



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club January 2019



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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

JANUARY

January 17th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
 January 20th, Tara & Claddagh Workshop, 12-3pm
 January 20th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm
 January 27th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm

FEBRUARY

February 2nd, Parade Queen Selection, 7pm
 February 3rd, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm

February 3rd, Family Fun Winter Festival, 2-5pm
 February 3rd, Super Bowl Party, 5pm
 February 10th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm
 February 12th, General Membership Meeting, 7pm
 February 17th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm
 February 21st, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
 February 24th, Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 1-4pm
 February 24th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm
 March 10th, Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30pm

Upcoming Events

BINGO, Every Friday, Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7pm

Bingo resumed on Friday, January 4. As a reminder, if anyone is interested in helping please reach out to Mary Roddy at 203-506-8367 or email mroddy@snet.net. Please spread the word, bring a friend and come out and enjoy. Thank you, Mary Roddy



RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, January 17, 12:30pm

The Retirees meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. In January, the group will meet on Thursday, January 17th at 12:30pm. During the months of January and February, the group will watch the movie "The King's Speech". Please be sure to call Sharon Kearns (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 with any questions.

TARA & CLADDAGH WORKSHOP, Sunday, January 20th, 12pm – 3pm

The Tara & Claddagh Workshop will take place on Sunday, 20 January from 12-3pm. This workshop presents cultural enrichment to future Queens of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to the innovative and fun-filled workshop presenting Irish Culture, the Taras and Claddaghs will have the opportunity to be showcased the night of the Queens Selection on February 2nd 2019. All young ladies whose family holds membership in the Associated Irish Societies (NHGF&HC/IACC, KOSP, WHIAC, or AOH) are eligible to participate. The Taras are young ladies 6 – 9 years of age and the Claddaghs are ages 10 – 13. New and returning participants are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$15.00 and can be paid the afternoon of the workshop. Space is limited, so reserve your Future Queen's spot soon! For registration information, please contact 2018 Parade Queen Bridget Judd at parade.queen@gmail.com.

PARADE QUEEN SELECTION, Saturday, February 2nd at 8pm (Doors open 7pm)

2019 Queen Selection - celebrating 63 years of friendship, love and loyalty to the Irish Community! Please join us on Saturday, February 2nd to see who will be crowned the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and become the next young lady to represent the Irish community in a tradition lasting over 60 years. Come and see not only Queens of the past but of the future with our precious Taras & Claddaghs. It will be an evening you won't want to miss! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00, children

under 12 are free. Contestants: We encourage the young ladies of the Irish Community to take part in this magical event! Contestants must be 17 years of age, single, a member, daughter or granddaughter of one of the four Irish Societies (NHGF& Hurling Club, Knights of St. Patrick, West Haven Irish American Club or Ancient Order of Hibernians). Application deadline is Sunday, 20th January. Ad contract deadline is Monday, 28th January. For more information, please contact Fiona Stewart at parade.queen@gmail.com

FAMILY FUN WINTER FESTIVAL, Sunday, February 3, 2pm – 5pm

Before the super bowl in the afternoon, we will be holding a family fun winter festival beginning at 2:00. There will be games, fun, s'mores and more! All are welcome!

SUPER BOWL PARTY, Sunday, February 3, 5pm

Come join us on Super Bowl Sunday, 3rd February at 5:00 pm. \$30 admission. Open bar domestic beer and well drinks (import beer and top shelf \$2) starting a half hour before kick-off and ending at the end of the game. Bring your own "pickings" for during the game and a meal at half time will be served. Designated driver admission is \$10. Questions Anne Hines (203) 215-5997 ahsheep@aol.com

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Tuesday, February 12th, 7pm

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 meeting and give us your input.

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER, Sunday, February 24, 1pm-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 24th 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 20th Feb.

