



# Newsletter

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



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

### 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

November 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Gaelic Players production of "The King of Friday's Men"  
 November 15<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 November 17<sup>th</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Man & Woman of the Year Banquet, 7pm  
 November 18<sup>th</sup>, Deceased Members Mass, 3pm  
 November 24<sup>th</sup>, Youth Talent Show, 6:30pm  
 November 30<sup>th</sup>, Weekly Bingo starts 7pm, doors open at 5:30pm  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Christmas Irish Breakfast/Bazaar, 9am- 3pm  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Executive Board Vote, 3pm  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Youth Sports Banquet, 5pm  
 December 8<sup>th</sup>, Pioneer Dance, 7pm  
 December 20<sup>th</sup>, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm



## Upcoming Events

### NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS PRESENT "THE KING OF FRIDAY'S MEN"

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, Thelma Starrs, Siobhan Dacey and Cathal Burke. Performances are at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 7 through Saturday, November 10. There is a matinee performance at 2:00 pm 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.

### RETIRES MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm

The Retirees meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In November, the group will meet on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and Joe Nolan will present a travel log on Ireland.

### 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, Chicken Marsala or Eggplant Parmigiana, 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. 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

### 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 further information, please contact Geoff Maxwell at grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net or (203) 605-7414

### WEEKLY BINGO

Starting Friday, November 30th we will be starting up Bingo and will be every week. Doors open at 5:30pm, bingo starts at 7:00pm and admission is \$5. Please spread the word and come out and enjoy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Roddy 203-506-8367 or [mroddy@snet.net](mailto:mroddy@snet.net).



### **IRISH MEATS FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

Anyone wishing to order Irish meats (Bacon, sausages or black and white puddings) must preorder with Anne Hines 203 488 4902 [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) by 23rd November. Pick up at the Christmas Irish breakfast/bazaar on Sunday 2nd Dec. 9-3pm.

### **CHRISTMAS IRISH BREAKFAST/BAZAAR, Sunday, December 2, 9am- 3pm.**

Our Christmas Irish breakfast will take place from 9-12 noon (cost \$13 adults and \$6 children) and the Bazaar will run from 9-3pm. We will have a bake sale, tea cup raffle, vendors, Irish goods and a Christmas Raffle drawing at 3pm. For breakfast reservations, contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 or [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com). We are looking for volunteers to do some baking for the bake sale. Donations are welcome for the raffles.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2018**

Thank you to all our members who have purchased their tickets for our Christmas raffle. The prizes are worth buying your tickets so if you have not sent them back please consider doing so soon so as not to miss the drawing: 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250 and 4th prize \$100 gift certificate to the Playwright Restaurant. The drawing will take place at our club on Sunday, 2nd December 2018 at 3pm after the Christmas bazaar. Winner need not be present.



### **VOTE FOR 2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD, Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3pm**

A vote will be cast at 3pm on Sunday, 2nd December for all incoming 2018 Officers of our Club.

### **THANK YOU**

October 21st was a very special day in the Mackey family. The hundreds upon hundreds of friends and family who showed up to share in our support to John and our family was heartwarming, and words simply cannot express our gratitude. The outpouring of love and generous support truly touched our hearts. It was an absolutely spectacular day of awesome music, great food, cornhole, raffles, friendship, lots of laughs, a few tears and definitely lots of cheer. John enjoyed the festivities via Facetime from the comfort of his room in Smilow 11-202. He hasn't stopped smiling since and we continue to share stories and memories from the day. It's given him even more gusto to kick leukemia (even harder) in the A\$\$.

We would like to thank everyone for their time energy and hard work in executing such an incredible event. It really was a village of family and friends who took care of every detail. Thank you to the parking crew of Vincent McCabe, Gary Kaisen and John McCormack, Denis Smith, Jerry Roddy and Mike Faherty who looked after the maze of parking and shuttled people all day back and forth to other parking lots. Thank you to everyone who donated the delicious food that was an endless stream all day, and to Anne Hines, Mary Roddy, Denise and Fionnuala who worked in the kitchen all day. Thank you to Randy Wharton and Pete Woods who roasted and served the

PIG. Thank you to Carmel McCabe, Sheila DePascale, Eileen Roxbee, Brendan McCaffery and Julie Mary who manned the tables and coordinated the raffles. To Tony Connor and Tara Hosey who worked tirelessly behind the bar all day. To everyone who donated the amazing raffle prizes, Thank you- they were amazing. Thank you Sonny Ryan for coordinating the music and bands. Thank you to the talented bands who filled the hall with music from start to finish. Thank you Justin Paglino and the Post Traumatic Jazz Disorder, Bill Rowen and the HRB trio, The Coracles and the Jolly Beggars. Thank you to Jimmy Burke and Pat Conney who arranged and coordinated HB Communications who donated the sound equipment. Thanks to John Thornberg who helped put the sound system together. Thank you to Selena who coordinated a very fun and successful Cornhole tournament, and to Alison McCormack who helped keep the teams in line. To the set up crew and the clean up crew and to all those who cleared and cleaned and served all day- Caitlyn McCaffery, Michelle Gray, John McGowan to name just a few of the hands. A huge thank you to the spectacular committee of John McCormack, Brendan McCaffery, John McGowan, Eileen Roxbee, Vincent McCabe, Sonny Ryan and Carmel McCabe for everything. And to the hundreds upon hundreds of people who supported the event -- we thank each and every one of you. We would also like to thank Eileen Roxbee for coordinating the Blood Donation Day with the Red Cross at the IACC and all those who donated blood. Furthermore, the continuous flow of calls, texts, emails, meals and baked goods, cards and visits bring John much comfort and joy. In closing, we are all comforted by the warm embrace and generosity we feel from the entire IACC community. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing community and for that we are truly thankful. Love John and Wendy, James, Tess and Lily x0x0x0x0x

### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank Ann & Mike Faherty for upholstering over 40 chairs for the club as well as attending to our flowers for the year. Also, thank you to Donna Borzillo for posting our events and spreading the word of upcoming events for the club. Gerry Roddy

### **THANK YOU**

Since the last newsletter, two additional donations were received for the new deck on the field. Many thanks to Rosemary Hartigan and Beth Murphy for their contributions to this project.

