



# Newsletter

## Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club September 2018



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

### MEMBERSHIP DUES - did you forget - are yours past due?

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 THE DOOR SO YOU WILL NEED YOUR CARD TO ENTER.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, All-Ireland Football Final  
 September 6<sup>th</sup>, Darts, 7pm  
 September 7<sup>th</sup>, IACC Golf Tournament, 8:30am shotgun  
 September 9<sup>th</sup>, McCabe Cup, 12pm  
 September 14<sup>th</sup>, TGIF Happy Hour, 6pm  
 September 20<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lobster Bake, 4:30pm  
 September 29<sup>th</sup>, Traditional Music Concert, 7:30pm

September 30<sup>th</sup>, Playwright Golf Tournament, 1pm shotgun  
 September 30<sup>th</sup>, Gaelic Players 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 2pm

#### OCTOBER

October 7<sup>th</sup>, General Membership Meeting, 1pm  
 October 7<sup>th</sup>, Aer Lingus Raffle drawing, 3pm  
 October 13<sup>th</sup>, Golden Girls Dinner & Movie, 6pm  
 October 14<sup>th</sup>, Nomination Convention, 3pm

October 21<sup>st</sup>, Bikeathon  
 October 27<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Party

#### NOVEMBER

November 7-11, Gaelic Player's Production of "The King of Friday's Men"  
 November 17, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Man and Woman of the Year Banquet  
 November 18, Deceased Members Mass

## Upcoming Events

### ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL, Sunday, September 2

The GAA Minor and Senior Football Finals will take place on Sunday, September 2. The GAA Minor Football Final (Galway v. Kerry) will be played at 8:15am and the Senior Football Final (Dublin vs. Tyrone) is at 10:30am. Admission is \$20 and full Irish breakfast will be served for \$10.

### CALLING ALL DART PLAYERS! Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Come to the Club on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to warm up, practice or just enjoy a drop-in game of darts. Our club is hoping to have a dart team this year if we can get enough interested dart players. Games are played each week alternating between our club and whoever is in our league. For further information and to sign up please contact Kerry Martens (203) 996-9196 [KMar13@aol.com](mailto:KMar13@aol.com)

### ANNUAL IACC GOLF TOURNAMENT, Friday, September 7, 8:30am

The annual IACC Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, September 7 with an 8:30am shotgun start. \$125 includes green fees, golf cart, hot dog and beer at the turn and lunch. Tee sponsorships are also available. For further information, please contact Kevin Roxbee at (203) 843-8554 or [IACCpresident2018@gmail.com](mailto:IACCpresident2018@gmail.com)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL MCCABE CUP, Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

The McCabe Cup is in memory of our own Michael McCabe. This will be a day full of Gaelic Sport, food, and good times. There will be a hurling clinic starting at 11:00am put on by the NY Hurling Development Officer, Micky Quigg. This is a great opportunity to have a child introduced to hurling. All children 12 years and younger are welcome. The day will then officially begin at noon, with a bagpiper procession with the teams, opening prayer, and the National Anthems. This will be followed by a 7-aside U18 Gaelic Football tournament with several teams from New York as well as New Haven and St. Pats. There will also be a U18 Hurling match during the day. We will be providing food throughout the day, and hope to see many of you there for what promises to be a great day.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, Monday, September 10

During football season, we will open the club on Monday nights for Monday Night Football. Enjoy beer specials and cheer on your favorite NFL team! Bud, Bud Light and Miller at \$2. These beer specials will also be available for Thursday and Sunday NFL games.



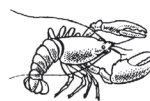
### TGIF HAPPY HOUR, Friday, September 14, 6pm

TGIF Happy Hour takes place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month. Please note that the start time has been changed to 6pm. Happy hour specials will last for the whole evening. Please come on out, bring a friend or two, to join your friends and fellow members for good conversation and snacks in the lounge. Please bring a snack to share if you wish.



### RETIREEES MEETING, Thursday, September 20, 12:30pm

We hope that everyone had a good summer! The Retirees meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and will celebrate in September with their annual picnic on Thursday, September 20 at 12:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. And don't forget that you can also bring a guest to the picnic. Please be sure to call Sharon Kearns (203) 488-6605 or Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 to confirm your attendance so that they have an accurate headcount for food.



