



SCÉALA

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



CÉAD míle fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Aibreán | April 2019



Saturday April 13th @ 7PM | \$ 10 per person

Music from the 60's through 90's, themes and genres, song, artist and year gets the points toward winning. Come as a team (max 10 people) or join one! All ages welcome! 🎵 Prizes galore 🎵 Door prizes 🎵 Round winners 🎵 Overall winner 🎵 Dance Party following game 🎵 Reservations recommended 🎵

Leave payment in GAC social mailbox along with your contact information. Check-in at door night of event. For more info contact social@gaconline.org.

THE DONNELLY DASH SUNDAY APRIL 14 @ 9AM



Run with the Spirit of Tim & Kim in your Heart. After join us for post event gathering at the GAC. Paid participants over 21 can get a free beer at the club - or soft drink for all ages. The kitchen will be open. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Fairfield/TheDonnellyDash>

Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	Apr 5	Susan & Gerard
Saturday	Apr 6	C-Sides
Friday	Apr 12	Andy Cooney Band & Deirdre Reilly
Saturday	Apr 13	Keltic Kick
Friday	Apr 19	Good Friday - No Music
Saturday	Apr 20	Highland Rovers
Friday	Apr 26	Six2Go
Saturday	Apr 27	Allen Gogarty



CLAN NA GAELS PRESENTS

'IS LIFE WORTH LIVING' - BY LENNOX ROBINSON

This comedy is set in a quiet, seaside town in Ireland where summer brings tourists and entertainers. The arrival of a traveling theatre group presenting the classics, turns the town upside down as the locals begin to emulate the lives of characters in the plays.

Join our brilliant cast: Eileen Fikes, Patrick Lane, John Moran, Brian Norris, Dan O'Callaghan, Susan O'Hara, David Pirrie, Jillian Plomin, Amy Strachan, Marie Stehle, Michael Stephan and Byrne White as they wonder...

Is Life Worth Living

Thursday 4/25, Friday 4/26,

Saturday 4/27 at 8:00pm & Sunday 4/28 at 2:30pm

Tickets: Bette Leary 203-767-0117

Production help and set builders needed

contact: opegyo812@gmail.com



APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING STARTS AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY CONCERT

**ANDY COONEY BAND WITH
DEIRDRE REILLY**



Join us for this very special evening with Dee Reilly, the Irish American Country Star and the famous, Andy Cooney and His Band.



Show is free and seating first come first serve.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

Saturday, April 13th ~ 11 am to 1 PM

Anyone interested in helping/hosting please

contact social@gacemail.org

April Events

TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 7PM

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, @ 8PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH, 7PM

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY - SAT, APRIL 13 TH, 10:30 AM

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP - MONDAY APRIL 22ND @ 7:30PM

SENIOR LUNCH - THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 12 NOON

ST PATRICK'S GAA CLUB ANNUAL CÚL CAMP - PG 4

THE EASTER COMMEMORATION

The 2019 Easter commemoration will be held at the 1916 memorial at the Gaelic-American Club on Sunday May 19th @ 3pm. With guest speaker John Minehan.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Important Message to Membership

Protect **OUR** Club. Sign in each of **YOUR** guests. State liquor control laws mandate that private clubs maintain a guestbook.

Non-member guests are required to sign the guestbook and be signed in by a Club member. Failure to comply with the liquor laws may result in fines or other penalties such as closure of our pub for a period of time determined by the Liquor Control Commission. The member is responsible for the conduct of their guest and the guest must leave the Club when the member leaves. There are **NO** exceptions.

Procedure for the Guestbook:

- 1) Member **PRINTS** member name for **EACH** guest.
- 2) **EACH** guest writes their own name and address.

It's as easy as that!! It takes a few seconds, that's all. No big deal. Your 'child' over 21yrs old is a **GUEST** unless they have their own member. One cannot sign the book for someone else. Dittos are NOT allowed in the book. Limit of 4 guests per member at any one time.