### **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for coming out and making this year's Halloween Party a great success. I can't believe all the great costumes and it was sure hard on the judges to choose a winner. DJ Rick Scirocco kept us all on the dance floor until the wee hours of the night. Can't wait for next year! Mary Roddy

### **AER LINGUS RAFFLE WINNER**

Congratulations to Bill McKeon who was the lucky winner of the Aer Lingus Raffle that was held at the club on Sunday, October 13.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Francis McNulty (Durham), Andrea & Michael Ring (Guilford), Bette Ann & Theodore Romaine (Guilford).

## DONATIONS

Many thanks to Lynda & Peter Burke who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation.

## PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to: Margaret Shea on the death of her husband, club member Michael Shea of Cheshire.

## GET WELL WISHES

To: Mary Brassil, Pat McManus, Hamden; Dan Cotter, North Branford; Nettie and Ron Gowac, Madison; Bernadette LaFrance, Guilford.  
Continued good wishes to Tony Stratton, John Mackey & Lil Molloy

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Claire Cleary will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 9<sup>th</sup> and all of her family and friends would like to wish her a very Happy Birthday! Claire started the Camogie team back in the 60's and was always very helpful to all the girls when they first arrived in the U.S. Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Claire!

## TRIP TO IRELAND, May 30th - June 10th 2019 with Fr. Michael Dolan

Interested in a group trip to Ireland? Contact S & B Canning Tours, 231 Mansion Rd. Wallingford 203 288 8347 or email [seancanning@sbcglobal.net](mailto:seancanning@sbcglobal.net) for further information. Depart from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Hamden at 1:00pm to JFK airport. Visit Co. Clare and cruise around the Cliffs of Moher, see Inis Mor, the larger of the Aran Islands, arrive in Galway and tour Connemara National Park, Kylemore Abbey on the grounds of Kylemore Castle, and dine at Medieval Banquet at Dunguaire Castle. Knock Shrine in Co. Mayo is next, followed by the Famine Museum in Strokestown, Co. Roscommon and continue on to Carrick-on-Shannon. Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Shannon River in the Leitrim/Roscommon area on the Moon River Pleasure Cruiser. Don't miss Arigna Mining Experience and accompany an ex-miner on a tour which is literally a journey through a miner's life. Now off to Derry City with a stop at Drumcliffe Cemetery, the resting place of poet William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) and Ulster American Folk Village near Omagh Co. Tyrone. Giant's Causeway, an area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns resulting from



an ancient volcanic fissure eruption is not to be missed. Visit Bushmills Distillery and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, a famous rope bridge near Ballintoy in County Antrim. It spans 66 ft. and is 98 ft. above the rocks below. Finally, we tour the Titanic Museum in Belfast and Downpatrick to visit the resting place of Saint Patrick and then south towards Dublin to visit Monasterboice, famous for its high crosses. Continue on to Fitzpatricks Castle Hotel in Killiney Co. Dublin. Depart and travel to Dublin airport in time to board our Aer Lingus flight back to CT.

## 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.wjuh.org](http://www.wjuh.org)

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

Happy to report the benefit for John Mackey was a huge success - many thanks to everyone who participated and to all who donated food, prizes etc. We all wish John a speedy recovery. Our Christmas raffle is in full swing - if you have not purchased your tickets yet please consider doing so soon. Make sure you make your reservations for our Annual Banquet honouring Joan Hall and Gerry Stratton. This is always a great night. Please let me know if you wish to order Irish meats at our Bazaar and make your reservations for breakfast that morning. Wishing all our members a Happy Thanksgiving. Anne.

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

Dear Club Members,  
I would like to thank John McCormack and his committee members for all their hard work on putting together an absolutely wonderful benefit for our former NHGF&HC President, John Mackey. Everything from our cornhole tournament run by Selina, to the music coordinated by Sonny, to the food coordinated by Anne and Mary, to the raffle coordinated by Brendan and parking coordinated by Rich and Mike and the rest of the committee who gathered raffle prizes and food and helped to set up and clean up THANK YOU! Days like this show how much we can do when we all stick together!

We have lots going on in November the biggest event is the 50th anniversary production from the Gaelic Players, The King of Fridays Men directed by Brian Beirne. Check our newsletter for all of our upcoming events.

At our last General Membership meeting, we discussed a possible conversion from oil to gas. This is an expensive undertaking. A feasibility committee has been formed to investigate. If you have an expertise in this area and would like to help, please let me know. I also announced that we have received a \$17,500 grant from the Consulate General of Ireland in New York to help support our festival and feis. We are looking for a chairperson and volunteers. If you are interested, please contact me at IACCpresident2018@gmail.com.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, I wish you all a wonderful holiday.

Slainte,

Eileen

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