



# Newsletter

## Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club

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**CLUB HOURS:** Wednesday & Thursday: 7pm-1am; Friday & Saturday: 7pm-2am; Sunday: 1pm-9p

Aug/Sept 2016

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Aug.

Sun. 28th Support Enda Cox 5pm

#### Sept.

Sun. 4th All Ireland Hurling Finals 8.30am

Sun. 4th Social Meeting 3.30pm

Thurs. 15th Retirees picnic 12.30pm

Sun. 18th All Ireland Football Finals 8.30am

Sun. 25th Bike-a-thon 12 noon

#### Oct.

Sat. 1st. St Jude fundraiser 6pm

Fri. 7th Oct. Fest

Fri. 14th Irish bowling league 7pm

Sat. 23rd Concert 7.30pm

Sun. 24th Sacred Heart fundraiser 1-4pm

#### Nov.

19th Sat. Irish Man/Woman Banquet 7pm

#### KEY CARD LOCK NOW INSTALLED

As of 1st June you will need your membership card to enter our club - per STATE LAW.

## Upcoming Events

**An Evening in Support of**  
**ENDA COX**  
**SUNDAY, AUG. 28<sup>TH</sup> • 5PM**  
**IACC - 9 Venice Place - East Haven, CT**

**ENDA COX, originally from Co. Leitrim and a long time member, was injured while playing Irish Football at this year's CT Irish Festival in June.**

**ENDA has always been passionate about his IRISH COMMUNITY and IRISH SPORTS but he is NOT JUST a SPECTATOR. While others his age were enjoying the music and the beer tent, he filled in playing goalie for the New Haven Juniors against the Hartford Football Team, after clearing the ball ENDA was hit late and fractured his elbow.**

**As a result ENDA was out of work for 6 weeks and endured unexpected medical expenses. As most people know - 6 weeks without pay and having those extra expenses leaves a mark financially.**

**We would like to have a gathering to show OUR support for ENDA'S passion of the sport and make a donation to assist him with his unexpected expenses.**

**WHY should you come? Because that's what WE do! Our IRISH COMMUNITY is known for pulling together when someone has a need - and if it happened to YOU, we would be there for YOU as well!!**

**If you cannot make the gathering on AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> but would like to make a donation please send a CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:**  
**ENDA COX c/o IACC**  
**mail to:**  
**IACC - 9 Venice Pl - East Haven, CT 06512**  
**Any questions contact:**  
**Mike Faherty 203.640.8927 or John McCormack 203.651.9634**



blueberry, straw/rhubarb, fruit of the farm, banana cream, lemon meringue, chocolate cream, key lime and coconut cream. Also available no sugar pies: apple, fruits of the farm and pumpkin (8 inch). All pies cost \$14 except 8 inch pumpkin \$11. Please place your orders to Anne Hines 203-488-4902 ahsheep@aol.com or Alice Sette 203-823-0448 alette6236@gmail.com

**ALL IRELAND HURLING FINAL Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at 8.30am**

**ALL IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 8.30am**

The teams are set for the All Ireland Hurling finals - Minor 8:30 Tipperary v Limerick

Senior 10:30 Kilkenny v Tipperary. Football final TBA. Full Irish breakfast will be served at both Hurling and Football finals. Donation \$20 per person per final which includes the Irish breakfast. The play off games leading up to the Finals are still in progress and can be viewed at the club every Sunday morning. Information call Mike Faherty at 457-1632.

**HAPPY HOURS Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at 4pm and Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 4pm**

Happy Hour will be on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September starting at 4pm. Each member gets one free drink. Come on out for good conversation and music in the lounge. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

**GAELIC FOOTBALL CLINIC AND PRACTICE Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12.30-2pm**

Have your children explore the national sport of Ireland - Meet active players and experienced coaches. Ages: 5 - 14. **Where:** Pat Bohan Gaelic Grounds 9 Venice Pl East Haven. **When:** Sunday September 11, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. **Information** Selina O Toole 203-506-6986 Moylan10@hotmail.com John McCormack 203-651-9634 Mike Faherty 203-640-8927.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm**

A lot is going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in the decision makings. Please attend our general membership meetings and give us your input.

