



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

February 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB.

Thurs. 15th Retirees Meeting 12.30pm
 Sat 17th Pool Tournament 2pm
 Sun 25th Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
 1pm

MARCH

Thurs 1st March Junior Ladies Football, 7pm
 and Youth Football, 7:30pm
 Sat 3rd Parade Ball 7pm
 Fri 9th March Happy Hour 4pm
 Sunday 11th Parade Day
 Sat 17th St. Patrick's Day

APRIL

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd UCONN Collegiate Gaelic Football
 & Hurling Tournament

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Mary Roddy, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable 1st January. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club so if you have not already remitted your payment please do so as soon as possible. Family \$75, Individual \$50, renewing seniors \$20 each and \$30 per couple. **KEY LOCK WAS INSTALLED ON DOOR SO YOU WILL NEED YOUR CARD TO ENTER.**

Upcoming Events

RETIREES MEETING Thurs. 15th Feb at 12.30pm

Regular meetings of the Retirees will be held on Thursday, 15th February and Thursday, 15th March. At the meeting on February 15, Lilies of the Field starring Sidney Poitier will be shown.

A complimentary glass of wine will be provided. Additionally, the group will start signing up for the Retirees Corned Beef Dinner that will take place at the meeting on Thursday, March 15. Please call Sharon Kearns (203) 488 6605 if you have any questions.



contact Joanne Connor ball@stpatricksdayparade.org Deadline for tickets 17th February.

HAPPY HOUR Fri. 9th March at 4pm

Happy Hours are the 2nd Friday of every month at 4pm. Each happy hour we will have drink specials, half price on the choice of the day, buy one get one etc. Come on out and join your friends and fellow members for good conversation and snacks in the lounge - bring a snack to share if you wish.



POOL TOURNAMENT Saturday, 17th February at 2pm

Show off your pool skills and win a little money at the same time! On Saturday, February 17th there will be a double elimination tournament at 2pm at the IACC. Entry fee is \$10 per person. All prize money given out depending on how many people are in the tournament. All are welcome. For more information contact Dan Turbett at (203) 215-6626 or Tara Hosey at (203) 444-7878

PARADE DAY MARCHERS Sunday 11th March at 1:30pm

Anne Hines is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 11th March. If anyone is interested in marching or carrying one of our many County flags please contact Anne. We are in need of 40 volunteers to carry the flags and banners. They will be appointed on a first come, first served basis. Call/text 203-215-5997 or email ahsheep@aol.com early if you have a particular flag you wish to carry.

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sun. 25th Feb. 1-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 25th February from 1 – 4pm. Donation is \$15 per adult and children are half price. Hot dog and potato chips will be available at \$5.00 for children who do not wish to eat corned beef. For reservations and information, please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 ahsheep@aol.com. Reservations are necessary to avoid over or under buying by 23rd Feb.

ANNUAL PARADE MASS to HONOUR JOAN MOYNIHAN Sun. 11th March 10am.

On Sunday March 11, the 10a.m. parade Mass will be celebrated for Joan Moynihan at St. Mary's Church on Hillhouse Ave., New Haven. The Most Reverend Leonard Blair, Archbishop of Hartford will once again preside as celebrant. Last year's Mass resulted in 'standing room only'. Besides our patron, Saint Patrick being honored, Joan, who was president of the Irish American Community Center in 1988/89 as well as being quite active in the Greater New Haven Irish community will also share in the celebration, Joan passed away on March 13, 2009. The parade committee will march up the center aisle in full dress. Also in attendance will be colour guards from both the Knights of Columbus and the New Haven Police Emerald Society. Quite a colourful Mass. Hope to see you all there. Thank you. Finbarr.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE BALL Sat. 3rd March at 7pm

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball will take place on 3rd March at 7pm at Anthony's Oceanview in New Haven. Donation \$100 per person. Music will be provided by "Stages" from New York, This year's recipients: Damian Cashman will receive The Dinnan Award, Tom Conroy will receive The Driscoll Award and Steve Smith will receive The Appreciation Award. For tickets and further information please

