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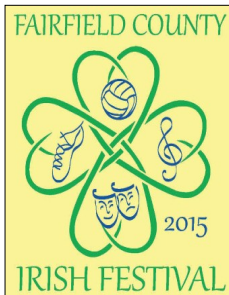
Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MILE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



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FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL JUNE 19, 20 & 21

Festival Mass: Join us Thursday June 18th under the Main Tent for the traditional Festival Mass at 7pm. Refreshments to follow.

Festival Bakers: We need your culinary skills to bake for this year's House Tent. Email info@irishfestival.org. We are also compiling Irish recipes for a FEILE, Inc.

Cookbook so bring submissions of your best recipes to The Vendor's Tent or FEILE Booth throughout the weekend!

2015 Special Festival Events: Irish Soda Bread Contest, judging Sun. 6/21 @ 1:30 in the House Tent. Entry forms on the website or emailinfo@irishfestival.org. Commemoration of Yeats' 150th birthday, the 1916 Easter Rising and the 27th edition of Irish Jeopardy all in The Cultural Tent. As well as Irish Whiskey Tasting, Guinness Pour Your Own. John Whelan, The Elders, Damien Connolly CD launch, dancers, music, rides, food & Sports. For full schedule go to <http://irishfestival.org/>.

Admission: \$20 for 3 day button or \$12/day. Children 14 and under free with an adult. Always Great Fun So Don't Miss It!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year will be about half over when this newsletter reaches you with the unofficial start of summer on Memorial Day followed by the Festival and its weekend long list of activities. The Club has had a steady pace of successful events and activities from St Patrick's Day on through the Spring. Last week's visit by Mr. Jimmy Deenihan TD, Minister of the State for the Diaspora, along with others from the Consulate, was informative, enjoyable and hopefully the beginning of more visits from members of the Consulate in New York.

As I write this, I ask you to keep in your prayers Charlie Vaughn, our first Manager of the Club facility, who has been a key factor over the years in the success of our Gaelic American Club. ~ P J Carolan



JOIN us in the pub at 9 pm

Friday	June 5	Niall O'leary
Saturday	June 6	The Crickstones
Friday	June 12	Sharon and Tom Burke
Saturday	June 13	The Coracles
Friday	June 19	Festival—Club Closed
Saturday	June 20	Festival—Club Closed
Sunday	June 21	Festival—Club Reopens at 6pm
Friday	June 26	Out of the Woods
Saturday	June 27	Once Removed
Friday	July 3	Outside Chance
Saturday	July 4	The Navels - Starting at 10pm after the Fairfield Fireworks



Events

WOMEN AND THE GREAT HUNGER,
June 3 - 6, p 4

TRIVIA NIGHT, FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 8 pm

ST. PATRICK'S GAELIC GAMES
FUNDRAISER, Saturday, June 6, p 4

FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL
June 19, 20 & 21

SENIOR LUNCH
Thursday June 25, 12 noon

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday, June 26, 6 - 9 pm

DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS, p4
July 4th BBQ ~ 12—3pm

SAVE FRIDAY SEPT 25TH

For The 100 Rising Anniversary 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course. Pat O'Connell 203-644-9073 or poc6575@optimum.net.

NEW MEMBERS MEET & GREET - WED JUNE 17 6 - 7:30PM

Committee/Club Chairs and Current Members are encouraged to welcome our newest members and introduce them to the GAC Clubs and Activities.

club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

After 15 years as Chair of the Fáilte Committee, Sue Allen has reluctantly stepped down from a job she truly enjoyed. We thank her for her years of service and are grateful that she is still able to continue greeting GAC members and their guests on Thursday evenings. If you are interested in working one of these shifts greeting members at the front door, please contact betteleary@gmail.com or call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117.

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

FRÉAMH ÉIREANN GENEALOGY GROUP

Genealogy Group meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am in the O'Keefe Room. For more information: fesecretarygac@gmail.com.

GAC BOWLING LEAGUE

Join us Sundays at 6:30 pm at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield. Come alone or with friends! Donna Lillis (203) 373-9129 Hilary Koreeda (203) 335-6861

GAC 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.

