



# Newsletter

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



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### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30 pm - Executive Board  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:30 pm - Youth Football  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 1:00 pm - Genealogy Meeting  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 8:00 pm - General Membership  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 12:30 - Retirees Meeting

### REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Wednesday - Gaelic Language 7:30 pm  
 Thursday - Curlews Music 7:30 pm  
 Friday - Celi Lessons 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2012

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE UPCOMING DATES:

#### DECEMBER

12/01 Genealogy 1:00 PM  
 12/02 Club Elections & Christmas Bazaar 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 12/04 Executive Board Meeting 7:30 PM  
 12/07 Golfer's Christmas Party 7:00 PM  
 12/08 Pioneers Dance  
 12/09 Children's Christmas Party 3:00 PM  
 12/11 General Membership Meeting 8:00 PM  
 12/14 Christmas Concert - Maclean Avenue 8:00 PM  
 12/29 Parade Queen Selection – Information Session

#### JANUARY

01/05 Pride of New York – 7:30 PM  
 01/13 Social Committee Meeting 1:00 PM

#### FEBRUARY

02/09 Queen's Competition

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SUNDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 9:00 AM

Purchase Irish goods or gifts for the holidays, have an Irish breakfast. Raffles will be all day. Irish breakfast \$12.00 Adults (includes a mimosa), \$5.00 kids. For reservations, call Linda Martens at (203) 467 3638 or Madge Mulhall (203) 268-2037.

If interested in purchasing Irish meats contact Madge Mulhall (203) 268-2037

Also, we are currently seeking vendors. Table fee is \$25. Feel free to contact Kerry Martens if interested at (203) 996-9196.

#### 2013 OFFICER ELECTIONS

OFFICE	IACC	NHGF&HC
President	John Cullinan	Peter Burke
Vice President	Kerry Martens	Sean Cox
Treasurer	Michael Hanlon	Jay McGuinness
Financial Sec.	Madge Mulhall	
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#### IACC IRISH SPORTS PROGRAM PLAYERS' BANQUET SUNDAY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 5:00PM

**Please note the time correction** - The membership is eminently welcome to join our young Gaelic footballers and hurlers, parents, coaches, administrators and friends to honor our kids' keen dedication and numerous accomplishments on Sunday December 2nd at 3:00pm at the club. Multiple panels earned hardware with GAA in New York Minor Board (NYMB) competition as well as at CYC in Chicago. They are finishing up Fall League play against stiff NYMB A Division clubs and are handling themselves like stars. Any player parent or interested member that wants to step up to committee involvement at any level at all please contact Mike Faherty at mfaherty@snet.net or Dennis Regan at dregan@aifs.com. We need new blood, and will consider every volunteer for formal GAA Manual positions to contributory roles in a wide range of capacities and levels of commitment. The pay isn't great (ok so it's nonexistent) but the camaraderie, accomplishment, and craic make up for it in spades. Anyway it's all for the kids as we make lifetime friendships and memories happen through the special athletic endeavors that are the Games of the Gaels, the greatest games on earth!

**GOLF LEAGUE** - The Golf League will hold its annual Christmas party on Friday, December 7th, at 7:00 PM. Reservations are necessary. Call Janet - 203-469-4682 or Ursula - 203-483-5404

#### PIONEERS OF THE SACRED HEART - ST. MARY'S CENTER - SATURDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

Please join us for the 54th Annual Christmas Party with music by Margaret Dalton & Erin's Melody. Buffet Dinner at 7:00 PM and Dancing at 8:00PM. Donation \$28.00. Reservations are required, please call Clare Murrhly (203) 288-6327

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00 PM

Santa is coming but reservations are required! Please make your reservations for children 10 and under by calling Kerry Martens with your child's name (spelling please), age and gender. Interested Elves should also contact Kerry as soon as possible at [kmar13@aol.com](mailto:kmar13@aol.com) or (203) 996-9196

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:00 PM "MACLEAN AVENUE"**  
 Debuting their new Christmas song,



**"Christmas on McLean"**. Tickets are \$20.00. Please call Kerry Martens (203) 996-9196 or [kmar13@aol.com](mailto:kmar13@aol.com) or Lisa Hemingway (203) 751-9953 or [81bigmac@comcast.net](mailto:81bigmac@comcast.net).  
<http://mcleanavenueband.com/>

**RETIRES CLUB** –Our annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM. It is a catered dinner; reservations are necessary. Call Janet Butterworth at (203) 469-4682.



