



Newsletter

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



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

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASING JANUARY 1, 2020

Please note that as of January 1, 2020, the annual dues will slightly increase. THE 2020 membership dues are \$90 per family, \$60 per individual, renewing seniors are \$25 each and senior couples are \$35.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 20 th , Keith Harkins Concert, 7pm	December 1 st , Annual Convention, immediately after voting closes at 3pm
November 21 st , Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm	December 6 th , Bingo, 7pm
November 22 nd , Bingo, 7pm	December 7 th , Pioneers 61st Annual Christmas Party, 6:30pm – 11:30pm
November 23 rd , Annual Banquet, 7pm	December 13 th , Bingo, 7pm
November 24 th , Deceased Members Mass, 3pm	December 15 th , Children's Christmas Party, 11 - 2pm
November 29 th , Bingo, 7pm	
November 30 th , Youth Football Thanksgiving Talent Show, 7pm	
December 1 st , Christmas Irish Breakfast/Bazaar, 9am- 3pm	

December 20th, NO BINGO
 December 20th, Members Christmas Open House, 7pm – 9pm
 December 27th, Bingo, 7pm
 December 29th, St. Stephen's Day/New Year Ceili, 3pm – 6pm
 January 12th, Youth Football Banquet, 3pm



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 plus an additional bundle must be purchased for \$5, \$9 or \$12. Please spread the word, bring a friend and come out and enjoy! Thank you, Mary Roddy.



RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, November 21st, 12:30pm

On Thursday, November 21st, the Retirees will meet at 12:30pm at the IACC. Please mark your calendars for the Retirees annual holiday party on Thursday, December 19th and remember to sign up. Please call Sharon Kearns at (203) 488-6605, Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993 with any questions.

THE GAELIC PLAYERS PRODUCTION "SIMEY'S SHADOW"

Due to unforeseen circumstances and events, this year's Gaelic Players production of "Simey's Shadow" has been postponed until next November. We have only cancelled once before in our history and apologize to our supportive audience. If you purchased a ticket, you will receive a full refund. We can tell you the play is very funny and will be worth the wait. We would like to thank everyone who helped with the stage: Gerry Roddy, Tony Connor and his nephews, Brian Beirne, Kevin Gorman, Brian Roxbee, John Long, John McGowan, Selina O'Toole, Doreen Busca, Geoff Maxwell, Karl Ryan, Catherine McMorro, Pat Hosey, Billy Mackey, Eileen Roxbee, Kathleen Roberts, Monica Canning-Ball, Bob Ball, Charlie Starrs and Patrick Starrs. Thank you very much to everyone for your understanding and continued support. Eileen O'Keefe Roxbee, Director; Kathleen Roberts, Producer; Catherine McMorro, Co- Producer; Charlie Starrs, Artistic Director and all of the New Haven Gaelic Players.

KEITH HARKIN CONCERT, Wednesday, November 20th, 7pm

Keith Harkin will hold a concert at the IACC on Wednesday, November 20th at 7pm. Keith is an Irish singer songwriter from Derry City, Ireland now residing in Los Angeles CA. Over the last 15 years, his musical talents have brought him across the world many times over. During his time touring the States, he gained recognition from Grammy Award-winning Producer, David Foster, who then went on to sign Keith as the first artists to the new Verve Records. Keith released his first solo debut album with Foster and Verve Records, where they watched it soar to the number 1 spot on the Billboard charts in Canada & the US. Keith was also the lead singer of the massive Irish sensation "Celtic Thunder". Tickets can be purchased online at <https://keithharkin.ticketleap.com> General admission is \$35, Meet & Greet (Early entry) is \$55 and VIP Meet & Greet (Soundcheck & Early Entry) is \$75.

