




# SCÉALA

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

 June 2026 | Merchamh 2026

## Dear Members of the Gaelic American Club,

As the weather warms up, it's always great to see the Club and yard filled with friends and families again. The lawn is open for dining, relaxing, and play. Whether you're stopping by for a meal with friends, enjoying a family afternoon outside, or attending one of our many events, we are grateful to have such a wonderful community sharing in the traditions and spirit of the Club.

I also want to remind members of an important policy. During this time of year, we often see children coming to the bar to purchase snacks or soft drinks without a parent or guardian. Unfortunately, this is not permitted under Connecticut Liquor Control Division regulations and could result in serious fines or even the loss of our liquor license. It is also against the terms of our insurance coverage. For this reason, our bartenders cannot sell snacks or beverages to minors under 18 without a parent or guardian present. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as our staff follows these important rules. This will help keep our Club safe and compliant for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a memorable summer together at the Club.

Slainté!

**Tom Harding**  
President, Gaelic American Club



**SUNDAY, JUNE 28 • 4:30 - 7 PM (\$35 + FEE)**

Don Stiffe, Ger O'Donnell, and Trevor Sexton are three powerhouses of Irish vocals who have become a phenomenon in the Irish music scene.

A pre-show meet and greet also available (\$50+ fee) use QR Code to purchase all tickets



## DANCING WITH THE GAC STARS XIII



The Social Committee is looking for stars - from teens to seniors - to dance in our annual fundraiser. No dancing experience is necessary, Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Southport will provide lessons, so sign-up now. The spectacular event will be held on Saturday, September 26th. For more info e-mail Charlie at [cwadcock@gmail.com](mailto:cwadcock@gmail.com) or Laura at [knudsen622@hotmail.com](mailto:knudsen622@hotmail.com).



**CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AT THE GAC**  
With a BBQ & Music by Mostly Green  
**July 4th from 12-2pm**

So Come and enjoy good food, great company and The Music of Mostly Green 12-3pm

**IRISH HEARTBEAT - VAN MORRISON TRIBUTE BAND**  
June 27 @ 7pm (\$30.00 + \$3.85 fee)



Kick off Summer with the Van Morrison Tribute Band Irish Heartbeat. A group of thirteen of the area's finest musicians promise to bring an unforgettable night of live music to the GAC.

Online Tickets can be purchased through the QR code.  
Use **GACMEMBER26** for a member discount.

## MUSIC IN THE PUB @ 8:30PM

Friday June 5 - *The C-Sides*  
Saturday June 6 - *Noreen & Mike Sherry w/ Dave Kennedy*  
Friday June 12 - *Susan and Gerard*  
Saturday June 13 - *Juliet's Run*  
Friday June 19 - *Mike McGovern*  
Saturday June 20 - *Camac*  
\*Sunday June 21 - *Bob Curiano 4 pm - 7pm.*  
Friday June 26 - *Sharon and Her Band*  
Saturday June 27 - *Gab Kallay Band*

## 25 CARD GAME

Is off for the summer, so see you in September. Rules for this traditional Irish game are found on GAC website

## BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Contact Cathy Austin at caustin@cox.net

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Executive Committee can be reached at executive@gacemail.org. They meet the Tuesday prior to the Monthly Membership meetings.

**The next Monthly Membership meeting is June 12th @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 cards. Mail or drop off payment with your info to the Attn: Membership.

## MEMBER TO MEMBER MARKETPLACE

Place your professional listing in the Member to Member Marketplace on www.gaonline.org by contacting communications@gacemail.org. And when you need a business or trade service, check the list and support your fellow members.

## DART NIGHT

The Group meets Monday's at 7pm. New players Welcome.

## FÁILTE COMMITTEE

FAILTE needs more volunteers to ensure the Front Door has coverage. We have a large membership - surely we can get some more volunteers! Please sign up for the best seat in the house! betteleary@gmail.com.

## FAIRFIELD GAELIC PIPE BAND

The group practices Mondays at 6:30pm in the Carolan Room of the GAC. For more information call 475-329-0202 or visit fairfieldgaelicpipeband.org.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday June 26 6-9pm with DJ Peter No charge to attend. (Kids buffet \$7.)

## GENEALOGY GROUP FRÉAMB ÉIREANN

The group will meet June 13th @ 10:30am in the O'Keefe Room. For info FESecretaryGAC@gmail.com.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

A sympathy card was sent to Rosemary Cordaro on the passing of her daughter, Patricia.

