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



IúNΔSΔ August 2015

100th ANNIVERSARY EASTER RISING GOLF CLASSIC

The 2nd Annual Golf Classic takes place Friday September 25th at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course, 2390 Easton T'pike, Fairfield. Funds raised will defray cost of the 1916 commemorative memorial to be unveiled April 2016. Tournament Fees: Individual entry \$150; foursome \$600. Includes: breakfast at 11 AM, golf cart, refreshments on course, open bar at the GAC at 7 PM, full meal, golf shirt, prizes and raffle. For information: Dave Howe 203-767-6519 or Pat O'Connell 203-644-9072 poc6575@optimum.net.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August is usually a month when the GAC slows down for the summer. As you can see in this Newsletter it will be a busy month starting with the concert on August 6 sponsored by the GAC and the Shamroques and featuring three of the leaders in Traditional Irish Music. Clan na Gael is also offering a five week "Actors Training" program aimed at those interested in participating in the plays put on during the year. The month actually starts off with St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club travelling to San Francisco to participate in the annual Continental Youth Competition. For the new members I encourage them to come to the monthly meeting on August 14th to become familiar with the operation of the club, meet other members and see which committees best fit your interest in volunteering. ~ P J Carolan



Molloy, Carty & McGlynn's North American Debut Concert at the GAC !

Thursday August. 6th 7:30

Tickets are \$20 for adults and
only \$5 for children

Don't miss the North American Debut of this Super-Group featuring, Matt Molloy of the Chieftains, the extraordinary fiddle and banjo of John Carty, and Celtic guitarist Arty McGlynn. Tickets are \$20 for adults and only \$5 for children. For reservations: tmquinn@optonline.net , or (203) 257-8737.



Join us in the pub at 9pm

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| Friday July 31 | <i>Outside Chance</i> |
| Saturday Aug 1 | <i>The Crickstones</i> |
| Friday Aug 7 | <i>Sharon & Pat Burke</i> |
| Saturday Aug 8 | <i>Clare Island</i> |
| Friday Aug 14 | <i>Outside Chance</i> |
| Saturday Aug 15 | <i>Four of a Kind</i> |
| Friday Aug 21 | <i>The Ghost Riders</i> |
| Saturday Aug 22 | <i>Camac</i> |
| Friday Aug 28 | <i>Roll Away</i> |
| Saturday Aug 29 | <i>Once Removed</i> |
| Friday Sept 4 | <i>The Jolly Beggars</i> |
| Saturday Sept 5 | <i>Across the Pond</i> |



LABOR DAY WEEKEND BBQ

Join us for good fun and great food on Sun Sept. 6th - 1 to 5PM. For info and reservations: Pat O'C 203-644-9073 | poc6575@optimum.net or Pat D 203-257-1334 | patdy911@yahoo.com.

Events

MOLLOY, CAARTY & MCGLYNN CONCERT
THURSDAY AUG 6, 7:30PM

TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY AUG 7, 8PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, Aug 14

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, Aug 28, 6 - 9 pm

club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed to welcome members and sign in guests (as required by CT State Law). It's a great way to meet other members. Contact Bette Leary at 203-767-0117 or betteleary@gmail.com.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

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

BUSINESS DIRECTORY/ TRADES LIST

It's easy to place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at www.gaconline.org. Go to GAC Business Directory option under Membership Tab and follow the prompts to add your listing.

GOOD & WELFARE

Please notify Carol Ruddy of any births, deaths or special happenings at carolruddy42@optonline.net.

Congratulations to Eileen Boland and Barbara Fox for winning runners up in their golf flight in HSR Women's Club Championship. Eileen-Flight 3 Barbara-Flight 2.

Congratulations to Alanna Kabel who has been elected to serve as Grand Marshal of the 2016 Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade taking place on March 17, 2016 in Downtown Bridgeport.

And Congratulations to Monica Ferguson and Greg Burnett, who qualified to represent North America at the All-Ireland Music Championship "Fleadh Cheoil" in Silgo later this month.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton 203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Saeilge

Beginners, Thursdays 6:30 PM, Cultural Room. Advanced Students, Thursdays 7:30 PM, Conversational Session, Bar's Snug.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The GAC Literature Group will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7:30 in the library to discuss John Banville's, The Book of Evidence. New members are most welcome! Gloria Piche 203-260-4037.

LIBRARY

Library books may be borrowed from our Library for a period of 3-weeks so they are available to other members. Mary Ellen Lyons, maryellen.lyons@outlook.com.

LOST/BROKEN SCRIP CARDS

Broken or Lost Scrip Cards Individual Members: Send the broken card to us and we will send you back a new, working card. Family Members: Send us the broken card PLUS your spouse's working card. Once we know which one to replace, we will send both back to you.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, August 14 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 14. Please submit news via email to feismum13@gmail.com or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SPORTS COMMITTEE

To all our Irish Football and Hurling fans: GAA Games are televised at the club on Saturdays and Sundays. Meet up with friends and family and watch your county play!