**RETIRES NEWS - Meeting Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm.**

If you have not already done so please mail your IACC Retirees dues made out to IACC- Retirees to Bernie Singer at 830 Old Durham Road, Wallingford Ct. 06492. Any questions call Bernie at 203-269-0254. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. will be our annual picnic. We invite all retirees to join us and bring a guest or two - the more the merrier. If you wish you may bring a salad or dessert. To make sure we have enough food please make your reservations to Sharon Kearns 203 488 6605 or Pat Donohue 203 248 4325. If you need a ride let Sharon or Pat know and they will see what they can do.

### THANKSGIVING PIE FUNDRAISER

A great way to get 10 inch fresh baked pies from Bishop's Orchards in Guilford! Order them through our club and you can pick them up in time for Thanksgiving. Anne and Alice will be at the club from 4-7pm on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November to give you your pies. **All pies must be ordered by Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.** Available pies: Apple, apple crumb, pumpkin,

### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BIKE A THON Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12 noon**

100 mile on-site - Bike-A-Thon to benefit our park development. Registration of riders will be from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by the parade of teams and national anthems performed by Siobhan Stewart. Blessing of riders and bicycles will be performed by Deacon John O'Donovan. Team sponsorships are available at \$100 or \$10 per rider. Unlimited number of riders per team, open to all. Wear your county colors. Mike Ryan will be our timer. Carmel McCabe Lares is Registrar. Children's activities, face painting by Siobhan, and much more. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages at reasonable prices. All of our captains and teams welcome your sponsorship and support. As of this writing the following teams are committed, current RAS na hEireann champion Sligo led by Captain Rich Ranciato; Donegal, Captain Jeff Maxwell; Kilkenny, Captain John Mackey; Tipperary, Captain John McCormack; Leitrim, Captain Vinny McCabe, Galway, Michael and Geraldine Faherty; Longford, Patrick and Brendan Hosey; Offaly, A.N. Other; Clare, Pat O'Donoghue; Limerick, Eamon Ryan; Mayo, James Stauton, Kildare, Kevin Roxbee, Cork, Eileen Roxbee. Let's get your ancestral or adopted county into this fun event and expand it to something much bigger. Thank you for your continued support. There will be a raffle for a bicycle. More information available from Pat Hosey, [p.hosey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p.hosey@sbcglobal.net), or (203)-248-1538.

### **ST JUDE FUNDRAISER Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. at 6pm**

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October please consider coming out for a very special fundraiser to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Doors open at 6:00 pm. It should be a great time with lots of great raffle prizes etc. Many local politicians will be in attendance.

### **OCT, FEST Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

Join Joan for another trip to Student French Restaurant in Springfield, Mass on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. Cost \$74. for further information and to make your reservation call Joan Atzback at 203-288-8519 or 203-980-5994.

### **THE IRISH BOWLING LEAGUE Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 7pm**

The 2016-2017 bowling season will begin on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Circle Lanes in East Haven. If anyone is interested in joining the league, please contact Mary Jane Stevens at (203-772-1380) or please just come down on opening night.

### **TRADITIONAL IRISH CONCERT Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. at 7.30pm**

An All-Star Traditional Irish Music Concert is scheduled for Sat. October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016, at 7:30pm, when the club will be welcoming back the ever-popular Co. Armagh uilleann piper, Cillian Vallely and Friends. Cillian who tours with Lunasa is regarded among the first rank of today's Irish pipers. Details to follow. Information Pat Stratton 860-640-1600 or John O'Donovan 203-281-3563

### **SACRED HEART FUNDRAISER Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. from 1-4pm**

Irish American Community Center, 9 Venice Place, East Haven is hosting a Benefit Fundraiser for The new mission of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Waterford, Ireland. Entertainment, Music, Food, Raffles, Silent Auction. No ticket necessary - donations will be accepted on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 1-4 pm. More information contact Alison McCormack [Almack325@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Almack325@sbcglobal.net) or 203-530-5011 or Kerry Martens [kmar13@aol.com](mailto:kmar13@aol.com) or 203-996-9196.

