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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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GAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2022

If you have a working email on file with us, you will receive notification in January to renew your GAC membership for 2022. If you have no email or have requested paper billing, your invoice was mailed in late December.

Other important information regarding membership renewal:

- Please make sure your contact information, especially email and home address are current. You can log into your account to review your information at any time on the membership website <https://www.gaelicamericanclub.com/>
- If you usually receive your renewal from the GAC by email and did not receive an email from us by January 3rd, please check your settings and spam folder.
- If you usually receive your renewal by mail and do not receive anything from us by January 6, please let us know. The best way to contact the membership office is via email at membership@gacemail.org.
- Do not discard your white door/scrip card. There is a \$10 replacement fee. Your 2022 scrip will be loaded onto that card on April 1, 2022.
- All 2021 scrip expires on February 28, 2022.

You can contact membership committee via email at membership@gacemail.org

Please note: The Gaelic American Club operates on a calendar year and depends on the prompt payment of membership dues. Membership renewal is payable beginning on January 1 each year. We allow up to a 60-day grace period to pay. All memberships must be renewed by February 28, 2022. Beginning March 1, there will be a \$100 reinstatement fee added to all renewals.

JANUARY 7TH MARKS THE RETURN OF TRIVIA

Trivia returns on Friday January 7th @ 8pm in the Carolan Room. This month is a snowflake theme. So get ready for a great time and brush up on all that useless information to win some awesome stuff!

GRAND MARSHALL'S BALL

The Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will hold its annual Grand Marshall's Ball on January 29th from 6:30 to midnight at the Gaelic-American Club honoring past GAC President Gerry Reidy as the Grand Marshal of the 2022 Bridgeport St. Patrick's Parade.

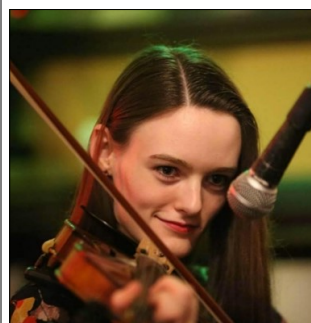
The event opens with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 accompanied by traditional Irish instrumental music. Cocktails will be followed by dancing with music provided by the Mclean Avenue Band and dinner catered by O'Neill's of Norwalk.

Tickets are \$100 pp and there will be an open bar for the entire evening.

Attire is business formal/black tie optional.

Please check the website <http://stpatriksdaybridgeport.com/> for further details including reservation, seating and payment procedures.

Although the thermometer may be barely registering outside, you can be assured there will be a warm and festive Irish celebration going on inside.



LINDSEY CEITINN - JAN 7TH

This award winning fiddler and teacher will kick off 2022's First Friday Trad Music Session on January 7 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	Jan 7	Lindsey Ceitinn (6-8pm) C-Sides (8-11pm)
Saturday	Jan 8	Keltic Kick
Friday	Jan 14	Liz McNichol Band
Saturday	Jan 15	Mike McGovern
Friday	Jan 21	Once Removed
Saturday	Jan 22	Susan & Gerard
Friday	Jan 28	Peader Hickey
Saturday	Jan 29	Allen Gogarty



MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday January 14 @ 8PM
Members are encouraged to attend!

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meets monthly and can be reached
Via email at exective@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 need volunteers to greet our members at the front desk and sign in their guests. The GAC was built on volunteerism so here's an easy way to do your part, meet members and most importantly the liquor commission requires guests be signed in!

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

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.

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

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

CLUB ACTIVITIES

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

Meets 2nd Saturday of the month in the O'Keefe Room @ 10:30am. For info Donna donnaorazio@gmail.com.

GOOD & WELFARE

Get well cards were sent to Maryanne and Peter Doonan after their recent ar accident.

Mass cards were sent to: The family of Peter Bellew; Nancy Lovely on the passing of her husband Ted;

Ellen Kuroghlian on the passing of her husband, Gerry

Sympathy cards were sent to: Bryce Perry and Lane Driscoll on the passing of their sister, Tracy and their Mother, ~~Orma~~.

Deceased member plaques were engraved for: Peter Bellew, Gerald Kuroghlian and Edward Lovely.

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

SCALA SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are due January 14th
Communications@gacemail.org

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday January 27th
please make reservations by Sunday, January 23th. Cost of Lunch is \$7 for members. \$9 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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ilna Paxton, House Chairperson
203-372-1280

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

contact social@gacemail.org.

