



# SCÉALA

Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club  
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CÉAD MILE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes  *meitheamh* June 2016

## 28TH ANNUAL FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH FESTIVAL FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND JUNE 17, 18 & 19.

**\$20 FOR A 3 DAY BUTTON OR \$12/DAY**

Children 14 and under free with an adult.



Thursday, June 16th at 7pm - Kick-off Festival Mass under the Main Tent with refreshments to follow.

Once again, we have a full compliment of Irish Music, dance, pipers, sports and hospitality. Please help us make the 28th Festival the best one yet! For a full schedule go to [irishfestival.org](http://irishfestival.org). This year there is **FREE ON SITE PARKING ON CAMPUS**. Shuttle buses will run from the Fairfield Train Station.

**For a Full Festival Schedule visit [irishfestival.org](http://irishfestival.org)  
For Volunteer Info see page 2**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A few months ago, I had mentioned that the Gaelic American Club had received grant money from the Irish government allocated to Language, Literature and Heritage activities promoted by the club. Since then much discussion has occurred regarding what goals should be accomplished and how to achieve them. Irish language classes have been a part of the club for a long time thanks to dedicated volunteer teachers and a core of students. We hope to encourage and develop those classes by subsidizing those interested students to complete the certifying exams and hopefully increase the number of teachers while developing programs for the children as well as adults. Improvements to library by acquisition of literary works, upgrade to the library computer system and improvement in our audiovisual capabilities are also planned and will hopefully be accomplished in the near future. ~ P.J. Carolan


## Sunday June 12, 4pm - Kevin Ferguson's PBS Documentary, 'The Irish Catskills: Dancing at the Crossroads'



Filmmaker Kevin Ferguson will be on hand for this special presentation of 'The Irish Catskills: Dancing at the Crossroads' to discuss the importance of the Catskills experience to Irish American history and to explain how this film - nearly six years in the making - was completed. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

## THE SENIOR BUS TRIP TO MJQ IRISH CENTRE EAST DURHAM NY THURSDAY JUNE 9 ~ 9AM TO 7PM

The day will include a visit to Cultural Centre and Sports Centre with a stop at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, lunch and entertainment at Gavin's Irish Country Inn with some time to browse and shop. Trip is for GAC Senior members, their spouses and care-givers. Space is limited. Deadline for reservations is May 31st. Contact Jim or Carol Ruddy at 203 255 2702

 **Join us in the pub at 9pm**

Friday	June 3	<i>The Crickstones</i>
Saturday	June 4	<i>Four of A Kind</i>
Friday	June 10	<i>Clare Island</i>
Saturday	June 11	<i>Across The Pond</i>
Friday	June 17	<i>No Music ~ Irish Festival</i>
Saturday	June 18	<i>No Music ~ Irish Festival</i>
Friday	June 24	<i>Outside Chance</i>
Saturday	June 25	<i>The Coracles</i>



## Events

**TRIVIA NIGHT** ~ FRIDAY JUNE 3, 8PM  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** ~ FRIDAY JUNE 10, 8PM  
**ST. PATRICK'S BENEFIT** ~ FRIDAY JUNE 11, 7PM  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** ~ FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 6-9PM  
**SENIOR LUNCH** ~ Thursday, June 23, 12 noon,

## club ACTIVITIES

### 25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

### FÁILTE COMMITTEE

Volunteers needed to welcome members and sign in guests. 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

### GOOD & WELFARE

**Get Well Wishes** to Dymrna O'Brien who is recuperating at home following surgery and to Bob Gleeson, a member of the Glee Club, who is recuperating at Bridgeport Hospital following open heart surgery.

**Congratulations** to Bette and Kevin Leary on the birth of their granddaughter, Lillian Leary Russell. She is Kate and Dean Russell's first child.

**Sympathy Cards** were sent: to Maureen and Margaret Soontag for the death of their father, Robert; and to Eamonn McCarthy whose brother, Jack, passed away in Limerick.

Please notify Noreen Reda of member news at npreda4@gmail.com .