For the next few months (at least) ALL members (not just the member who gets the door to open) will be asked to show their card when coming into the GAC - just hold it up or sign in as a guest (again, **NO EXCEPTIONS**). **Each** member over 21 is issued their own card - please have it with you or you will be asked to sign in as a guest.

Please be respectful of the Failte volunteers. They care about OUR Club and are just doing their job. Volunteers always welcome -Thank you!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

There is no Family Fun Night in April but we'll be back to all the fun with DJ Peter on May 31st!. Many Thanks to all who brought donations to our March Family Fun night.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

Meets Mondays 6:30 pm at First Church Congregational. Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band (475)329-0202 or visit fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

Club ACTIVITIES

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets April 13th at 10:30 am For info Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

A Mass card was sent to the family of life member Bridie McCormack.

Notify Noreen Reda of all member news at npreda4@gmail.com.

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Monday Evenings:

Irish Reading Class 7:00-8:00 PM, contact JMinehan@gmail.com.

Thursday Evenings:

Kids/Parents and Beginner/Teens/Adults meet at 6:30 PM.

Intermediate Level at 7:30 PM. contact DesNolan@optonline.net.

LIBRARY

Library is open Monday through Saturday. Monitored children's hours for the Library are Friday and Saturday 6PM to 9PM. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Book Covering and shelving book Wednesday April 10th @ 5pm Volunteers needed.

Please SIGN OUT BOOKS.

NO food or drink is allowed in library. For Info: library@gacemail.org.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting is Friday April 12th @ **7pm**. (an hour early due to free concert) All members welcome!

LITERATURE GROUP

We meet on Monday, April 22 at 7:30 to discuss 'The Way We Were' by Sinead Moriarty. The novel is a heartbreaking family drama about love, loss and new beginnings. New and returning members welcome! Email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or phone 203-255-3848.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, April 25th reservations by Sunday, April 21st, Lunch is \$7 for members. \$9 for non-members. Ann Hague 203-374-5198; Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

2019 GAC SCHOLARSHIP

Attention High School Seniors Application for GAC Scholarship is available at www.gaconline.org.

SET DANCING

Lace up your dance shoes because we're Set Dancing every Thursday at 7:30pm. Starting 9/13 ! Contact Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to our event coordinators: Trí The New Irish Tenors concert and St. Patrick's weekend band schedule, Liz Feeney; Céili, Noreen Forde; Friel Sisters concert, Gregg Burnett; and Children's St. Patrick's Day Party, Kelly Tackas.

Huge applause to The Shamroques, Set Dancers, Lenihan School of Irish Dance, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band, St. Patrick's Football & Hurling Club, Irish Language Group and young members who sang the Irish National Anthem in Gaelic, host Noel McGovern and event chair Meghan Lenihan for an outstanding Cultural Night.

Fairfield's Memorial Day Parade will step off at 10 am on Monday, May 27, honoring the Military Reserves and National Guard. If you would like to march with the GAC, contact social@gacemail.org by April 10.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2019 HAS CLOSED

Thank you to those 5000+ members who have paid. Special thanks to the many seniors who paid the assessment fee. Your donation is gratefully accepted and much appreciated.

If you have not renewed your membership and wish to apply for reinstatement, please submit payment of 2019 dues by check and include a \$100.00 reinstatement fee ASAP. Mail or drop off at the GAC, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824. If you choose to pay online, the fee will automatically be included. Any renewals without the reinstatement fee will be returned.

THE WAIT LIST OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS -The List will be updated and on the Notice Board in a few weeks (mid April). Members who have sponsored an applicant or know any of the applicants are asked to review the List. If you know of any applications marked "Incomplete" please contact the individual to inform them of their status and have them take the necessary action.

The best way to contact the Membership Committee is by email at membership@gacemail.org.