### LOBSTER BAKE, Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30pm

It has been a few years since we did a Lobster bake. Come enjoy a lobster bake on the IACC's new deck and field. The lobster, corn and clam dinner price will be determined based on market price that week but may be in the range of \$20- 25. Grilled chicken, potatoes and corn will be \$15 and there will also be beer specials. Reservations are a must since we need to buy accordingly and are due by Wednesday 9/18. For reservations contact Nikki Brooks at [tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net) or email call (203) 215-8756.

### TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT: IVAN GOFF, KATIE LINNANE & EAMON O'LEARY, Saturday, September 29, 7:30pm

Ivan Goff, Katie Linnane & Eamon O'Leary all met and reside in New York City and are stalwarts of that vibrant Irish traditional music scene. Individually, they have won plaudits for their music but they share affinities in repertoire, style, and shared musical experience. This is the first time they have performed as a trio in a formal concert. Their combination delivers a familiar yet distinctive blend – a sound rooted in tradition yet fresh and pulsing with their own personal takes on that tradition. The concert starts at 7:30pm and admission is \$20. Please contact John O'Donovan at (203) 281-3563.

East Haven Irish Club presents

Ivan Goff, Katie Linnane and Eamon O'Leary

Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

IACC • 9 Venice Place • East Haven • Tickets \$20  
 To reserve, contact John and Kathleen O'Donovan  
 203 281 3563 • [odonovanjohn@snet.net](mailto:odonovanjohn@snet.net)  
 Pat Stratton • [pstratton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pstratton@sbcglobal.net)

**PLAYWRIGHT GOLF TOURNAMENT: Sunday, September 30, 1pm**

Please support New Haven Youth Gaelic Football & Hurling by participating in the Playwright Golf Tournament. This year we are once again at Alling Memorial Golf Club, 35 Eastern Street, New Haven, CT. The tournament is on Sunday, September 30th, with registration at 12:15, Shotgun start at 1:00pm, followed by a buffet dinner, open bar and raffle back at the Playwright. The cost is \$125 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, a drink and hot dog at the turn, and the dinner at the Playwright. Tee sponsors are \$100 each. We are also looking for raffle prizes!! The signup form is on the club website, or you can call one of the golf committee members – Sonny Ryan (203) 494-7531, John McCormack (203) 651-9634, John McGowan (203) 314-7073, Rich Ranciato (203) 410-4543 or Julie Mendez (203) 687-3850.

**NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY: Sunday, September 30, 2pm**

The New Haven Gaelic Players have been delighting audiences with high quality Irish theater since 1968. Founded by Charlie and Margaret Starrs in 1968, the Gaelic Players are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year! A celebration of the Gaelic Players' contribution to our club is scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at 2 p.m. We are collecting memorabilia for an exhibit and invite those who have been part of the Drama Group, whether acting, building sets, or helping backstage over the years, to join in the festivities. We are also trying to contact past Drama Group members. So, through this announcement, we would like to ask the general membership's help. If you know of someone who served in any capacity with the Drama Group and they may have moved away, please provide us with their contact information by emailing to IACCpresident2018@gmail.com or by calling 203-584-4233. If you were involved with the Drama Group and would like to attend the affair on September 30th, please call Sandy Hanrahan at 203-245-8857 to RSVP. Thank you!

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1pm**

As a reminder, we have a General Membership meeting planned on Sunday, October 7 at 1pm. There is a lot going on at our club and you, as a member, should be involved in making decisions. Please attend our general membership meetings and give us your input.

**AER LINGUS RAFFLE, Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 3pm**

2 Aer Lingus tickets are being raffled off to benefit the 2018 CT Irish Festival. Tickets are \$50.00 each and only 100 tickets will be sold. Drawing to be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the IACC. Winner need not be present to win. For tickets or further information, please contact Billy Mackey (860) 250-9917 or [mackeyb@conelectricinc.com](mailto:mackeyb@conelectricinc.com) Tickets also available at the bar. Tickets valid on all travel completed by 30th June 2019  
Blackout dates: 15th Dec. 2018 - 10th Jan. 2019  
All seats subject to availability  
Tickets are non-transferable and have no cash redemption value  
Both tickets must be used together on the same dates  
Hartford (BDL) non-stop to Dublin only  
Taxes/security/airport fees responsibility of prizewinner  
Excess baggage and additional products or services fee charge  
Once ticketed, changes will be charged at current fees  
Completed travel forms MUST be completed 60 DAYS prior to departure to Aer Lingus

