



# SCÉALA

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



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GAC PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members:

Summer is here! We hope you take advantage of the summer months with the numerous activities we have at the Club including outdoor dining, Tuesday night BBQs (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month) which have been a HUGE success thanks to Lorry, Mike and their crew.

I want to take a minute to congratulate Féile on the successful return of their annual Irish Festival. Hopefully this is a start to the annual, bigger festival we all love. Thanks to Tommy, Chrissy and the staff for doing such a great job during the festival, it was quite a busy day for all.

Speaking of staff, at last month's meeting we honored Caroline Fitzgerald and Mary O'Driscoll for their 30 years of service to the Club. We are so lucky to have such dedicated and hardworking people at the GAC.

All our committees have been hard at work. Look out for new and improved items from our Bar and Kitchen Committees. Our By-Laws Committee has been hard at work bringing our By-Laws and Policies and Procedures up to date which is LONG overdue. Our Audit Committee will be starting their work on the financials. We will be working with our Budget Committee to make sure we stay on track for this year and be as financially responsible as we can. Our Social Committee is working hard with the return of two of our most popular events, Dancing with The GAC All-Stars and Oktoberfest. The Facilities committee has been reviewing the needs of the GAC facilities and grounds. The Business Trade Directory will be spearheaded by Tim Russell. Any new businesses that would like to join please let us know so we can have you listed on the website.

If you have anything you'd like to bring to the attention of any committee or if you'd like to join one, feel free to contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

We are making great progress this year and will continue to make improvements along the way.

As I mention every month, feel free to call, email or come up to any of the Executive Committee members while at the Club and we will do our best to assist you in any way that we can.

Faith Maciver  
GAC Executive Committee President

## CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE GAC



Enjoy the GAC BBQ (7/4) and Fireworks (7/6)

On July 4th The GAC will serve up a tasty BBQ from 12-2 with music by *Mostly Green* from 12-3PM.

**Continue the Celebration on Saturday!**

The town of Fairfield fireworks are scheduled for July 6th 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 *Camac*.

## MUSIC IN THE PUB STARTS AT 8:30PM

Thursday July 4 - Mostly Green - 12 - 3pm

Friday July 5 - Karaoke with Bill Richards

Saturday July 6 - Camac

Friday July 12 - Mike McGovern

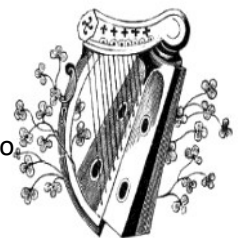
Saturday July 13 - Susan and Gerard

Friday July 19 - Alehounds

Saturday July 20 - The Unexpected Duo

Friday July 26 - Sharon & Her Band

Saturday July 27 - Herman & Co.



## TRAD MUSIC HAPPENS ALL SUMMER LONG

The monthly concerts and first Friday session maybe on summer break but the **Shamrouges** host their Trad Music Session every **Wednesday night from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. The open session, held in the Carolan Room welcomes all ages and skill levels to take part. Guests are encouraged to come and listen while they enjoy food and drink from the pub. See you there!

**GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meets monthly and can be reached  
Via email at [executive@gacemail.org](mailto:executive@gacemail.org)

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The next Membership Meeting is  
Friday July 12@ 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](http://www.gaconline.org). send info to [communications@gacemail.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com).

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

A Sympathy card was sent to:  
Richard Rolzhausen on the passing of his wife, Theresa

A Deceased member plaque was engraved for: James Doonan.

Notify Mary Alvarez of all member news at [alvarezmp@icloud.com](mailto:alvarezmp@icloud.com).

**A Reminder to Our Members**

Sporting equipment is not permitted in the outdoor areas. All guests must be signed in at the door by a member and accompany that member upon their departure.

**And As Always Be Kind.**

**Club ACTIVITIES****HOUSE COMMITTEE**

House Committee  
Contact [manager@gacemail.org](mailto: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](mailto:tdonohue@webbmason.com).

**SENIOR LUNCH**

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

**SET DANCING**

Set Dancing will take a summer break but not worry they'll be kicking it up again in September.

**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 in the Carolan Room.

**TRIVIA FRIDAY JULY 5TH @ 8PM**

Once again it's time to unleash that random knowledge and join us for a fun filled night of trivia where maybe you'll win some cool stuff. Don't forget to wear some red, white & blue!

**SAVE THE DATE**

October 13, 2pm in the Carolan Room  
**IRISH HISTORY | STAIR NA HÉIREANN**

On October 13, 2024, we will be welcoming back CJ May, who will present **IRISH TALES OF ANCIENT HALLOWEEN**. He will share some of the oldest Halloween tales in the world, bringing back from the past those Irish stories told at the beginning of the ancient Celtic holiday of Samhain. Leave your kids at home. You wouldn't want them to see you this scared!

CJ May is a storyteller and magician. Through the telling of tales more than a thousand years old, he keeps alive the Celtic tradition of the seanachie, or storyteller. He brings to life the monsters, magic and messages of the ancient Celtic tales, helping us remember our past and prepare better for our future.

Join us on October 13, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Carolan Room.

Tickets \$5.00 (Students with ID \$2.00) No scrip or credit cards  
Register online: [gaclectures@gmail.com](mailto:gaclectures@gmail.com).

Subject: Irish History. Please provide name, address, phone

**THE THRILL OF THE GRILL**

The Monday Night BBQ Crew is making their encore appearance this summer. They'll be sparking up the grill on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm.

Just like the Monday Night football BBQ's there will be a charge for the burgers, Dogs and what ever else that comes off the grill and participants are encouraged to bring a side dish to share It's a great way to get to know your fellow members!

