



# Newsletter

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



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**CLUB HOURS:** Wednesday & Thursday: 7pm-1am; Friday & Saturday: 7pm-2am; Sunday: 1pm-9pm  
**CURRENT BAR HOURS:** Wednesday & Thursday, 7-10pm Friday & Saturday, 7 - 11pm Sundays, 4- 8pm

### March 2022

**MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN MOVING AROUND IN OUR CLUB. ALL RESTRICTIONS DICTATED BY OUR STATE ARE STILL IN FORCE.**

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 12-3pm  
 March 13<sup>th</sup> Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, Mass at 10 and Parade, 1:30pm  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day  
 March 24<sup>th</sup> Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 April 24<sup>th</sup> Sneak Preview of "Charlie Gorman's Wake", 4pm

HAPPY  
**St. Patrick's  
 Day**  
 TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Robin Pollock, would like to remind all our members that membership dues were payable on January 1st. Please keep in mind dues are a vital part of the running of our Club. Dues for 2022: Family \$75, Individual \$50, Senior Couple \$25 and Senior Individual \$20. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events



#### IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES, Wednesdays at 7:30pm

Beginner Irish Language classes take place on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. Classes run from September through June. To register for class or further information, please contact Pam Ó Murray at (203) 889-6971 (cell) or (203) 488-3866 (home).

#### BINGO, Fridays 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

#### ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm

A great way to kick off St. Patrick's Day festivities! Come and enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Club on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm. Dine in or take out available. Donation is \$18 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 call or text Joan Hall (203) 584-2097. Reservations are necessary to avoid over/under buying by February 23rd.

#### PARADE DAY MASS, Sunday, March 13th at 10am

Start your day off great with a special Parade Mass at St. Mary Church, Hillhouse Avenue, 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 13th 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 Jolly Beggars starting at 4pm - 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) 488-4902.

#### PARADE DAY MARCHERS, Sunday, March 13th, 1:30pm

Thank you to the members who have signed up to carry a flag or march on Sunday, 13th 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](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) early if you have a particular flag you wish to carry.



#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY, Thursday, March 17th

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club! Irish breakfast will be served 9am till noon for \$15. Corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be available all day. For breakfast reservations, please call Anne Hines at (203) 488 4902. Irish music by Tommy Ryder 12-2pm and Randy Smith of the Coracles 4-7pm. 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.

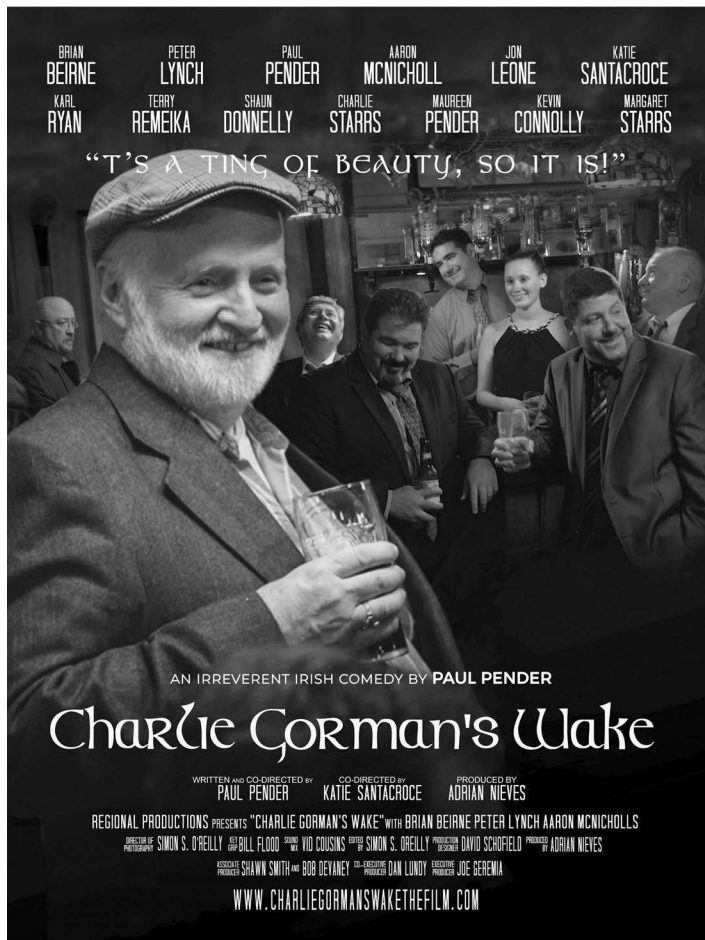
## RETIREES MEETING, Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

The Retirees will hold their Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Reservations are a must! Guests are welcome to attend for \$15 per person. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993.