### GAC BUSINESS DIRECTORY/ TRADES LIST

It's easy to place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at [www.gaconline.org](http://www.gaconline.org). Go to GAC Business Directory option under Membership Tab and follow prompts to add your listing. And don't forget when you need a business or trade service check the List and support our GAC Members.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton House Committee. 203-372-1280

### IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

### LOST/BROKEN SCRIP CARDS

Individual Members: Send the broken card to us and we will send back a new, working card.

### IRISH LANGUAGE

#### *Foghlaim Gaeilge*

New Beginners Class - Sept 2016: For new learners or those with limited previous knowledge.

New Intermediate (Lower Lever) Class - Sept 2016: Suitable for people who learned Irish in Ireland or had a couple of years of it in America.

Single Simple Summer Sessions - No Irish Needed to Apply: Learn **1)** Irish anthem or **2)** traditional songs, **3)** pop songs, **4)** common prayers - or simple sentences for **5)** club greeters, waiting, bar staff or club events (e.g. dance, member meetings, or sports) - or introduce Irish to your kids via some **6)** nursery rhymes or **7)** short stories - or maybe learn some blessings for **8)** weddings, funerals, new house or use in general.

If interested in any class or session contact [DesNolan@OptOnline.Net](mailto:DesNolan@OptOnline.Net)

### LIBRARY

The library accepts donations of books by Irish authors, books about Ireland and books about the Irish people at home and abroad. Volunteers are needed to reshelv books and keep the library in order. Contact [maryellen.lyons@outlook.com](mailto:maryellen.lyons@outlook.com)

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, June 10 @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

### SCEALA DEADLINE

Submissions for the July Sceala are due Friday June 10. Please send to [feismum13@gmail.com](mailto:feismum13@gmail.com)

### SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, June 30th at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, June 26th. Cost for lunch \$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

Thursdays at 7:30pm. All are welcome! Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921

### FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND BAKED GOOD WANTED

LET'S MAKE THE  
28TH FAIRFIELD COUNTY IRISH  
FESTIVAL THE BEST EVER!

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed, the Festival couldn't be the Festival without you! Please go to our website or fill out a Volunteer Form in the Lobby of the GAC. [irishfestival.org](http://irishfestival.org)

Show off their culinary skills by baking your specialty treats for our House Tent. Please email [info@irishfestival.org](mailto:info@irishfestival.org).

### THE CLAN NA GAEL PLAYERS AUDITIONS FRI JUNE 3 FROM 7:00 TO 930 PM

"Forty Shades of Green Tour", a one act comedy by Tracy James will be traveling to Ireland at the invitation of the All Ireland Award winning Shannonside Players to perform on their stage in October. Auditions will be held Friday June 3rd from 7:00 to 9:30. The cast includes: 2 Males and 4 Females of various ages. All those auditioning must be able to commit to being in Ireland from approximately October 5-15. The cast will be provided with airfare, housing and meals. The play will be workshopped, with the cast, prior to rehearsals. For Info contact: [tray-jay@charter.net](mailto:tray-jay@charter.net)

### ST PATRICK'S GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB BENEFIT

SAT. JUNE 11 ~ 7-11PM

Join us at the Gaelic American Club on June 11th from 7-9pm and enjoy delicious food provided by O'Neill's Pub of Norwalk, live band, silent and live auction all to benefit St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club. So Don't miss a this good time for a great cause. \$35 suggested donation.

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**Schedule Pub hours Dinner Lunch & Branch**


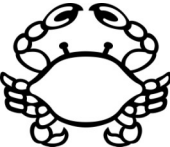






<b>Mon &amp; Tues</b>	7 pm - 12 mid		
<b>Wed &amp; Thurs</b>	5 pm - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	
<b>Friday</b>	4 pm - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	12 noon - 2 am	5 pm - 10 pm	12 noon - 2:30 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	12 noon - 2:30 pm

**How To Reach us**

<b>Office</b>	(203) 254-0673
<b>Fax</b>	(203) 254-3012
<b>Pub emergencies</b>	(203) 254-2723
<b>Membership</b>	(203) 256-0380
<b>Scrip</b>	(203) 254-8502
<b>Social</b>	(203) 418-7676
<b>Website</b>	www.gaconline.org