**PRIDE OF NEW YORK  
CONCERT – JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>  
2012, 7:30 PM**

Ticket info: - All Tickets \$25.00 at the Door, Advance Tickets (available until Friday, November 24th):  
General Admission \$20.00,  
Senior Citizens (65+) \$15.00,  
Tickets available online or call:  
Pat Stratton @ 860-664-1600  
John O'Donovan  
@ 203-281-3563

**MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

At our last board meeting we decided that it is time for the THEM and US talk to go away. There is NO them and us. Our club is made up of many groups and individuals and there is plenty of room for everyone. We as a board, support them all. We do not have to like one another all the time, but let's respect each other.

We have decided that from now on anyone who makes derogatory remarks or threatens anyone will be invited to come before the board. I can assure it is something you do not want to do. If any of our groups or our members need to talk about anything all you have to do is contact me or any board member and we will be happy to work with you. We have one of the best clubs on the east coast and we are not going to let anyone change that. Let's get together and make it even better.  
Thank you, John Cullinan, IACC President

**MESSAGE FROM EILEEN O'KEEFE-ROXBEE**

Dear club members, I have had quite the month!

Firstly, Thank you for supporting the Gaelic players and for attending our production of The Change in Mame Fadden. It was my pleasure to work with my children and such a marvelous cast and crew.

The banquet was such a wonderful night for me and my family. I am so proud to have received the same honor as my parents and to share the night with Tony was fabulous. I am so blessed to be part of this club and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy new year. Eileen O'Keefe Roxbee

**MESSAGE FROM TONY STRATTON**

Thank you to the IACC, NHGF@HC, Michael Faherty and his committee. It was an honor to be Irish Man of The Year 2012.

My family and I had a wonderful time at the banquet. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. It was an evening that I will remember for the rest of my life, meeting family and friends.

Sincerely, Tony Stratton

**MESSAGE FROM LYNDA BURKE**

It has been my great honor to serve as an officer these past two years. I have been so fortunate to be involved with so many dedicated and wonderful people and I will treasure the many new friends made.

A special thank you to John Hanlon and Anne Meaney for everything that they do.

Thank you to everyone who helped along the way: the breakfast kitchen crews, the bakers, my children (who always helped) and of course the Sunday morning GAA regulars who always made me laugh. What a great bunch! From my family to you and yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**GAA 2013** – Remember that 2013 Season Passes are available now and make great Christmas Presents. Please call John Cullinan to make your purchase.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES** – All members received their due envelopes, the dues have not changed for 2013. Please mail your dues in soon. Any questions, please call Madge Mulhall (203) 268-2037

**2013 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN SELECTION**

Please take this opportunity to represent your club and the Irish Community at the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for the entire year!

Information Session: December 28th at the NHGF&HC/IACC for a "Queens Night Out" Reception

Contest Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013

Application Deadline: Monday, January 28, 2013

Applications are available at <http://iacc-ct.com/> or by contacting the Chairwomen: Briana Conway (203) 623-7394 & Courtney Lundgren Connors (860) 343-3508 or via email:[parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com)

Contestants must be at least 17 years of age, single and a member, or a daughter or granddaughter of a member of one of the four Irish Societies (New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club/Irish American Community Center; West Haven Irish American Club; Knights of St. Patrick; or The Ancient Order of Hibernians).



