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Newsletter for the Gaelic-American Club
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CÉAD MÍLE FÁILTE One Hundred Thousand Welcomes  VEIREADH FÓMHAIR | October 2023

Dear Fellow Members:

Members are needed to serve on our GAC Executive Board. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Names need to be announced at our next member meeting, Friday, October 13th at 8 PM. No experience necessary. All positions are open for election: president, VP, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, sergeant at arms and director.

The position of president will be wide open as I will not be seeking re-election. My responsibilities with the Fairfield & Hartford County Medical Associations have increased substantially since I was elected so I need to focus on my career goals. The position of Sergeant at Arms is wide open too as **Aaron Curtis** is not seeking re-election, as his wife just had a baby girl Elodie.

If you can volunteer to serve our Club, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: **(Listed below on right)**

Our 75th Anniversary Celebration will be held the weekend of October 13-15, 2023. **Mary Donnelly** is coordinating all the festivities including a cultural extravaganza and concert on Saturday. Mass will be offered at the GAC on Sunday at 9:30 AM. All are welcome. A ticketed brunch will follow in the Carolan Room at 11 AM to honor the past presidents of the Club. Sunday culminates with a Céilí at 3 PM.

You may have noticed some price increases in the pub. After six years of no price increases, inflation has finally caught up with us. To help close out the projected budget deficit, the number of bands have been reduced. Hopefully, this is an opportunity to showcase other forms of entertainment in the pub and restaurant to engage diverse audiences. If you have ideas, please let us know.

As always, contact me at johnbrannellyjr@gmail.com

*GB, John Brannelly Jr.
GAC Executive Committee President*



DON MEADE
OCTOBER 6TH FROM 6-8PM

The First Friday Trad Music Session Features Don Meade. He has been a central part of the Irish traditional music scene in New York for over forty years and always great craic.

LÁ GAEILGE: THE ANNUAL DAY OF IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE EVENT Saturday, October 7 FROM 8:30AM - 4:30PM



One-day Irish language immersion course for all levels of speakers, presented by the GAC Irish Language group and Féile, Inc. The day features classes taught by Fulbright Scholars, cultural workshops, door prizes, "coffee & tea" all day, lunch by Chef Joe; so bring a friend and join us for the most fun you've had since the last Lá Gaeilge! Cost is \$50/pp, all inclusive; students with ID-\$25. Use link below to register.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-day-of-irish-language-culture-tickets-708032673787?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information or questions:

Róibín Griskus, 203-233-4979, rdgriskus@aol.com
Cáit Thopsey, 203-459-9686, kthopsey01@gmail.com

THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Here's your opportunity to get involved and really understand what goes into making our club special. Please contact anyone on the nominating committee if you have an interest in running for office. All positions are open for election: president, VP, treasurer, financial secretary, recording secretary, sergeant at arms & director.

Jude Fitzgerald - jfitzgerald740@aol.com
Suzanne Moore - smoore@ubproperties.com
Judy Sullivan - judy15@optonline.net
Teri Brown - teribrown@optimum.net
Patrick Bosse - pandcbosse@optonline.net
Kelly O'Donell - kel.odonnell@gmail.com

MUSIC IN THE PUB - STARTS AT 9PM

Saturday October 7- Alehounds
Friday October 13 - Ruff Dogs
Saturday October 14 - The Irish Band
Friday October 20 - Chris Finelli & Robby Schwartz
Friday October 27- Roamer

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Monthly Membership meeting re-
sume on October 13th @ 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.

25 CARD GAME

Will meet October 22th around noon
Join us, we'll even teach you this Irish
Traditional Irish Card Game.

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 [fairfieldgael-
icpipeband.org](http://fairfieldgael-icpipeband.org) or call 475-329-0202.

GENEALOGY GROUP**FRÉAMB ÉIREANN**

The October 14th meeting regular-
ly scheduled Genealogy Group
Meeting has been moved due to the
75th Anniversary Celebration and the
regular meeting will be back on
schedule in next month, Nov. 10th
@ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room. For
info FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

GOOD AND WELFARE

A Get Well card was sent to
Christine Hogan.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

House Committee

Contact manager@gacemail.org

CLUB ACTIVITIES**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.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Group will meet on Thursday,
October 19th at 7 pm. We will dis-
cuss *The Great Unexpected* by Dan
Mooney. The book is described as
being both funny and emotional.

Contact: Mary Ellen Keresev
maryellenkeresev@gmail.com

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

Thursdays at 6:45 pm via Zoom. For
info: Cáit Thopsey, 203-459-9686

BEGINNERS IRISH LANGUAGE

Tuesday's at 6:45pm, 10 week
course, in person at the GAC or
via zoom. Contact
DesNolan@Optimum.Net

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday October 26th @ noon.
please make reservations by Sunday
09/24 by calling Shirley McMenamy
203-268-5083; Sally Savage 203-366-
4826. Lunch price is \$9 members and
for non-members \$11.

SET DANCING

Come on out and dance. Thursdays
at 7:30pm. Brian Reynolds
203-214-2921.

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

The Shamroques host an Irish Trad
Music Night every Wednesday 7-9pm
In the Carolan Room.