### **ANNUAL BANQUET - NEW LOCATION - Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7pm.**

Our 2016 Irish Man and Woman of the Year Banquet will be held on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Fantasia, 404 Washington Ave. North Haven. Music will be by the Noel Henry Band from Boston. Our honourees are two very well deserving recipients John Cullinan and Theresa O'Brien. Our menu includes open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, penne alla vodka, a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Stuffed filet of Sole or Chicken Marsala, coffee and dessert. Tickets are moderately priced at \$65.00. Last year was a sell out so please make your reservations early by contacting Mary Roddy 203-506-8367, Anne Hines 203 215 5997 or banquet chairman Mike Faherty at 457-1632.

### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - CASH RAFFLE**

Our members will soon be receiving raffle tickets for our first Christmas Bazaar raffle. This is a great opportunity to win money and help our club. Tickets will be sold at \$1 each. Our great prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$1,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$500 and 4<sup>th</sup> prize a Gift Certificate valued at \$100 to the Playwright Restaurant. Please purchase or/and sell these tickets to all your family and friends. Remember your chances of winning are far better

than the lottery!! We must put all our efforts into making this raffle a huge success, so let us help Anne Hines 203-488-4902 and Gerry Stratton 203-214-8578 by calling them for more tickets....they will be happy to hear from you. Drawing will take place at the IACC at our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm.

### **UP TO DATE MAILING ADDRESS**

If you have moved or are planning on moving please keep the Club informed of your new address. Please call Alison McCormack 203 272 4465 or email her at [almack325@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almack325@sbcglobal.net). This would include any phone number and email changes also. In an effort to keep mailing costs down, anyone who receives the email newsletter will no longer receive the paper copy in the US mail. If you wish to continue receiving both the email and the paper newsletter, please let Alison know.

### **PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY**

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the following:

To Rita Johnson on the death of her husband Mike Johnson, Hamden. Mike Johnson was one of the really great members of our club, his contribution to building the New Lounge in the early 1970's and building the Floats for the St. Patrick's Day Parade will never be forgotten.

To: John Riley, on the death of his wife, Marguerite Riley, Hamden.

To Susan McManus on the death of her husband Jimmy McManus, Hamden by way of Co. Cavan: Also to Jimmy's brother club member Pat McManus, Hamden.

To: Peter and Amy Mullen, North Haven on the death of Peter's mother, Julia Mullen, Co.Clare

To: Chris and Mary Morgan North Haven, on the death of Chris's brother, Brother William Morgan, Co. Clare.

To Jim and Linda Martens and family on the death of Jim's brother Gerald Martens of Branford.

### **Get Well Wishes:**

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to:

Ann Smyth and Carolyn Hosey, Hamden; Eileen Hennessey, Branford; Pat Stratton, Westbrook

### **CONGRATULATIONS Mary Anne Campbell Walsh - happy 108<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Another year and another birthday for our valiant Co. Mayo poster girl Mary Anne Campbell Walsh.

Mary Anne who is the mother of club member Anne Paulsen was born in Charlestown, Co. Mayo on April 9<sup>th</sup> 1908...that is 108 years ago! Mary recently celebrated her birthday at the Laurel's in Charlottesville, VA where she resides. Congratulations Mary Anne from all your friends at the IACC. For many years Mary Anne was a regular attendee at our Annual Festival, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law Al Paulsen.

### **THANK YOU**

A Chairde,

Just a short note to thank one and all for the great outpouring of help and support shown to me and my family after my recent accident. From those of you that helped around the house to all that came to and sent donations to the benefit, and especially the organizers and committee members, a heartfelt thank you. Mise le Meas, Shane.

### **WELCOME - NEW MEMBERS**

Please make yourself known to our Officers and Club members when visiting so we can personally welcome you to our Club. Janet Spadory, North Haven, Erin McLaughlin, North Branford, Gayle Colburn, New Haven, Eileen Horan, Guilford, Steve and Lori Bozzuto, Northford, Julie and Orlando Mendez, Clinton, Laura Bell, Wallingford, Michael Onofrio, East Haven, Brendan Bohan, Rockfall, Richard Miller, New Haven, Marianne Petrillo, New Haven.

