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



Meitheamh | June 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE GAC PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members:

Welcome to the 300 new Irish-Americans who have joined the Gaelic American Club last month. Our waiting list is about one year long so we are grateful for the patience of our applicants and newly installed members. If you see some new faces at the Club, be sure to introduce yourself. While we hosted a new orientation last month, it takes a while to become acclimated to our traditions.

It would be "brilliant" if some of our new members and some of our long-time members becomes volunteers at our Club. Volunteers are needed to help with: **Auditing, Budget, Bar, Kitchen, Communication, Social, House, Facilities Management, Failte (Welcome), and Records** duties.

Our next Club Meeting is Friday, June 9 at 8 PM. All members are welcome. It is our last meeting before our summer break so please try to attend and learn more about your club. There will be special treats. You may win a prize. Last month, **Maura Kallaway** of **Sisters Wicked Good Soap** generously donated a gift basket, **Art Beagan** donated his talents as a **Bagpiper** at a private party and **St. Pat's Parade** donated his/her long-sleeved T-Shirts. Exciting prizes are lined up for June.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads on June 18! As many of you know, my father, **the late John Brannelly** was twice a president of the Club. Like so many other families, the Club is a great place for father-son bonding, whether through St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling, Clan na Gael Players or just enjoying a meal together in the pub. One family that lives the GAC tradition well is the Carolan Family. They have three generations of GAC presidents: **Patrick Carolan**, the Club's second president; his sons, **John Carolan** and **Dr. Patrick J. Carolan**; and Dr. Carolan's son, **Jim Carolan**.

Father's Day was a grand tradition at the Club because it was usually the same weekend as our Irish Festival. Many families celebrated the holiday with their fathers all together. Although my dad died when I was 12 years old, my Uncles Larry Brannelly, Bob Connell and Bob Sullivan all celebrated Father's Day at the GAC Festival with my aunts and cousins. It is a celebration that should resume. Let me know if you would like to help make that happen.

Contact me at johnbrannellyjr@gmail.com or 619-405-3523 at any time especially if you would like to get more involved in our Club. I welcome your call.

GB, John Brannelly Jr.
GAC Executive Committee President

JERRY O'SULLIVAN FRIDAY JUNE 2ND FROM 6-8PM



Jerry O'Sullivan is June's first Friday Trad Musician and has been widely hailed as America's premier uilleann piper. His reputation for technical and melodic mastery of the instrument, an Irish bagpipe known for its subtlety and expression, is unsurpassed in the United States, and is demanding considerable attention overseas. Jerry is also widely recorded on the tin whistle, the low whistle, the Highland Pipes and the Scottish small pipes.

MUSIC IN THE PUB

Friday	Jun 2	Con O'Halloran - 6-8pm Outside Herman & Company - 9pm In the Pub
Saturday	Jun 3	Mostly Green Duo - 6-8pm Outside Once Removed - 9pm
Friday	Jun 9	Peader Hickey - 9pm
Saturday	Jun 10	Elana Zabari - 6-8pm Outside Mostly Green 9-9pm
Friday	Jun 16	Camac - 9pm
Saturday	Jun 17	The C-Sides - 9pm
Sunday	Jun 18	Eventide 12 & Mostly Green 3:30pm
Friday	Jun 23	Elana Zabari - 6-8pm Outside Sharon & Her Band - 9pm
Saturday	Jun 24	Liz McNichol - 6-8pm Outside The Irish Band - 9pm
Friday	Jun 30	Liz McNichol - 6-8pm Outside Mike McGovern - 9pm
Saturday	Jul 1	Alehounds - 9pm

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday June 9 @ 8PM

Members are encouraged to attend!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

The white membership card with your name and 5 digit number is used for both entering the club and scrip DO NOT DISCARD AFTER USING UP YOUR SCRIP. \$10 replacement fee for lost card. Mail or drop off payment with your info to the Attn: Membership.

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

FAILTE needs more new 'front door' volunteers for definite time slots, whatever time you'd like, we can give you! The 'front desk' is 'the best seat in the house!' Please contact Bette Leary at email: betteleary@gmail.com or 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**

The group meets on June 10th @ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room. For info FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

GOOD AND WELFARE

A Mass Card was sent to:

Barbara Thomas and family on the passing of her husband, Bob
Arlene Dunn and family on the passing of her husband, Larry

A sympathy card was sent to:
Tim McCann and family on the passing of their Mother, Daisy

Get well cards were sent to:
Carol Ruddy, Michael Wellington
and Claire Murrhly

Deceased member plaques are being engraved for: Stephen Sharnick
and Doreen O'Connell

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

CLUB ACTIVITIES**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

House Committee
Contact manager@gacemail.org

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Irish Literature Group will meet June 22nd at 7pm. To discuss the book, *A Holding by Graham Norton*.

All are welcome contact:

Mary Ellen Kerese
maryellenkerese@gmail.com

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Meets at the GAC every 3rd Thursday of the month. The AOH is a fraternal group that mixes social functions and Christian charity. Join the AOH for good times and on-going charitable works. Tom Donohue at tdonohue@webbmason.com.

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday June 29th @ noon .
please make reservations by Sunday 06/26. Please note this will be last luncheon until September. Lunch price is \$9 members. non-members \$11 Shirley McMenamy 203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-4826.

