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



Meitheamh Jul 2023

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE GAC



Enjoy the Fireworks (7/1) and BBQ (7/4)

The town of Fairfield fireworks are scheduled for July 1st about 9:15 - So come to the club for an early dinner then down to the beach for a fantastic firework display. When that's done, come on back and enjoy the music of Alehounds!

Then on July 4th The GAC will serve up a tasty BBQ from 12-2 with music by Mostly Green from 12-4PM. Come Celebrate!

MESSAGE FROM THE GAC PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members:

Happy Summer! Normally, there is a slower pace at the GAC during summertime which means it is a wonderful opportunity to use your Script at the Club. Don't wait until February like so many people to use your Script. Our outdoor area is a great place for a family summer gathering.

For those who missed our June Membership Meeting, it was standing room only and fun night thanks largely to our student scholarship recipients. Three students received \$2,000 college scholarships each. The 2023 recipients are **Kieran O'Sullivan** of Trumbull High School, **Hanna Giardina** of Fairfield Ludlowe and **Maeve Ronan** of Fairfield Warde. Congratulations to **Kieran, Hanna and Maeve**. Thank you to **Elizabeth Power** and her scholarship committee for making the difficult decision of picking these students.

Plus, there were great door prizes from **Colleen and Chris Conway** of **Ogham Art** (www.OghamArt.com) and **St. Patrick's Gaelic Football and Hurling Club**. There was a special treat of 75 cookies from **Fred 06825**, my personal favorite. The cookies were part of the announcement of our **75th Anniversary** of the Gaelic American Club's formation and the 30th Anniversary of our Beach Road Campus. Kudos to Past President **Jim O'Donnell** for finding this amazing location and having the vision for the Club's growth. It is a far cry from our humble beginnings in Bridgeport.

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration will be the weekend of October 13, 14 and 15, 2023. It will kick off with our Membership Meeting on Friday the 13th and end with a Céilí on Sunday Evening, the 15th. **Mary Donnelly** has been asked to help coordinate a committee to plan the festivities so if you would like to help out, connect with Mary. Special thanks to **Dave Howe** for making the suggestion of a diamond celebration.

For July and August, there will be no membership meetings but will resume on Friday, September 8, 2023 at 8 PM in the Carolan Room. Meanwhile, 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

MUSIC IN THE PUB

Friday	Jun 30	Liz McNichol 6-8pm - Outside Mike McGovern 9pm - In the Pub
Saturday	Jul 1	The Alehounds 9pm - In the Pub
Tuesday	Jul 4	Mostly Green 12-4pm
Friday	Jul 7	The Voice of Keltic Kick 6-8pm - Outside Mostly Green 9pm - In the Pub
Saturday	Jul 8	Mostly Green Duo 6-8pm - Outside Eventide 9pm In the Pub
Friday	Jul 14	Con O'Halloran 6-8pm Outside Once Removed 9pm In the Pub
Saturday	Jul 15	Riley Johnson 6-8pm - Outside The Jolly Beggars 9pm - In the Pub
Friday	Jul 21	Bob Curiano 6-8pm - Outside Mike McGovern 9pm - In the Pub
Saturday	Jul 22	The Irish Band 9pm - In the Pub
Friday	Jul 28	The C-sides Duo 6-8pm - Outside Camac 9pm - In the Pub
Saturday	Jul 29	Riley Johnson 6-8pm - Outside Sharon & Her Band 9pm - In the Pub

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meetings are on summer hiatus and
will resume September 8 @ 8pm.

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 sup-
port 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 the 2nd Saturday
of the month from September to June
and is on hiatus for the summer. For
info FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

GOOD AND WELFARE

A Mass card was sent to the
family of: Carol Ruddy.
*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 is off for
the summer and will resume in Sept.

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

Is on hiatus for the Summer and
will resume in September.

SET DANCING

Don't take your dance shoes off be-
cause we dance all summer. Thurs-
days at 7:30pm. Brian Reynolds
203-214-2921.

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursdays at 6:45 pm 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

NO TRIVIA IN JULY

So Sorry, but there will be no Trivia Night in July. Not to worry
this very popular activity will return August 4th @ 8pm.
So be ready and wear something tie dyed.

SAVE THE DATE**31ST LECTURE IN A SERIES ON IRISH HISTORY STAIR NA HÉIREANN**

On October 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m. in the Carolan Room,
we will welcome back Dr. John Day Tully.



