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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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GAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019

If you have a working email on file with us, you will receive notification on Jan 1 to renew your GAC membership for 2019. If you have no email or have requested paper billing, your invoice will arrive in the mail after December 28th.

Other important information regarding membership renewal:

- Please make sure your contact information, especially email and home address are current. You can log into your account to review your information at any time. <https://www.gaelicamericanclub.com/>
- If you usually receive your renewal from the GAC by email and do not receive an email from us on January 1, please check your settings and spam folder.
- If you usually receive your renewal by mail and do not receive anything from us by January 6, please let us know. The best way to contact the membership office is via email at membership@gacemail.org.
- Do not discard your white door/scrip card. There is a \$10 replacement fee. Your 2019 scrip will be loaded onto that card on April 1, 2019.
- All 2018 scrip expires on 2/28/19.

Contact membership at membership@gacemail.org

Please note: The Gaelic American Club operates on a calendar year and depends on the prompt payment of membership dues. Membership renewal is payable on January 1 each year. We allow up to a 60-day grace period to pay. All memberships must be renewed by February 28, 2019.

Beginning March 1, there will be a \$100 reinstatement fee added to all renewals.

~ USE IT OR LOSE IT ~

February 28th is the last day to use your scrip (or lose it). March is a non scrip month and your white card will be re-loaded on April 1st.

CLAN NA GAEL'S SPRING PRODUCTION



The Clan na Gael Players are presently choosing their Spring production and auditions will be held on Saturday March 9th from 1:30 to 3:30 and Sunday March 10th from 1:30 to 3:30.

Show dates are Thursday, April 25th Friday 26th, Saturday 27th at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 2:30.

Auditions are open to all. No Experience Necessary. Clan na Gael is an open, welcoming and encouraging group for anyone interested in acting, and/or working backstage on the production. Come Play With Us! as we begin our 32nd season. For information : opegyo812@gmail.com. Watch GAC Website for more announcement and updates on CnG's spring production.

ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION GENEALOGY SEMINARS



Join us on Sunday, March 24 from 9am - 4pm for a day of learning how to research Irish genealogy. Seminars are presented by Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt of the Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF, Belfast) for an all day seminar. Topics cover all of Ireland (32 counties) and challenges tracing Irish ancestors. This is the only stop in Connecticut for these experts during their 2019 North American tour.

Additional event details and mail-in registration form can be found at fegenealogy.org/. Lunch is included.

A limited number of opportunities for 20-minute private consultations are available (first-come basis) at additional cost payable directly to UHF.

club ACTIVITIES

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to work the front desk. This is a great way to meet members of our club (and the liquor commission requires all guests to be signed in!)

All members must sign in each of their guests: the members name PRINTED for EACH guest and each guest sign their own name and address. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

If you'd like to join the FAILTE committee, call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117 or email:betteleary@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sorry no Family Fun Night this month but it will be back again in March.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

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

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets Feb 9th at 10:30 am For info Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

A sympathy card was sent to Kate Maxham and the Neary family on the death of their brother Sean.

Get well cards were sent to Jean Haggerty and Donal Gleeson.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson 203-372-1280

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.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Meetings are held at the GAC every 3rd Thursday of the month. To join Contact Tom Keane at 203-256-8033. or email tkeane@optonline.net.

LIBRARY

Wednesday, Feb 13th 5:30 Book covering and shelving. Volunteers needed. Contact: library@gacemail.org.

Over 2000 books, History, Travel, Fiction, Biography, Arts & Crafts, Short Stories, Plays. Fairy Tales & Folklore, Children's and Young Adult Books and more. Members may borrow books for a 3-week period by signing them out. Children under 12 need to have parents sign out their books. New books are now being frequently added.

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

Please SIGN OUT BOOKS.

NO food (including candy and gum) or drink is allowed in the library.

Contact us at library@gacemail.org.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday February 8th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all members.

RUNNERS & WALKERS CLUB

Runners meet Saturday mornings at 8:30am to run 3.1 mile route from GAC. Walkers meet @ 9am, walk to the Fairfield Beach Club and back. Maps for both routes are on GAC website under Clubs & Activities Tab.

LITERATURE GROUP

We meet on Monday, February 18th at 7:30 in the library and discuss Bernard MacLavery's *Midwinter Break*. The novel tells the story of Stella and Gerry Gilmore and contemplates the mysteries that lie at the heart of every marriage. It is a profound examination of human love and how we live together. MacLavery is known for his effortlessly elegant writing and tender, intimate heartrending stories. New members are most welcome! it is a short book of only 240 pages. Give it a try! If you have any questions, contact Clare Burnett at email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or phone 203-255-3848.

SCEALA

Submissions for the March Scea are due Feb 8th. Please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at communications@gacemail.org.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, Feb 28th reservations by Sunday, Feb 24th, Lunch is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. Ann Hague 203-374-5198; Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

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.

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEB 1ST, @ 8PM

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

WEDNESDAY, FEB 6TH, 7PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, FEB 8TH, 8PM

GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

SATURDAY FEB 9 TH, 10:30 AM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

NO FAMILY FUN NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

SENIOR LUNCH

THURSDAY, FEB 31ST @ 12 NOON

Join us in the pub at 8pm

Friday	Feb 1	Camac
Saturday	Feb 2	Keltic Kick
Friday	Feb 8	Highland Rovers
Saturday	Feb 9	The Coracles
Friday	Feb 15	Susan & Gerard
Saturday	Feb 16	The Jolly Beggars
Friday	Feb 22	Mike O'Malley
Saturday	Feb 23	C-Sides

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE EASTER COMMEMORATION.

