



# 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-9p

**February 2016**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### Feb.

Sat. 13th Parade Queen Selection 8pm  
 Thurs. 18th Retirees Meeting 12.30pm  
 Fri. 19th Happy Hour 4-8pm  
 Sun. 21st Festival/Feis meeting 4pm  
 Sat. 27th Seisiun 7pm  
 Sun. 28th Festival/Feis meeting 4pm  
 Sun. 28th Corned beef dinner 1-4pm

#### March

Sat. 5th St. Patrick's Parade Ball 7pm  
 Sun. 6th Social Meeting 3pm  
 Fri. 11th Happy Hour 4-8pm  
 Sun. 13th Mass at 10am St. Mary, New Haven  
 Sun. 13th Parade 1.30pm  
 Sun. 13th Music and food at club 4-8pm  
 Sun. 17th Irish Breakfast 8-11am

Sat. 19th Emmet Cahill 7pm  
 Thurs. 24th Retirees Corned beef dinner 12.30pm  
 Sat. 26th Kids Easter egg hunt  
 Sat. 26th Corn Hole Tournament 1pm  
**Save the dates**  
 7th May - golf tournament  
 14th May - Casino bus trip  
 27th May - open mike night

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30 PM - Executive Board  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 8:00 PM - General Membership  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7:30 PM - Youth Irish Football  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 12:30 PM - Retirees  
 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 1:00 PM - Genealogy  
**REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS**  
 Wednesday - 7:30 PM - Gaelic Language  
 Thursday - 7:30 PM - Curlews Music

## Upcoming Events

### BAR PRICES INCREASING 1<sup>st</sup> April

Unfortunately due to the cost of doing business and increases in the price of liquor and beer we are forced to raise our prices slightly at the bar. We hope you understand.

### 2016 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN SELECTION Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8pm

Please take this opportunity to represent your club and the Irish Community as our 60<sup>th</sup> Queen at the 2016 St. Patrick Day Parade and for the entire year! Contest Date: Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Doors open 7pm. Contestants must be 17 years or older and a member or daughter/granddaughter of a member of one of the four Irish associations in New Haven - New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club, West Haven Irish American Club, Knights of St. Patrick, & Ancient Order of Hibernians. For more information or questions, please contact Fiona Stewart at [parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com) or (203) 915-8943.

### RETIRES MEETINGS Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm

Monthly meeting of the retirees will be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm. There will be a movie (JFK) after the meeting. Dues for 2016 are payable January-June. Please pay early. The meeting Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March will be the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Reservations are a must and 2015 dues must be paid in order to make a reservation. Call Sharon 203 488 6605 or Beth 203 230 2993 if you do not make a reservation at the meeting for the dinner.

### HAPPY HOUR Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. and 11<sup>th</sup> March 4-8pm

Happy Hour will be on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March from 4-8pm. Each member gets one free drink. Come on out for good conversation and music in the lounge. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

### 2016 CT. IRISH FESTIVAL and FEIS MEETING Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 4pm.

The next two Festival and Feis meetings will be held on Sunday, February, 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. and Sunday, February, 28<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Our aim is to have all chair people in place by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will allow adequate time for the building of all committees, especially those that need to be up and running early in the year. All help in keeping this event in the forefront of Irish activities for 2016 is appreciated. It is doubly important on this, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fight for Irish independence, that we all make a major effort in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. They gave their lives, we only have to give our time. Thank you for your help. More info. P.Hosey@sbglobal.net.

### SEISIUN - A night of traditional music Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7pm

Join Joe Gerhard and friends for a great night of Irish traditional music on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. No admission charge. Further info contact Eileen Roxbee 203 584 4234.

### ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com). Reservations are necessary to avoid over or under buying by 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

### ST. PATRICK'S PARADE BALL Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

The 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball this year will take place at Anthony's Ocean View, 450 Lighthouse Rd, New Haven at 7pm on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations to our own Member, Colleen Hines, who is this year's Grand Marshal! The four Irish Societies proudly announce the honourees: Grand Marshal, Colleen A.M.B. Hines, James J. Dinnan Award to Edward J. McManus, Appreciation Award to Maureen E. Burns, Esq., and the Cornelius Driscoll Award to Jim Travers. Dancing to the great sounds of Just One More and DJ Rick Scirroco. Buffet, open bar and Silent Auction. Contribution \$100pp. RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Anne Hines @ 488-4902 or email [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com).