## SNEAK PREVIEW OF CHARLIE GORMAN'S WAKE

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 4pm

Please join us for a sneak preview of the movie "Charlie Gorman's Wake" on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the IACC located at 9 Venice Place, East Haven. "Charlie Gorman's Wake" is a film by Paul Pender and is packed with the irreverent humor, lively dialogue and deep sentiment customary in an Irish Comedy. There is no admission charge but reservations are requested to reserve seating. Please contact Paul Pender at (203) 213-1651 or [paulopender@gmail.com](mailto:paulopender@gmail.com) or Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 or [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com).



## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new Members: Jean & Ron Benzi of North Branford, Betty Bosse of Branford, Patricia Brittingham of Branford, Sean Dacey of Hamden, Tara & Denis Daley of Branford, Robert & Brook Hopkins of Woodbridge, Edward & Cristine Hopkins of Madison, Thomas Hopkins of Guilford, Paul Hollinger of West Haven, Brendan & Jennifer Hosey of Hamden, Pat & Tara Hosey of Bethany, Beth & Tony Jenkins of Clinton, Amanda Cullen & Ken Kierce of New Haven, James Mackey & Tessa Mackey of Guilford, Charles & Rose Mason of Guilford, Kade McCartin of Wolcott, Siobain McHugh of Madison, Joseph Muldon of Glastonbury, Hank Petrosky of Northford & Thomas Purcell of Burlington.

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of 2 free memberships for 2022: John Caldwell and Larry & Marie Doyle.

## DONATIONS

Thank you to the following members for their generous donations to the club: Anne Hines, Frank & Denise Fernicola, Joseph Foley, Patrick Hosey, Marie Lawless, Ann & Daniel Murphy, Thomas O'Neill, Kevin & Eileen Roxbee, John Stratton, Eileen Hanlon Tierney, Ann Marie & Brendan Canning, Vincent Cleary, Edward & Mary Cortright, Mary Cotter, Mike & Anne Faherty. Andrea Hogan, Joan & John Harlow, Tim & Debbie Henley, James Lyng, Marion O'Shea, Dennis Regan, Gerald Rooney, Kathleen Turbett & Al Byrne, Patricia O'Connor, Albert & Anne Paulsen, Margaret & Anne Smyth, Michael & Agnes Sheehan, Rita Sheehan, Diane Cox, Connor Dolan, Kathleen & Fred Carew, Mary Donahue, Marguerite Donahue, Sarah Finnegan, Thomas & Karen Grennan, Steven Jacksis, William Morrissey, Eamonn Ryan, George Waldron, Timothy Wall, Kevin & Francis Woods, Mary Wallace, Carolyn Westerfield, Mary Begley, Carole Brown, Darol Benson, Eileen Cailton, Mary Bohan, Richard & Margret Hopkins, Sean & Pamela O'Murray, Elizabeth Murphy, Daniel McSherry, Joseph Nugent, Maryetta & Bill Russell, John Sullivan, Peter Snyder, Brian Burgh, Brendan & Maureen Crawley, Jamene Farrell, Con & Joan Foley, Geraldine & Ryan Faherty, John & Regina Healy, Maggie Jensen, Bernadette & Rob LaFrance, Susan McNerney, John & Alison McCormack, Joseph Nolan, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Marguerite Jackson, Richard & Joan Matz, Eileen Tozzo, Paul Hollinger, MaryJane Conroy, Christopher & Martha Dolan, Michael Hanlon, Bridget McManus, John McGowan, Tony & Eileen Stratton, John Cassells, Christopher & Eithne Cleary, Michael & Maryann Dean, Sheila & John Haverkamp, John & Audrey Hanniford, Robert & Carmel Larese, Anne & Robert Lloyd, Margaret & Joseph Lynch, Hank Petroskey, Stephen & Patricia Jankowski, Debbie & Christopher Morgan, Michael & Christina McHugh, Patrick & Whanita O'Donoghue.

### SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP

Our sponsored membership drive is going well! Current members can sponsor a new member at a reduced rate. It is the perfect time to gift a membership to special friends & family! Please feel free to contact Robin Pollock for applications or if you have any questions.

Current Membership Rates		Sponsored Membership Rates	
Family	\$75.00	Family	\$25.00
Individual	\$50.00	Individual	\$20.00
Senior Couples	\$25.00	Senior Couples	\$10.00
Senior Individual	\$20.00	Senior Individual	\$5.00

### PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following:

To the family of Johannah Mackey, Middlefield by way of Co. Tipperary.