### **DONATIONS**

Many thanks to the following Members who so generously donated to our Club when paying their 2016 dues. Victor Smith, Patricia Rynee, Catherine Luedee.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to make an announcement in the newsletter i.e. engagement, marriage, birth, graduation from college, or an achievement of any kind, please submit via email to Anne Hines at [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## EMAILS / NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive emails from the IACC which include the info on the latest events and/or the newsletter by email please send your name and email address to [theresa.obrien@live.com](mailto:theresa.obrien@live.com).

## SPEAKERS WANTED - IRISH HISTORY ROUND TABLE

The Irish History Round Table is looking for speakers for the upcoming 2016-17 season. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge or immigration story to the group, please contact Elizabeth Dalton at [eadalton@alumnae.smith.edu](mailto:eadalton@alumnae.smith.edu)

## 2016 Marks 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1981 Hunger Strike

As part of the Irish American Diaspora in the United States we have recently paid honor across the US and the world to the men and women who participated in and gave their lives during and after the Easter Rising of 1916. Since our homeland remains occupied by a foreign force in our 6 northeastern counties (Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone), 1916 remains unfinished business ~ united, free, sovereign and Gaelic Ireland. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, there will be the only CT statewide commemoration of the 1981 Hunger Strikers at the Bobby Sands Circle in Hartford CT. This will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hunger Strike at Long Kesh Prison. Ten men died on hunger strike demanding political status, under Thatcher's watch, were denied. Freedom's struggle will never be criminalized and the struggle in Ireland did not die in 1981. Present day there are still political prisoners in Maghaberry, Portlaoise, Hydebank, and other dungeons on Irish and foreign soil. This is a growing concern to the Irish American Republican community. May God bless these ten patriots and all who stand up for freedom and have made the ultimate sacrifice in its name. As we recently celebrated our own independence from the same tyrant in 1776 you are invited to come out on September 24<sup>th</sup> 2016 to mark another historical struggle in 1981 by Irish men for Irish freedom. The lives of these brave men will be remembered on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at Bobby Sands Circle, located at the corner of Maple Avenue, and Freeman Street; across from the Maple Cafe in Hartford Connecticut. I hope to see everyone there! For more information, contact Peadar at [airenua.anois@gmail.com](mailto:airenua.anois@gmail.com) or by phone at 203-824-9400 Your Co-host, Peadar Mac Maghnuis, Freedom for All Ireland, AOH New Haven Division

## NOMINATION CONVENTION Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 3pm.

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm is the Nomination Convention. The Nominating Committee (tbd) shall nominate candidates for all offices. Additional nominations of candidates for any of these positions may be made from the floor at this time. Each nominee must be a member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to the September General Membership meeting. Each nominee must either be present at such meeting or have presented to a member of the Nominating Committee, prior to such nomination, a letter indicating willingness to serve in the capacity for which nominated. The Nominating Committee Chairman is Brendan McCaffrey (203) 214-8677 if you have any questions.

### Office

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President NHGF&HC  
Vice President IACC  
Vice President NHGF&HC  
Treasurer IACC  
Treasurer NHGF&HC  
Financial Secretary IACC  
Recording Secretary IACC  
Building Engineer IACC

### Responsibilities Include

Resolution implementation & general club oversight  
Bar, social and athletic functions  
Social, calendar & club bookings, cultural events  
Club sports  
Financial reporting & fiscal management, banking matters  
Financial recording, reporting, and management  
Membership & dues  
Minutes & newsletter  
maintenance of building and grounds

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

Keep in mind every Wednesday at 7.30pm the Gaelic Language classes are held and every Thursday the Curlews practice and play in the lounge at 7.30pm.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING

The Youth footballers meet the first Thursday of each month. Games, schedules, fundraisers etc. are discussed. Please come out and support these young athletes. More information call Chairman Mike Faherty 203 640 8927.