The 2019 Easter commemoration will be held at the 1916 memorial at the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield on Sun. May 19th at 3 PM. The guest speaker will be John Minehan. More information to follow.



FEBRUARY

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Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Pub hours

Dinner




Lunch & Branch

How To Reach us

Office (203) 254-0673
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Céad míle fáilte



Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
Please Remember to renew your Gaelic-American Club Membership by February 28th. Also you must use your scrip by the end of the month as well. March is a no-scrip month so use it before you lose it. 2019 scrip will load on your card on or about April 1, 2019.					1 St. Brigid's Day 8pm Trivia Night 🎵 Camac 8 pm in the Pub	2 Ground Hog Day 🎵 Keltic Kick 8 pm in the Pub
3 	4 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	5 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	6 7pm Trad Music Session	7 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	8 8pm Membership Meeting Sceala Submissions Due 🎵 Highland Rovers 8 pm in the Pub	9 10:30am Genealogy Group Fréamh Éireann Meeting 🎵 Coracles 8 pm in the Pub
10 Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4)	11 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	12 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	13 5:30 pm Library Book Covering and Re-shelving	14 Valentines Day 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	15 🎵 Susan & Gerard 8 pm in the Pub	16 🎵 The Jolly Beggars 8 pm in the Pub
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24 Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	25 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument	26 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	27 Reminder You MUST use your scrip by 2/28 or LOSE IT!	28 Last Day to Renew GAC Membership 12pm Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game	1 🎵 TBA 8 pm in the Pub	2 🎵 TBA 8 pm in the Pub



SAVE THE DATE
A NIGHT OF ENTERTAINMENT!
MARCH 23RD, 7:30 P.M.

Our very own Tracy James continues her journey from the GAC to Ireland to Manhattan, now Scotland, to bring her hilarious and original 40 Shades of Green Tour play to The Fringe Festival August 2019 in Edinburgh!!!

Please join us for a night of Stand-Up Comedy and Fund-raising to help bring this comedy, the Gaelic American Club of Fairfield and Feile Org., international recognition for their contribution to theater and the arts! Stay tuned for more info!

IRISH CULTURAL PROGRAM
SUNDAY FEB 10TH FROM 1:30 - 3:30PM

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will host an Irish Cultural Program at the Pequot Library in Southport. This fun and entertaining event will feature Irish cultural programs from music and step-dancing to poetry and vignettes and a sing a long. Show directed by Maureen Hamill. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, Children Free. There will be a tasting of Irish Soda Bread and refreshments. John Brannelly at 619-405-3523 or Mary Donnelly at 203-610-0453.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 118
PROUDLY PRESENTS
MISGIVINGS

A "DEVINE" COMEDY OF BELLYLAUGHS,
BLESSINGS, BLARNEY AND BINGO

Join Fr. Patrick Alyosius for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. His hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

Open to All! Saturday, March 30, at the GAC
 Doors Open 7 PM Performance Begins 8 PM
 \$25 per person

Seating is Limited so please mail your payment to reserve your seats by March 18th to St. Pius X Church, 834 Brookside Dr., Fairfield, CT 06824. Make checks payable to KofC Assembly 118. For more info please email Tom Kelty at tkelty@gmail.com



INTRODUCTION TO GAELIC SPORTS

St. Patrick's has added additional dates and locations for the introduction to Gaelic Sports for children 5-8 years of age. New dates in Stamford and South Norwalk and its not too late to sign up for the Fairfield course! Please visit www.stpatricksgfc.org for more details. Please email questions to: training@stpatricksgaa.us

CEILI AT THE GAC SATURDAY MARCH 9TH 3-6PM
 Come out and dance with us and enjoy the music by Mike Melanophy, Rose Conway Flanagan, Kieran Flanagan and Eileen Clune Goodman.
 For more information contact Noreen Forde 203-273-0483



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The Friel Sisters



GAELIC AMERICAN CLUB

74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT

The Friel sisters represent the very finest of the great Irish diaspora. Born and raised in Glasgow, their musical and family roots are deeply entrenched in the Donegal Gaeltacht of their parents and ancestors. Recipients of numerous awards both as soloists and a group, they have garnered critical acclaim worldwide and performed with many renowned acts including the Chieftains, Altan, Lunasa, Sharon Shannon, Cherish the Ladies and Solas. In addition to their powerful instrumentals, their unique style of unison singing has audiences spellbound.

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH
4:00 PM

Admission \$20
Children only \$5

For reservations or more info call (203)255-3848 or email tmquinn@optonline.net

Visit our website at www.shamrockirishmusic.org for directions to concert or more info on the Society



Gaelic American Club

PRESENTS



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT
OF IRISH MUSIC!**

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SATURDAY MARCH 2nd, 2019 @ 7:30 PM

ADULTS \$20 - KIDS \$10

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY, SEATS ARE LIMITED

**RESERVATIONS: lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com
MAIL CHECKS TO GAC**