



# SCÉALA

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



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**PAST PRESIDENTS  
COOKOUT  
AUG | 3 | 6 PM**

**TO HONOR JIM CAROLAN  
MUSIC BY THE HIGHLAND ROVERS**  
*(more details to follow)*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GAC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

The GAC Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients this year of the GAC scholarship are Elizabeth Hinds and Roisin McGurik.

Elizabeth, a graduate of Fairfield Ward High School is attending Western Connecticut State University in the fall and study Music and English Education.

Roisin, a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy - Lauralton Hall, will continue her academic career at Sacred Heart University, and major in Actuarial Science

Both girls have been honor students all four years of high school and active members of their home and school communities as well as the GAC. Each recipient receives a \$2000 scholarship. The scholarships presentation at the July membership meeting.

## FEILI ANNOUNCES THE 2019 JOE MORAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

- Manaia Friend – Masuk High School
- Samuel Gertner – Masuk High School
- Sean O'Neill – Weston High School

Each student will receive \$2,000 and were selected based on answers to this essay question: In light of the current Brexit crisis, discuss the potential impact Britain's exiting the European Union will likely have on the Republic of Ireland.

**Comhghairdeas ~ Congratulations!**

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY BBQ**  
**THURSDAY JULY 4, 12 - 3PM**  
with music by  
**MOSTLY GREEN 12 - 4PM**

## July Events

- TRAD MUSIC SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JULY 3RD, 7PM**
- MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FRIDAY, JULY 12TH, 8PM**
- SUMMER SOLSTICE KARAOKE - FRIDAY JUNE 21ST 9PM**
- FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY, JULY 28TH 6-9PM**
- CLAN NA GAEL NEWS -FULL LIST OF EVENTS, PG 4**

## TRIVIA NIGHT FRIDAY JULY 5TH @ 8PM

Wear Red, White & Blue - all three colors to be eligible to win one of our many great prizes.  
See you all there wearing your red, white & Blue!

## Join us in the pub at 8pm

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| Friday   | July 4  | Mostly Green 12-4pm |
| Friday   | July 5  | Kurt & Helen        |
| Saturday | July 6  | Camac               |
| Friday   | July 12 | Jolly Beggars       |
| Saturday | July 13 | TBA                 |
| Friday   | July 19 | Sharon & Her Band   |
| Saturday | July 20 | C-Sides             |
| Friday   | July 26 | Coracles            |
| Saturday | July 27 | Four of a Kind      |



**MOON LANDING PARTY**  
**SATURDAY JULY 20TH - 8PM**  
Join Us in the Pub 8 - 11 pm and have some fun in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11's Lunar Landing. Wear Your RetrO-Style Duds and dance to favorite 'Moon Tunes' with music by C-Sides.

**Light Fare | Prizes | Drink Specials**

**BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY**

Place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at [www.gaconline.org](http://www.gaconline.org). Go to GAC Business Directory 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 your fellow members.

**FÁILTE COMMITTEE**

We always need for volunteers to work the front desk. This is 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 co-operation and understanding.

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

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

Family Fun Night is Friday July 26th with DJ Peter 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.

**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).

**GOOD & WELFARE**

Well Wishes to Michael Devaney who broke his hip and is recovering at the Carleton.

Condolences to Eileen Murphy whose mother Theresa Murphy, long time member of the club and one of the originators of the senior lunch passed away 6/1 at the age of 93.

Congratulations to Dona and Joe Campbell who just celebrated the christening of their grandson, Joseph Daniel. Proud parents are Susan and Jeff Lampe

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

**Club ACTIVITIES****GENEALOGY GROUP**  
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Genealogy Group is on summer break and will resume in September.

**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:**

Classes are on summer break and will resume in September.

**LIBRARY**

Library is open Monday through Saturday. Monitored children's hours for the Library are Friday and Saturday 6PM to 9PM. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be no Book Covering and re-shelving books in July. **Please SIGN OUT BOOKS.** NO food or drink is allowed in library. For more Info: [library@gacemail.org](mailto:library@gacemail.org).

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

This month's meeting is Friday July 12th @ 8pm. All members welcome!