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

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Contact manager@gacemail.org

## IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES Intermediate Class

Thursdays at 6:45 pm via Zoom.

## Conversational Irish Session

Join us for a Gaeltacht Pop-Up conversation, games and craic on Sunday June 28th 4-6pm

## Save Saturday October 3rd For GAC's La Gaeilge

Day of Irish Language & Culture  
Robin Griskus - 203 233 4979.

## IRISH LITERATURE GROUP

The Irish Literature Group will meet on Thursday, June 18th at 7pm. The group will discuss *The Coast Road* by Allan Murrin. For more information contact maryellenkeresey@gmsil.com. All are welcome.

## 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. To join contact Tom Donohue at tdonohue@slwmco.com or visit the website www.aohjfk.com.

## LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Library Work Day is June 18th from 11 to 1pm. The library accepts only books by Irish authors, about Ireland or the Irish. Books with Highlighted, underlined, or have handwritten notes in the margins can not be accepted. maryellen.lyons@outlook.com

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

New members welcome to help plan social events for the GAC. Contact Social@gacemail.org

## SENIOR LUNCH

Join us for Senior Lunch on Thursday, June 25th at 12PM. Reservations are required by Sunday, 06/21. Please call: Sally Savage: 203-366-4826 or Lisa Winkel: 203-259-0766

\$9 for members | non-members \$11. must be signed in by a club member, each member is limited to four guests.

## SET DANCING

Our last session is Thursday 6/4 at 7pm. Enjoy the Summer.

## TRAD MUSIC SESSION

The Shamroques host an Irish Trad Music Night on Wednesdays (7-9pm). All are welcome, to play or just listen.



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

June 24th from 9 to 2pm - contact Red Cross in advance to register [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## MONDAY GRILL NIGHTS IN JUNE!

This month the Crew will fire up the grill from 6 to 8pm on June 1st, 15th & 29th. So bring your appetite and a app, side or desert to share. Grill nights guarantee good food and great craic so join us!



Trivia now starts at 7:30!



## TRIVIA NIGHT JUNE 5TH @ 7:30 PM

We're now starting a half hour early at 7:30 so be ready to unleash that random knowledge and join us for yet another fun filled evening - and remember to Yellow!

## STAIR NA HÉIREANN | HISTORY OF ARAN KNITTING AND IRISH CLANS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 2PM



Calling all knitters. Here's a chance to share your knitting projects. The lecture, presented by Nancy Geary, Executive Director of the New Canaan Museum and Historical Society, will cover the history of Aran knitting and its connection to Irish clans and identity. If you have, or are in the process of knitting, any Aran style projects (or any projects with an Irish/Celtic motif), bring them along and we will put them on display. (Read more: <https://gaonline.org/stair-na-heireann/>)

