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



SAMHAIN | November 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to November! Can you believe it? The holidays are coming up on us. And as they say, it's better to give than to receive. What can YOU give of yourself to our club? We're ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help out in all aspects of the Club.

October brought us many events, including the return of a past favorite, Oktoberfest. November & December are busy as well with our first time Q&A session for families with kids, Clan na Gael's fall production, our annual Night before Thanksgiving get together, and our annual elections.

The Social committee has out done themselves this year and deserve our gratitude. If it wasn't for our dedicated volunteers, our Manager Tommy Flaherty, our Permittee Chrissy Boccamazzo, and the rest of our dedicated and hardworking staff, our Club wouldn't be what it is today. We still have many more events planned soon.

One of our most cherished events, happening on 11/3, is our Deceased Members mass. Please come show your support for the families and friends of our dearly departed members. The holiday food drive is back again this year and will be running November through December. Please donate to help those in need.

In closing, I just want to let everyone know what an honor it's been to serve as your President over the past year and I'm so grateful for all the support you have given to me and the Executive committee.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Faith Maciver - GAC Executive Committee President

FIRST FRIDAY TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC SESSION NOVEMBER 1ST FROM 6-8PM WITH LINDSEY CÉITINN



This award-winning fiddler and teacher will play the November's First Friday Trad Music Session. An accomplished musician, she's president of The PV O'Donnell Branch of Comhaltas and student of Brian Conway.

THE PRIDE OF NEW YORK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 PM
ANNUAL GREGG AND CLARE BURNETT MEMORIAL CONCERT



Featuring:
Joanie Madden,
Billy McComiskey,
Brian Conway, and
Brendan Dolan

For Tickets



The Irish-American super group The Pride of New York comprises some of the best-known players on this side of the Atlantic. Collectively they have won four All-Ireland championship awards, recorded multiple solo albums, and logged countless miles touring across the United States and abroad. Tickets are \$22. and can be purchase by using QR Code or at www.shamrockirishmusic.org



TRIVIA FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST @ 8PM

Once again it's time to unleash that random knowledge and win some cool stuff. Don't forget to wear a bit of Brown.

MUSIC IN THE PUB STARTS AT 8:30PM

Friday, Nov 1 - Susan and Gerard
Saturday, Nov 2 - The Tune Squad
Friday, Nov 8 - Sharon and Her Band
Saturday, Nov 9 - Herman & Co
Friday, Nov 15 - Celtic Mikes
Saturday, Nov 16 - Fake ID
Friday, Nov 22 - Mike McGovern
Saturday, Nov 23 - The Night Visitors
Wednesday, Nov 27 - Mostly Green 8 -11 pm
Friday, Nov 29 - Once Removed
Saturday, Nov 30 - Camac



BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 27TH FROM 9AM TO 2PM

Anyone wanting to donate needs to contact the Red Cross first at www.redcrossblood.org

GAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Committee can be reached Via email at executive@gacemail.org they meet monthly on the Tuesday prior to the membership meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next Membership Meeting is Friday November 8th @ 8pm.

MEMBER TO MEMBER MARKETPLACE

To place your professional listing in the Member to Member Marketplace 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.

25 CARD GAME

The Group meets on November 17th around noon (*Irish time*) and will be playing for a holiday Turkey

FÁILTE COMMITTEE

New Front Door Guest Sign in Policy

When signing in guests (maximum of 4 per member) the signing member must show their membership card to the Failte volunteers. Your guest are your responsibility while at the Club and must leave with you - guests cannot remain onsite without their signing member.

FAILTE needs more 'front door' volunteers, anyone interested can contact Bette Leary at 203-767-0117 or email: betteleary@gmail.com.

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.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mass Cards were sent to:

The family of David Boyle

The family of Bridget Gleeson

Maureen Mocker on the passing of her husband, John: Martha Loh on the passing of her husband Daniel Patrick and Lynda Kiely on the passing of their son, Jeremiah

The family of Roberta Byrne

A deceased member plaque was engraved for: John Mocker.