**JOSEPH M. LYNCH TO LEAD 2013 GR. NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S PARADE**

The Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee Executive Board recently elected new officers to lead the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Serving as the Grand Marshal is Joseph M. Lynch of Branford. The Chairmanship passed to the new Parade Chairman, Kelly Canning Ruickoldt of West Haven. Officers as shown in the photo are (L-R)Parade Coordinator, Briana Conway of Hamden; Chief of Staff, Colleen Hines of Wallingford; Parade Grand Marshal, Lynch; Parade Secretary,

Ruickholdt; Parade Secretary, Timothy Gallogly of North Branford; and Treasurer, Kevin A. Smith of Hamden. Re-elected to their roles on the Executive Board were Chairman Robert Shanley of Orange; and Kevin J. Smith of Hamden, Executive Secretary.

The 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 10 in New Haven and it is the largest single-day spectator event in Connecticut.

**CONN. IRISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY** – We are starting to collect the important history of the Irish women who worked as live-in domestic when they immigrated here. Scarcely any Conn. Irish family can be found that does not have interesting stories to tell about their mothers, grandmothers, sisters or daughters that performed this labor. We want to collect these written and oral histories. We can arrange for oral histories to be taken by one of our members and we are available to collect the written ones. Please contact George Waldron at (203) 281-1742 or email him at [waldrongeorge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:waldrongeorge@sbcglobal.net). Also, please visit our web site at [CTIAHS.com](http://CTIAHS.com).

#### **SOUP KITCHEN FUNDRAISER TO COMMEMORATE AN GORTA MOR**

"The Great Irish Famine is in the past but hunger is still with us." That's the theme of a month-long fundraiser involving many of the New Haven area's Irish pubs and clubs, including the IACC, benefitting the Community Soup Kitchen (CSK). They will sell 'soup bowls' during September - Hunger Action Month. Customers can buy a colorful artist's drawing of a bowl for \$5 - the cost of a meal at the kitchen - then sign the bowl that's posted in the pubs & clubs. Many non-Irish restaurants will be participating under the Hunger Action Month theme.

Beginning September 1st, bowls can be purchased at: Anna Liffey's Pub, Archie Moore's, Bru Café, Café Romeo, Cave A'Vin, Christopher Martins Restaurant, Contois Tavern, Dempsey's, Devil's Gear Bike Shop, Duffy's Tavern, Eli's on Whitney, Geronimo's, Irish American Community Center, Kelly's Bar of New Haven, Knights of St. Patrick, Madi & Mia's, Olde School Saloon, O'Toole's Pub, Portofino's Restaurant, St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Temple Grill, Tommy Sullivan's Cafe, and Woodbridge Gathering. For information, call David O'Sullivan at (203) 606-2184

**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** - The Fr. Mckeeon Division 7 of the New Haven-based Ancient Order of Hibernians in America is currently in the process of conducting a membership drive.

We are attempting to expand our ranks to attract more participants to join the oldest Catholic organization in the United States. Most Divisions in the country have two individual memberships, one for men and one for women, respectively, AOH and LAOH. Our drive is to entice both genders to respond, as we too, would more than welcome a ladies group. Our annual dues are \$25 per member. We run various events throughout the year and are looking for more innovative ideas. For instance, we just repeated a cruise around the Branford Thimble Islands again this July since last year's event was sold out. Please go to our new web site [www.aoh7.org](http://www.aoh7.org) to see the flier for this trip and also more info regarding our organization, or call Finbarr Moynihan 203-272-0118. Thank you all very much.

**CEILI LESSONS**- Every Friday (weather permitting) Irish sets and ceili lessons will be at the club starting at 7:30 P.M. Beginners and advanced dancers, couples and singles are all welcomed! Thanks Brian

**CLUB DARTS**- Come Thursdays and play darts with members of the club. We are forming a competitive team for this year and all skill levels are welcome including beginners. Those interested are encouraged to stop by Thursday nights at 8:00. For more information, contact Pete Kilkelly at 203 248 2839,

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY - *Our prayers and condolences go out:*** To Bridie Stratton, Westbrook and Helen Stretton, Cheshire on the death of their brother Patrick Kelleher in Co Longford.

