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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road, Fairfield CT 06824
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CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte One Hundred Thousand Welcomes



Bealtaine May 2016

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH FROM 12 - 2:00 PM

Free Mimosa for Moms. \$20 Adults and \$12 Children under 12. For tickets, please drop off check to GAC Social

mailbox or mail check to GAC, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT 06824 Attn: Social Mother's Day Brunch. Include name, contact info, number of adults and children. Checks made payable to GAC.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Their Royal Highnesses The King and Queen of The Fair Fields Bid their Subjects, Lords and Ladies of their esteemed court to present themselves 14 May at 7th Hour. Whence will be held a plentiful banquet in honor of the Princess' Birthday. Music, song, dance, fools and poets will entertain in frolicking manner. Seats will be limited reply to Lady Mary: Cngplacs@gmail.com or call (203) 333-0422. A tithe of \$22. will be collected per subject.

GOLF TOURNAMENT/BENEFIT MAY 23

The tournament at Fairchild Wheeler in Fairfield on Monday May 23rd will benefit Cora who needs a heart. Fee is \$150 per player and includes lunch at course before they go out back to GAC for dinner at 6:30pm open bar 7 to 10pm and prizes. To sponsor hole is 100.00. Any and all donations are welcome. For golf contact Jude @ 203 521 6186 or Frank Driscoll .

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The events at the Club commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Easter Rising were well organized, produced and well received by the members. Beginning with the Children's Choir and the Glee Club presentation on April 17th of the songs of 1916 and culminating in the Mass, unveiling and blessing of the monument by Bishop Caggiano, the events were memorable and , on behalf of the membership, I want to thank and congratulate all that were involved. As the year progresses, we need to focus on an issue that has been brought to my attention by more than a few: space for the children. I have asked a group of members to address the issue and come up with some suggestions to present to the membership. In addition, issues concerning the older members are being looked at with the goal of identifying pertinent problems for which help may be available. If you have any ideas regarding either of these two issues, let me or the executive committee know.

~P.J. Carolan

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Join us for a BBQ on May 30th, 12-3pm and the music of The Jolly Beggars in the Pub from 12-4PM. The perfect place to stop after the Memorial Day Parade.

GAC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gaelic American Club is offering two \$2000 scholarships to deserving high school students attending a four-year college in fall 2016. Applications available on GAC website and must be returned to the GAC by May 15. Visit www.gaconline.org

Events

TRIVIA NIGHT ~ FRIDAY MAY 6, 8PM

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~ FRIDAY MAY 13, 8PM

SENIOR LUNCH ~ Thursday, May 26, 12 noon

FAMILY FUN NIGHT ~ Friday, May 27, 6-9pm,



Join us in the pub at 9pm

Friday	May 6	<i>Outside Chance</i>
Saturday	May 7	<i>Out of the Woods</i>
Friday	May 13	<i>The Yanks</i>
Saturday	May 14	<i>Keltic Kick</i>
Friday	May 20	<i>Mostly Green</i>
Saturday	May 21	<i>Camac</i>
Friday	May 27	<i>Roll Away</i>
Saturday	May 28	<i>The Coracles</i>
Friday	Jun 3	<i>The Crickstones</i>
Saturday	Jun 4	<i>TBA</i>



club ACTIVITIES

25 CARD GAME

Card players meet Thurs at 7:30 pm.

BAR COMMITTEE

Tuesday night 8-Ball Tournament from 7-10pm. For more information Maureen Fracassinni 203-333-6294.

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

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GENEALOGY GROUP

Genealogy Group will meet on Saturday, May 14th at 10:30 am. For more info Contact Donna Orazio: donnaorazio@gmail.com

GOOD & WELFARE

Mass Cards card were sent to: Catherine Fratino for the death of her husband, Louis Sr.; to the family of Isabel Shea; to Mary Nevins for the death of her husband, Dr. Robert Nevins. Dr. Nevins was also the father of member Gail McGuirk and the father-in-law of Eric McGuirk; to Judith Toohey for the death of her husband, Thomas; to Patricia Carroll for the death of her husband Cornelius; and to the family of life member, Mary Ganley.

Get well wishes to: Bill Caldwell who is recuperating from emergency gall bladder surgery at his daughter's home in Knoxville, TN.; to Mark Darcy on the road to recovery at St. Vincent's Medical Center following a second heart procedure in 2 weeks.

Congratulations to: Tom and Pat Keane on the marriage of their daughter, Meaghan Catherine Keane to Grant Wilson. They met while working in Saudi Arabia.; and to Cathy and Doug Van Tornhout on the birth of their first grandchild, Amelia Grace Kruger.

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

GAC BOWLING LEAGUE

Join us Sundays at 6:30pm at Nutmeg Bowl in Fairfield. Come alone or bring friends. Contact Donna Lillis email donna_m_lillis@sbcglobal.net or (203) 373-9129.