GAELIC FOOTBALL INDOOR TRAINING

We have scheduled our indoor trainings for Gaelic Football and hope to

see everyone out there. All dates will be from 12:00 – 1:30 on Sundays, and will be held at the Connecticut SportsPlex, 216 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. This is a great opportunity to introduce new players to the game, so please make an effort to bring a friend! This is open to all ages – and our coaches are committing their Sunday afternoons, so please bring your players!! Mark these dates on your calendar: January 20th, January 27th, February 3rd, February 10th, February 17th & February 24th.

PARADE DAY MARCHERS, Sunday, March 10th at 1:30pm

Anne Hines is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 10th March. If anyone is interested in marching or carrying one of our many County flags please contact Anne. The appointment of flag bearers is 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.

Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Events (January & February)

- ☐ **January 17, 2019** – Trivia Night at the Playwright. An evening spent testing your trivia knowledge while having a great time!
- ☐ **January 26, 2019** – Fashion Show at IACC – Wine tasting from 6:00-8:00; 8:00 show begins. Fashions from The Lucky Ewe, A's Unique Boutique, Valentino's Formal Wear with wine provided by The Wine Thief. Raffles and a silent auction. \$20.00 per person.
- ☐ **February 10, 2019** – Corned Beef dinner @ the KOSP. 12:00 to 4:00. A delicious corned beef dinner along with raffles galore. Hot dogs and chips for the little ones.
- ☐ **February 23, 2019** – Band of Brothers @ the NHGF&HC/IACC. This promises to be a great evening. Band of Brothers is a local band with a strong following. Come on down for an evening of fun and music.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Jim and Kim Oca (East Haven), Matt Stobleski (East Haven), Doug Pearse (Branford), Patricia & Everett Dotson (North Haven), Merilee Baker (Branford), Glenn & Joanne Conlan (West Haven), Bobbie Ashton (East Haven), Stephen Dzierlatka (Branford), James Goggins (Wallingford), Quinn/Flaherty (East Haven)

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Eileen & John Stratton, Pat & Bridget McManus, John & Audrey Hanniford, Pat & Mary Begley, Kathleen McGovern, Rosemary Barrett, Denis Pomfret, Donald & Bernadette White, John & Margaret Sullivan, Geraldine Faherty/RyanVedrani, Marguerite Jackson, John & Marie Lawless, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Patrick Hosey, Mary B Smith, Eileen & Kevin Roxbee, Michael & Anne Faherty, Jane McGuire, Ann Brady, Eileen & Donald Tozzo, Maureen Delahun, Mary Jane Conroy, Audrey Mealia, John & Ann Cullinan, Bernadette & Rob LaFrance, John & Wendy Mackey, Gretchen & Brendan McCarthy, Steve Jacksis, Mary & Bernard Odooy, Mary & Jim Bohan, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Kathleen Stretton, Eamonn Ryan, Gerard Rooney, Patsy & Jim McGloin, John & Kathleen O'Donovan, Kathleen Saunders, Nathalie & William Manniel, John O'Connor, Brian J. Burgh, Kathleen Turbett/Al Byrne, Alison & John McCormick, Mary Cox, Mary Wallace, John & Kathleen Sullivan, Mary & Jjim Lyng, Mary & Ed Cortright, Mary Burke, Joe & Miriam Lillis, Connie & Daniel Murphy, John McGowan, David & Agnes Flynn, Martin & Pat Donohue, Larry & Marie Doyle, Thomas Powers, Fionnuala & David Browning, Timothy Wall, Richard & Margaret Hopkins, Chris & Martha Dolan and Anne Hines

FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Thank you to all our members who paid their dues early. Congratulations to our winners who receive their 2019 membership free: Joan Harlow, Wallingford and Bernard & Mary Odooy Dade City, FL

PRAYERS and SYMPATHY

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the following members:

To: Agatha Gaffney and family on the death of her husband Jim Gaffney, Wallingford by way of Co. Louth. Jim was a long-time Treasurer of our club.

