



Newsletter

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

February 12th, General Membership Meeting, 7pm
 February 15th, Bingo
 February 17th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm
 February 21st, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm
 February 22nd, Bingo
 February 23rd, Parade Fundraiser, Band O' Brothers, 7pm
 February 24th, Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 1-4pm
 February 24th, Gaelic Football Training, 12-1:30pm

March 1st, Bingo
 March 2nd, St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball (Club is closed at 6.30pm)
 March 8th, Happy Hour, 6-8pm
 March 8th, Bingo
 March 10th, Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30pm
 March 15th, Bingo
 March 17th, St. Patrick's Day
 March 22nd, Bingo
 March 29th, Bingo

Upcoming Events

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

Feeling lucky?? Come to the club every Friday for Bingo! \$5 admission includes 20 games. Extra bundles available for purchase. Please spread the word, bring a friend and come out and enjoy! Thank you, Mary Roddy



culture to the public. If you are willing to help, I would love to hear from you. Bill Mackey (860) 250-6917

BAND O' BROTHERS, Saturday, February 23, 7pm

This promises to be a great evening! Band O' Brothers is a local band with a strong following. Come on down to the IACC for an evening of fun and music. Suggested donation is \$10, payable at the door. Doors open at 6:30pm and the band will start at 7pm. Contact Tim Gallogly at (203) 314-3484 or Ed Donadio at irishnewsman@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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.

RETIREEES MEETING, Thursday, February 21, 12:30pm

The regular meeting of the Retirees will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 12.30pm. The movie, "The Hot Rock" starring Robert Redford, will be shown. At this meeting you can sign up for the Retirees corned beef dinner prepared by Anne Hines that takes place on Thursday, March 21st at 12.30pm. In addition to dinner, dessert will be provided. For more info and to make your reservations for dinner, please call Sharon Kearns (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993. These ladies would love to see all of the members of the Retirees group at these meetings!

CT IRISH FESTIVAL MEETING, Thursday, February 21, 7pm

A Festival meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21 at 7PM to prepare for the CT Irish Festival on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23 at the North Haven Fair Grounds. The committee chairs are all set but we would like any input from the members. This is a major fundraiser as well as the showcase of our Club and Irish

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: February 17th & February 24th.

PARADE DAY, Sunday, March 10th

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 10th 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 11am SHARP!! to bring us to the starting point of the parade. After the parade, the bus will bring the marchers back to the club for ceol agus craic. Entertainment by The Coracles - 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.

ANNUAL PARADE MASS to HONOUR JOAN MOYNIHAN, Sunday, March 10th, 10am

On Sunday March 10, 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.

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

Thank you to the members who have signed up to carry a flag or march on Sunday, 10th March. Let's hope the sun will be shining! Anne Hines is still working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade and hopes to hear from you. Still a few flags not spoken for! 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, Sunday, March 17th

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club. Watch the All Ireland Club Football and Hurling Finals. Irish breakfast will be served 8am till noon at \$13. Corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be available all day. For breakfast reservations, please call Anne Hines at (203) 488 4902. Irish music in the afternoon. Holly DeMorro, a Brooklyn based musician and songwriter will perform 1-4pm. She is well known around venues in NY City such as The Bitter End, The Delaney and Jim Brady's. Ceili in the evening starting at 7pm. It will be a family friendly atmosphere so please bring along the entire family! If you have time to volunteer this day, please call any club officer.

Celebrate Irish Heritage
**St. Patrick's Day
Ceili**
MARCH 17th 7-10PM

Katie Monay Loretta Egan Murphy Jonathan Warner Brian Reynolds
Caller

IACC
9 Vertice Pl.
East Haven, CT

\$15

FOR MORE INFO
contact JOAN HALL.
hjoan68@gmail.com

IRISH MUSIC ALL DAY LONG WNHU 88.7FM, Sunday, March 17th, 8am – 6pm

WNHU 88.7 F.M. will present a "Day of Irish Music" on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2019. Join us from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. as we play your requests and dedications. On the net at wnhu.org. 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.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Josh Miller & Allison Geaski (New Haven), Matthew Walsh (New Haven)