PARADE DAY Sunday 11th March

Start your day off great with a special Parade Mass at St. Mary Church, Hillhouse Ave., at 10am. After Mass refreshments will be served thanks to the Pioneers of the Sacred Heart. We are appealing to everyone young and old to come out on Sunday, March 11th at 1.30pm. to show the spectators our pride in our true Irish heritage as we march down the streets of New Haven. We need 42 people to carry the various flags, so call soon as they are going fast. There will be a bus leaving from our Club at 11.30 SHARP!! to bring us to the starting point of the parade. Afterward the bus will transport the marchers back to the club for ceol agus craic. Entertainment - no admission charge and food and beverages will be available. Please don't let the people down who revived this grand parade in 1956. Some of them may have passed on, but their memories are still with us. For further information please contact Anne Hines 203 215 5997.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Tuesday 13th March @ 7pm

In March, the general meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13th at 7pm. After March, we will implement quarterly membership meetings. The first quarterly meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 12 at 7pm.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY Saturday 17th March

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club. Watch the All Ireland Club Football and Hurling Finals. Admission for the games is \$10. Times TBD. Irish breakfast will be served 9 till noon at \$10. Corned beef sandwiches will be available all day. Reservations for breakfast call Anne Hines 203 488 4902. Traditional Irish music in the afternoon and DJ Rick Scirroco will entertain us starting at 6.30pm. Family friendly atmosphere so bring the family. More information next newsletter. If you have time to volunteer this day please call any club officer.

IRISH MUSIC ALL DAY LONG WNHU 88.7FM 8am - 6pm Saturday 17th March

WNHU 88.7 F.M. will present a "Day of Irish Music" on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2018. Join us from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. as we play your requests and dedications. We will have lots of guests joining us throughout the day so set your radio dial to 88.7 F.M. and we will do the rest. Mike, Pat, Chuck and Pat & Joan will be your hosts for the show, playing the music we love. Looking forward to hearing from all of you, the studio number is 203-934-9648.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL BANQUET

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Irish Man and Woman of the Year banquet on Saturday the 3rd November at 7pm at Cascades, 480 Sherman Ave., Hamden. It is always a great celebration for our members and our club. Additional details to come!

DIRECTOR'S THANK YOU

Please note that this thank you was unintentionally omitted from the previous newsletter.

It was a dream of mine to bring the drama production, "Dancing at Lughnasa" to our New Haven area audience for many years, so I would sincerely like to thank Charlie & Margaret Starrs for entrusting the direction of this play to me. And, as with any theatrical production, there are many people that contribute so much of their time and expertise to see the play to its fruition. I would like to mention and thank those wonderful members, starting with Brian Beirne, who not only produced the play but handled ticket sales and other items too numerous to mention; Catherine McMorrow, who worked tirelessly as House and Stage Manager and was always the last one

out the door every evening; Tony Connor and the Executive Boards of the IACC and the NHGF&H Club, a big thank you for making the club available when needed. Tony, thank you for your help setting up the hall and for all the other matters you handled for us. And to the staff who tended bar that week, thank you! The stage would never have gotten up without the helpful strength of John Mackey, Sean Cox, Mike Faherty, Geoff Maxwell, Tony Connor, Dennis Hanlon, Gerry Roddy, Pat O'Donahue, John McCormack, Vincent McCabe, Patrick and Charles Starrs and Brandon Hinckley, thank you! The beauty of this set would not have materialized if it were not for the exceptional talents of the following members: Dennis Hanlon, Gerry Roddy, Vincent McCabe, Pete Kilkelly, Pat O'Donahue and Patricia Keogh-Hinckley and Neave Hinckley. For those who didn't see the play, you missed Dennis's magic on the sycamore tree, fabulous fireplace and kites and Tricia's scenic painting of the Mundy garden and kitchen! To Jim Hanrahan and Brian Beirne, Kathleen and John O'Donovan, Lily Reilly, John McNamara, Peter Lynch, Rev. Michael Dolan, Kate Strong and Carmel McCabe Larese for help with props and costumes, thank you. Also, the front of house staff and kitchen staff: Christine and Roisin Beirne, Maureen Rynne, Peter Lynch, Betty and John McNamara, Mary Roddy, Anne Keogh, Terry Remeika, and Denise Mackey thank you! To our technical staff in lighting: Bill Mackey, sound: Brendan Canning, Kevin Gorman and Rich Ranciato and our make-up artist: Margaret Starrs, thank you! Rich Regan, thank you for designing our posters and program cover, John O'Keefe for consulting on choreography and for radio publicity: Sean & Brendan Canning, Tom Faherty of Sounds of Ireland; Echoes of Erin show and Theresa O'Brien and Anne Hines: club newsletter-website, thank you all.