**GOLDEN GIRLS PRESENT: DINNER & AN IRISH MOVIE: Saturday, October 13, 6pm**

Social hour from 6PM - 7PM, \$2 wine & draft beer, \$3 well mixed drinks, dinner at 7PM. Dinner will consist of salad, loin of pork, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert (please feel free to bring one) and coffee & tea. The featured movie is "Sing Street", a 2016 musical coming-of-age comedy-drama film co-written, co-produced and directed by John Carney. The story revolves around a boy starting a band to impress a girl in 1980s Ireland. The cost will be \$25. Please RVSP to one of the following Golden Girls: Joan Hall (203) 315-9215, Beth Murphy (203) 580-2726 or Rosemary Hartigan (203) 776-4079

**NOMINATION CONVENTION, Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 3pm**

Sunday, 14th October at 3pm is the Nomination Convention. The Nominating Committee 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 October 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 John O'Donovan (203) 281-3563, if you have any questions.

**Office**

President IACC  
club oversight  
President NHGF&HC  
Vice President IACC  
cultural events  
Vice President NHGF&HC  
Treasurer IACC  
management, banking matters  
Treasurer NHGF&HC  
management  
Financial Secretary IACC  
Recording Secretary IACC  
Building Engineer IACC

**Responsibilities include:**

Resolution implementation & general  
Bar, social and athletic functions  
Social, calendar & club bookings,  
Club sports  
Financial reporting & fiscal  
Financial recording, reporting, and  
Membership & dues  
Minutes & newsletter  
Maintenance of building and grounds

**SAVE THE DATE: HALLOWEEN PARTY, Saturday, October 27**

Please save the date for a hauntingly good time at the club's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27. Further details will be distributed in the next newsletter. Please contact Mary Roddy with any questions at (203) 506-8367.



**SAVE THE DATE: PRIDE OF NEW YORK, Saturday, November 3**

Please mark your calendars for The Pride of New York concert at our club on Saturday, November 3. The Pride of New York consists of Joanie Madden, Brian Conway, Billy McComiskey & Brendan Dolan. We are excited to have them return for what will surely be another great performance! For information, please contact John O'Donovan, (203) 281-3563.

**"THE KING OF FRIDAY'S MEN", Wednesday, November 7 – Sunday, November 11**

The New Haven Gaelic Players will present their annual fall production from Wednesday, November 7 through Sunday, November 11. This year, they will perform "The King of Friday's Men" by M.J. Molloy. The cast includes Peter Lynch, Mick Malone, Jillian Simms, Doreen Busca, Paul Tynan, Paul Pender, Jon Leone, Michael DePascale and Thelma Starrs Mcllvaine. Performances are at 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 7 through Saturday, November 10. There is a matinee performance at 2pm on Sunday, November 11. For tickets and additional information, please contact Sandy Hanrahan at (203) 245-8857, Brian Beirne (203) 318-8258 or send an email to [gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com](mailto:gaelicplayerstickets@yahoo.com).

**NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 17, 7pm to Midnight**

Our 2018 Irish Man and Woman of the Year banquet will be held at Cascades, 480 Sherman Avenue, Hamden. This year's honorees are two very deserving recipients, Joan Hall and Gerry Stratton. Our menu includes open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta with marinara sauce, a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken Marsala, coffee and dessert. Tickets are moderately priced at \$75.00. Music for your dancing and listening pleasure by Kitty Kelly's Band from New York. Tickets are moderately priced at \$75.00. For reservations please call Miriam Lillis (203) 248-4054, Carmel McCabe Larese (203) 314-9318, Anne Hines (203) 488-4902 or Kathleen O Donovan (203) 281 3563. For more information, please contact Banquet Chairman Mike Faherty at (203) 640-8927

**CUL CAMP THANK YOU**

Our Cul Camp this year was an incredible success, and we would like to thank all of those who gave of their time and talent to make it so!! Thanks to New York for sending up the two coaches from Ireland – Oisin Brennan and Nicola Sheanon. I think we got the luck of the draw with them, and our kids got 20 hours of Gaelic Football in one week, and all came away better players for it. Thanks to the incredible counselors – Saoirse Burke, Ariane Maxwell, Ronan Johnston, Kian Larese, Michael Brandi, Liam Kelly, Rory McCormack, and Olivia Maxwell. The kids all loved them, and they really dove into the camp, helping along the kids that needed some extra attention. I hope to have them all back next year. Special thanks to CJ May, Liz McNicholl, Catie Kacenski, Meghan Lenihan and her dancers, Sandy Hanrahan and Catherine McMorro. They volunteered of their time to show our kids that there is so much more to Irish culture than the sport they love, and the kids got a great introduction to Irish Song, Dance, Drama, Folklore and Arts & Crafts. Finally, thanks to all of the parent volunteers who gave of their time during the week to help make this a smooth-running success. As a result of this camp, there are four new families joining our Youth Football Program! The dates are set for next year – Cul Camp 2019 will take place from July 15th – 19th. Mark your calendars!! John McCormack