Dr. Tully earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State Uni-
versity with a concentration in the history of
American Foreign Relations in 2004 and joined
the CCSU history faculty that year. He is cur-
rently Central's Interim Vice President for Stu-
dent Affairs. He has written, cowritten, or coed-
ited three books, with the most recent being
The United States and the Rise of Tyrants: Dip-
lomatic Relations with Nationalist Dictatorships
Between the World Wars. His first book, Ire-
land and Irish Americans, 1932-1945: The Search
for Identity, grew in part out of his research as a
Visiting Fellow at the Clinton Institute for Amer-
ican Studies at University College Dublin. He
has won numerous teaching awards and has given talks in Ireland and Po-
land and presented conference papers at national meetings of the American
Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Nation-
al Council for the Social Studies, the American Conference for Irish Studies,
and many others.

LET'S DANCE!**CÉILÍ SUNDAY JULY 23RD FROM 4-7PM
IN THE CAROLAN ROOM**

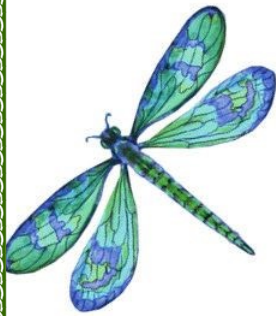
Whether you come and kick up your heels or just
tap to feet to the music of Jeanne Freeman
(Fiddle) and John Whelan (Button Accordion) The
Céilí sessions at the GAC are always great craic.

Admission is \$20 at the Door
Light refreshments will be served



JULY

Iúil



Sunday
Dombnach



Monday
Láir

Tuesday
Máirt

Wednesday
Céadaoin

Thursday
Deardaoin

Friday
Aoine

Saturday
Satharn

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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Céad míne
fáilte



*It's July ... may you touch dragonflies and stars,
dance with fairies and talk to the moon*

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Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

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July 4th BBQ 12-2pm
Mostly Green 12-4pm

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Trad Music Session 7-9PM

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Irish Language
(via zoom) 6:45pm
Set Dancing 7:30pm

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Sceala Submissions Due
Voice of Keltic Kick 6pm
(Outside)
Mostly Green - 9pm

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Mostly Green Duo - 6-8pm
(Outside)
Eventide 9pm

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Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

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Lenihan Dance Lessons
4pm Children - 8pm Adult

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Trad Music Session 7-9PM

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Irish Language
(via zoom) 6:45pm
Set Dancing 7:30pm

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Con O'Halloran - 6-8pm
(Outside)
Once Removed - 9pm

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Riley Johnson - 6-8pm
(Outside)
The Jolly Beggars - 9pm

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Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

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Lenihan Dance Lessons
4pm Children - 8pm Adult

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No Trad Music Session
(STIMS is playing the
Catskills)

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Irish Language
(via zoom) 6:45pm
Set Dancing 7:30pm

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Bob Curiano- 6-8pm
(Outside)
Mike McGovern - 9pm

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The Irish Band - 9pm

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Céilí 4-7pm
\$20

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Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

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Lenihan Dance Lessons
4pm Children - 8pm Adult

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Trad Music Session 7-9PM

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Irish Language
(via zoom) 6:45pm
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The C-sides Duo - 6-8pm
(Outside)
Camac - 9pm

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Riley Johnson - 6-8pm
(Outside)
Sharon & Her Band - 9pm

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Town of Fairfield Fireworks
Alehounds - 9pm



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2023 GAC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Gaelic American Club awarded Three \$2000 Scholarships to: **Kieran O’Sullivan** of *Trumbull High School*, **Hanna Giardina** of *Fairfield Ludlowe* and **Maeve Ronan** of *Fairfield Warde*.

Many thanks to Elizabeth Power and the scholarship committee, we applaud your hard work in the very difficult selection process and in recognizing these outstanding students.

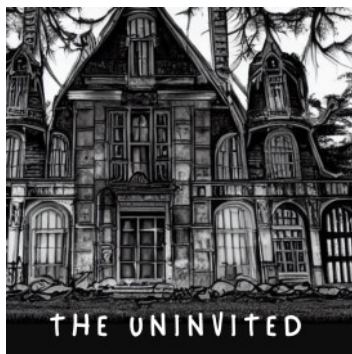
HELP CELEBRATE THE GAC’S 75TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 13, 14 AND 15, 2023



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Volunteerism has been and continues to be the backbone of the GAC, So in the spirit of “chipping in” we’ll need your help to make this memorable occasion happen. To volunteer contact Mary Donnelley at mdonnelly@swcaa.org.

"THE UNIVITED " BY TIM KELLY, DIRECTED BY PEG O’LEARY



This mysterious ghost story is set in 1945 and takes place in "Cliff End" an old manor house overlooking the Irish sea. The house was recently bought by the Fitzgerald's, a sister and brother who had heard stories of disturbances but they are undaunted as they begin renovating and settling in. Their housekeeper, Lizzie Flynn, however, quickly becomes disenchanted when her cat goes missing and her strong Irish sense of unnatural occurrences foreshadows what is to come.

The production will be reminiscent of the time as it will be presented entirely in shades of black and white. Nov. 16-19, 2023

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