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

THE GIVING TREE

Giving Tree will be put up at the GAC. Please take a tag (or 2), buy the designated present, wrap it (with the original tree tag attached) and return the gifts to the GAC NO LATER 12/13

DECEASED MEMBERS MASS NOVEMBER 3RD AT 9:30AM

Mass will be celebrated in the Carolan Room with refreshments to follow. It is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones. Please join us.

FAMILY MEET & GREET SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2-5PM

A welcoming afternoon (with fun activities) for parents and young children to meet and discuss how to make the club more enjoyable for all members large and small.

"TRAD FOR TRÓCAIRE" SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 2-4PM,

Fairfield Prep's Irish Club will host its annual Irish music & entertainment fundraiser for Trócaire. Trócaire, is Ireland's largest international charitable-aid organization. The event will include Irish music from 'Ceol Agus Craic', dance and poetry readings, This Event is free and open to the public, but contributions will be gladly accepted in support of Trócaire's efforts to alleviate poverty in some of the most distressed regions in the world. Join us for some great craic and a great cause!

HANGING OF THE JERSEYS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 4-7PM

Join in the revelry and fun of this fine tradition celebrating All-Ireland Hurling Champs Clare, All-Ireland Football Champs Armagh and St. Patrick's Hurling & Football Club. Music by Camac and plenty of food & craic for all so come early to get your seats.
Mícheál Hallissey 646-866-3357.

GENEALOGY GROUP

FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

The group will meet November 9th @ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room. For info FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

House Committee

Contact manager@gacemail.org

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. Contact Tom Donohue at tdonohue@slwmco.com or visit the website www.aohjfk.com.

IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Group meets on Thursday, November 21st at 7 pm. We will be discussing the book: *Nora: A Love Story of Nora and James Joyce* by Nuala O'Connor. The story is of Nora, a hotel maid, who falls in love with James Joyce and emerges as an extraordinary companion and wife. Without her support James Joyce would not have achieved his success. It should be an interesting discussion. all are welcome. For info: Mary Ellen Keresey maryellenkeresey@gmail.com.

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP

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

Beginners II Tuesday @ 6:45pm
Info: DesNolan@Optimum.Net

NEW BEGINNERS IRISH LANGUAGE CLASS

We meet in person at the GAC on Sundays from 4-5 pm. If you would like to learn Irish but missed the last beginners class, now is your chance
Cáit Thopsey 203-459-9686.

SENIOR LUNCH

Thursday November 21st @ noon
Please make reservations by Sunday 11/17 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 7pm - all are welcome.
Brian Reynolds 203-214-2921.

SCÉALA SUBMISSIONS

Send submissions by November 8th to communications@gacemail.org

TRAD MUSIC SESSION

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

November Samhain 2024



Kitchen hours

Mon - BBQ 5:50
Tues - Closed
Wed & Thurs 4 -9pm
Friday 4 -10pm
Saturday 12 -10pm
Sunday 12-8pm