### 2018 CONTINENTAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Haven has had another very successful year at the Continental Youth Championships. The highlight of the tournament was when New Haven won the U14 Championships. Keep your eye out on the Trophy case, as we brought home the Cup to share with the club. In addition, New Haven players were involved in three different Hurling Championships playing for other clubs, and New Haven players represented New Haven on the Premier Football and Hurling teams. Two of our players were on the U18 team that won the U18 Championships as well. Our U16s and our U12s lost in the Finals in tough battles. A great time was had over the five days by both the kids and the parents.

Special thanks to the five club members who came out with our football families to join us in the CYC Send-Off – Mike Faherty, Gerry & Mary Roddy, John O'Donovan, and Catherine McMorrow. We had a collection to assist with feeding the kids in Boston, and between those five members and Tony our Barman we collected \$270. Yes, we would have loved to have more of our members there to support our kids, but wow what generosity from the members who came. We truly appreciate your support.

Thanks also to the board who provided us with \$400 to offset the cost of food at the CYC. Each night all of the New Haven families gathered, taking turns cooking, and having great camaraderie. You really helped offset what could be an expensive five days.

2019 CYC is in Philadelphia from July 24th – 28th. Now is the time for your child, grandchild, niece, nephew or friend to get involved in Gaelic Football to be ready for next year!

Like us on Facebook – The Youth Football program has a Facebook page – search for "IACC Irish Sports New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling." Like our page as an easy way to stay informed on what we are up to!!

New Footballers Always Welcome – We are up at the field training every Thursday from 6:00 – 7:15 and welcome any new players age 6 and above who are interested in learning this great game. Any questions, call John McCormack at (203) 651-9634

### 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET AD CONTRACT

Honoring Irish Man and Irish Woman of the Year Gerald Stratton and Joan Hall. Please publish a \_\_\_\_\_ page advertisement in the 2018 souvenir program book. Enclosed is my check, made payable to the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club (NHGF&H Club) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my ad.

The rates for the program book are as follows:

Covers (5X8) 125.00 Full Page (5X8) 100.00 Half Page (5x4) 50.00 Quarter

Page (5X2) 25.00

For photographs: please send black & white photo or electronic copy with your ad.

Please print or enclose a copy of your ad. (Ad copy and photos can be e-mailed to [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net)). No ad will be published without prepayment! Make check payable to: NHGF&H Club and mail to: Mary Roddy Attn: Banquet Program Book, 129 Hilltop Lane, West Haven, CT 06516.

Deadline for all advertising is: 4th Nov. 2018. Thank you for your support.

Advertiser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### YOUTH TALENT SHOW: Saturday, November 24, 6:30pm

New Haven Youth Gaelic Football is calling all the stars of the future for a Youth Talent Show. It will take place at the IACC on Saturday, November 24 at 6:30pm. For those wanting to assist with logistics there will be a meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 7pm at the IACC. For further information, please contact Geoff Maxwell at [grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net) or (203) 605-7414

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the following club members for doing an awesome job keeping our flowers in prestige blooming condition over the summer: Mike and Anne Faherty, Pat Hosey, Martin Donoghue, The Brandi Children, Michael, Vinny, Caitlyn and Molly. Excellent job guys!

Special thank you to Mike Gethings for his dedication on cutting the grass on our field. It's a hard job with the heat we have had this summer and he does it without hesitation.

Also, thank you very much to Donna Borzillo and Theresa O'Brien for always being so helpful and getting back so quickly with requests.

