopsey

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Celebrate Samhain at our Celtic New Year and Halloween party on Nov 1. Join us for Mass as we pray for deceased members on Nov 2. Cheer with us at the Hanging of the Jerseys and share a toast with friends at the Lighting of the Fire on Nov 9. Come aboard the S.S. DREAM SPINNER for comedy, mystery and song with the Clan na Gael Players, show dates Nov 20 thru Nov 23. Happy Thanksgiving,  
Jude Fitzgerald



## PERMITTEE'S MESSAGE

We are adding new wines, available to buy by the bottle, which are especially good when you sit down for dinner. New red and white wines will be introduced and we are bringing in Shipyard Pumpkin Head Ale on draught. Keep your eyes open and taste buds ready!  
Chris Boccamazzo



## Join us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	Oct 31	<i>Outside Chance</i>
Saturday	Nov 1	<i>Bedlam Brothers String Band</i>
Friday	Nov 7	<i>The Ghost Riders</i>
Saturday	Nov 8	<i>Roll Away</i>
Friday	Nov 14	<i>Peter McKiernan</i>
Saturday	Nov 15	<i>The Crickstones</i>
Friday	Nov 21	<i>Camac</i>
Saturday	Nov 22	<i>The Irish Band</i>
Wednesday	Nov 26	<i>The Highland Rovers</i>
Friday	Nov 28	<i>Kurt &amp; Helen</i>
Saturday	Nov 29	<i>Jolly Beggars</i>



## events

CELTIC NEW YEAR & HALLOWEEN PARTY Saturday, Nov 1, 8 pm - 1 am	
DECEASED MEMBERS MASS Msg. Chris Walsh, Celebrant Sunday, Nov 2, 11:30 am	
TRIVIA NIGHT * Friday, Nov 7, 8 pm	
HANGING OF THE JERSEYS Sunday, Nov 9, 4 - 9 pm	
CLAN NA GAEL PLAYERS PRESENT S.S. DREAM SPINNER Thursday, Nov 20 - Sunday, Nov 23	
FAMILY FUN NIGHT Friday, Nov 28, 6 - 9 pm	

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

### 25 CARD GAME

We 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. Free lessons now available. Ted Rappa (203) 874-1183 or fairfieldgaelicpipeband@gmail.com.

### FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY GROUP


Our next meeting is Saturday, Nov 8 at 10:30 am. New members are welcome!

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.

### GOOD & WELFARE

 Mass cards will be sent to families of members who passed and we extend our condolences: Ann Brannigan (Sept 23), husband Robert of 65 years, daughter Kathleen Fazio and son-in-law Skip, son Terry Brannigan and daughter-in-law Laurie; Hugh O'Neill (Sept 28), wife Frances and family; Patricia Money (Oct 8), husband Michael and the Money & Ford families. Get well wishes to Mary Ann Doonan, recovering from hip surgery.

### IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Monday Night Musicians play on Mondays at 8 pm.

### IRISH LANGUAGE

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

### IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

We will meet in GAC library on Monday, Dec 1st at 7:30 pm to discuss A TEMPORARY GENTLEMAN by Sebastian Barry. Barry, a group favorite, returns to the McNulty family in his latest novel. This time we hear Jack's story. This meeting features a "book swap." If you want to participate, bring a wrapped gently-read book and join in the fun. Gloria Piche (203) 260-4037

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, Nov 14 at 8 pm. Candidates for 2015 Executive Committee will be introduced. Meetings are open to all Members.

### SCÉALA

The December issue deadline is Nov 14. 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, Nov 13 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, Nov 9:

Ann Hague 203-374-5198

Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083

Sally Savage 203-366-4826

### SET DANCING

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



### FAMILY FUN NIGHT - NOV 28

Families are asked to bring NEW unwrapped board games (checkers, chess, Parcheesi), card games (Uno, cribbage) or decks of cards for high school kids visiting Sister Theresa's new teen center. Thank you, *Bette Leary*

## IRISH INTERESTS

### ST. PATRICK'S

### GAELIC FOOTBALL CLUB Annual Dinner Dance

**Saturday, Dec 6 \* 7 pm at GAC**  
St. Patrick's will present the FCGAA Gael of the Year award to Tommy Moran (Achill, Co Mayo) for a lifetime of service to Gaelic games and the GAA and 11 years of dedication to St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club; also the Senior Men's Football Player of the Year will be recognized. Music by *Padraig Allen & The McLean Avenue Band*.

\$75 ticket includes dinner and open bar. Commemorative journal will be published. To reserve tickets or place ad: admin@stpatricksgfc.org or visit www.stpatricksgfc.org.