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<b>Sunday Domhnach</b>	<b>Monday Luan</b>	<b>Tuesday Máirt</b>	<b>Wednesday Céadaoin</b>	<b>Thursday Deardaoin</b>	<b>Friday Aoine</b>	<b>Saturday Satharn</b>
			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	<b>3</b> 8pm Trivia Night 7-9:30 Clan na Gael Auditions ♫ The Crickstones 9 pm in the Pub	<b>4</b> ♫ Four of a Kind 9 pm in the Pub
<b>5</b> 6:30 GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl	<b>6</b> 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>7</b> 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting  Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9AM - 7PM Senior Bus Trip 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>10</b> Scéala deadline 8pm Membership Mtg ♫ Clare Island 9 pm in the Pub	<b>11</b> Pub Dining Only 10:30 Genealogy Group Meeting 7-11pm St. Patrick's Benefit ♫ Across the Pond 9 pm in the Pub
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>14</b>  Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Special Irish Language Class (Info pg 2) 7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>17</b>  <b>Irish Festival</b>  5pm Pub and Kitchen Open	<b>18</b>  <b>Irish Festival</b>  5pm Pub and Kitchen Open
<b>19</b>  <b>Irish Festival</b>  5pm Pub and Kitchen Open	<b>20</b>  Summer Solstice 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>21</b>  Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Special Irish Language Class (Info pg 2)  7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>24</b> 6-9pm Family Fun Night  ♫ Outside Chance 9 pm in the Pub	<b>25</b>  ♫ The Coracles 9 pm in the Pub
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	<b>28</b>  Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 12pm Senior Lunch 6:30pm Special Irish Language Class (Info pg 2) 7:30pm 25 Card Game	<b>1</b>  ♫ TBA 9 pm in the Pub	<b>2</b>  ♫ TBA 9 pm in the Pub



## A HUGE 'THANK YOU' FROM THE CLAN NA GAEL PLAYERS

THANKS TO EVERYONE who attended and/or sponsored our Game of Tables Fundraiser! It was a huge success, raising \$1778.00 towards our Ireland travel fund! A Special thanks to the Shamroques and The Lenihan Dancers for our entertainment, and all the bakers for our delicious desserts! Sponsors include: The Gaelic American Club, Card Smart, Castle on The Post, Plan B Burger, Rio Bravo Mexican Restaurant, Massage Envy, Harry's Wine & Liquor, Steve Bennett, Breda O'Sullivan, Susan Murray, Marie Stehle, Tracy

James, Veronica Munoz, Dave Boyle, Peg O'Leary, Elizabeth Power, Trish LoGalbo, Patrick Maher, Katie Callahan, Kathy Orefice, Dan O'Callahan, The Mahoney's & The Pipe Band.



Congratulations to Katie Callahan, Winner of the Game of Tables for the theme "The Quiet Man"!



## THE ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP IN GAELIC GAMES



It's not too late to sign up for summer camp in Gaelic games (for children 6-15 years of age)! Camp runs from June 27 to July 1st. please see [www.stpatricksgfc.org](http://www.stpatricksgfc.org).



## GREATER BRIDGEPORT SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Nominations for the 2017 Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade Marshal Due By June 30, 2016. Please send submissions to Connie Beagan via E-mail: [cgbeagan@gmail.com](mailto:cgbeagan@gmail.com). Nominees must be of Irish descent and have made contributions to the Irish Community.

## 6TH ANNUAL ONE ACT PLAYWRIGHT CONTEST

The Clan Na Gael Players are pleased to announce that the 6th Annual One Act Playwright Contest will commence March 15th and run thru August 15th 2016. This year, we ask that all entries be submitted by email. Please email [Naoneil@charter.net](mailto:Naoneil@charter.net) for the 2016 Contest Instructions and Official Submission Form. For Info: Nancy O'Neil at (203) 377-1070.

Father's Day Weekend ~ June 17, 18 & 19