pub hours




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

how to reach us

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| Sunday Dombnach | Monday Luan | Tuesday Máirt | Wednesday Céadaoin | Thursday Deardaoin | Friday Aoine | Saturday Satharn |
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| <p>HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE</p> <p>FOOD DRIVE KICKS OFF ON NOVEMBER 8TH (MEETING NIGHT) BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO THE GAC BY 12/20 FOR DISTRIBUTION IN OUR COMMUNITY</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>3 Deceased Members Mass 9:30am Family Meet and Greet 2-5pm Beginners Irish 4-5pm</p> | <p>4 Monday Night Football BBQ 5:30-8pm (bring a side dish) Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p> | <p>5 Irish Language 6:45pm Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - 8pm Adult</p> | <p>6 Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p> | <p>7 Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7pm</p> | <p>8 Membership Meeting 8pm Food Drive Kicks Off (bring nonperishable item to meeting) Sharon and Her Band 8:30pm In the Pub</p> | <p>9 Genealogy Group 10:30am Herman & Co 8:30pm in the Pub</p> |
| <p>10 Lighting of the Hearth Beginners Irish 4-5pm Trad for Trócare 2-5pm Hanging of the Jerseys 4-7pm</p> | <p>11 Monday Night Football BBQ 5:30-8pm (bring a side dish) Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p> | <p>12 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons Children 4pm - Adult 8pm</p> | <p>13  Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p> | <p>14 Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7pm</p> | <p>15 Celtic Mikes 8:30pm In the Pub</p> | <p>16 Pride of New York Concert 7:30pm (\$22) Fake ID 8:30pm in the Pub</p> |
| <p>17 25 Card Game 12 noon Playing for a Holiday Turkey Beginners Irish 4-5pm</p> | <p>18 Monday Night Football BBQ 5:30-8pm (bring a side dish) Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p> | <p>19 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons Children 4pm - Adult 8pm</p> | <p>20 Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p> | <p>21 Senior Lunch Noon Irish Language • (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7pm Irish Literature Group 7pm CnG's: The Seafarer 8pm</p> | <p>22 CnG's Play: The Seafarer 8pm Mike McGovern</p> | <p>23 CnG's Play: The Seafarer 8pm The Night Visitors</p> |
| <p>24 CnG's Play: The Seafarer 2:30pm Beginners Irish 4-5pm</p> | <p>25 Monday Night Football BBQ 5:30-8pm (bring a side dish) Gaelic Pipe Band - 6:30pm</p> | <p>26 Beginners Irish Language 6:45pm Lenihan Dance Lessons Children 4pm - Adult 8pm</p> | <p>27  Blood Drive 9-2pm Mostly Green 8 ~11 pm Trad Music Session 7-9PM</p> | <p>28 Thanksgiving </p> | <p>29 Once Removed 8:30pm In the Pub</p> | <p>30 Camac 8:30pm in the Pub</p> |



CELTIC CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY DEC 7TH 9-3PM

Featuring Irish vendors and unique crafters'. Photos taken with Santa by the GAC Stone Hearth. Special Lunch Menu served by The Lenihan School of Dance (who will certainly do a step or two). Proceeds from lunch benefit The Lenihan Dancers' Fund. There's something special for everyone!

**For vendor opportunity contact Kelli
gradykel14@gmail.com / 203-858-4926 (c)**

STAIR NA HÉIREANN

34TH LECTURE IN A SERIES ON IRISH HISTORY

We would like to thank C J May for an excellent presentation of IRISH TALES OF ANCIENT HALLOWEEN.

We would also like to thank all those who helped make this event a success and for all the wonderful goodies that were provide.

Save the date for the 35th Lecture by Ian Delahanty on February 2, 2025. NOTE - time change for this lecture only is 1:30 p.m.

CLAN NA GAEL'S FALL PRODUCTION

The Seafarer by Connor McPherson directed by Erin Williams and produced by Peg O'Leary
**November 21, 22 and 23 at 8 pm,
November 24 at 2:30**

The Seafarer is a chilling play about the sea, Ireland, and the power of myth. It's Christmas Eve, and Sharky has returned to Dublin to look after his irascible, aging brother who's recently gone blind. Old drinking buddies, Ivan and Nicky are holed up at the house too, hoping to play some cards. But with the arrival of a stranger the stakes are raised even higher. Sharky may be playing for his very soul.

The cast includes: Patrick Baldwin, Steven Bennett, Jim Foley, Eamon Speer and Byrne White.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 203-377-1070 or emailing playresvcng@gmail.com

Please be advised this play contains strong language

THE MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BBQ CREW IS BACK

Each Monday they'll spark up the grill from 5:30-8pm for as long as the weather permits.

Just as we did during the summer, we ask that those who attend to bring an appetizer, side dish, or desert to share.

ST. PATRICK'S GAELIC FOOTBALL AND HURLING CLUB ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Saturday December 7th at the GAC Doors open 6:30pm | Tickets, \$125. Per person | Dinner by O'Neill's and Music by McLean Avenue Band. Please visit stpatricksgfc.org for more information on tickets and journal ads.

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