



SCÉALA

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



MÁRTA | MARCH 2022

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AT THE GAC

10 AM FLAG RAISING - FOLLOWED BY LIGHT FAIR

MUSIC IN THE PUB

- ♣ 12-1PM SHAMROGUES
- ♣ 1:15-3:45PM CAMAC
- ♣ 4-6PM KELTIC KICK
- ♣ 6-8PM MOSTLY GREEN
- ♣ 8PM TO CLOSE THE JOLLY BEGGARS



IN THE CAROLAN ROOM

- ♣ 12-2:30PM ONCE REMOVED
- ♣ 3-5:30PM HIGHLAND ROVERS
- ♣ 6-9PM RUFFIANS

2:30PM & 5:30PM LENIHAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE
5:45PM FAIRFIELD GAEIC PIPE BAND

Special Menu will be served Thursday March 17, this menu includes corned beef sandwiches, fish & chips, chicken fingers, fries and tuna sandwiches. Irish potato chips and Irish chocolates also are available. It will be a busy day at the GAC and we look to our members for your support as volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to help at the front door, contact Betty at betteleary@gmail.com. We'll need help making and serving sandwiches contact Mary O'Driscoll at 203-414-9462. And we also need volunteer bartenders, contact Chrissy Boccamazzo: chrissyboc7@gmail.com.

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION FRIDAY MARCH 4TH FROM 6-8PM



LORETTA EGAN MURPHY

This month's Special Guest Loretta Egan Murphy. Loretta plays the button accordion and the concertina. She is the winner of numerous national awards and has taught Irish music to hundreds of students in New York and Connecticut. Her CD, Beyond the Watery Lane, received critical acclaim in both the U.S. and Ireland. When she was younger, she and her sister Monica played the once bustling Catskills circuit.

Loretta is also a GAC member and a key member of The Shamrock Traditional Irish Music Society and a fixture at our weekly Trad Music Sessions Wednesday nights from 7-9pm in the Carolan Room.

ALL THE WAY FROM COUNTY KERRY

DREAMS FREEDOM



APPEARING FRIDAY MARCH 18TH IN THE PUB

WEEKEND MUSIC IS INDOORS 8-11PM

Friday	Mar 4	Loretta Egan Murphy (6-8pm) The C-Sides (8-11pm)
Saturday	Mar 5	Mike McGovern
Friday	Mar 11	Keltic Kick
Saturday	Mar 12	Camac
Friday	Mar 18	Dreams of Freedom
Saturday	Mar 19	Liz McNichol
Friday	Mar 25	Once Removed
Saturday	Mar 26	Susan & Gerard

\$5 Guest Fee - Sunday March 17th

All members must show GAC Membership Card or pay \$5 guest fee. No exceptions!

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS?

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday March 11 @ 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.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

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

GOOD & WELFARE

Mass cards were sent to the families of Mary O'Shea and Ann Monk, both of whom were lifetime members of the club.

A sympathy card was sent to Maura O'Connell on the passing of her sister, Siobhan

A get well card was sent to Meeve Ronan.

Deceased member plaques were engraved for: Robert (Ty) Power; Ann Monk and Mary O'Shea.

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

Club ACTIVITIES

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 7 pm on Monday, March 28th, via Zoom. We will discuss the novel *Secret Guests* by Benjamin Black, otherwise known as the Booker Prize-winning author John Banville. The novel begins in October 1940 with Germans busy bombing London. To protect his daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, King George VI sends them to neutral Ireland to stay with a distant relative in County Tipperary. A female English secret agent and a young Irish detective are assigned to watch over them. All are welcome to attend. For the Zoom link please contact ClareBurnett@optonline.net.

PRICE INCREASES

Over the past year we have experienced increased cost of goods and supplies due to Covid and the challenging supply chain. Unfortunately, we have had to raise the prices at the pub to keep pace with increases and to maintain a sufficient income to properly maintain the club operations. Please note that we have not increased prices in over 4 years. Liquor cocktails have increased by 50 cents and bottled beers have been increased by 25 cents. Wine and draught beer prices have not increased at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

USE OF SCRIP

Scrip was created as a means for members to purchase in-club food, beverages and events. In the summer of 2020, during the height of the pandemic scrip became an accepted form of payment on takeout orders only because cash transactions were suspended due to COVID Health precautions. Now that cash is once again being used, the GAC is going back to the original policy and will no longer accept scrip for payment of takeout.

SCEALA SUBMISSIONS

Submissions are due March 11th
Communications@gacemail.org

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday March 31st

please make reservations by Sunday, March 27th. 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.

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.

SUPPORT IRELANDS GREAT HUNGER MUSEUM

Join the community of artists, educators, historians, docents and volunteers who stand ready to support all efforts to reopen the museum and short of that, to safeguard the collection. You can support this mission by donating to the campaign to reopen the museum and safeguard the collection at the link Visit <https://www.saveighm.org/> And please take a moment to view the exceptional sculpture titled *The Famine Family* by Kieran Tuohy currently on display at the Club.

GAELIC SPORTS FOR CHILDREN

INTRO FOR AGES 5-8 | TRAINING FOR AGES 9-13

St. Patrick's GAA Club will host its annual winter program "Introduction to Gaelic Sports for Children 5-8 Years Old" on Saturdays from 4-5pm at The Field House in Fairfield on the following dates: Saturday March 5, Saturday March 12, Saturday March 26, and Saturday April 2nd. All training is non-contact and emphasizes fun, games, hand-eye coordination, and basic skills.