To Sarah and Ned Foley, Hamden, on the death of Sarah's sister Margaret McCotter in Chicago by way of Connemara.

To Jack Nolan on the death of his wife, club member Ann Nolan of Hamden.

**GET WELL WISHES - *Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:*** Eileen Hennessy and Donald Kacenski, Branford, Sandy Kline, New Haven, Mary Lane and Frances McGreevy, Hamden.

**REMINDER**- check the IACC website and Facebook page for updates. These pages and email are the most up to date forms of communication to our members and are updated constantly.

**EMAILS** - Want to receive the club emails? Sign up or update your new email address on our new club website <http://iacc-ct.com/>. Many of the email addresses have been sent back to us as incorrect, so if you did not receive any emails in March, please sign up on the website with your email address. Please remember to "unblock" emails from Constant Contact. Email Kerry Martens if you have any questions.

**ECHOES OF ERIN** - Tune in to "Echoes of Erin" broadcasting live twice weekly, Sundays 2:00 Noon – 2:00 PM and Mondays 6:00-8:00 PM, also on the internet at [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)., with hosts, Pat & Joan Kennedy, Pat Hosey & Siobhan Dacey and Mike McGrath, on WNHU, 88.7 FM, your station for the very best in Irish Music.

**SOUNDS OF IRELAND** - Hosted by father and son Sean and Brendan Canning, this program of traditional Irish music has been running for nearly three decades. On WQUN 1220 AM, you can listen in Sundays from 9:00-11:00 AM

**MUSIC OF IRELAND** – The Music of Ireland show is back to its old time slot live 6:00-8:00 PM Thursdays WNHU, 88.7 FM. Your host is Tom Faherty and Kenny, live from Ireland, with all the Sports and News.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** - The club membership list is private and confidential. It cannot be used without expressed consent of the Executive Board.

**Please submit future newsletter information to Kelly Baker at [baker0405@gmail.com](mailto:baker0405@gmail.com)**

**IRISH AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Many thanks to all who ran or helped out at the recent functions at our club. Thank you to this year's play director Eileen Roxby, the cast and stage crew for putting on a great play. It was too bad that we lost the first night because of the weather but for those who got to see it I know they enjoyed it. I hope everyone had a great night at the banquet.

My thanks to Mike Faherty and his committee for all the hard work they put in to make it a really enjoyable night. It was real nice to see everyone together having a good time.

A big thank you to Mike Gethings for all of the work he did this year to keep our field looking great.

I want to thank Anne Meaney and Johnny Hanlon for all they did for me, and the IACC throughout the year. The club always looks great.

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us. Our annual bazaar will be even better with a lot of new items and vendors. Don't forget the breakfast that morning. Following the bazaar we will have the youth football awards. I want to congratulate all of our youth footballers and hurlers for an outstanding and successful year. The club is very proud of you all.

My thanks to the youth football committee, the coaches and the parents for everything you did to make this a very successful year for the kids. My thanks to all of our teachers who gave us a lot of their time this year and to Janet Butterworth and her retirees group for all of their help. Don't forget our Christmas Concert on Dec 14th as it will be a good one.

Thank you to John O' Donovan for keeping us up to date with our members who are sick and those who we have lost this year.

If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apology as it was not intentional. This year has been very good for the club and I know next year will be even better. There is nothing we can't accomplish as long as we work together and respect one another.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, John Cullinan

**NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

As we approach the Holiday season and the close to another year, I am so thankful to all the members of our Club, who have come forward and volunteered their time and energy to help keep our club going strong. I would like to thank Lynda Burke, Pat O'Donoghue and Matt Frawley, for their service as officers of the club.

To all the incoming officers I wish you all the best and thank you for taking the time to keep our club moving forward. It has been my honor to have served as the NHGF&HC President for the past two years, and I know Pete Burke will do an outstanding job in that role.

Thank you to all the committees within the club for your dedication and hard work for your fellow members.

My heartfelt thanks to Johnnie Hanlon and Anne Meaney for all your hard work throughout the year.

My family and I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our members and their families. God Bless, Tom Conway

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