SET DANCING

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

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursdays at 6:45 pm | Lite Irish is 7:30 -8pm June 1, 8, 15, & 22 via Zoom. For more information, call Cáit Thopsey, 203-459-9686

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

The Shamroques host an Irish Trad Music Night every Wednesday 7-9pm

GAC SCHOLARSHIP

The recipients of the GAC Scholarship will be announced at the June Membership meeting which takes place on Friday June 9th at 8pm.

LITE IRISH LANGUAGE SERIES

Now is your chance to learn a cúpla focail in the new Irish language series presented by the GAC Language Group via Zoom. This short and fun series will get you started, so mark your calendars now for June 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 7:30-8 pm. More details coming. Bigi linn...be with us!

**FRANKIE GAVIN & CATHERINE MCHUGH**

Join us on Friday June 16th at 7:30pm, for an evening of fantastic music with Galway fiddler & De Dannan founder Frankie Gavin, with keyboard accompanist Catherine McHugh, Ticket are \$20 at the door.

The Irish Video History Project

This important project is beginning a new phase of interviews this spring. The goal of the project is to preserve the stories of Irish people, of all ages, who have emigrated to the USA. At this time we are concentrating on GAC members. However, others will be considered.

To date the project has completed 55 interviews. Our interview centers on: 1. Growing up in Ireland. 2. The decision to emigrate. 3. Living in the states.

We want to hear and record your story in a one on one, relaxed and fun interview. We are asking anyone who has emigrated from Ireland to America to please share their own unique story with us

To make an appointment, ask for more information or volunteer to assist with the project please contact Peg at: opeggyo812@gmail.com

June

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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

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CÉAD MILE
FÁILTE



Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAOIN	Thursday DEARDAOIN	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
	<p>Celebrate Dad at the GAC With two fan favorite bands. Eventide 12-3pm and Mostly Green from 3:30 to 6:30pm. And enjoy a great selection of food on the menu!</p>			<p>1 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 Lite Irish Series (zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm</p>	<p>2 ♪ Jerry O'Sullivan 6-8pm ♪ Con O'Halloran 6-8pm (Outside) ♪ Herman & Company 9pm</p>	<p>3 ♪ Mostly Green Duo - 6-8pm (Outside) ♪ Once Removed 9pm</p>
4	5 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	6 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	7 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	8 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 Lite Irish Series (zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	9 Membership Meeting 8pm Sceala Submissions Due ♪ Peader Hickey - 9pm	10 Genealogy Group 10:30 CnG's Auditions 1-3pm ♪ Elana Zabari - 6-8pm (Outside) ♪ Mostly Green - 9PM
11 CnG's Auditions 1-3pm	12 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	13 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	14 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	15 Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 Lite Irish Series (zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	16 Frankie Gavin & Catherine McHugh Concert 7:30 \$20 ♪ Camac - 9pm	17 ♪ The C-Sides - 9pm
18 Fathers Day Celebration ♪ Eventide 12pm ♪ Mostly Green 3:30pm	19 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	20 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	21 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	22 Irish Literature Group 7pm Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 Lite Irish Series (zoom) 7:30 Set Dancing 7:30pm	23 ♪ Elana Zabari - 6-8pm (Outside) ♪ Sharon & Her Band 9pm	24 ♪ Liz McNichol - 6-8pm (Outside) The Irish Band 9pm
25 	26 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	27 Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	28 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	29 Senior Lunch 12pm Irish Language Class • Beginners (zoom) 6:45 Set Dancing 7:30pm	30 ♪ Liz McNichol - 6-8pm (Outside) ♪ Mike McGovern - 9pm	1 ♪ Alehounds - 9pm



A perfect day for dear old Dad! We've got two fan favorite bands playing (12 -3pm Eventide and 3:30-6:30pm Mostly Green) and a great selection of food on the menu! So let's honor those great guys in our lives with a fun-filled afternoon at the GAC.

ST PATRICK'S GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB

Kick off Party with music by Allen Gogarty

Live and Silent auction and 50/50

Free to Attend | Free Appetizers | Cash Bar

Saturday June 10 from 7-10pm at the GAC

Please bring a bottle of wine for the 100 bottles door prize. For more info go to www.stpatricksgfc.org

Registration is open for Spring Season U7 - U17

Season runs from April - June with weekly games and/or practice. All players must be registered to play in any games and/or tournaments.

Gaelic Sports Summer Camp -Cul Camp

June 26 - June 30th from 9am-3pm at Notre Dame

High School \$300 - ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information contact training@stpatricksgaa.us or visit the club's website stpatricksgfc.org

CLAN NA GAEL NEWS

**AUDITIONS FOR CLAN NA GAEL'S FALL PRODUCTION
JUNE 10TH & JUNE 11TH**

Clan na Gael has chosen its fall play. "The Uninvited" by Dorothy Macardle and Tim Kelly. **AUDITIONS NOW. PRODUCTION NOVEMBER.**

Due to travel plans of the director early Open *Auditions will be held at The Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road Fairfield, CT.

Open Auditions

Saturday June 10th 1:00-3:00 and

Sunday June 11th 1:00-3:00

Casting four males, age range: 25-65 and six females, age range: 22-60's

Those cast will receive scripts at the first reading.

Actors must be off book at the first rehearsal.

Scheduled rehearsals will be held beginning in October.

Production dates are November 16, 17, 18, 19

*Audition only if you are able to make the commitments as stated above. Thank you!

Information contact Peg at opegyo812@gmail.com

Watch for more details about GAC's July 4th Celebration

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