# July Iáil 2024



**Sunday**  
**Dómbnach**

**Monday**  
**Láir**

**Tuesday**  
**Máirt**

**Wednesday**  
**Céadaoin**

**Thursday**  
**Déardaoin**

**Friday**  
**Aoine**

**Saturday**  
**Satharn**

**1**  
CHILDREN ARE NOT  
PERMITTED IN THE  
PUB AREA

**2**  
Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

**3**  
BBQ Grill Night - 6-8pm  
Beginners Irish Language  
6:45pm  
Lenihan Dance Lessons

**4**  
Trad Music Session 7-9PM

**5**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
July 4th BBQ 12-2pm  
Mostly Green - 12 - 3pm

**6**  
Trivia 8pm  
Karaoke with Bill  
Richards - 8:30pm In the Pub

**7**  
Fairfield Fireworks - 9:pm  
Camac  
8:30pm in the Pub

**8**



**9**  
Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

**10**  
Executive Committee  
Meeting 7pm  
Lenihan Dance Lessons

**11**  
Trad Music Session 7-9PM

**12**  
Irish Language  
(via zoom) 6:45pm

**13**  
Membership Meeting 8pm  
Mike McGovern  
8:30pm In the Pub

**14**  
Susan and Gerard  
8:30pm in the Pub

**15**

**Reminder**  
Please Return  
Your Glasses to  
the Bar

**16**  
Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

**17**  
BBQ Grill Night - 6-8pm  
Beginners Irish Language  
6:45pm  
Lenihan Dance Lessons  
Children 4pm - Adult 8pm

**18**  
Trad Music Session 7-9PM

**19**  
Irish Language  
(via zoom) 6:45pm

**20**  
Alehounds  
8:30pm In the Pub

**21**  
The Unexpected Duo  
8:30pm in the Pub

**22**

Please Remember  
to Sign in all  
Your Guests

**23**  
Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

**24**  
Lenihan Dance Lessons  
Children 4pm - Adult 8pm

**25**  
Trad Music Session 7-9PM

**26**  
Irish Language  
(via zoom) 6:45pm

**27**  
Sharon & Her Band  
8:30pm In the Pub

**28**  
Herman & Co.\*  
8:30pm in the Pub

**29**



**30**  
Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm

**31**  
BBQ Grill Night - 6-8pm  
Lenihan Dance Lessons  
Children 4pm - Adult 8pm

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Trad Music Session 7-9PM

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Irish Language  
(via zoom) 6:45pm

**3**  
Mike McGovern  
8:30pm In the Pub

**4**  
Eventide  
8:30pm in the Pub



## Kitchen hours

Mon - Closed  
Tues - Closed  
Wed & Thurs 4 -9pm  
Friday 4 -10pm  
Saturday 12 -10pm  
Sunday 12-8pm

## 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

## pub hours

Mon - Closed  
Tues - 5:30 -9 pm  
Wed & Thurs 4 -10pm  
Friday 4pm - 12am  
Saturday Noon - 12pm  
Sunday Noon - 9pm

Céad míle  
fáilte





### A HUNDRED THOUSAND THANKS

Féile, would like to thank everyone who joined us on Sunday for the Father's Day Irish Festival, as well as bought and helped sell tickets for the Annual Féile Raffle. Special thanks to the GAC for their support and a big shout out to our volunteers who made themselves available on Father's Day to ensure a successful event.

**We can't wait for 2025!**

#### Drawing on Sunday, June 16th at the GAC

- 1st prize - \$3500 - John Cunningham - Southport CT
- 2nd prize - \$1500 - Tom Keane - Fairfield CT
- 3rd prize - \$350 - Terry Dunn - Shelton CT
- 4th prize - \$350 - Ciaran O'Donnell - Stratford CT
- 5th prize - \$350 - Matt Raymond - Southport, CT

#### Féile Scholarship Recipients

**2024 Joe Moran Memorial Scholarship** awarded to 3 high school seniors attending college in the fall of 2024.

The winners are:

- Shazia Alladin - Danbury High School - \$2000
- Julia Murphy - Bunnell High School - \$2000
- Nicholas Paris - Immaculate High School - \$2000

**2024 Patrick J. Dyer – 1916 Easter Rising Memorial Scholarship** awarded to 1 high school senior who will attend college in the fall of 2024.

Matthew Guertin - Danbury High School - \$1916

**Thank your to all who participated and we wish you much success in the future!**



### DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS

One of the GAC's favorite event is back on Saturday September 28th and we'd like you to take to the dance floor! If you'd like to participate - as a dancer or volunteer behind the scenes please contact [social@gacemail.org](mailto:social@gacemail.org)

### ONE ACT PLAYWRITING CONTEST

This contest strives to support and encourage emerging playwrights and to provide a stage for scripts that might not otherwise find one. Playwrights of all ages are encouraged to enter. All entries must be submitted by email no later than 08/01/2024 to be considered.

Monetary prizes will be awarded and the three winners will also receive a staged reading of their play at the Gaelic American Club in 2024.

#### COMPLETE 2024 RULES & INSTUCTIONS

<https://cngplayers.org/one-act-playwriting-competition/>  
For Submission Form email: [cngoneactplay@outlook.com](mailto:cngoneactplay@outlook.com)

### THE GAC WILL AGAIN CELEBRATE OKTOBERFEST ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH

We'll be serving German food, Enjoying music by Bernie's Orchestra and entertainment by The Edelweiss Passaic Bavarian Dancers, Featuring a Stein Holding Contests and more!

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