



Newsletter

Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020



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

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 6th: CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS & IRISH BREAKFAST, 9am

December 20th: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE PARTY, 1-4pm

TEMPORARY BAR HOURS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 7-10 PM
 SATURDAY 7-MIDNIGHT
 SUNDAY 2-10PM

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS...



AND



MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

It was suggested to the Executive Board that we roll back our annual dues to pre-coronavirus pricing for the year 2021. In these uncertain economic times, we are happy to do so. Please note that the 2021 membership dues envelope included in this newsletter reflect the following prices: Family \$75, Single \$60, Senior individual \$20 and Senior couple \$25. Thank you, Mary Roddy, Financial Secretary.

Upcoming Events

BINGO UPDATE

Please note that our Bingo return date is still to be determined. Once we receive the appropriate recommendations from the State, we will be able to confirm a date. Please stay tuned!

PLEASE NOTE: The Christmas Memorial Mass/Breakfast and the Children's Christmas Movie Party are scheduled at the moment but we will continue to monitor and review current guidelines and take appropriate action closer to our planned events. Thank you for your understanding

VOTE FOR 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD, Sunday, December 6th

A vote will be cast on Sunday, 6th December for all incoming 2021 Officers of our Club. IACC President: Mary Roddy, Vice President: Nikki Brooks, Treasurer: John McGowan, Financial Secretary: Robin Pollack, Recording Secretary: Doreen Busca, Building Engineer: Gerry Roddy. NHGF&H Club President: Anne Hines, Vice President: Selina O'Toole, Treasurer: Joan Hall.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- All members must wear a mask and sign a waiver upon entry
- Masks must be worn when walking about the building
- Masks can be removed when sitting at your table eating and drinking
- Hand sanitizer at the front door to use upon entering
- CDC social distance guidelines are in effect
- Lounge and outdoor tables are arranged 6 feet apart and cannot be moved
- There is no walk-up bar service. Please be seated and a server will come to your table to take your order
- All drink orders must be accompanied by a food order. Menus will be posted
- Debit or credit cards are preferred methods of payment
- All drinks will be served in plastic cups. Bottled beer can be consumed from the bottle.
- You will be responsible for clearing your table upon leaving
- No draft beer including Guinness is available at this time
- There is a one-way system in place for entering and exiting. Please enter through the front lounge door and exit through the back lounge/pool room door only.
- Please follow the arrow and social distance markers in place

JOIN US FOR A
**CHRISTMAS
 MEMORIAL MASS
 & IRISH BREAKFAST**
SUNDAY · DECEMBER 6

***Mass 9AM · Breakfast 10AM OR 11AM**
 *Mass will be available to view via ZOOM. Contact Doreen - dkbusca73@yahoo.com or 203.843.8018

**DUE TO THE CDC REGULATIONS SEATING IS LIMITED TO 25
 RESERVATIONS A MUST for INDOOR MASS & BREAKFAST (each seating)**

\$15 PERSON Mimosa, Bloody Mary or Irish Coffee ADD \$5
***TAKEOUT AVAILABLE (COCKTAILS EXCLUDED/PREORDER REQUIRED)**

Orders are also being taken for Irish Breakfast Sausage, Bacon,
 Black and/or White Pudding that can be picked up that day.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, TAKEOUT PRE-ORDERS & FOOD ORDERS
CALL ANNE 203.488.4902 BY FRI · NOV. 25
 IACC · 9 VENICE PLACE · EAST HAVEN, CT



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL MASS/IRISH BREAKFAST, Sunday, December 6th, 9am

This year, due to coronavirus and state limits on the maximum occupancy we can accommodate at our club, we were unable to have our Memorial Mass and cannot hold our annual bazaar. However, we are now in a position to hold a Christmas Memorial Mass followed by Irish breakfast on Sunday, December 6th. Mass is at 9am and the Christmas Irish breakfast will take place directly after Mass until noon. The cost is \$15 per adult. For breakfast reservations, please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 or ahsheep@aol.com by November 25th. Orders to go also available. Remote viewing for the mass is available via Zoom by contacting Doreen Busca at dkbusca73@yahoo.com or (203) 843-8018.

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 by 25th November. Pick up will be at the Christmas Mass and breakfast.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MOVIE PARTY, Sunday, December 20th, 1-4pm

The annual Children's Christmas Party this year has a different twist! On Sunday 20th December at 1pm we will show a Christmas movie and serve pancakes and popcorn to your child(ren). Santa will appear and hand

out candy. Please sign up your children under age 12 by 17th December by contacting Angelique Burke at 203 623 0708 angeliqueburke@hotmail.com. Face masks and social distancing regulations will be mandatory.

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

We will hold a drawing for 2 free memberships at our Children's Christmas Movie party on December 20th. If you would like to be entered for a chance to win, please send your 2021 membership dues to Mary Roddy by December 19th. Thank you!

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Come to our club and enjoy our drink & food specials and watch the games. Specials include a hot dog and beer for \$7, a burger and beer for \$8 or a hot dog, burger and beer for \$10.

NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL TRAINING

Our footballers are still training on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Training will continue at the IACC until the weather gets too cold. All age groups and newcomers are welcome to attend! All GAA and State of Connecticut COVID-19 regulations are being adhered to by our teams. The Football Board would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas too!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club and hope to see you around frequently: Tony Connors & Teresa Esposito (East Haven), Lisa & Bob Chester (Wallingford).

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the following:

To: Anne DiMinno on the death of her husband club member Michael DiMinno, East Haven.

