



# SCÉALA

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

## Celebrating ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 15 & MARCH 17th

At the Gaelic-American Club we celebrate our proud Irish tradition every day of the year! So, when it comes to March, the GAC showcases the very best in Irish Spirit, Tradition and Talent. So please support the special events scheduled throughout this month. A detailed schedule for Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> (parade day) and Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> can be found on the back of the calendar.

**Special Menu** will be served Friday March 15th from 2-4:30pm and all day Sunday March 17, this menu includes corned beef sandwiches, fish & chips, chicken fingers, fries and tuna sandwiches. Irish potato chips and Irish chocolates also are available. (regular menu served after 5pm on 3/15)

**We also need help** making sandwiches and serving food on St. Patrick's Day. Please sign up at front desk or contact Mary O'Driscoll at 203-414-9462.

**Volunteers needed for St. Patrick's weekend.** We need help at the front door for both Parade Day 2/15 and St. Patrick's Day 2/17. Contact Betty Leary at [betteleary@gmail.com](mailto:betteleary@gmail.com) or 203-767-0117.

**Volunteer Bartenders** needed for 3/17 contact Christine Boccamazzo: [cboccamazzo@yahoo.com](mailto:cboccamazzo@yahoo.com)



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Ticket are \$20 for adults and \$10 Children ~ Limited Sales!



### CHILDREN'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY Saturday, March 9th ~ 11 am to 1 PM

Buffet lunch available \$5

Performance & Mini Lesson by Lenihan School of Dance.  
Kelly Takacs: [kellyanntakacs@yahoo.com](mailto:kellyanntakacs@yahoo.com)



### CÉILI SATURDAY MARCH 9TH FROM 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 info contact Noreen Forde 203-273-0483 ☘ \$20 admission ☘

## Join us in The pub at 9pm

Friday	Mar 1	Karaoke
Saturday	Mar 2	Peter McKiernan
Friday	Mar 8	Mostly Green
Saturday	Mar 9	Allen Gogarty
Sunday	Mar 10	Friel Sisters @ 4 - \$20 admission
Friday	Mar 15	See Schedule on back of Calendar
Saturday	Mar 16	The Jolly Beggars
Sunday	Mar 17	See Schedule on back of Calendar
Friday	Mar 22	Mary G & Frankie Lee
Saturday	Mar 23	Four of a Kind
Friday	Mar 29	The Jolly Beggars
Saturday	Mar 30	Sharon & Her Band



## MARCH Events

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST, @ 8PM  
MCLEAN AVE BAND & LENIHAN DANCERS MARCH 3RD @ 3PM  
GUINNESS SOCIAL - TUESDAY MARCH 5TH, 7PM, SEE PG. 3  
TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH, 7PM  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 8PM  
FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY - SAT, MARCH 9 TH, 10:30 AM  
CLAN NA GAEIL AUDITIONS - SAT & SUN, MARCH 9 & 10, SEE PG. 3  
THE FRIEL SISTERS - SUNDAY MARCH 10TH, @ 4PM, SEE PG. 3  
CULTURAL NIGHT - WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH @ 6:30PM, PG. 3  
IRISH LITERATURE GROUP - MONDAY MARCH 18TH @ 7:30PM  
GENEALOGY SEMINAR - SUNDAY MARCH 24TH, 9-4 PM, SEE PG. 3  
SENIOR LUNCH - THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH @ 12 NOON  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY MARCH 29TH FROM 6-9PM

\$7 Guest Fee - Sunday March 17th

All members must show GAC Membership Card or pay \$7 guest fee. No exceptions!

## FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Once again, we are asking for volunteers to work the front desk. It's 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 cooperation and understanding.

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

**And don't forget we need volunteers for St. Patrick's Day Weekend!**

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night is Friday March 29th from 6-9pm. Kids Buffet is served from 6:00-7:30. and ice cream from 7:45-8pm. Please clear tables, cleaning up spills and food under and around tables - receptacles are provided for trash and bins are provided for dishes, glasses get returned to the bar. Please DO NOT leave for the evening before clearing your table.

We hope you have all been enjoying our new DJ Peter. The positive feedback has been great - I get exhausted just watching!!