Very much appreciated,

Gerry Roddy.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently. James Trudden (East Haven), Kimberly & James Carew (North Haven), Kathleen Bowery (East Haven), Beth & Ralph Capotorto (East Haven), Kiersten Capotorto (East Haven), Linda McDonough (New Haven), Steve Pahoulis (Bridgeport), Manuel Adorno (East Haven), Mark Sloan (West Haven), Patricia McCardle (New Haven), Catherine & Joshua Quick (Killingworth)

### DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Patrick Whelan, Ann & John Cullinan, Colleen Hines.

### PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

To: Edward (Ned) Foley and his family, Hamden on the death of his wife and their mother, Sarah Foley of Co. Galway.

To: Theresa McKeon and family of North Haven, on the death of her husband and their father Thomas McKeon, of Co. Leitrim.

To: Jeanne Gardiner and family on the death of her husband and their father, Mike Gardiner, Hamden by way of Co. Clare; also to Mike's sister Mary Kelleher, Hamden.

To: Michael and Freda McDermott, Wallingford on the death of Freda's sister Maureen Smyth in Co. Louth.

To: Eileen Nestor, Wallingford on the death of her brother, Chris Nestor in Co. Clare.

To: Bill and Mary Connolly, East Haven, on the death of Bill's sister, Patricia Doran in Co. Galway

To Jim Bohan, Old Saybrook and Anne Keogh, Hamden on the death of their brother Martin Bohan in Co. Leitrim.

To: The family of Rita Sullivan, North Haven

To: The family of Patricia Coughlin, Hamden

### GET WELL WISHES

We extend our get well wishes to Bridget Judd (Branford); Lily Molloy (Madison); Caitlin McCaffrey (Cheshire); John Mackey (Guilford); Tony Stratton and Al Blessing (Hamden).

### IACC LOOKING FOR HELP

The IACC is always looking for members who are willing to help with painting, plumbing, HVAC, carpentry and landscaping projects at the club. If you are skilled in any of these occupations and are willing to donate your time to the IACC please contact Gerry Roddy at 203-215-3268 or email at [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net). Any time you can donate will be very much appreciated!

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mroddy@snet.net).

### LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sundays from 9am – 11am on AM 1220 WQUN or [www.wqun.com](http://www.wqun.com)

Echoes of Erin Sundays from 12pm - 2pm on FM 88.7 WNHU [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)

Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or [www.wvuh.org](http://www.wvuh.org)

#### **NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Congratulations to our youth footballers who played well and had great success at CYC in Boston. Thank you to their parents and coaches for their dedication to football and hurling. Cul Camp was well attended and the children had a fantastic time. Thank you to all the volunteers, coaches and members who organized this week - the kids wrapped up their week showing off their talents. Our club will be open on Mondays for NFL football - come on down, enjoy the game and Bud beer specials (\$2). Bring friends. We will also do beer specials for Thursday and Sunday night NFL football. Our beautiful new deck is completed and open on our field thanks to our builder Rob and friends who donated their time and talent. This was an idea of our bartender Tony who solicited donations, builders and material to see this project completed. The Executive Board was 100% behind this deck and are delighted to see it open free of charge to the club. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this project which will be enjoyed by all for many years to come. Congratulations to Limerick who beat Galway in the All Ireland Hurling Final. It was a fast, exciting game and at the end only 1 point separated the two teams. Thank you to all the members who have supported the GAA games throughout the season and to the members who "sat at the door". Look for upcoming events - hope to see you around the club.  
Anne

#### **IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members,  
The Fall is quickly coming upon us and with that we turn our events indoors. But first, we will host the hurling and football finals, a special football tournament, and our annual golf tournament. We have many fun events planned for you but we are always seeking input from you the members on what you would like to see. Please feel free to contact any board member with your ideas.  
The festival was a wonderful success thanks to the many volunteers who spent their weekend providing the greater New Haven area with Irish Cultural activities. A special thanks to Billy Mackey and Anne Hines along with all of the many chair-people for their hard work. Gerry Stratton and John and Kathleen O'Donovan also worked very hard to make the club raffle a success. We have secured 2 airline tickets from Aer Lingus for a fall raffle that will be held at our October General Membership meeting. Tickets are available at the bar and are limited in quantity so buy yours today!  
The IACC is proud to honor the Gaelic Players on the occasion of their 50th anniversary on September 30th. Charlie and Margaret Starrs, the founder of the theater group, will be honored for their contributions to keeping Irish Theater alive in the New Haven area. Current and former members of the group are asked to gather at the club on September 30th at 2pm for a fun afternoon of remembrance and honor.  
I hope to see you at one of our fun cultural events.  
Slainte,  
Eileen