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 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

Many thanks to all the volunteers who brought baked goods to the club on St. Patrick's Day morning for after the flag raising . You are dedicated club volunteers and everyone looks forward to your baked goods each St. Patrick's Day , from Ilona Paxton House Committee.203-372-1280

IRISH INSTRUMENT SESSIONS

Join us Mondays, 8 pm

IRISH LANGUAGE

Foghlaim Gaeilge

Beginner Classes: Thursdays 6:30-7:30 PM (formal Irish class on summer break June-August) Contact KThopysey@Fairfield.edu

Short Summer Sessions - No prior Irish necessary for: **1)** A few traditional songs - how to pronounce with English and phonetics provided **2)** Similarly for a few pop-songs. **3)** Common prayers in Irish **4)** A small bit of Irish for Kids/Parents to use every day **5)** One or more Irish Stories/Readers All sessions will be held June-August with specific scheduling based on enrollee preferences/availability and materials based on interests of attendees. Contact Des-Nolan@Optonline.net if interested in any session.

Interested in teaching Irish? Des-Nolan@Optonline.net

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Monday, May 23rd to discuss Pete Hamill's North River. Publisher's Weekly said "the quietly engrossing novel skillfully conjures the gritty world of lower Manhattan during the Depression, weaving elements of suspense, comedy and romance." If you have any questions, please call Clare Burnett at 203-255-3848 or email: ClareBurnett@optonline.net. New members are welcome!

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

LOST/BROKEN SCRIP CARDS

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's meeting will be held Friday, May 13 @ 8 pm. Meetings are open to all Members. Minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board.

SENIORS

Senior Lunch is Thursday, May 26th at 12 noon. Call for reservations by Sunday, May 22th. 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

HELP WANTED!

CHRISTMAS FAIR CHAIR FOR 2016

Mary Ann Doonan is planning to retire as Chair of the Celtic Christmas Fair after this year and will work with the new Chair. Vendor applications need to be mailed by Sept. so prompt response required! Please contact Mary Ann Doonan 203-377-4586 or e-mail Madoonan@aol.com. This is a 22-year GAC holiday tradition enjoyed by all that should be continued.

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Schedule	pub hours	Dinner	Lunch & Oranch
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 - 2:30 pm
Sunday	12 noon - 12 mid	5 pm - 9 pm	12 noon - 2:30 pm

how To Reach us	
Office	(203) 254-0673
Fax	(203) 254-3012
Pub emergencies	(203) 254-2723
Membership	(203) 256-0380
Scrip	(203) 254-8502
Social	(203) 418-7676
Website	www.gaconline.org

**CÉAD MILE
fáilte**



Sunday <i>Dómhach</i>	Monday <i>Luan</i>	Tuesday <i>Máirt</i>	Wednesday <i>Céadaoin</i>	Thursday <i>Deardaoin</i>	Friday <i>Aoine</i>	Saturday <i>Satharn</i>
1 2pm Ireland's Magdalen Laundries "Academic Advocacy and Restorative Justice"	2 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument	3 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	4 	5 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	6 8pm Trivia Night ♪ Outside Chance 9 pm in the Pub	7  Derby Day ♪ Out of the Woods 9 pm in the Pub
8 12-2pm Mothers' Day Brunch 6:30 GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl	9 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band at the church 8pm Irish Instrument Session	10 7:30pm Executive Committee Meeting Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	11	12 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	13 Scéala deadline 8pm Membership Mtg ♪ The Yanks 9 pm in the Pub	14 10:30 Genealogy Group Meeting 7pm Clan na Gael's Medieval Party ♪ Keltic Kick 9 pm in the Pub
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22 6:30 GAC Bowling League at Nutmeg Bowl	23 Golf Tournament 6:45 Gaelic Pipe Band 7:30 Irish literature Group 8pm Irish Instrument Session	24 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children 8pm Adult	25	26 12pm Senior Lunch 6:30pm Irish Language Class (All Levels) 7:30pm 25 Card Game 7:30pm Set Dancing	27 6-9pm Family Fun Night ♪ Roll Away 9 pm in the Pub	28 ♪ The Coracles 9 pm in the Pub
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CAST OF "A WAKE IN THE WEST"



Kudos to The Clan na Gael Players for their outstanding and hilarious production of "A Wake in the West."

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 for the 2016 Contest Instructions and Official Submission Form. For Info: Nancy O'Neil at (203) 377-1070.



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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: GAELIC FOOTBALL NEEDS YOU!

High school students needed to play Gaelic Football during the Spring Championship. Bring friends and your competitive spirit! For more info on both programs please see www.stpatricksgfc.org.



GREATER BRIDGEPORT SAINT PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Many thanks from the GBSPDCC to all who supported this year's events that led to a very successful 34th Annual Grand Parade through Downtown Bridgeport. Plans for 2017, including Grand Marshal nominations, will soon be underway. Visit us online @ www.stpatricksdaysbridgeport.com.

**Sunday June 12, 3pm - a special presentation of
Kevin Ferguson's PBS documentary,
'The Irish Catskills: Dancing at the Crossroads'**

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



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