The response to our donations of water bottles in January was fantastic. The kids at the school helped empty my FULL car and the principal even took pictures. Thanks again to all who contributed.

It would be great to continue this generosity. So this month we're asking each family donate snacks. Just 1 donation per family would be great. Suggestions are: fruit bars, rice krispie treats, granola bars, individual goldfish bags, etc. Thanks in advance to those who participate.

## FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

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

## GENEALOGY GROUP

### FRÉAMH ÉIREANN

Genealogy Group meets Mar 9th at 10:30 am For info Donna Orazio: [donnaorazio@gmail.com](mailto:donnaorazio@gmail.com).

# CLUB ACTIVITIES

## GOOD & WELFARE

A Mass Card was sent to Kathleen Flynn on the death of her husband Walter.

A Sympathy Card was sent to Marty and Bob Fox on the death of their sister Eileen Fox.

Get well wishes were sent to Bridget Gleeson and Liz O'Neill.

*Notify Noreen Reda of all member news at [npreda4@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DesNolan@optonline.net).

## LIBRARY

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](mailto:library@gacemail.org).

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

The white membership card with your name and a 5 digit number is used for both entering the club and scrip. DO NOT DISCARD AFTER USING UP YOUR SCRIP. \$10 replacement fee for lost card. You can mail or drop off payment with your info to the Attn: Membership. To check Scrip balance, log into [gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html](http://gac.campuscardcenter.com/ch/login.html). For more information contact [membership@gacemail.org](mailto:membership@gacemail.org)

## LITERATURE GROUP

We meet on Monday, March 18th at 7:30, to discuss *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. This stunning debut novel brings to life the fictional town of Neawanaka on the wet coast of Oregon through the jumbled lives and braided stories of its people. New members are most welcome!! If you have any questions, Clare Burnett at email [ClareBurnett@optonline.net](mailto:ClareBurnett@optonline.net) or phone 203-255-3848.

## SCEALA

Submissions for the April Scea are due Mar 8th. Please send to Maura Kallaway and Jillian Plomin at [communications@gacemail.org](mailto:communications@gacemail.org).

## SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, Mar 28th reservations by Sunday, Mar 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. Contact Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Thank you to Sheila Tesei for having served as Social Chairperson. She has passed the baton to the new Co-Chairs Rose Leahy and Suzanne Moore who can be reached via email at [social@gacemail.org](mailto:social@gacemail.org)

## THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who made The Giving Tree a HUGE success (again!) this year. The amount of gifts received was heartwarming and greatly appreciated. Special thanks goes to Tom Flaherty, the busboys and Mike McCormick - Due to the elevator not working, all gifts had to be carried downstairs to be temporarily stored, sorted and then carried back upstairs for distribution!! I am truly grateful for all of their help.

## 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.





### GUINNESS PUB SOCIAL

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH FROM 6:30 TO 9PM**

Taste 4 different types of Guinness beers accompanied by select appetizers, raffles, giveaways and Guinness beer etching! \$20 per person - tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets will be available at the pub starting on 2/15!



### CULTURAL NIGHT - WEDNESDAY MARCH 13 - 6:30 PM

A showcase of Irish music, dance, language, drama & sports. Featuring The Shamroques, Lenihan School of Irish Dance, St. Patrick's Gaelic Football Club, Fairfield Gaelic Pipe Band, Clan na Gael, Set Dancers & Irish Language Club.

### ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

#### GENEALOGY SEMINARS

**SUNDAY MARACH 24TH FROM 9-4PM**

A day of learning to research Irish genealogy. Seminars are presented by Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt of the Ulster Historical Foundation (UHF, Belfast). 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 forms can be found at [fegenealogy.org/](http://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.

Admission for those who haven't pre-registered is available the event day (subject to availability).

### THE FRIEL SISTERS SUNDAY MARCH 10TH @ 4PM



An unforgettable night of Traditional Irish Music & Song. Their powerful instrumentals, their unique style of unison singing has audiences spellbound.

Tickets: \$20 per person and \$5 for children.