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB 36th ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 23rd, 7pm until midnight

Our 2019 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 from County Leitrim, Gerry Roddy and Carmel McCabe Larese. Our menu includes open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, salad, penne a la vodka, a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Stuffed Filet of Sole or Chicken Francese plus 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 Angelique Burke (203) 623-0708, Mike Faherty (203) 640-8927, Colleen Hainsworth (203) 494-9930 or Doreen Busca (203) 823-9195.

THANKSGIVING TALENT SHOW, Saturday, November 30, 7pm

Bring all your talents: singing, music, dancing, drama, comedy and magic! The New Haven Youth Gaelic Football team is hosting a talent show on Saturday, November 30th at 7pm at the IACC. Admission is \$10 and all ages are welcome. Doors open at 6:30pm and the show starts at 7pm. Please contact Geoff Maxwell with any questions at (203) 605-7414 or grmaxwell1601@sbcglobal.net.

CHRISTMAS IRISH BREAKFAST/BAZAAR, Sunday, December 1, 9am- 3pm.

Our Christmas Irish breakfast will take place from 9-12 noon (cost \$15 adults and \$7 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. We are looking for volunteers to do some baking for the bake sale. Donations are welcome for the raffles.

ORDERING IRISH MEATS

Please call Anne Hines 203 488 4902 if you would like to order Irish

meats for the holidays. Available: Irish sausage, bacon, black and white pudding. You can collect your order at the club at our Christmas breakfast/bazaar on Dec. 1st.

ANNUAL CONVENTION, Sunday, December 1

During the Nomination Convention, the members submitted nominations for the Executive Board of the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club and the IACC. The Annual Convention will take place on Sunday, December 1. Voting members are to complete and present ballot forms at the club in person by 3:00pm on Sunday, December 1. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee members are Vincent McMahon (203) 795-6309, George Waldron (203) 281-1742 and Johannah Mackey (860) 982-1959.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Running for office</u>	<u>Responsibilities include:</u>
President IACC	Eileen Roxbee	Resolution implementation & general club oversight
Vice President IACC	Nikki Brooks Robin Pollock	Social, calendar & club bookings, cultural events
Treasurer IACC	John McGowan	Financial reporting & fiscal management, banking matters
Financial Secretary IACC	Mary Roddy	Membership & dues
Recording Secretary IACC	Doreen Busca	Minutes & newsletter
Building Engineer IACC	Gerry Roddy	Maintenance of building and grounds
President NHGF&HC	Anne Hines	Bar, social and athletic functions
Vice President NHGF&HC	Geoff Maxwell	Club sports
Treasurer NHGF&HC	Joan Hall	Financial recording, reporting, and management

Elections: Elections shall be held at the Annual Convention on the First Sunday in December. Two methods of voting will be acceptable, Personal Ballot or Absentee Ballot, as defined immediately following:

Personal Ballot: A list of all candidates for office will be published by November 15th. Actual ballot forms will be available at the Annual Meeting. Voting members are to complete and present ballot forms at the club in person by 3:00pm on the day of the Annual Convention, along with photo identification, if requested, and are to sign the voting register.

Absentee Ballot: Absentee Ballots will be made available to members upon request as prescribed by the policy established by the EB and the Nominating Committee Chair. The Nominating and Election Committee will be the sole authority for verifying and validating both personal and absentee ballots.

Elderly or Disabled Members: Elderly or disabled members residing within the State of Connecticut and unable to travel to the club on their own may request and are guaranteed transportation for the purpose of casting their personal ballot.

One Vote: Each eligible voting member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each position for which a candidate has been nominated. In the event that a position is not contested and only one candidate has been nominated, the Nominating and Election Committee will cast a single ballot for that candidate.

Results: After the tabulation of votes at the close of the balloting, the results shall be announced by the Nominating/Election Committee, and shall be published after the convention.

Tie: In the event of a tie vote involving one or more offices, and should neither candidate withdraw, the Nominating and Election Committee will schedule a re-vote as soon as is practical and post the new time on the website. There will be no use of Absentee Ballots in the case of a re-vote.