**CÉILÍ SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH @ 3PM**

It will be a grand time so slip on your dancing shoes and en-
joy the music by Seagda Coyle (*Button Accordion*) Eugene
Bender (*Fiddle*), Krista Charles (*Keyboards*). \$20 at the door

IRISH TRAD MUSIC CONCERT - SATURDAY OCTOBER 21 AT 7:30

Shamrock Traditional Irish Music Society and the Gaelic American Club
Presents: Rose Conway Flanagan (*Fiddle*), Kieran Flanagan (*Piano*), and
Eileen Clune Goodman (*Flute, Whistle*) Admission \$20

ST. PATRICK'S GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB

The Annual Dinner Dance will take place on December 2nd at the GAC.
Music by the McClean Avenue Band and food supplied by O'Neill's Irish
Pub and Restaurant of Norwalk. (*more information to come*).

31ST LECTURE IN A SERIES ON IRISH HISTORY STAIR NA HÉIREANN**"Brexit & the Past and Future of Irish Unification"**

by Dr. John Tully October 1st at 2:00 pm in the Carolan Room



During the preparation for and after the United Kingdom's
official departure from the European Union (Brexit), there
has been considerable discussion of Brexit's effect on Irish
unification. This talk will examine the original division of
the island of Ireland, the implications of Brexit on Irish
borders, and the possible future of Northern Ireland."

Dr. Tully earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State University with
a concentration in the history of American Foreign Rela-
tions in 2004 and joined the CCSU history faculty that
year. He is currently Central's Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. He
has written, cowritten, or coedited three books, has won numerous teach-
ing awards and given talks in Ireland and Poland and presented conference
papers at national meetings of the American Historical Association, the Or-
ganization of American Historians, the National Council for the Social Stud-
ies, the American Conference for Irish Studies, and many others.

Register at: gaclectures@gmail.com.

Tickets \$5, Students with ID \$2. | Sorry no GAC Scrip or credit cards

October

Deireadh fóimbar



Schedule

Mon & Tues
Wed & Thurs
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Kitchen hours

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

Pub hours


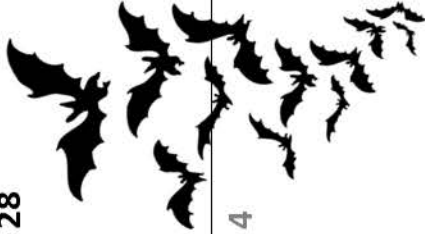


Closed
4 pm - 10 pm
4 pm - 12 am
12 noon - 12 am
12 noon - 9pm

How to Reach us

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CÉAD MILE fáilte



Sunday Dombnach	Monday Luan	Tuesday Máirt	Wednesday Céadaoin	Thursday Oéaraoin	Friday Aoine	Saturday Satharn
1 Irish History Lecture With Dr. John Tully 2pm \$5	2 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	3 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	4 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	5 Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7:30pm	6 Trivia Night 8pm • Don Meade 6-8pm	7 Lá Gaeilge: the Annual Day of Irish Language & Culture Event 8:30-4:30pm • Alehounds - 9pm in the Pub
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15 GAC 75th Anniversary Celebration Mass - 9:30am Brunch - 11am Céili \$20 - 3pm	16 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	17 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	18 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	19 Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Irish Literature Group 7pm Set Dancing 7:30pm	20 • Chris Finelli & Robby Schwartz - 9pm in the Pub	21 Irish Trad Music Concert 7:30 \$20 per person
22 25 Card Game 12noon	23 Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm	24 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult	25 Trad Music Session 7-9PM	26 Senior Lunch 12pm Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7:30pm	27 • Roamer - 9pm in the Pub	28 
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**CELEBRATE THE GAC'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY
OCTOBER 13, 14 AND 15, 2023**



Friday Night: Membership Meeting & Social.
Saturday: A showcase of GAC's Clubs & Activities
Saturday Night: A Special Concert featuring
Boston's Érin Óg playing from 7-10pm
Sunday: Celebrate Mass followed by Breakfast
Sunday Afternoon: The Festivities wrap with a Céilí.

TRIVIA NIGHT - FRIDAY OCTOBER 6TH @ 8PM
join us for another fun filled night of trivia.
Oh and wear some black & orange!



**"THE UNINVITED " BY TIM KELLY,
DIRECTED BY PEG O'LEARY**
Cast: Steven Bennett, Anne Marie Donohue, Jack Fruin, Jennifer Healey, Valerie Huegel, Sara Kelly, Noeleen Nelson, Eamon Speer, Marie Stehle, Byrne White and Erin Williams

This mysterious ghost story is set in 1936 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 sense of unnatural occurrences foreshadows what's to come.

The production will be reminiscent of the time and will be presented entirely in shades of black & white.

Shows Times & Tickets

Shows are Thursday 11/16 , Friday 11/17, Saturday 11/18 8pm and Sunday Matinee 11/19 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 For reservations email Nancy O'Neil at playresvcng@gmail.com or call at (203) 377-1070

SAVE WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13TH FOR 'CHERISH THE LADIES'
This Christmas Spectacular at SHU Community Theatre is Presented by The Gaelic American Club, Sacred Heart University's Irish Studies Program and The Shamrock Traditional Irish Music Society

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