To: Ann Brady, New Haven on the death of her brother Norbert Brady in Co. Cavan.

To: Mary Kelleher, Wallingford on the death of her brother Peter Gardiner in Co. Clare.

To: George Waldron, Hamden on the death of his brother Edward Waldron in Portugal.

To: Jim Gibbons, Middlefield on the death of his sister Ann Marie (Nancy) Rose, Hamden.

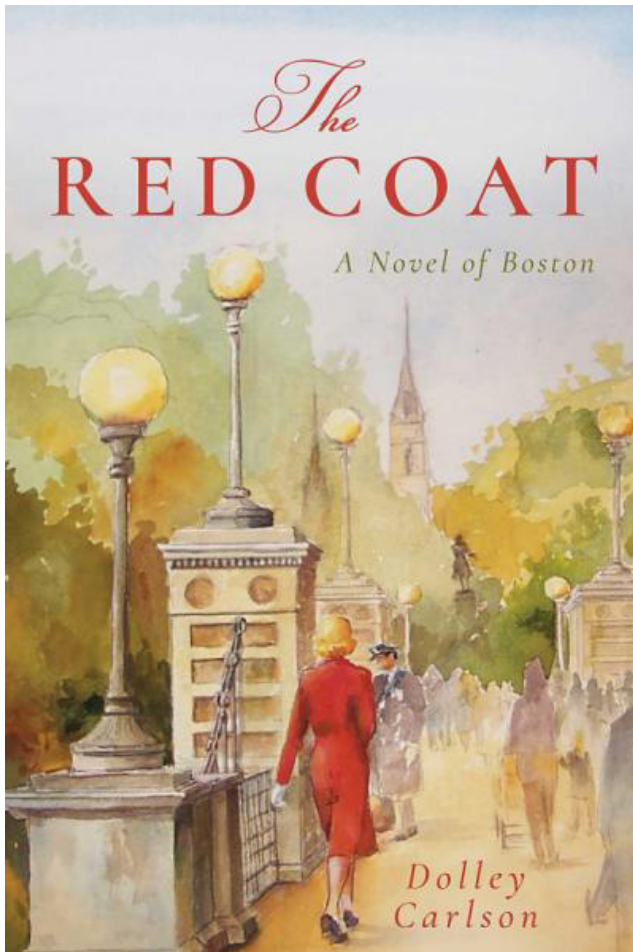
GET WELL WISHES

We send our get well wishes to the following:

To Margaret Bohan, Mike and Ellen Gethings, all of Hamden,
 To Johanna Mackey, Middletown

IACC BOOK CLUB

The IACC has received a generous book donation of “The Red Coat” by Dolley Carlson. Eileen Roxbee will host a book club in early March. Please RSVP to Eileen at roxbeeileen@gmail.com to reserve your copy of the book. Books can be picked up at the IACC on Tuesday, December 1 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. This novel is connected to the societal difference swirling around Beacon Hill and aristocratic Bostonians and their Irish immigrant “help”. The famous Coconut Grove fire is part of the backdrop of the story.



THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The club extends a sincere thank you to the families that have recently named our club as the recipient of contributions in memory of their loved ones.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Anne Faherty and Pat Hosey for helping paint the exterior of the club. Also, thank you very much to Pat Hosey for his generous donation of the paint. Also, thanks to our clean-up crew John McGowan, the Brandi Family and Mike Faherty. Thank you to Geoff Maxwell for all of his electrical help and to Denis Smith for tree removal on the field and repairing the nets. Thank you very much!
Gerry Roddy

IACC LOOKING FOR HELP

The IACC is always looking for members who are willing to help! We have many projects going on at our club. If you have any interest in helping in any way, please contact Gerry Roddy at (203) 215-3268. Every volunteer is needed and appreciated! Thanks to everyone who has helped!

LOITERING IN CLUB PARKING LOT

It has come to our attention that some people have been gathering with friends in the club parking lot to socialize and drink. It is against our insurance policy and liquor laws for anyone to bring alcohol onto our property and tailgate. If you see someone doing so, please notify a member of the Executive Board. Thank you!

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,

Taking into consideration mask wearing and social distancing we have been able to bring you events at the club safely.

We are looking for suggestions to bring events that can be done safely so if you have an idea please share. Great job Nikki and helpers at our concert on the field and thank you to all the ladies who cooked breakfasts and their helpers.

Thank you to you, the member, for supporting our club. We

have a Memorial Mass and breakfast coming up so please make your reservation and order any Irish meats you may wish for the upcoming holidays. Sign up your children for

the Christmas Movie and a visit from Santa. I welcome Selena O'Toole and Robin Pollock, two ladies who will make great additions to our Executive Board. Thank you to my VP Geoff Maxwell, a very hard-working dedicated member of our Executive Board – Selina will have big shoes to fill!

Thank you to Eileen Roxbee, our outgoing IACC president who has worked tirelessly over the years. I welcome Mary Roddy as president of the IACC – I am sure she will excel in her new position. Wishing all our members a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and a very happy Christmas. Please stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Anne

IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Club Members,

It seems that 2020 has kept us apart and continues to throw all its fury at us. It will not keep from continuing our mission. You have kept us alive with your donations, prayers, and visits when possible. We can only hope that 2021 is a year of prosperity for us all! Thank you to Anne Faherty, Pat Hosey, and Gerry Roddy for painting the outside of the club. It looks great!

Enjoy this holiday season and time with your family, hopefully! Stay well and we will pray for an end to this crazy year!

Slainté,

Eileen