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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.

Again, we are offering a special incentive to the first 250 members who renew for 2019. At the monthly membership meeting in February, we will draw 3 names from the first 250 renewals and those members will receive a free membership for 2019. (This does not include scrip).

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.

WIN A 2019 PAID GAC MEMBERSHIP!

Starting on January 1st at 12:01 AM the first 250 members to renew their membership will be entered into a drawing to win one of three 2018 GAC memberships. Winning members will be reimbursed for the dues they already paid but will still be responsible for purchasing script. Only renewals received before January 15th, 2018 will be eligible. Note: Members of the Executive and Membership Committees are ineligible to participate.

The winners of the drawing will be selected at the monthly meeting on February 8th. Winners must be present to accept the prize.

Watch for email updates as well as additional information on website and remember no renewals before January 1st & 12:01AM.

**DO NOT PAY 2019 DUES BEFORE
JANUARY 1 2019. THIS WILL
INVALIDATE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN.**

GAELIC-AMERICAN CLUB'S HOUSE PARTY

It was a brilliant celebration due to so many talented volunteers. Kids Chorus and their parents, Glee Club, Shamroques, The Set Dancers and Santa Claus all partied Irish style playing music, singing and dancing. Special thanks to David Veith, Brad Baldwin, Gregg Burnett, Tommy Flaherty and all the GAC Staff.





Club Activities

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

We need volunteers for the front desk to greet our members and (if needed) help them sign in their guests. State Law requires all guests are signed in, the members name PRINTED for EACH guest, and each guest sign their own name and address.

It's very simple and a great way to meet members of our club while complying with the liquor commission (who requires all guests to be signed in!)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation 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

Friday, January 25th. Parents are reminded to monitor their own children. Children may NOT leave the room without a parent. Please do remember to clear your own table. No running, food, drinks or toys on the dance floor.

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

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

GLEE CLUB

Singers welcomed to join us on Thursdays @ 6:30 PM in the Carolan Room. Now in rehearsal for Christmas Program.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets Jan 12th at 10:30 am For info Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

A mass card was sent to the family of Lois Sanford.

A sympathy card was sent to Rose Fallon on the death of her mother Una McGinty in Ireland. A sympathy card was sent to Marie Stehle on the death of her husband Ed.

Get well wishes were sent to Eileen Hussey.

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

Wednesday, Jan 9th 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 January 11th @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all members.

LITERATURE GROUP

We will meet at 7:30 on Monday, January 21st in the library to discuss The Library At The Edge Of The World by Felicity Hayes-McCoy. Good Reads calls it a warm, feel-good novel about the importance of finding a place where you belong. The novel follows Hanna Casey as she drives her mobile library van between the villages of Ireland's west coast. All welcome! If you have any questions, contact Clare Burnett at email ClareBurnett@optonline.net or phone 203-255-3848.

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.

SCEALA

Submissions for the February Sceala are due Jan 11th. Please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at communications@gacemail.org.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, Jan 31st, reservations by Sunday, Jan 27th, 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, JAN 4TH, @ 8PM

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JAN 2ND, 7PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN 11TH, 8PM

GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

SATURDAY JAN 12TH, 10:30 AM

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, JAN 25TH 6-9PM

SENIOR LUNCH

THURSDAY, JAN 31ST @ 12 NOON

Join us in the pub

AT 8pm

Friday	Jan 4	Mike O'Mally
Saturday	Jan 5	Jolly Beggars
Friday	Jan 11	Mostly Green
Saturday	Jan 12	Mike McGovern
Friday	Jan 18	Ringrose & Freeman
Saturday	Jan 19	Once Removed
Friday	Jan 25	C-Sides
Saturday	Jan 26	Four of a Kind

Intro to Gaelic Football For Children begins the 6-week session in January for more information visit www.stpatricksfgc.org



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Schedule



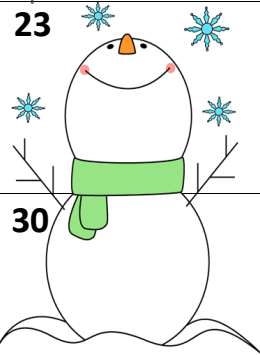

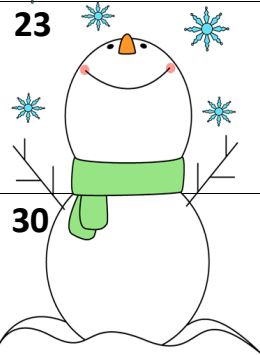
	Pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Branch
Mon & Tues	7 pm - 12 mid		
Wed & Thurs	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	
Friday	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	
Saturday	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	12 noon - 2:30pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	12 pm - 8 pm	12 noon - 8:00pm

How To Reach us

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 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 Dombnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar		1 New Year's Day	2 	3 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	4 8pm Trivia Night 🎵 Mike O'Malley 8 pm in the Pub	5 🎵 Jolly Beggars 8 pm in the Pub
6	7 6:30 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 7pm Irish Reading Class 8pm Irish Instrument Session	8 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	9 5:30 pm Library Book Covering and Re-shelving 7pm Trad Music Session	10 6:30pm Irish Language 6:45 Glee Club 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	11 8pm Membership Meeting 🎵 Mostly Green 8 pm in the Pub	12 10:30am Genealogy Group Fréamh Éireann Meeting 🎵 Mike McGovern 8 pm in the Pub
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**23RD IN A SERIES ON
IRISH HISTORY LECTURES
“Don’t Hang The Hens!”**

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019 @ 2PM

Presented by Una Clancy, who hails from Dublin and earned her Masters Degree in Irish Language and Literature from Trinity College. Taking a particular

interest in the old sagas and folkloric traditions, Ms. Clancy teaches classes and gives presentations on Irish Mythology, early Irish Christianity and Early Irish Law. Una is also an actor, storyteller and singer.

The lecture will discuss Brehon law. Prior to English rule, Ireland had its own system of law dating from Celtic times, which survived until the 17th century when it was supplanted by the English common law. This native system of law, known as the Brehon law, developed from customs which had been passed on orally from one generation to the next.

A study of these laws provides an amazing window into the structures, values and daily-life of Early Ireland. No-one escapes the law - not even the thieving hens or bees.

Tickets - \$5.00 (Students with ID \$2.00)

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MR AND MISS SHAMROCK AWARDS

The recipients of Mr. and Miss Shamrock Scholarships are Brendan Devine from Ludlowe and Mary Ingram also from Ludlowe. The Miss Shamrock runner-up is Kate Morton from Warde and Mr. Shamrock Runner-up is Michael Fickes from Fairfield Prep.

The 2015 Miss Shamrock, Emily Devine (Brendan's sister) was on hand to help with the raffle and crown the new Miss Shamrock.

Many thanks to Shamrock Scholarship organizer Patricia McDonnell who'll be retiring this year and her team who together make this important event happen. Congratulations to all!



**The 55th Annual St. Patrick's Scholarship Dinner on Monday March 11, 2019 @ 6PM
Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. Formal attire required.**

\$125.00 pp | \$100.00 sustaining donation requested but not required.

For additional information contact Dave Howe @ (203) 767-6519 or davehowe173@gmail.com.