### GREATER BRIDGEPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE








**CHILI CONTEST:** Support our Scholarship Fundraiser on Sunday, Nov 9th, 3 - 7 pm at Brennan's Shebeen, at Smith Richardson Golf Course. Admission \$10; children free. Contest rules: Pat Gerckens 203-734-8764 or pgerckens@snet.net.

### TRAD FOR TRÓCAIRE

Sunday, Nov 9th, 2 to 4 pm at GAC. Traditional Irish music organized by students and musicians from Fairfield Prep & Luralton Hall. Proceeds to benefit Trócaire.

### APPLICATIONS

The GAC accepts applications for kitchen, wait staff, bartenders, and custodial positions. Should a vacancy occur, applications on file will be considered. Applications are available in the GAC Manager's mailbox in lobby stairwell.

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**CLAN NA GAEL PLAYERS present**  
**S.S. DREAM SPINNER**  
**NOVEMBER 20, 21 & 22 AT 7:30 PM**  
**NOVEMBER 23 AT 2:30 PM**

**All Aboard!** for a who-done-it with comedy, music, song, quirky characters and a buffet dinner! **The S.S. DREAM SPINNER** luxury ship is holding the South Seas Buffet Dinner Party in the ship's ballroom. Captain Claude Ernest (Nick Kaye), Cruise Director Pammy Smile (Kristin Lat-tin), Ship Doctor Mildred Louise Mitten (Eileen Fickes), and Fitness Coach Tony Malone (MACS Santacroce) have been given the night to enjoy the festivities with our guests. Well-known head-liner, Albright (Kathy Spellman) leads our talented entertainers: drummer Jack "hands" Jones (Byrne White); Billy "Fingers" O'Gorman (David Veith) on keyboards, and singer Crystal Connelly (Tracy James). Gooch (Valerie Huegel) will sell Albright's new cd "I'm Back!" in the lobby. As this is an add-on special event, each passenger will pay a surcharge of \$25.

**Advance payment is required for reservations.**  
 E-mail [cngplays@gmail.com](mailto:cngplays@gmail.com) or call **203-333-4736**.  
 Make check payable to Feile and mail or drop-off to Feile mailbox at the Club.



## Hanging of the Jerseys



**Sunday, November 9 ♦ 4 - 9 pm**

**KERRY \* All Ireland Senior Football Champions**  
**KILKENNY \* All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions**  
**ST. PATRICK'S GFC U8 & U12 Hurling Teams and**  
**U18 Gaelic Football Team \* CYCS Champions**

**Music by Camac ♦ 4 pm - 8 pm**  
**Light Fare Served ♦ Come Out & Join the Fun**

**Lighting of the Fire**  
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## 20th Anniversary Celtic Christmas Fair

Applications to book an 8 ft table for \$50 are available. Please contact Mary Ann Doonan at (203)377-4586 or Phyllis Billings at (203)254-0606.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** We are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items. Please drop off donations in club foyer through November 23. *Faith Maciver*

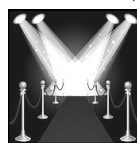
**Thanksgiving Cheer:** Come join friends for a drink after the Southport Turkey Trot or while the turkey is in the oven! Pub is open 10 am to 2 pm on Thanksgiving Day.



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**CHERISH THE LADIES \* A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**Save the Date \* December 18 at 8 pm \* Tickets \$20**

## CELTIC NEW YEAR & HALLOWEEN PARTY



**Saturday, November 1**  
**8 pm - 1 am**

**Join Us on the "Dead Carpet"**  
**Tickets \$10 at the Door**

















**Music by Tracy James & The Big Bad Band**

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		<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b> 7 pm - 12 mid <b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b> 5 pm - 12 mid   5 pm - 9 pm <b>Friday</b> 4 pm - 2 am   5 pm - 10 pm <b>Saturday</b> 12 noon - 2 am   5 pm - 10 pm   12 noon - 3 pm <b>Sunday</b> 12 noon - 12 mid   5 pm - 9 pm   11:30 am - 2:30 pm			<b>Office</b> (203) 254-0673 <b>Fax</b> (203) 254-3012 <b>Pub emergencies</b> (203) 254-2723 <b>Membership</b> (203) 256-0380 <b>Social</b> (203) 418-7676 <b>Website</b> www.gaconline.org		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Dómnach</b>	<b>Monday</b> <b>Luan</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Máirt</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Céadaoin</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Déardaoin</b>	<b>Friday</b> <b>Aoine</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Satharn</b>	
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