This production, of course, would not have gotten off the ground if it were not for the tireless work and brilliant acting abilities of our wonderful cast: Karl Ryan, Eileen Roxbee, Doreen Busca, Paul Tynan, Thelma Macilvaine, Sarah Finnegan, Seamus Lonergan and Katie Santacroce. Bravo and THANK YOU ALL!

I could not be happier with the play's reception here at our club, so thank you sincerely to everyone who attended the show, brought baked goods or food for intermission or for the cast, or brought a friend to our club to see what we have to offer. Your support means the world to us! Until next year...

Warmly, Sandy Hanrahan

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL GEAR AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB!

A limited supply of performance short sleeved New Haven Gaelic Football jerseys are available for \$20 at the club!! Adult sizes, Medium to XL. Let's all show our New Haven Pride!!

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Thank you to all our members who paid their dues early. Congratulations to our winners who receive their 2018 membership free: Bernard Singer, Wallingford and Dawne Flynn, East Haven.

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 Mary Roddy 203 506 8367 or email her at mroddy@snet.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 Mary know.

YOUTH SPORTS WINTER PRACTICE Sundays at 1pm

In order to stay in great shape and get us ready for the spring season we have scheduled 7 winter training sessions, starting Sunday Jan

21-Sunday Mar 4th at Connecticut Sportsplex, 216 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. All training sessions are scheduled for 1:00-2:30, this is also a perfect time to invite a friend to experience a great new sport!! Who doesn't want to get out and run around in the dead of winter?? In addition, please look out for information about Junior ladies practices starting in April.

NEW MEMBERS

With pleasure we welcome the following New Members – hope to see you frequently at our Club. Angela & Jeffrey Gold (East Haven), Bobby & Laurie Bankowski (Hamden), Andrew & Elyse Burke (Hamden), Stanley Wheeler, IV (Wallingford), Stephen & Annalyn Wheeler (Hamden), Mark & Nancy Daley (Hamden), Danielle Polvan (East Haven), Melissa & Michael Parenete-Danz (East Haven), Mathew & Gena Divilio (East Haven), Susan Vollano (Northford), Lisa Bonnanzio (East Haven)

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Connor & Deirdre Dolan, Rita Crofut, Marion Gilhuly, Eileen & Joseph Regan, Mary Cotter, Chris & Nancy Manning, Susan McGowan, Eileen Mulvey, Chris & Eithne Cleary, Stephen & Patricia Jankowski, Ann Brady, Eileen & Donald Tozzo, Mary Lou & Francis Conley, Nigel & Kay David, Catherine Lundee, Mary Cox, Agnes & Peter Kilkelly. Pat & Dottie Heslin, Susanne Bowery, Victor Smith

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

To: Michael Droney, his daughter Maryanne Guthrie, sons Michael, Kevin and Brian, on the death of his wife and their mother Agnes Droney, Hamden, by way of Co. Cork. Agnes was a longtime dedicated club member who was selected as 'Irish Woman of the Year 1991'

To: Maureen and Patricia Rynne and Christine Beirne, on the death of their father Chris Rynne, Madison by way of Co. Clare. Our sympathy also to Chris's sister Kathleen Saunders of Wallingford. Chris was a proud, longtime supporter of our club.

To: the family of club member Walter Gannon, North Haven

To: Jane McGuire, Westbrook on the death of her brother John William Beirne of Co. Leitrim.

To: Ann and Al Paulsen, Branford on the death of Ann's brother Dan Walsh in Fairfield.

Get well wishes to the following members:

Edward Gorman, Hamden; Johanna Mackey, Middletown.

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 Doreen Busca at dkbusca73@yahoo.com by the 15th 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 mroddy@snet.net.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS 🎵 🍀 🎵

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220

WQUN or www.wqun.com

Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm FM 88.7 WNHU

www.wnhu.net

Celtic Airs Tuesday 6-9pm WWUH91.3

or www.wwuh.org



IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club members,

We are coming upon our busy time of the year, a time when we show our pride for being Irish and for celebrating our heritage. We have chosen our new queen for the St. Patrick's Day parade. Congratulations to our 2018 New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club Parade Queen Bridget Judd and 2018 Parade Honour Attendant Maureen Heeran on being chosen to represent our united Irish societies in the parade. The parade committee has been busy raising funds so that the parade will take place this year. They and I thank you for your continued support for this important event. Please join us to march in the parade on March 11th. We need members to carry the flags of the four provinces and the thirty two counties along with the American and Irish Flags and our club flag and banner. This is a family events so come with your strollers and join in the fun. Buses will take you to and fro. Entertainment from Just One More will be continuing the festivities after the parade. Food will be available. On St. Patrick's Day more music and food will be available. It's a Saturday and we will be opening early so come and join us!