St. Patrick's will also host Gaelic football training for new and returning players, ages 9-13 also at the Field House in Fairfield from 5-6pm on Saturday March 5, Saturday March 12, Saturday March 26, and Saturday April 2nd. No experience needed and new players are encouraged to participate.



To register for these sessions, please visit: www.stpatricksgfc.org. Email questions to: training@stpatricksgaa.us or contact Mike Derby at 203.572.2337.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY FOR CHILDREN

St. Patrick's GAA Club will host a special St. Patrick's Day party for children at the GAC on Saturday March 19th at Noon. There will be games, fun and special guest appearances to celebrate our rich cultural heritage. Families are welcome to join us for this special event.

CEILI AT THE GAC SUNDAY MARCH 6 FROM 4 TO 7PM



Dance to the music of All-Ireland accordion player John Whelan accompanied by the talented fiddle player, Katie Murray from County Mayo (now living in New England). Lace up your dance shoes, bring some finger food or baked goods and join us for some great craic. Come dance or just listen to these talented musicians. **\$20 at the door.** For more information Noreen Forde 203-273-0483.

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 of 2022.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 SHAMROCK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The 2022 Greater St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2022 Shamrock Scholarships and wish all this year's participants much success in their future endeavors.



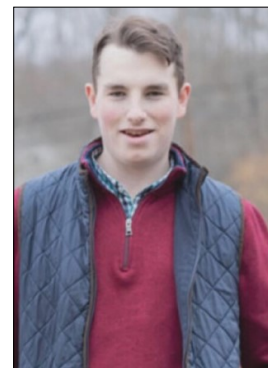
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Erin Appelson of
Fairfield Warde



Mr. Shamrock Timmy
McCormack of
Fairfield Ludlowe

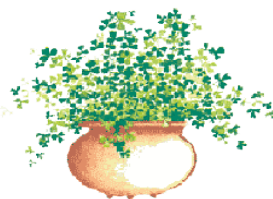


Miss Shamrock Runner
Up Ellen Feeney of
Lauralton Hall



Mr. Shamrock Runner
Up Brian Forde of
Joel Barlow

MARCH MÁRTA



Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Kitchen hours

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

pub hours

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

how To Reach us

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Website www.gaconline.org

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Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAOIN	Thursday DEARDAOIN	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
Reminder Use your scrip by 2/28		1 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	2 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	3 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	4 Trivia Night 8pm ♪ 6-8pm Loretta Murphy ♪ The C-Sides 8-11pm	5 Clan na Gael Auditions 1-3:30pm GAA for Children 4-5pm (at Field House in Fairfield) ♪ Mike McGovern 8-11pm
6 Clan na Gael Auditions 1-3:30pm Ceili at the Club 4-7pm	7 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	8 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	9 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	10 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	11 Membership Meeting 8pm Sceala Submissions Due ♪ Keltic Kick 8-11pm	12 Genealogy Group Fréamh Eiréann Meeting 10:30am GAA for Children 4-5pm (at Field House in Fairfield) ♪ Camac 8-11pm
13 Liz McNichol Family St. Patrick's Show	14 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	15 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	16 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	17  (see newsletter for schedule)	18 ♪ Dreams of Freedom 8-11pm	19 St. Patrick's Day Party for Children 12 noon @ GAC (Hosted by St. Patrick's GAA Club) ♪ Liz McNichol 8-11pm
20	21 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	22 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	23 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	24 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	25 ♪ Once Removed 8-11pm	26 GAA for Children 4-5pm (at Field House in Fairfield) ♪ Susan & Gerard 8-11pm
27	28 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm Irish Literature Group -7pm (Via Zoom)	29 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	30 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	31 Senior Lunch 12 noon Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 • Intermediate(zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	1 ♪ TBA 8-11pm	2 GAA for Children 4-5pm (at Field House in Fairfield) ♪ TBA 8-11pm

CLAN NA GAEL NEWS

The Clan na Gael Players are pleased to announce their spring production

"Outside Mullingar" directed by Jillian Plomin

Performances are April 21, 22, 23, 24.

Auditions will be held on Saturday March 5th and Sunday March 6th from 1:00 to 3:30 at the GAC.

Needed are four actors. Two women, age range 35-65 Two men, age range 35-65.

Do you have a suggestion of a play you would like us to consider in the future? If so send it to: opeggyo812@gmail.com We promise to read and consider, any suggestions received.

TRIVIA NIGHT - MARCH 4TH @ 8PM

Trivia returns on Friday March 4th @ 8pm in the Carolan Room. This month is a St. Patrick's Day theme. So brush up on all that useless information to win some awesome stuff!

FAMILY ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHOW

Liz McNichol returns with her popular, fun loving, family entertainment on

Sunday, March 13th at 1:00 pm



Her program is geared toward children of all ages, it brings smiles and joy to all the young at heart! This will be a special pre-Saint Patrick's Day Celebration show.

All Covid Restrictions will be followed. Seating will be limited so reservations are a must. To ensure you've a seat for this free event that is open to the public please email opeggyo812@gmail.com

Liz McNichol Pre-Saint Patrick's Day Show is sponsored by Feile, Inc. whose mission is to educate, and entertain all ages of the public with it's programs of all things Irish.

Don't forget to wear your green!

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