[www.shamrockirishmusic.org](http://www.shamrockirishmusic.org) for more information

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

### AUDITIONS FOR CLAN NA GAELE'S PRODUCTION OF "IS LIFE WORTH LIVING" BY LENNOX ROBINSON

Auditions for this comedy are Saturday March 9th 1:30-3:30 and Sunday March 10th 1:30-3:30 We're Casting 5 females (20's-60's) and 8 males (20's -60's).

Set in a quiet, seaside country 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 they begin to emulate the lives of the characters in the plays.

Auditions are open to all. No Experience necessary! Show dates are Thursday, April 25th Friday 26th, Saturday 27th at 8:00pm & Sunday at 2:30pm.

### LAUGH OUT LOUD ENTERTAINMENT

**STAND UP COMEDY & 'FORTY SHADES OF GREEN TOUR'  
SATURDAY MARCH 23RD @ 7:30PM**



A Fun-Fundraiser to propel Tracy James' acclaimed play "Forty Shades of Green Tour" to the Fringe Festival in Scotland.

This fun filled evening features the hilarious production of

"Forty Shades of Green Tour" and the comedic talents of Christine O'Leary, Frankie Fuhrman, Robb Coles, Micaela Fagan & Mat Orefice!

Written and directed by Tracy James, the "Forty Shades of Green Tour" has entertained audiences from the GAC, to Ireland, to Manhattan and now with your support onto the Fringe Festival at Green-side Venue in Edinburgh, Scotland in August 2019. This is one of the World's Largest Arts Festival!

Tickets are \$20. For Reservations call Elizabeth Power 203-873-6556 Or email [40Shades2019@gmail.com](mailto:40Shades2019@gmail.com) Cabaret seating, Cash bar, Raffle tickets, door prizes and more. A Special Thank You to The Gaelic American Club and Feile Inc for their support!



**In the Pub Friday March 15th @ 8PM**

Don't miss this ballad, folk and rebel band, who carry on the proud history, culture and traditions of Ireland through song and stories!

## GREATER BRIDGEPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

### COME CELEBRATE YOUR IRISH HERITAGE AND MARCH WITH THE GAELIC-AMERICAN CLUB

We will meet in the Harbor Yard lot at **11:20** and the parade steps off at noon! So put on your green and get ready to hop, skip or reel! Please email [social@gacemail.org](mailto:social@gacemail.org) if you plan to march.

#### ~ Parade Day Schedule ~

- ♣ 8AM – Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral
- ♣ 9:30AM – Flag Raising Ceremony at City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport
- ♣ 10 AM – Grand Marshal's Breakfast at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn \$25 for Breakfast Buffet\*
- ♣ 12 Noon – Parade Begins at Harbor Yard Arena
- ♣ 1:30PM – Post Parade Luncheon at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn \$30 for Classic Corned Beef Dinner\*

\*To join the 2019 Grand Marshal Peter Carroll at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration before and/or after the parade reserve your seats by March 10. Tickets after 3/10 are an additional \$5 and seating is first come, first serve. For ticket information visit parade website: <http://stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com/2018/12/2019-breakfast-and-luncheon/> There'll be Great Music, Dancers, and Entertainment at both meals!

## 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.

Open to all! Saturday, March 30, at GAC

Doors Open 7 PM- Performance Begins 8 PM

\$25 per person, mail your payment by 3/18 to

St. Pius X Church, 834 Brookside Dr., Fairfield, CT 06824. Make checks payable to KofC Assembly 118.

For more info: Tom Kelty at [tkelty@gmail.com](mailto:tkelty@gmail.com)

## 55TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Monday, March 11, in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. 6:pm cocktails/ 7:pm dinner/ 8:pm keynote speaker & entertainment. \$125 pp/ \$100 sustaining donation requested but not required. Formal attire required. For information contact Dave Howe @ (203) 767-6519 or [davehowe173@gmail.com](mailto:davehowe173@gmail.com).



## CAN YOU NAME THAT TUNE?

Join DJ Jim Dunn for a fun night of this classic music game! Win prizes!

Dance party after game!

