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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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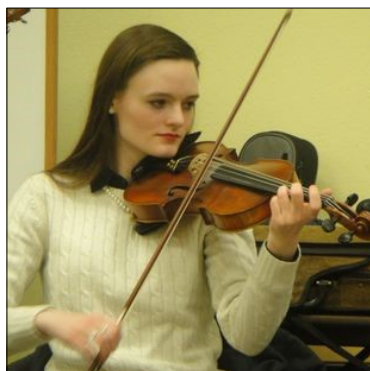


Aibreán | April 2022

A THOUSAND THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE ST. PATRICK'S DAY GREAT AGAIN!

After a two year hiatus we're so happy to be thanking all who contributed to The GAC's 2022 St. Patrick's Day Celebration! We so appreciate GAC's Permittee Chrissy Boccamazzo, Club Manager Tom Flaherty, the bartenders, wait staff, chef & kitchen staff, volunteers, dancers, musicians, pipers, those who set up, cleaned up and those behind the scenes who all helped bring the craic back! Go raibh maith agat!

LINDSEY CÉITINN IN THE PUB



This award-winning fiddler and teacher will play the April's First Friday Trad Music Session on April 1st from 6-8pm. An accomplished musician, she's president of The PV O'Donnell Branch of Comhaltas and a student of Brian Conway.

WEEKEND MUSIC IS INDOORS 8-11PM

Friday	Apr 1	Lindsey Céitinn (6-8pm) The C-Sides (8-11pm)
Saturday	Apr 2	The Irish Band
Friday	Apr 8	McLean Ave Band
Saturday	Apr 9	Jolly Beggars
Friday	Apr 15	Good Friday - No Music
Saturday	Apr 16	Keltic Kick
Friday	Apr 22	Camac
Saturday	Apr 23	Ruff Dogs
Friday	Apr 29	Approaching Normal
Saturday	Apr 30	Sharon & Her Band

IRISH HISTORY LECTURE - MAY 1ST AT 2PM THE OGHAM ALPHABET: PAST & PRESENT



Colleen Berry Conway, co-owner and artist of Ogham Art, will present an interactive lecture in the Carolan room on the history of Ogham, the first written form of the Primitive Irish language. Ogham was used in Ireland and parts of England, Scotland and Wales between the 2nd and 6th centuries. Though its actual origins remain a mystery today, it is believed the Celts desired a cryptic alphabet that could not be deciphered by Roman Britain. Represented as a series of perpendicular and intersecting lines, Ogham was carved into stones to mark land boundaries or to commemorate a member of the community. Today there are roughly four hundred surviving stones featuring proper names, ancestral and tribal affiliations, and Latin words.

The lecture will begin with a concise history of the Celts and an outline of the Celtic languages. A thorough presentation of the Ogham alphabet will be followed by a lesson for the attendees to write their names in Ogham. Also included are visuals and reference materials for those with a keen curiosity about a relatively unknown chapter of Irish history! Select unique creations by Ogham Art will be available for purchase at the event including art, jewelry and home decor.

Tickets - \$5.00 (Students with ID \$2.00)

Send check payable to Feile, Inc. to: Mary Adams-Arroyo, 221 McGrath CT Stratford, CT 06615
Email: marroyo@optonline.net Subject: Irish History Lectures - Phone: 203-377-2346

club ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

Please direct all your Membership questions to the membership committee: membership@gacemail.org

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday April 8th @ 8PM
Members are encouraged to attend!

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets monthly and can be reached
Via email at executive@gacemail.org

BUSINESS & TRADES DIRECTORY

To place your professional listing in the GAC Business Directory Trades List at www.gaconline.org. send info to communications@gacemail.org. And when you need a business or trade service check the list and support your fellow members.

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

We are getting into our busy times at the GAC and we do need to have people to volunteer to sit for a few hours at the front desk. It's a great way for new members to meet new people. Ideally we like a 3 (or more) hour shift - once a week, a month or year!

We have roughly 6000 members, yet we only have 3 volunteers to sit at the front desk. Please volunteer to help out. No experience necessary. Please call Bette Leary at 203-767-0117. Thank you

FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

The group practices Mondays at 6:30pm in the Carolan Room of the GAC. For more info visit fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org or call 475-329-0202.

GOOD & WELFARE

Get well cards were sent to:
Jim Ruddy and Pat O'Connell

A Mass Card was sent to: Virginia Casey on the passing of her husband, David B. Casey and Kathleen Stattel on the passing of her brother, Dan J. Lynch.

Sympathy cards were sent to: Catherine Gallagher on the passing of her Mother, Mary Teresa Sanderson; Theresa Fumo on the death of her Mother, Carol; Eileen Flynn on the passing of her brother, Kevin; and John McAdams on the passing of his Mother, Eileen Mary Rogan.

Notify Mary Alvarez of all member news at alvarezmp@icloud.com.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month @ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room and via zoom. For mor information or link contact FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilona Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursday Evenings via Zoom

6:45 beginners | 7:30 intermediate
For more information: Cait Thopsey
203-459-9686

LIBRARY

The library will NOT be accepting donations until the Spring.

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet at the GAC on Monday, April 25th at 7pm to discuss *Star of the Sea* by Joseph O'Connor. The novel is set in 1847 against the backdrop of the Irish famine and tells the story of those individuals aboard the Star of the Sea as they journey towards The Promised Land of America. All are welcome to attend. For more info please contact ClareBurnett@optonline.net.