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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 - 2:30pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	12 pm - 8 pm	12 noon - 8:00pm

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

CÉAO MÍLE
FÁILTE



Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAOIN	Thursday DEARDAOIN	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4)	1 April Fool's Day Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm <i>(at the church)</i> Irish Reading Class - 7pm Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	2 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	3 Trad Music Session - 7pm	4 Irish Language - 6:30pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm	5 Trivia Night - 8pm Susan & Gerard 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm	6 C-Sides 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm
7 	8 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm <i>(at the church)</i> Irish Reading Class - 7pm Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	9 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	10 Library Book Covering & Re-shelving - 5:00pm	11 Irish Language - 6:30pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm	12 Membership Meeting 7pm Sceala Submissions Due Andy Rooney Band & Deirdre Reilly 9:30 pm in the Carolan Room 🎵	13 Fréamh Éireann - 10:30am Children's Easter Party 11am Name that Tune - 7pm Keltic Kick 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm
14 Donnelly Dash - 9am	15 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm <i>(at the church)</i> Irish Reading Class - 7pm Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	16 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	17 	18 Irish Language - 6:30pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm	19 Good Friday – No Music	20 Highland Rovers 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm
21 	22 Earth Day Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm Irish Reading Class - 7pm Irish Literature Group - 7:30pm Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	23 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	24 	25 Senior Lunch - 12pm Irish Language - 6:30pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm 'Is Life Worth Living' - 8pm	26 'Is Life Worth Living' Clan na Gael Play - 8pm Six2Go 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm	27 'Is Life Worth Living' Clan na Gael Play - 8pm Allen Gogarty 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm
28 'Is Life Worth Living' Clan na Gael Play - 2:30pm	29 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm <i>(at the church)</i> Irish Reading Class - 7pm Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	30 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	1 	2 Irish Language - 6:30pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm	3 TBA 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm	4 TBA 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm



"PASTURE TO PAVEMENT"
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019 - 2 PM
 This lecture presented by Hilary Mhic Suibhne, explores the parallels and intersections in the lives of working-class Irish and urban work horses in 19th century New York City.

This talk will trace the role of horses in Irish culture and how the lives of the living four-legged machines of New York City and those of poor Irish immigrants, whose labor was central to the development of the city, revolved around one other.

Hilary was educated at University College Dublin and at New York University. She currently teaches Irish language at New York University NYC and is External Examiner in Irish at Vassar College. In addition to publishing many journal and periodical articles and essays, she has co-edited and co-translated a collection of 32 essays written in Irish by the late Barra Ó Donnabháin. Tickets - \$5.00 (Students with ID \$2.00)

Send check payable to Feile, Inc. to:
 Mary Adams-Arroyo, 221 McGrath Ct
 Stratford, CT 06615

Email: marroyo@optonline.net
 Subject: Irish History Lecture | 203-377-2346

**Mother's Day
 Brunch**

Treat Mom to a
 Delicious Buffet with
 Delightful Entertainment &
 Free Glass of Prosecco
 \$24 Adults \$12 for
 Children U12

Sunday May 12th | 11-2pm

TICKETS: On sale at GAC Fri Apr 26
 & Sat Apr 27: 6 - 8 pm or make check
 payable to GAC & drop off to Social mailbox
 or mail to GAC, Attn: Social. Please include
 # Adults, # Children, phone & e-mail address.
 Tickets must be purchased by May 8th.

Contact Social@gacemail.org



ST. PATRICK'S GAA CLUB ANNUAL CÚL CAMP

A summer camp in Gaelic football, hurling & camogie for children 5-15 years of age from June 24-28 at Notre Dame H.S., Fairfield. Whether you're seeking to improve skills or never played, this camp is designed to introduce children to the excitement and challenges of Gaelic games. GAA Certified coaches direct from Ireland. Camp hours are 9am-3pm each day. Graduation & medal ceremony on June 28th with family lunch & social at the GAC. Space is limited. Early registration and sibling discounts available. visit www.stpatricksgfc.org or email training@stpatricksgaa.us.

SAVE SUNDAY JUNE 16 FOR FEILI INC'S FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

Join us from 12-noon to 6pm at the GAC for food, raffles and music by The Highland Rovers celebrating 25 years together, pipers, dancers, vendors and more. \$10 requested donation at the door. Updates to come!