Mass cards were sent to: Kathleen Frey for the death of her mother Jean Gerry; to the family of Ann Gaughan for her death; to Eileen Thomas for the death of her long-time partner Arthur Keating; to Joan Woods and family for the death of George Woods; A sympathy card was sent to Rose Leahy for the death of her brother Anton Leahy.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton 203-372-1280

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Saeilge

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

IRISH TEACHER WANTED

Looking for a new teacher, for a new absolute beginners class. A second soul from our MASSIVE membership. You only need commit to a few months of teaching your 'native' tongue. Why not teach a few people a couple of Irish words in time for 2016, the 100th year anniversary of the 1916 Rising, an event that helped determine your right to do so. Contact DesNolan@OptOnline.Net.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Irish Literature Group is meeting on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 in the library to discuss the novel *At Weddings and Wakes* by Alice McDermott. At once a moving evocation of life's inexplicable calamities and a magical celebration of childhood and familial love, it is the story of three generations of an Irish-American family told through the eyes of its youngest members. With eloquence and grace, master storyteller Alice McDermott transforms everyday experience into the heroic and universal. New readers are welcome. Any questions, please call Gloria Piche at 203-260-4037.

LIBRARY

Peggy Corcoran (203) 873-7731 Books may be borrowed from our Library for 3-weeks. Please return books so they are available to other members.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The proposed Policy changes regarding late membership renewals was voted in at the May 8th Membership Meeting. The GAC Policy & Procedure document will now be updated and posted to the GAC website.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, June 12 at 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SCÉALA

The July issue deadline is June 12. Please submit news to 'Newsletter' via email to feismum13@gmail.com or to the Newsletter mailbox.

SENIORS

The Senior Lunch is Thursday, June 25 at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, May 24. Cost \$9. Ann Hague 203-374-5198; Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

SET DANCING

We dance on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Contact Brian Reynolds (203) 214-2921

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!

YOUTH GAELIC GAMES SUMMER CAMP



St. Patrick's GAA Club annual summer camp in Gaelic football and hurling: June

29th to July 3rd for children 5-15 years of age. This camp is designed to introduce boys and girls to the excitement and challenges of Gaelic football and hurling. GAA Certified coaching staffing - many coming direct from Ireland lead the training. Camp hours: 9am to 3pm each day. Graduation & medal ceremony on Friday July 3rd with player & family social at the GAC. Space is limited. For registration and more information please visit website www.stpatricksgfc.org or email admin@stpatricksgfc.org

NORTH AMERICAN GAELIC GAMES FUNDRAISER

A fun-fundraiser will be held at 7pm, on Saturday, June 6th at the GAC to send 60 youth players to San Francisco for the North American Youth GAA Tournament. All proceeds will be used to defray travel expenses for our youth players. Music by the legendary Bainbridge Avenue Band (sister band of McLean Ave Band) featuring fiddles, accordions, and much, much more. Tickets cost \$35 dollars and include light food and appetizers. Advanced purchase recommended. Cash bar and terrific silent auction planned. Corporate and individual sponsorships available. This tournament is the world's largest youth GAA games and features clubs from all over the United States and Canada playing Gaelic football, hurling, and camogie. Please come & support the youth of our Club and help send them to the Gaelic games in San Francisco! For tickets and more info, please call 203.326.0755, or via email admin@stpatricksgfc.org or visit the website at www.stpatricksgfc.org.

DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS VI

Do you have what it takes to compete for the Dancing with the GAC Stars VI Charity Fundraiser? The exciting night happens on Saturday, October 17th and we are seeking seven members—teens to seniors—to try their feet at ballroom dancing. No dancing experience necessary. Must commit to weekly dance lessons at Fred Astaire Studio in Southport. Please send an email to Fran Tartamella at fitzmella@yahoo.com to enter. Due to high interest, dancers will be chosen by lottery based on age group and gender. Entry deadline is June 15th.

WOMEN AND THE GREAT HUNGER IN IRELAND
JUNE 3 - 6 AT QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

Three distinguished keynote speakers include: Jason King, PhD, of Galway University; Ciarán Reilly, PhD, of Maynooth University; and Margaret Ward, PhD, of Queen's University, Belfast. For more info: <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/institutes-and-centers/irelands-great-hunger-institute/women-and-the-great-hunger-in-ireland-conference/>.



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