GLEE CLUB MEETING

Monday, August 31st, 7PM in the O'Keefe Room. Enjoy singing? Come and join us!

CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Starting Wednesday, September 2nd, Carolan Room, 5PM.

'SONGS AND A STORY'

For pre-K through first grade children. In the library 11AM 9/5 (first Saturday of the month).

SPECIAL EVENT FOR CHILDREN

Interested in learning and playing Irish Music? Come explore instruments, meet teachers, listen and explore. Options for children's lessons starting in grade two. September



Trivia Night is Back!

Join all the fun Friday August with the return of trivia night.

GAA Games

Save September 6th for the all Ireland hurling final and September 20th football final. We'll be serving Irish breakfast buffet for both games (\$20) so watch the e-Bulletin for updates on teams & times.

Monday Night Football Barbecue

Starting September 14 The 2015 from 7 PM to ?. Hamburger (8oz), hot dogs plus all the trimmings by your favorite cooks Pat, Pat and Jay. For information call Pat 203-644-9073 pat6575@optimum.net



FAMILY FUN NIGHT~ FRIDAY AUGUST 28th 6-9pm

We're asking each family to bring in a school supply to go to Sister Theresa (ie. crayons, juice boxes, gold fish [the edible kind]). Also the September Family Fun Night has been moved up one week to Friday Sept. 18th instead of the usual 'last Friday of the month'.

Lunch Served in the Pub

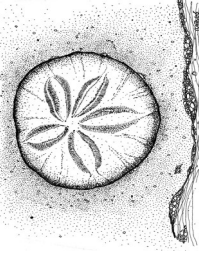
Saturday &
Sundays 12-2:30
Throughout the
Summer



AUGUST

LUGHNASSA

2015



Sunday
Dombnagh

Monday
Lann

Tuesday
Mairt

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 Lughnassadh. On August 1, Ireland celebrates Lughnassadh with dancing, song, and bonfires; and the Catholic Church does a blessing of farmers' fields.

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6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band
at the church
8pm Irish Instrument
Session

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at the church
8pm Irish Instrument
Session

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7:30pm Executive
Committee Meeting

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Meteor Showers

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

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Scéala deadline
8 pm Membership Mtg

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The Assumption
Four of a Kind
9 pm in the Pub

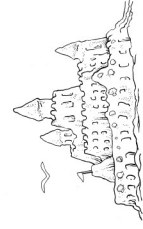
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7:30 Irish Literature
Group
8pm Irish Instrument
Session

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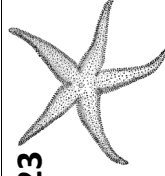
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The Ghost Riders 9
pm in the Pub

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Camac
9 pm in the Pub

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Session

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6-9 pm Family
Fun Night
Roll Away
9 pm in the Pub

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Once Removed
9 pm in the Pub

how To Reach us

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Céao nile fáilte





Actors Workshop

Clan na Gael will be running a five week Actors Workshop in The Carolan Room, on Wednesdays - August 19, 26, Sept. 2, 9 and 16 from 7:30 - 9:30 . No Experience Necessary! The workshops are open to All who are interested as well as all levels of skills. Our goal is to encourage involvement in our Irish Heritage of Drama. The Workshops will mix actors, with experience, with those who would like to explore their inner actor. Workshops will include theatre games, improvisation, scene work and theatre craft, with an emphasis on peer mentoring, while expanding, laughing, learning and growing together. We are a lot of fun. For further information contact opeggyo812@gmail.com.

5th Annual One Act Play Contest

Clan na Gael would like to thank all of the playwrights who submitted to our 5th Annual One Act Play Contest. Winners will be announced in the September newsletter. A directed and rehearsed reading will be held in October.

Clan na Gael Auditions

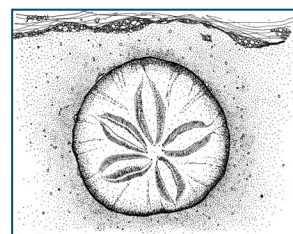
Auditions for the fall production of Sean O'Casey's, drama of the 1916 uprising, THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS, will be held on Saturday September 19 and Sunday September 20 from 1:00 - 3:30 at The GAC. Cast Requirements: 10 males 20-60, 6 Females 20 - 50. Open auditions. No Experience necessary. Production Dates are Nov. 19, 20,21,22. If you are unable to attend the auditions or have questions please contact Peg at opeggyo812@gmail.com.

Upcoming Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee Events

- Half Way to St. Patrick's Day September 13, 2015 3pm. Kick-off the 2016 season with their first fundraising event at Anna Liffey's! Admission \$25.
- 12th Annual Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Scholarship Classic, October 1, 2015 10:30am.
- 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Ball November 7, 2015. @ the GAC.

For information on these events or to become a committee member visit stpattricksdaybridgeport.com.

SUMMER TIME 2016



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