SCÉALA SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are due April 8th
Communications@gacemail.org

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday April 28th
please make reservations by Sunday, April 24th. Cost of Lunch is \$8 for members. \$10 for non-members. Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

SET DANCING

Lace up your dance shoes because Set Dancing is back every Thursday at 7:30pm. Contact Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

contact social@gacemail.org.

SCRIP CARDS

Your Scrip card will be loaded as of April 1st. It can be used to purchase food and drink at the club. It cannot be used for take out.

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

The Shamroques host an Irish Trad Music Night every Wednesday from 7-9pm in the Carolan Room. All are welcome to join in or just listen.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Meetings are held at the GAC every 3rd Thursday of the month. The AOH is a fraternal group that mixes social functions and Christian charity on a regular basis. Join your fellow Irish Catholic brothers for good times and on-going charitable works. Contact Mark Ryan at 203 258-9846 or mark.ryan@sbcglobal.net.



ST PATRICK'S DAY KID'S PARTY

It was a great party hosted by St. Patrick's GAA. The Children participated in games & crafts were entertained by Damien Connolly's trad music and graced with a special appearance by St. Patrick himself.

(photo credit Irish Flare Photography, LLC)

April

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Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Kitchen hours

4pm - 9pm
4pm - 10pm
4pm - 10pm
12pm - 10pm
12pm - 8 pm

pub hours

Closed
4pm - 10pm
4pm - 12am
12 noon - 12am
12 noon - 9pm

How To Reach us

Office (203) 254-0673
Fax (203) 254-3012
Pub emergencies (203) 254-2723
Membership (203) 256-0380
Social (203) 418-7676
Website www.gaonline.org

Céad míle fáilte



Sunday Domhnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
Reminder Scrip cannot be used for takeout	FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS PLEASE CALL 203-254-2723 TO AVOID DELAY PLEASE PAY UPON ORDERING				1 Trivia Night 8pm ♪ 6-8pm Lindsey Céitinn ♪ The C-Sides 8-11pm	2 GAA for Children (at Field House in Fairfield) ♪ The Irish Band 8-11pm
3 Reminder Please Return Your Glasses to the Bar	4 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	5 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	6 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	7 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	8 Membership Meeting 8pm Sceala Submissions Due ♪ McLean Ave Band 8-11pm	9 Genealogy Group Fréamh Eiréann Meeting 10:30am ♪ Jolly Beggars 8-11pm
10 Palm Sunday	11 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	12 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	13 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	14 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	15 Good Friday No Music	16 ♪ Keltic Kick 8-11pm
17 Happy Easter	18 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	19 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	20 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	21 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm CnG Production 8:00pm 'Outside Mullingar'	22 CnG Production 8:00pm 'Outside Mullingar' ♪ Camac 8-11pm	23 CnG Production 8:00pm 'Outside Mullingar' ♪ Ruff Dogs 8-11pm
24 CnG Production 2:30pm 'Outside Mullingar'	25 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm Irish Literature Group -7pm	26 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	27 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	28 Senior Lunch 12 noon Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	29 ♪ Approaching Normal 8-11pm	30 ♪ Sharon & Her Band 8-11pm

GALIC-AMERICAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Gaelic-American Club is pleased to offer two, \$2,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors attending a four-year college in the fall. Recipients will be announced in early June.



Return the completed application to the Fairfield Gaelic American Club by 5 PM on May 8, 2022. Completed applications must be placed in the Club Manager's mailbox and the envelope must be labeled to the attention of GAC Scholarship Committee or sent to Elizabeth Power, 14 Paisley Lane, Fairfield, CT 06825. We wish you the very best!

We hope you enjoy participating in the scholarship application process and we wish you the very best!

COMMIN IN MAY

"CHARLIE GORMAN'S WAKE"

AN ORIGINAL COMEDY MOVIE BY PAUL PENDER

MAY 22 @ 4PM (MORE INFO TO COME)

The film is in the sleepy County Kildare village of Ballycarraig, the plot tells the story of friendship among the patrons of Gorman's Bar who are relentlessly funny and always entertaining.

CLAN NA GAEL'S SPRING PRODUCTION

Clan na Gael is pleased to announce the Cast of their April production of "Outside Mullingar" by John Patrick Shanley. The four person play features, Tristen Cole, Valerie Huegal, Susan Maxham and Mike O'Mara. The play is being directed by Jillian Plomin and produced by Peg O'Leary.

"Outside Mulligan" is two intertwined stories. A long standing land dispute, between neighbors, which has kept the second story, about a rather one sided romance, on the back of the turf stove for many years. It is by turns, poetic, uplifting, dark and funny!

Production dates: April 21, 22, 23 at 8:00

And Sunday April 24th at 2:30

Reservations can be had at:

playresvcng@gmail.com Or 203-377-1070

If you would like to be a part of the work, and fun, of putting together the play, please contact, opeggyo812@gmail.com. No Experience Necessary! We are a warm and welcoming group!

TRIVIA NIGHT - APRIL 1ST @ 8PM

As usual we'll be in the Carolan Room. This month you should wear pink and as always brush up on all that useless information to win some awesome stuff!

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