## IRISH RADIO PROGRAMME CHANGES

WQUN Irish radio show, Sounds of Ireland, hosted by Sean Canning has not changed and will continue every Sunday morning 9-11am on AM1220WQUN or WQUN Radio from Quinnipiac University, Hamden. Please make note of the changes on WNHU Irish radio Show from University of New Haven FM

88.7 WNHU or WNHU Radio. Echoes of Erin on Sunday from 12-2pm will not change. **Monday night radio show from 6-8pm is no longer available. Music of Ireland on Thursday nights has changed from 6-8pm to 7-9pm.**

## LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220 WQUN or [www.wqun.com](http://www.wqun.com)  
Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm FM 88.7 WNHU [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)  
Music of Ireland Thursday 7:00-9:00 P.M. FM 88.7 WNHU or [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND - Are We 100% Behind Our Club?

At least 25% of us are, and we sure can do better! To date one quarter of the membership has made a tax-deductible contribution to the IACC Capital Campaign raising roughly \$50K toward our future. Much needed improvements are sorely straining club resources. At the same rate imagine how bright that future could be with 100% participation! Thanks to all who have given. Now it's up to the rest of us to not let each other down. We deserve nothing less than one hundred percent! Mike Faherty, Campaign Chairman 203.640.8927.

Thank you to the following members for their generous donations to our capital improvement campaign:

### **Gold \$1,000 to \$4,999**

Sean Cox, Carroll MacFarlane, Michael Hanlon, John and Wendy Mackey, Sean Scollan (Anna and Daniel Murphy), John and Kathleen O'Donovan, Michael and Anne Faherty, John and Alison McCormack, John and Anne Cullinan, Jay and Kelly McGuinness, Miriam and Joe Lillis, William and Rosemary Barrett, Geoffrey Maxwell, Bill & Denise Mackey, George Waldron, Edward & Sarah Foley, Dennis & Andrea Regan, Vincent & Maureen McCabe, Sean O'Murray, State Farm Companies Foundation, Eileen and Kevin Roxbee, John & Masie O'Keefe, Fred & Kathleen Saunders, Bob & Maryalce Lee, Margaret & Charlie Starrs, Robert & Carmel Larese, Gerrard Keniry, Carole Brown, Edward Shanahan, Chris Manning.