Thank you to Vinny McCabe for organizing the football teams to join us as we welcomed Ciaran Cannon, Minister of State to our club on February 8th. Hopefully this visit will help us secure additional funding for our continued growth.

Thank you to Gerry and Mary Roddy, Rich Ranciato, Anne Hines, Tony Connors, Bill Mackey, Bill Brooks, Martin Donohue, Pete Kilkelly, Kevin Roxbee and Pat Hosey for helping to put our bathrooms back together after our unfortunate leak. Our club is only as good as our members who volunteer and we need you! Please look for opportunities to help out with spring cleaning or events in our next newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of winter. I know we all look forward to spring. See you at one of our many events!

Slainte,
Eileen

NHGF&H CLUB'S PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Seamus McCormack, Player of the Year for U10, our U14 Gaelic Football Team and our Chairman, Vincent McCabe, all who were honored at the 48th Annual Awards Banquet of the New York GAA Minor Board at the Villa Barone, in NY. Thank you to so many of our club members who attended this event - a great night was had by all.

Congratulations to our 2018 New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club Parade Queen Bridget Judd and 2018 Parade Honour Attendant Maureen Heeran who will be representing the Irish community for the next year at all events. We all had a wonderful evening and all the contestants did an outstanding job. Thank you to the Tara and Claddagh's - they always make the night so enjoyable and do a fantastic job and look lovely. Thank you Fiona and Siobhan for running this event.

Thank you to so many for attending our Super bowl party and to Mary Roddy and Catherine McMorrow for cooking for this event. Another successful night.

Please make your reservations for our corned beef and cabbage dinner on the 25th February. We will have Just One More Band playing after the parade on 11th March, starting around 3.30pm and we will have a full day on 17th March, St. Patrick's day. Irish breakfast will be served so make your reservations and we will have traditional Irish music in the afternoon and a DJ at night so please circle some events on your calendar - its your club and we hope to see you there.

Please let me know if you are willing to carry a flag in our St. Patrick's Parade on 11th March and a special thank you to so many club members who have already sent in their lucky leprechaun payment for the month of March raffle. We hope to spruce up around the bar with the profit from this raffle.
 God Bless,
 Anne Hines, President NHGF&H Club.

**FUN RAFFLE FOR MONTH OF MARCH
 HELP US SPRUCE UP OUR BAR**

Last year's Lucky Leprechaun Daily Cash Drawing was very successful and fun. Our Club's goal is to spruce up the bar area - the bar top is in need of immediate attention. Your help is needed! Please spend \$10 towards our cause - you will be entered in a drawing for the whole month of March - each day a name will be picked and that person gets the corresponding amount according to the chart below. You may purchase duplicate entries. If your name is drawn you will be re-entered - giving you a greater chance of winning \$\$\$. Please share with family and friends. Additional forms will be available at the club. Please note the deadline for submitting entries is 27th February. Looking forward to your support. Please make checks payable to IACC. Thank you, Chairmen, Anne Hines (203) 488 4902 ahsheep@aol.com, Gerry Stratton (203) 214 8578.

HELP US UPDATE OUR BAR AREA

LUCKY LEPRECHAUN DAILY CASH DRAWING - YOUR TICKET WILL BE ENTERED DAILY. GIVING YOU MORE CHANCES TO WIN. PLEASE FILL OUT BOTTOM PORTION. PRICE \$10.00
 Due by: February 27, 2018

MAR.1 - \$100 - FULL MOON	MAR.18 - \$25
MAR.2 - \$25	MAR.19 - \$25
MAR.3 - \$25	MAR.20 - \$50 - 1st DAY OF SPRING
MAR.4 - \$25	MAR.21 - \$25
MAR.5 - \$25	MAR.22 - \$25
MAR.6 - \$25	MAR.23 - \$25
MAR.7 - \$25	MAR.24 - \$25
MAR.8 - \$25	MAR.25 - \$25
MAR.9 - \$25	MAR.26 - \$25
MAR.10 - \$25	MAR.27 - \$25
MAR.11 - \$75 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	MAR.28 - \$25
MAR.12 - \$25	MAR.29 - \$25
MAR.13 - \$25	MAR.30 - \$25
MAR.14 - \$25	MAR.31 - \$25
MAR.15 - \$25	
MAR.16 - \$25	
MAR.17 - \$200 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY	



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