Nominees for Vice President, IACC

There are two nominees running for Vice President, IACC. Below, please find their submissions for election.

Nikki Brooks

My name is Nikki Brooks and I'm running for the position of Vice President of the IACC. For those of you who do not know me, I am a registered nurse and I live in East Haven with my husband Bill and 14-year-old daughter Abby. I became a member 3 years ago after talking to my grandmother and learning of her father who came to the United States from Tralee, County Kerry in the early 1900's. I wanted to learn more about my family's Irish culture so we decided to join. Since then, I have come to realize what an asset this club is to the community and I hope it continues to preserve and educate the Irish culture and traditions for generations to come. It is for this reason I have chosen to run to be a member of the executive board. I have volunteered in many capacities, both directly as the chairperson for vendors for the annual Irish Festival and as a backup bartender, as well as working behind the scenes for numerous club events. By serving in these capacities, I've had the opportunity to learn about the IACC and it's members, including what they want and expect from the club, which includes a culturally rich and inviting organization where people can go, feel welcome, and enjoy themselves. I have also had the opportunity to work with a very dedicated and hard-working group of board members which I feel I would complement, and would work hard to ensure the future success of the club so that it is available for generations to come. I would appreciate your vote, and I hope you will show your support for your club by coming out to the elections. Thank you.

Robin Pollock

Hello Members, My name is Robin Reilly Pollock, I'm running for the position of Vice President of the IACC. If I haven't had the opportunity to meet you, please let me introduce myself. I'm retired from Knights of Columbus Supreme Office, where I worked directly under the Treasurer. I'm Treasurer and a Board Member of Kidunot, 501c Living Organ Donor Organization. I'm married to Richard for 26 years and we have two grown children. My roots go back to County Leitrim, where my grandfather left at 13 years of age. His life and many stories are near and dear to my heart. I joined the Club a few years ago and realized what an asset it is to the Irish Community. I have volunteered and helped at dinners, Irish breakfasts, Holiday Fairs and the annual Festival. I have a lot of experience with bingo and when the club decided last November to have weekly bingo, I volunteered to help organize and get the bingo running smoothly. I have been at the club every Friday since working at the bingo which is a big success. I am very dedicated and committed to helping the club to continue being successful. It's so important to me to continue educating and preserving the Irish traditions and culture for years to come. I hope you will support and vote for me for VP December 1st. Thank you, Robin.

PIONEERS 61st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, Saturday, December 7th, 6:30pm – 11:30pm

The Pioneers of the Sacred Heart will host their 61st Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th at the Irish American Community Center. Music and entertainment provided by Noel Henry's Band from Boston. Buffet dinner begins at 6:30pm and dancing from 7:30pm – 11:30pm. Donation is \$30.00. Advance reservations are required. Please contact Clare Murrphy at (203) 288-6327.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday, December 15th, 11am -2pm

The annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 15th from 11am – 2pm. Please sign up your children under age 12 at the club by December 10th or by contacting Angelique Burke at angeliqueburke@hotmail.com.



MEMBERS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, Friday, December 20th, 7pm

– 9pm All members are welcome to join in some holiday fun at our Member Open House on Friday, December 20th from 7pm – 9pm. Each member in good standing will receive a free drink. Music will be provided by Tommy Ryder. Light fare will be provided. Please feel free to bring snacks to share.

ST. STEPHEN/NEW YEAR CEILI, Sunday, December 29th, 3pm – 6pm

On Sunday, December 29th, there will be a St. Stephen's/ New Year's Ceili at the IACC from 3pm-6pm. The ceili will feature Rose Conway Flanagan with Loretta Murphy and Joe Heeran. Suggested donation is \$15.



MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

We will hold a drawing for 2 free memberships at our St. Stephen's Day/New Year's Ceili. If you would like to be entered for a chance to win, please send your 2020 membership dues to Mary Roddy by December 28th. Thank you!