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: John & Ellen Stratton, Plat & Bridget McManus, John & Audrey Hanniford, Pat & Mary Begley, Kathleen McGovern, Rosemary Barrett, Denis Pomfret, Donald & Bernadette White, John & Margaret Sullivan, Geraldine Faherty/Ryan Vedrani, Marguerite Jackson, John & Marie Lawless, Elizabeth & David O'Keefe, Patrick Hosey, Mary Smith, Eileen Roxbee, Anne & Michael Faherty, Jane McGuire, Ann Brady, Wendy & Raymond Lacasse, Joseph Foley, Pat & Bridget Stratton, Fiona & Diamuid Hacket, Kevin & Frances Wood, John Collins, John Riley, Bob Lingane, Doreen & Sean Busca, Catherine & James Staunton, Mary Cotter, Edward McMahan, Eileen Mulvey, Stacey & Sean Coady, Joan & Richard Matz, Leslie & Geoff Maxwell, Peggy Porto, Denise & Bill Mackey and Agnes & Peter Kilkelly.

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.

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 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. 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. 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 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 Sundays from 9am – 11am on AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com
 Echoes of Erin Sundays from 12pm - 2pm on FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net
 Celtic Airs on Tuesdays from 6pm -9pm WWUH91.3 or www.wwuh.org

FUN RAFFLE FOR MONTH OF MARCH HELP US SPRUCE UP OUR HALL!

Last year's Lucky Leprechaun Daily Cash Drawing was very successful and fun. Our Club's goal for this year is to spruce up the floor and walls in the hall. 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 28th 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 SPRUCE UP OUR HALL!! LUCK 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 28, 2019					
DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT
Mar. 1	\$100	Mar. 12	\$25	Mar. 23	\$25
Mar. 2	\$25	Mar. 13	\$25	Mar. 24	\$25
Mar. 3	\$25	Mar. 14	\$25	Mar. 25	\$25
Mar. 4	\$25	Mar. 15	\$25	Mar. 26	\$25
Mar. 5	\$25	Mar. 16	\$25	Mar. 27	\$25
Mar. 6	\$25	Mar. 17	\$200	Mar. 28	\$25
Mar. 7	\$25	Mar. 18	\$25	Mar. 29	\$25
Mar. 8	\$25	Mar. 19	\$25	Mar. 30	\$25
Mar. 9	\$25	Mar. 20	\$50	Mar. 31	\$25
Mar. 10	\$25	Mar. 21	\$25		
Mar. 11	\$75	Mar. 22	\$25		

Please detach and mail to:
Anne Hines, 14 Buckley Road, Branford, CT 06405

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Taylor Besciglia, whose ancestors hail from Piltown, Co. Kilkenny, for being crowned 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and to Claire Bohan, whose ancestors hail from Mohill, Co. Leitrim, on being crowned 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Honour Attendant. These two young ladies will represent the four Irish Societies as our ambassadors in the Irish community all year long. Congratulations to our Taras and Claddaghs - these young children were adorable and did a terrific job on stage. Looking forward to their return next year at the queen selection. Please make your reservations for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner to me or any member of the Board. Lucky Leprechaun fun raffle starts 1st March - please get your entry in to play. You have 31 chances to win - if your name is chosen you are re-entered for the whole month - double winnings!! Don't forget Bingo on Friday nights - thank you to the members who are supporting this event. I would be remiss if I did not mention the names of many members who worked at the Christmas Bazaar/ breakfast who were omitted from last month's thank you. I wish to thank them - they are very much appreciated. A special thank you to Alice Sette for all the baked goods, raffle prizes and all she does to make this event successful. Please support your club over Parade and St. Patrick's Day. Hope to see you around our club. Anne.

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,
It's that time of year again when we pray for winter to end and for spring to arrive. St. Patrick's Day celebrations mark that time for us every year. We have full days of entertainment and food planned for parade day, March 10th, and St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. You will not be disappointed! We will culminate the holiday with a traditional ceili from 7pm -10pm on St. Patrick's Day. Dust off your dancing shoes and join us! Congratulations to Taylor Besciglia our new Queen of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Claire Bohan, Honor Attendant. They will join Courtney Lundgren Connors, the Parade Grand Marshal, on Sunday, March 10th. Thank you to Fiona Stewart and Siobhan Dacey for organizing the selection festivities. There are many events so please check the newsletter for all the fun. There is something for everyone.
Sláinte,
Eileen

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