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursday Evenings via Zoom

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

LITERATURE GROUP

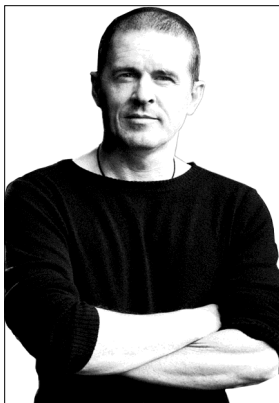
The Literature Group will meet at 7 pm on Monday, Jan 17th, via Zoom, to discuss *The Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor. A brilliant, subtle and moving story of love, guilt and forgiveness. The Gault family leads a life of privilege in early 1920's Ireland, but the threat of violence leads the parents of nine-year-old Lucy to decide to leave for England, her mother's home. On the day before they are to leave, Lucy runs away, setting off a series of tragic misunderstandings that affect the town of Lahardane's inhabitants for the rest of their lives. All are welcome to attend. For Zoom link, please contact Clare Burnett@optonline.net.

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

FÉILE BOOK & MOVIE DISCUSSION WITH COLIN BRODERICK SUNDAY, JAN 16 @ 2 PM

FÉILE, Inc. presents an afternoon with Irish author Colin Broderick on Sunday, January 16 at 2pm. Colin will discuss his books, movies and experiences in a relaxed discussion format. All are welcome. Admission is free. Signed copies of his books will be available for \$20. Plan on joining us!



Colin Broderick originally from County Tyrone, has lived in the United States for over thirty years. He has published four books. His first memoir, "Orangutan", covers the twenty years he spent working construction out of the Bronx while struggling with alcoholism and addiction. His second memoir "That's That" is a raw account of growing up in Northern Ireland at the height of The Troubles. His novel, "Church End" is a fictional account of the time he spent working construction in London in the late 1980's. His latest book "The Writing Irish of New York" is a collection of essays detailing the history of Irish writing in America. He has also written and directed two feature movies. Emerald City tells the tale of a hard living crew of Irish construction workers in New York City, who have reached the end of the line. His latest movie "A Bend in the River" was recently nominated for two Irish Film and Television Awards and is now available everywhere on Amazon Prime, and You Tube. Colin lives in New Jersey with his wife and three kids.

JANUARY Eanáir



Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Kitchen hours

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

Pub hours

Closed
4 pm - 10 pm
4 pm - 12 am
12 noon - 12 am
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.gaconline.org

CÉAO MÍLE FÁILTE



Sunday Dombnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Deardaoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
<p>FOR TAKE OUT ORDERS PLEASE CALL 203-254-2723 TO AVOID DELAY PLEASE PAY UPON ORDERING</p>			<p>Reminder Please Sign-In Guests (maximum of 4)</p>		<p>Reminder The GAC will be closed on Jan 1st</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Irish Language Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 <p>Set Dancing 7:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Trivia Night 8pm</p> <p>♪Lindsey Ceitinn 6-8pm</p> <p>♪ C-Sides 8-11pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Genealogy Group Fréamh Eiréann Meeting 10:30am</p> <p>♪ Keltic Kick 8-11pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Reminder You MUST use your scrip by 2/28 or LOSE IT!</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Irish Language Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 <p>Set Dancing 7:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Membership Meeting 8pm</p> <p>Sceala Submissions Due</p> <p>♪ Liz McNichol Band 8-11pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>♪ Mike McGovern 8-11pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Féile Book & Movie Discussion with Colin Broderick 2pm (free admission)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p> <p>Irish Literature Group -7pm (Via Zoom)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Irish Language Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 <p>Set Dancing 7:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>♪ Once Removed 8-11pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>♪ Susan & Gerard 8-11pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Senior Lunch 12 noon</p> <p>Irish Language Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 <p>Set Dancing 7:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>♪ Peader Hickey 8-11pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Grand Marshal's Ball 6:30pm</p> <p>♪ Allen Gogarty 8-11pm</p>

A THOUSAND THANK YOU'S FROM THE CAST & CREW OF SECOND HONEYMOON

Clan na Gael thanks our sold out audiences who welcomed us back with enthusiasm and praise! It was wonderful hearing laughter fill the room again and see your smiling faces! We are already looking forward to April!

Pictured in photo:
Standing L-R Dave Pirrie, Pat Lane, Steve Bennett, David Logalo, Erin Williams, Bettie Guggenheim, Peter Haynes
Seated L-R Sara Kelly, Eileen Fickes, Byrne White
Kneeling, Geremy Rodriguez,
Prone, Julia Wolfe.



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