NEW HAVEN YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL BANQUET, Sunday, January 12, 3pm

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate another successful year of youth Gaelic Football in New Haven. This is the longest stretch we have had in the history of the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club where we have had competitive youth Gaelic Football being played, and we want to keep it going. 14 years straight! Come celebrate with us as we look back at the past year and look forward to the year ahead. And, to all of our club members, please encourage your children and grandchildren to give Gaelic Football a try!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Heidi and John Long (Wallingford), Ruth & Kevin Golden (Cheshire) and Cynthia & Lawrence Thomas (Beacon Falls).

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following members for including a donation when paying their membership: Elizabeth Regan.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

Patricia Murphy, New Jersey, Eileen Roxbee, Guilford, our club president, John O'Keefe, East Haven and Katie Gerhard, New Haven, on the death of their father Johnny O'Keefe, East Haven by way of Co. Cork. Johnny was a long-time Permittee at the club and with his wife, the late Maisie, served as beloved, welcoming caretakers.

To Agnes Flynn, Peggy Simpson, Brid Malone and Patricia Clancy on the death of their brother Dominic Sheehan, Hamden by way of Co. Clare.

To Janice Bohan and Family, Branford on the death of James Bohan, former Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

GET WELL WISHES

To Terri Remeika, Wallingford

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the Executive Board and Members of the IACC for their beautiful plant along with many prayers and condolences on the loss of my sister. The club is my home away from home and you all make it even more special for me. Mary Roddy

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends a sincere 'Thank You' to the O'Keefe family for naming our club as the recipient of contributions in Johnny O'Keefe's memory. We also thank each contributor for donations received.

THANK YOU

Gerry Roddy would like to thank Pat Hosey for his invaluable help with many projects and to all of the volunteers who have helped throughout the year. There are still many projects to do and we are 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 areas and are willing to donate your time to the IACC, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268.

THANK YOU

A most sincere thank you to Gerry Hollman for so kindly donating to the club all of his late wife's Irish music on CDs and in a beautiful wood cabinet. When you are at the club, be sure to ask the bartender for Irish music and he can oblige. This is a very thoughtful gift in memory of Pat Hollmann. With gratitude, Anne Hines & Eileen Roxbee

OBITUARIES

If you would like your loved one's obituary added to our weekly emails, please notify Colleen Hainsworth at (203) 494-9930 or AngelPaws@mail.com.

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

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

NHGF&H Club PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello,

Hope you are all ready for a great evening of dinner and dancing at our annual Irish Man and Woman of the Year honouring two well deserving members of our club, Gerry Roddy and Carmel McCabe Larese. It should be a terrific night as usual. Don't forget Mass on 24th November at 3pm remembering all our members who have left us and gone to the Lord. Our youth talent show is at 7pm on 30th November. This will be a night of great fun. Please call me to order your Irish meats before our bazaar on 1st December. Reservations would be appreciated for the Irish Breakfast that morning. Come eat, shop at our bazaar and don't forget to vote for our 2020 vice president of the IACC. Our members' Open House will be on Friday, 20th December from 7-9pm. Come wish your fellow members a happy Christmas and have a drink on us.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Anne

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

Congratulations to Gerry Roddy and Carmel Larese on being named Irish Man and Woman of the Year! This annual event is so important for our community, a time when we come together to honor our own. Please don't forget to join us on Sunday, November 24th for our annual Mass of Remembrance for our deceased members. I am pleased to announce that the Irish Consulate of New York has once again awarded us a \$17,500.00 grant to upgrade our handicapped accessibility. If you know of someone who has ramp design capabilities, please contact me with information. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your condolences on the loss of my father, John O'Keefe. He was such a big part of this club and being here surrounded by familiar faces in his later years made him very happy.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! May you find joy in your gatherings and feel thankful for all that you have.

Sláinte,

Eileen