### **Silver \$500 to \$999**

Diane Wright, Patrick and Carolyn Hosey, David and Agnes Flynn, Dominic Sheehan, Richard Ranciato, Martin & Pat Donohue, Peter and Mary Burke, Carolyn Westerfield, Ann Brady, Aiden Shine, Dan Turbett, Robert & Maria Roche, Anne & John Hines, State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program, via John McCormack, Emmet & Elizabeth Moore, Bronze Less than \$500 Timothy Wall, Joan Hess, Vincent Kiernan, William and Eileen Tinker, Richard and Margaret Hopkins, Richard and Maryette Russell, Lisabeth and Shawn Hemingway, John and Louise Ortoleva, Joseph and Teresa Gill, Justine Miller, Susan Mc Nerney, Vivian Baker, Patricia O'Connor, Tom and Maura Sullivan, Mary Parker, David and Elizabeth O'Keefe, George O'Day Jr, Joseph and Cecilia Martin, Bruce and Mary Dapkins, Claire Boylan, Ronald and Geraldine Remer, John and Adela Collins, Kevin and Frances Woods, Cornelius and Joan Foley, Michael and Agnes Sheehan, Ann Pervier, Michael Malone, Robert T Gilhuly, John and Audrey Hanniford, Claire & William Brayfield, Edward McMahon, Anna Crowe, The Selmani Family Joan, Michael Klara, Catherine McMorrow, Kathleen Turbett, Rosemary Balsam MD, Michael & Margaret Shea, Dr. Dori Cole, Joe Nolan, Daniel & Emma Kirby, Katherine Heeran, Daria McCabe, Fr Philip Sharkey, Rory McCormack, Ann Smyth, Francis and Cristine Supple, Gerry and Anne Marie Rooney, Kirby & Laurie Hawkes, Carole B. Brown, John McGowan, Denis Pomfret, Theresa O'Brien, Brendan & Maura Donohue, Maureen C Delahunt, Joseph Foley, Mary (Crissie) C. Parker, Georgeanne Flanagan, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Susan Mc Nerney, Michael & Andrea Hogan, Jason & Jillian Simms, Bob & Maryette Russell, Russell & Pauline Mower, Nathalie Manniel, Mary Wallace, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Patricia Stratton Bailey, Anne & Paul Paulsen, Eileen Tozzo (Courtney), Ann Pervier, Shelia & John Haverhampf, Brian Burgh, Frank Supple, Mary Jane Conroy, Daniel Mallon, Anne Marie Mulholland, Edward & Eileen Donadio, Geraldine Faherty, Vincent & Claire Cleary, Donald & Bernadette White, Eileen Mulvey, Helen Kobylenski, David Howe, Thomas Sbabo, Margaret Jensen, John & Marie Lawless, Dorel Benson, Mike & Maryann Dean, Brendan Faherty, Connor, Deirdre and Seamus Dolan, Judy Doyle and Mike Clifford, Enda Cox/Donna Borzillo, Laurel Blauvelt, Robert & Shirley Meagher, Thomas Brennan, Rita & Christian Brayfield, Patricia Wall, Alice Marsh, William & Justine Early, Dermot Mulhall, Tommy O'Malley, Ann Purcell, Tom & Linda Morrissey, Sharon Kearns, Pat Heslin, Cathy & Bobby Catapano, Susanne Bowery, Dawne Flynn, George Pritchard, Paul Rook, John (Jay) Cannon, Patrick & Mary Begley, Cheryl Kling, Susanne Cooney, Marion Smith, Margot L'Heureux, James & Sandra Hanrahan, Betty Hunter, Elizabeth Regan, Joan Harlow, Mary Kelleher, Jillian Simms, Edith Kufra, Jim & Linda Martens, Siobhan Stewart.

**IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

Our festival and feis were a big success thanks to the countless hours put in by our volunteers. This weekend would not have happened if not for Pat Hosey, Anne Hines, and Johnny O'Keefe, our Chairs, who worked with their committees and countless others who put in many hours putting up and taking down the stages and tents, greeting visitors at the gate, cleaning up the trash, selling food and drinks, running numbers for the feis, announcing, organizing before and after the festival, cooking, selling tickets etc, etc.,etc! Without your help this festival would not happen! Thank you seems very small but please know that your help has given us the funds to share our heritage with the community which is the purpose of our club and why we work so hard to put on this festival. A special thank you to Kathleen and John O'Donovan for running another successful raffle and to Donna Borzillo and Rich Ranciato for running a great dart and corn hole tournament as well. All in all, it was a wonderful celebration for our club.

As we gear up for a busy fall, please check our newsletter for all of our events. The Gaelic Players will be putting on The Plough and the Stars in November. Congratulations to Theresa O'Brien and John Cullinan on being selected Irish woman and Man of the year. It is a tremendous honor and we thank you for all that you have done for our club. If you have an idea for an event, please contact me or Rich Ranciato. We are always looking for fun ideas to support! Enjoy the rest of summer! Slainte, Eileen.

**GAELIC CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. First of all let me start by congratulating all the New Haven players and coaches who travelled to CYC in Chicago recently. New Haven combined with Sperrin Og to and Shannon Gaels to field teams. As a result our U12's won the championship in DOUBLE OVERTIME!! U 10 lost in the semi-finals, U14 girls lost in semi-finals, U 16 girls won final, U 16 boys won final, U 18 boys won final and U 18 girls won the final as well. Congratulations to all players! I'd also like to belatedly thank everyone who worked at this year's Festival and Feis. I was in Ireland and unable to attend but heard great things about both days. Congratulations and Thank You Pat Hosey for another job well done! As the fall months arrive things start to get busier at your club. Lots of events coming so circle some dates on your newsletter to come join us for a good time. Please consider inviting a friend to any of our upcoming events. Our club is only as good as its members. So many people don't know where we are and what we do. When they learn about us they are often happy to join. Thanks and see you at the Club! John Joe Mackey.

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