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



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JOIN US FOR A
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 - Larchmont 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!

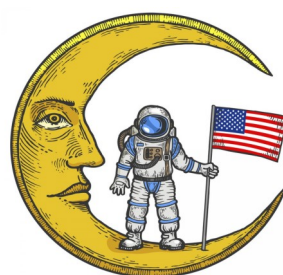
4TH OF JULY BBQ
THURSDAY JULY 4, 12 - 3PM
with music by
MOSTLY GREEN 12 - 4PM

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

Join us in the pub at 8pm

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. 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.

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.

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.

Club ACTIVITIES**GENEALOGY GROUP****FRÉAMB ÉIREANN**

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.

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.

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

LITERATURE GROUP

The Group is on a summer hiatus but will meet again on Monday, September 23rd at 7:30 Contact ClareBur-nett@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.

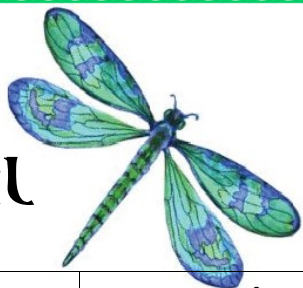
6th Prize: (2) Gift certificates: \$100 redeemable at Grace O'Malley; \$75 redeemable at Ole Dog Tavern won by Brad Baldwin of Bridgeport.

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

July Iúil



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
12 pm - 8 pm






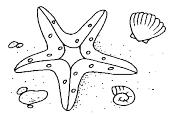
12 noon - 2:30pm
12 noon - 8:00pm

How To Reach us

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Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAoine	Thursday DEARDAoine	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
	1 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm (at the church) Irish Instrument Session - 8p	2 CnG's Improve Workshop • H.S. Students 6-7pm • Adults 7:30-8:30pm	3 Trad Music Session - 7pm	4 July 4th BBQ 12-3pm Mostly Green 🎵 In the Pub at 12 - 4pm 	5 Trivia Night - 8pm Kurt & Helen 🎵 In the Pub at 8pm	6 Camac 🎵 In the Pub at 8pm
7 Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	8 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm (at the church) Irish Instrument Session - 8pm	9 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	10 CnG's Improve Workshop • H.S. Students 6-7pm • Adults 7:30-8:30pm	11 I Irish Reading Class - 7pm 25 Card Game - 7:30pm Set Dancing - 7:30pm	12 Membership Meeting 8pm Sceala Submissions Due Jolly Beggars 🎵 In the Pub at 9pm	13 TBA 🎵 In the Pub at 8pm
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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.*