**Tickets - \$5.00 (Students with ID \$2) | Sorry no GAC script or credit cards**



# June Mertheamb 2026

## Kitchen hours

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

## Pub hours

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

## How To Reach us

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Website www.gaconline.org

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Sunday DOMHNACH	Monday LUAN	Tuesday MÁIRT	Wednesday CÉADAOIN	Thursday DEARDAOIN	Friday AOINE	Saturday SATHARN
Please Remember to Sign in all Your Guests	<b>1</b> Grill Night 6-8pm Gaelic Pipe Band 6:30pm Dart Night 7pm	<b>2</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - Adult 8pm	<b>3</b> Trad Music Session 7-9pm	<b>4</b> Irish Language (via zoom) 6:45pm Set Dancing 7pm	<b>5</b> Trivia 7:30pm The C-Sides 8:30pm in the Pub	<b>6</b> Noreen & Mike Sherry with Dave Kennedy 8:30pm in the Pub
<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b> Gaelic Pipe Band 6:30pm Dart Night 7pm	<b>9</b> Ex. Committee Meeting 7pm Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - Adult 8pm	<b>10</b> Trad Music Session 7-9pm 	<b>11</b> Irish Language (via zoom) 6:45pm	<b>12</b> Membership Meeting 8pm Susan and Gerard 8:30pm in the Pub	<b>13</b> Genealogy Group 10:30am Trad Concert with Cathal Hayden, Dónal Murphy & Alan Murray 7:30pm (\$22) Juliet's Run 8:30pm in Pub
<b>14</b> Flag Day 	<b>15</b> Grill Night 6-8pm Gaelic Pipe Band 6:30pm Dart Night 7pm	<b>16</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons 4pm Children - Adult 8pm	<b>17</b> Cúl Camp 9-3pm Trad Music Session 7-9pm	<b>18</b> Cúl Camp 9-3pm Library Work Day 11-1pm Irish Language 6:45pm Irish Literature Group 7pm	<b>19</b> Cúl Camp 9-3pm Mike McGovern 8:30pm in the Pub	<b>20</b> Camac 8:30pm in the Pub
<b>21</b> Father's Day Summer Solstice Father's Day Music in the Pub with Bob Curiano 4pm - 7pm.	<b>22</b> Gaelic Pipe Band 6:30pm Dart Night 7pm	<b>23</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons Children 4pm - Adult 8pm	<b>24</b> Trad Music Session 7-9pm Blood Drive 9-2pm	<b>25</b> Irish Language (via zoom) 6:45pm Senior Lunch 12noon	<b>26</b> Family Fun Night 6-9pm Sharon and her Band 8:30pm in the Pub	<b>27</b> Irish Heartbeat 7pm (\$30+) Gab Kallay Band 8:30pm in the Pub
<b>28</b> College Workshop 1-3pm Gaeltacht Pop-Up 4-6pm (Conversational Irish) The Voices of Ireland 4:30pm (\$35+)	<b>29</b> Grill Night 6-8pm Gaelic Pipe Band 6:30pm Dart Night 7pm	<b>30</b> Lenihan Dance Lessons Children 4pm - Adult 8pm	<b>1</b> Trad Music Session 7-9pm	<b>2</b> Irish Language (via zoom) 6:45pm	<b>3</b> Susan and Gerard 8:30pm in the Pub	<b>4</b> 4th of July BBQ 12-2 pm Mostly Green 12-3pm in the Pub



Free College Essay Writers' Workshop  
High School Class of 2027 rising Seniors  
Gaelic American Club Writers' Workshop

**FREE COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY,  
JUNE 28TH, 2026 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

With award-winning, certified educator  
Elaine McLaughlin Halliday

Who's eligible? Gaelic American Club members of the High School Class of 2027. Enrollment for free workshop limited to 30 pre-registered Class of 2027 HS students. Bring laptop or pen & notebook - students will craft their college essays during workshop. We will read, discuss, & identify elements of successful college application essays.

Pre-register with Gaelic American Club educator by emailing [ehalliday@yahoo.com](mailto:ehalliday@yahoo.com) Provide 1) parent's & student's names; 2) email addresses; 3) name of high school.

**For complete information go to  
<https://gaconline.org/free-college-prep-writers-workshop/>**



**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday July 24 at 7pm in the Carolan Room featuring "Song of the Sea" a hand drawn animated Irish fantasy film about Ben and his mute sister Saoirse, the last seal child (selkie), who journey to save mythical Celtic creatures!

**Free for All! Irish | Candy on sale!**

**ST PATRICK'S GALEIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB NEWS**

St. Patrick's GAA Club will host its annual Cúl Camp, a summer camp in Gaelic football, hurling & camogie for children 5-12 years of age from June 17-19 at Sacred Heart University. Cúl Camps are held in every county in Ireland and throughout North America. Whether you're an experienced player seeking to improve skills or have never played Gaelic games before, this camp is designed to introduce boys and girls to the excitement and challenges of Gaelic games. GAA Certified coaching staff direct from Ireland will lead the training. Camp hours are 9 am to 3 pm each day. Space is limited and there are early registration and sibling discounts available.

**For registration and more information, please visit [www.stpatricksgfc.org](http://www.stpatricksgfc.org) or email [camp@stpatricksgaa.us](mailto:camp@stpatricksgaa.us).**

The North American Youth Gaelic Games Championships (the Continental Youth Championships or CYC) are coming to Philadelphia this summer! St. Patrick's is forming teams and we're looking for youth student-athletes - under 8 to under 18 - to join us for this challenge as we take on the best youth Gaelic football and hurling teams from July 30 to August 2. So, if you're taking a summer break from youth hockey, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, & football, St. Patrick's welcomes you to try your athletic skills at Gaelic games. No experience necessary.

**For more information on training and tryouts, just email St. Patrick's youth coaches at [cyc@stpatricksgaa.us](mailto:cyc@stpatricksgaa.us).**

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