To the family of Donna Norman, East Haven, wife of former East Haven Mayor, Robert Norman.

To the family of Betty Regan of Hamden.

To Ann Stratton, Stephen, Allison, Jennifer, Shannon and all the Stratton family on the death of Phil Stratton, Hamden, by way of Co. Leitrim. Phil was a former Club President, 2005 Irish Man of the Year, a talented Gaelic Footballer and traditional musician.

To Connie Foley and family on the death of his wife, Joan Manning Foley of Hamden.

To Wendy Mackey, James, Tessa, Lily and all the Mackey family on the death of John Mackey of Guilford. John was a former Club President, 2021 Irish Man of the Year, Youth Gaelic Football Coach and a member of the Gaelic Players Drama group.

To Agnes Flynn on the death of her husband David Flynn, Hamden by way of Co. Kerry.

To Timothy Gallogly, North Branford on the death of his brother, William Gallogly.

To Mary and Gerry Roddy, West Haven, on the death of Mary's sister, Margaret Bogen in Ohio.

To the family of Peter Bellew, Bridgeport by way of Co. Armagh.

### GET WELL WISHES

We send our get well wishes to the following:

Betsy O'Keefe, East Haven; Tim Gallogly, North Branford; Eamonn McCarthy, Bridgeport and Patricia Heslin, Hamden.

### 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.

### 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, Irish food, bake sale and vendors. A special thanks to all who helped me: Robin Pollock, Alice Sette, Kim Stratton & Family, Joan Hall, Nikki Brooks, and in the kitchen Catherine McMorrow, Bett Faherty and Mary and Gerry Roddy. All in all, it was a huge success and hope to see everyone again next year!! Thanks again, Anne Hines.

### IRISH BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Thanks to our chefs Ann Marie and Rose Wheeler for a wonderful Irish Breakfast on Sunday, February 6th. Thanks also to their kitchen crew, Joan Esposito and Cathy Wheeler. A real big thank you goes out to Agatha and Pete Kilkelly for their donation of brown breads direct from New York.

### CLUB RENTAL UPDATE

As of January 1, 2022, our club rental fees increased for non-members. As a correction to information in the November/December newsletter, the member rental fees remain the same for the hall however the member rate for the lounge has increased to \$100. It is important to note that members are not permitted to sign a rental contract for a non-member. Additionally, members need to be in good standing for at least 6 months before they can receive a member rate. A 50% deposit will be collected at the time the rental contract is signed and the balance must be paid 7 days prior to the event. If you have any questions about rentals, please contact Nikki Brooks at (203) 215-8756 or [tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tiggernrp@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

### STAIRWAY REPAIR

The outside stairway in the back of the club that leads to the upstairs apartment is in desperate need of repair and a safety hazard that must be addressed. We need to completely replace the stairs and landing and due to the cost of materials, this will be quite a costly project. If you have any skills that you can lend and are willing to help build, please let Gerry Roddy know. Additionally, any donations toward this project are greatly appreciated!

### 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!

### FUNDRAISING IDEAS

We are always trying to bring events into our club and your help is needed. If you have any ideas, thoughts or wishes that you would like to Chair an event please contact either Anne (203) 488-4902 or Mary (203) 506-8367. 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](mailto:dkbusca73@yahoo.com).

## **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 Robin Pollock at [rnr17@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rnr17@sbcglobal.net).

## **LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS** 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵

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.wvuh.org](http://www.wvuh.org)

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

Our members Christmas get-together was well attended on 16th December, and it was so nice to see so many members. The next few 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. It will be great to see our Parade back on the street again this year showing off our Irish heritage. Please consider carrying a county flag and marching. We always have a great many members

march so let's keep that tradition going. 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. This popular dinner had been cancelled due to the virus this past few years so it's great to see it return. Bingo is back on Friday nights - thank you to the members and friends who are supporting this event. Any updates or changes will be posted in our weekly constant contact. If you have not signed up, please contact Robin Pollock.

All the best,

Anne Hines

## **IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members,

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season! Well, the new year is certainly moving along very fast, and I can't believe that we are already into February. We are currently preparing for February and March activities and can't wait to get together. Please save the dates written in the newsletter and come out and enjoy the festivities with us. Looking ahead, I would also like to gather interest for a Kentucky Derby Day in May at the club. If you would be interested in chairing, co-chairing, or just helping to plan this event, please reach out to me. As always, this is your club and if you have any ideas for future events, please let us know!

God Bless,

Mary Roddy