To: Pat Hosey and his children Colleen, Patrick Jr. Tara and Brendan, on the death of his wife and their mother Carolyn Reiger Hosey. Carolyn was a dedicated club member who was selected as 'Irish Woman of the Year 1999'.

GET WELL WISHES

To: George Pritchard, Orange; John Stratton, North Haven; Patricia McHale, Guilford; Finola O'Leary, Branford.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends a sincere 'Thank You' to the Hosey Family for naming our club as the recipient of contributions in Carolyn's memory. We also thank each contributor for donations already received.

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB DECEASED MEMBER LIST

A new listing of the NHGF&HC Deceased Member List is now available at the club. The listing is located in a three-ring binder in the cabinet in the lounge. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact Bern Singer at bernard.singer@snet.net.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The children's Christmas party this year was very well attended and all the little girls and boys went home happy. Our gratitude and thanks go to Angelique Burke and her committee for running this event!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Many Members expressed how beautiful our Club was decorated over the Christmas Season and our thanks go out to Kim and Steve Stratton and their sons Chris and Nick who came out to beautify our club. Thank you for your work, detail and time devoted to this project – you did an outstanding job!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas Bazaar/ Breakfast was a great success again this year. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event. We had great raffles, food, bake sales and vendors. A special thanks to all that helped in the kitchen, thanks to Kathleen O'Donovan and her committee for their help making the Irish goods table a great success, thanks to Colleen Hines for collecting at the door and special thanks to everyone who helped with the bake sale and everything to bring this event together. All in all, it was a huge success and hope to see everyone again next year!! Thanks again, Anne Hines.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st prize: William Piotroski (Madison, CT), 2nd prize: Karyn Gallagher (New Haven, CT), 3rd prize: Mary Burke (Hamden, CT), 4th prize: Paul Horan, (Guilford, CT).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2018 DONATIONS!

A big thanks to our members for their donations during 2018. Due to your generosity, we were able to complete many projects around the club such as painting the walls and replacing the floors in the lounge and bar, installing a new fireplace, upgrading the bathrooms off the pool room, installing a new sound and lighting system in the hall and replacing the shed roof. These projects could not have been completed without your support. Thank you very much!

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Pat O'Donoghue, James Staunton, Pete Kilkelly and John McGowan for assisting me on redoing the shed roof. Thank you to Geoff Maxwell for donating to cover some of the cost of this, without your help this would not have been completed this year. There are

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all our members and friends. My thanks to Kim and Steve Stratton and their sons for helping Mary Roddy and myself get all the Christmas decorations up to beautify our club and the task of taking them down and putting them away with the additional help of Erin O'Connor. Again this year the Christmas Bazaar was a huge success. Thank you to so many for working this event. Everyone working together makes the difference and it showed in our profits for this event. Our members Christmas get-together was well attended and it was so nice to see so many members at our club. Come and enjoy the Super Bowl at the club and cheer on your favourite team. More details in this newsletter. Our queen selection is early in February and always a great night. Please consider coming out to support our girls competing for the honour of representing our club in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on 10th March. The next months are very busy at our club - hope you can circle some events on your calendar and come visit your club. Bring a friend or two - they might just be interested enough to join us. Please join in the fun for our annual March Lucky Leprechaun Raffle - you have a chance to win 31 times! Stay warm and safe with our unpredictable New England weather. Please don't forget to make your reservations for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner.
All the best, Anne Hines.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
Happy New Year, welcome to 2019! I know that this will be a GREAT year for our club. Our biggest event of the year, our festival will be held in June with Billy Mackey returning as our chairman. We will be looking for volunteers to help us with this special event. Please check the newsletter for meeting dates and times. Our weekly events such as Monday Night Football, BINGO are gaining in popularity. I hope to see you there soon! A Super Bowl party is being planned for Sunday, February 3. Before the BIG game, we will hold a family winter party packed with fun outside games from 2 – 5pm! This is just the beginning of fun filled year.
All the best for a healthy and happy 2019!
Sláinte,
Eileen

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