**JULY SCEALA SUBMISSIONS**

Submissions are due July 12th  
[Communications@gacemail.org](mailto:Communications@gacemail.org)

**LITERATURE GROUP**

The Group is on a summer hiatus but will meet again on Monday, September 23rd at 7:30 Contact ClareBurnett@optonline.net

**SENIORS**

Senior Lunch is on break for the summer and will resume in September

**SET DANCING**

Set Dancing is on break for the summer and will resume in September.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE****WOODSTOCK PARTY**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 17 @ 8 PM**



**SATURDAY SEPT 21 ◆ 4 PM**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WEE IRISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS**

**1st Prize:** \$2,000 AAA Travel Voucher to Ireland won by Cindy Tulloch of Fairfield.

**2nd Prize:** \$1,200 Cash won by Mary Clare Collier of Stratford.

**3rd Prize:** \$750 Cash won by Sue Ellen Hansen of Oxford.

**4th Prize:** \$500 Cash won by Kathy Lucas of Trumbull.

**5th Prize:** (2) Vouchers (10) people each redeemable at The Stress Factory Thursday Night Comedy Show won by Grace Cullen of Fairfield.

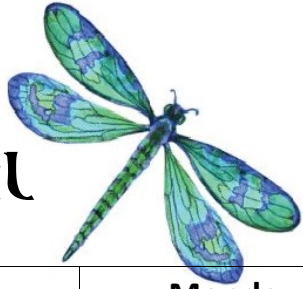
**6th Prize:** (2) Gift certificates: \$100 redeemable at Grace O'Malley; \$75 redeemable at Ole Dog Tavern won by Brad Baldwin of Bridgeport.

**7th Prize:** (2) Tickets to the Irish Repertory Theater, won by William Cody of Shelton.

**8th Prize:** (2) Gift certificates: \$75 for Fairfield Theater Company; \$50 for Archie Moore's, won by K Donnelly of Troy, NY

**9th Prize:** \$100 gift certificate for Klein Memorial Auditorium, won by David Casey of Pawtauket, RI

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## Schedule

**Pub hours**

**Dinner**

**Lunch & Branch**

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

7 pm - 12 mid  
5 pm - 12 mid  
4 pm - 2 am  
12 noon - 2 am  
12 noon - 12 mid

5 pm - 9 pm  
5 pm - 10 pm  
5 pm - 10 pm  
5 pm - 10 pm  
12 pm - 8 pm

12 noon - 2:30pm  
12 noon - 8:00pm

## How To Reach us

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**MARY ANN DOONAN**  
**Named 2020 Grand Marshal**  
**of Greater Bridgeport St.**  
**Patrick's Day Parade!**

Mary Ann Doonan has volunteered for decades at the GAC and served as our first female President (1997-98). Additionally Mary Ann has held many positions on the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee, and established the Miss Shamrock Scholarship program. She's volunteered for many other groups including the Mercy Learning Center, Merton Center, Under the Bridge program and Ancient Order of Hibernians. She also knits prayer shawls along with her group from St. James Church for the patients at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Congratulation Mary Ann for this well deserved honor!

**DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS**

Seeking members to dance in our 10th annual charity fundraiser on Saturday, October 12th. No experience necessary. Members of all ages welcome, including children. Must commit to weekly dance lessons beginning in July at Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Southport. If interested contact Fran Tartamella at 203-260-4180 or email fitzmella@yahoo.com

**CLAN NA GAEL NEWS**

**Fall Production:** Auditions for CnG's fall production of "Nobody's Talking To Me" a comedy by Tommy Marren and directed by Kelsey Guggenheim Dias, will be held on **September 28th and 29th from 1:00 - 3:30.** The cast will consist of 4 males & 4 females ages ranging from mid 30's - 70's. Performances are Nov. 21-24.

**Readers Theatre:** On Saturday October 19 and Sunday October 20 we will be presenting a staged Reading of **THE SKULL OF CONNAMARA** by Martin McDonagh, directed by Peg O'Leary Perfect for the Halloween season. Come Join Us ~ No Experience Necessary!

**A THOUSAND THANKS**

Tracy James, the Cast and Crew of The Forty Shades of Green Tour would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who attended our Night of Music - It was magical! Special thanks to Tim Warren and Eric Donnelly of The Alternate Routes and The Irish Band for your performances! Last but not least, we can not thank the GAC and Feile enough for their continued support!

Now that The Fringe Festival is almost here, we've one more fundraiser ~ **A night of Comedy & Music** on July 26th at Grace O'Malley's in Fairfield. For reservations email 40Shades2019@gmail or call Elizabeth Power at 203 873-4556. Looking forward to another night of Fun! **Hope to see you all there!**

**IRELAND'S GREAT HUNGER MUSEUM NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

You can all help by becoming dues paying members of the museum. There are eight levels of membership starting at \$35. To donate or become a member visit <https://www.ighm.org/support.html>.



*T'is July ... may you touch dragonflies and stars, dance with fairies and talk to the moon.*