**Saturday, April 13th 7PM**

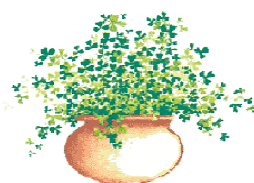
**in the Carolan Room**

## IT'S MARCH SO LET'S CELEBRATE ~ SUNDAY MARCH 3 FROM 3-7PM

MCLEAN AVE BAND PLUS THE LENIHAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE. BRING THE FAMILY AND GRAB DINNER & DRINKS WITH YOUR FRIENDS!



**GREAT CRAIC ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON!**







# FEBRUARY

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### Schedule

**Mon & Tues**  
**Wed & Thurs**  
**Friday**  
**Saturday**  
**Sunday**

**Pub hours**  
7 pm - 12 mid  
5 pm - 12 mid  
4 pm - 2 am  
12 noon - 2 am  
12 noon - 12 mid

**Dinner**  
5 pm - 9 pm  
5 pm - 10 pm  
5 pm - 10 pm  
12 pm - 8 pm

**Lunch & Branch**  
12 noon - 2:30pm  
12 noon - 8:00pm

### How To Reach us

**Office** (203) 254-0673  
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**Pub emergencies** (203) 254-2723  
**Membership** (203) 256-0380  
**Social** (203) 418-7676  
**Website** [www.gaonline.org](http://www.gaonline.org)

Céad míle fáilte



Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
					<b>1</b> St. Brigid's Day 8pm <b>Trivia Night</b> 🎵 Camac 8 pm in the Pub	<b>2</b> Ground Hog Day 🎵 Keltic Kick 8 pm in the Pub
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 <b>Gaelic Pipe Band</b> at the church 7pm <b>Irish Reading Class</b> 8pm <b>Irish Instrument Session</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30pm <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>  <b>Lenihan Dance Lessons</b> 4pm <b>Children</b> 8pm <b>Adult</b>	<b>6</b>  7pm <b>Trad Music Session</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30pm <b>Irish Language</b> 6:45 <b>Glee Club</b> 7:30pm <b>25 Card Game</b> 7:30pm <b>Set Dancing</b>	<b>8</b> 8pm <b>Membership Meeting</b>  <b>Sceala Submissions Due</b>  🎵 Highland Rovers 8 pm in the Pub	<b>9</b> 10:30am <b>Genealogy Group</b> <b>Fréamh Éireann Meeting</b>  🎵 Coracles 8 pm in the Pub
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 <b>Gaelic Pipe Band</b> at the church 7pm <b>Irish Reading Class</b> 8pm <b>Irish Instrument Session</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Lenihan Dance Lessons</b> 4pm <b>Children</b> 8pm <b>Adult</b>	<b>13</b>  5:30 pm <b>Library Book Covering and Re-shelving</b>	<b>14</b> Valentines Day 6:30pm <b>Irish Language</b> 6:45 <b>Glee Club</b> 7:30pm <b>25 Card Game</b> 7:30pm <b>Set Dancing</b>	<b>15</b>  🎵 Susan & Gerard 8 pm in the Pub	<b>16</b>  🎵 The Jolly Beggars 8 pm in the Pub
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 <b>Gaelic Pipe Band</b> 7pm <b>Irish Reading Class</b> 7:30pm <b>Irish Literature Group</b> 8pm <b>Irish Instrument</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Lenihan Dance Lessons</b> 4pm <b>Children</b> 8pm <b>Adult</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30pm <b>Irish Language</b> 6:45 <b>Glee Club</b> 7:30pm <b>25 Card Game</b> 7:30pm <b>Set Dancing</b>	<b>22</b>  🎵 Mike O'Malley 8 pm in the Pub	<b>23</b>  🎵 C-Sides 8 pm in the Pub
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 <b>Gaelic Pipe Band</b> 7pm <b>Irish Reading Class</b> 8pm <b>Irish Instrument</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Lenihan Dance Lessons</b> 4pm <b>Children</b> 8pm <b>Adult</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 12pm <b>Senior Lunch</b> 6:30pm <b>Irish Language</b> 6:45 <b>Glee Club</b> 7:30pm <b>25 Card Game</b> 7:30pm <b>Set Dancing</b>	<b>1</b>  🎵 TBA 8 pm in the Pub	<b>2</b>  🎵 TBA 8 pm in the Pub