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The Parade Committee is running a raffle fundraiser to help offset the high cost of putting the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the streets of New Haven on 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket to help the cause. First Prize is \$5,000, Second Prize is \$1,500 and Third Prize is \$1,000. Drawing will be held at Knights of St. Patrick at 8pm on 1<sup>st</sup> April. For tickets and more information contact Anne Hines 203 488 4902 or [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com).

### SOCIAL MEETING Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm

A Social Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. We have a lot of activity over the upcoming months and all events will be discussed. All suggestions, ideas and volunteers most welcome.

### ANNUAL PARADE MASS to HONOUR JOAN MOYNIHAN Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> March 10am.

On Sunday March 13, 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.



### 2016 Uprising Commemoration Pin.

On April 24, 1916, the British bombarded the General Post Office building in Dublin. Many of our heroes lost their lives during the uprising, an era that the Irish will never forget. Irish people all over the world is set to honour the lives of those who perished in that massacre this coming April which marks its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. An official commemoration pin (see image) has been designed for this event. Everyone having Irish connections all over the world will surely be wearing one as we approach April. The pins are \$5 each and can be purchased from 2 sources. We have dropped off 50 pins to Katie Regan, owner of the new recently-

opened Irish Goods Store called, 'The Luckey Ewe', which is located at the corner of Dixwell and Whitney Aves. in Hamden. The second source is Finbarr at 203-272-0118. We expect the pins will sell out quickly. Thank you. Finnbar.

#### PARADE DAY MARCHERS

John Mackey is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 13<sup>th</sup> March. If anyone is interested in marching or carrying one of our many County flags please contact John. The appointment of flag bearers is on a first come, first served basis. Call 203-314-9683 early if you have a particular flag you wish to carry.

#### PARADE DAY Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 two buses leaving from our Club at 11.30 SHARP!! To bring us to the starting point of the parade. Afterward we will have an early and late bus to transport the marchers back to the club for ceol agus craic. Entertainment - 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 John Mackey 203 314 9683.

#### IRISH MUSIC ALL DAY LONG WNHU 88.7FM 8am - 6pm Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> March

This is Pat & Joan Kennedy's 25<sup>th</sup> year bringing you a full day of Irish music on St. Patrick's Day, March 17<sup>th</sup>. 2016 on WNHU 88.7 F.M. and streaming live on the web at WNHU.net. Starting at 8 a.m. they will bring you 10 hours of your favorite music and song. Lots of giveaways all day long. So tune in on March 17<sup>th</sup> and sing along.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club. Watch the All Ireland Club Football and Hurling Finals starting at 8.30am. Irish breakfast will be served till 11am and corned beef sandwiches will be available all day. More information next newsletter. If you have time to volunteer this day please call any club officer.

#### EMMET CAHILL in concert Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Widely regarded as one of Ireland's most exciting young performers, multi-award winning Irish tenor Emmet Cahill will perform at the IACC on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Cahill's show is a mix of Irish classics, as well as love songs, contemporary tunes and many Broadway/movie favourites. In Emmet's words: its going to be a night of songs and stories, as well as lots of laughs thrown in for good measure. Tickets at the reduced price of \$20pp (member benefit). For reservations and more info contact Joan Hall 203 469 4252.

#### CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm

Corn Hole Tournament, Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Football Fundraiser. Grab a partner and sign up for our first annual Corn Hole Tournament. Registration starts at 1:00 pm and tournament starts at 2:00 pm. Cash prizes for first, second and third place! Don't have a partner? Well come down anyway and we'll find you one. Don't miss out on the fun! Contact John Mackey 203 314 9683 [john.mackey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john.mackey@sbcglobal.net) for further info.

#### 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 1916 UPRISING COMMITTEE

Please contact Eileen Roxbee 203 584 4234 [roxbeeileen@gmail.com](mailto:roxbeeileen@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our 1916 Easter Uprising Committee.

#### CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

Please note that there is a minimum charge of \$10 on every credit card purchase.

#### GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

Gift Certificates are available for IACC Memberships and GAA Games. It's a gift that lasts the whole year through. IACC Memberships are as follows: Single Senior \$20, Senior Couple \$30, Individual \$50, Family \$75. GAA Gift Certificates are \$220 for the 2016 season. What a bargain! This includes the viewing of unlimited Irish Football and Hurling games at the IACC. For Gift Certificates please contact Mike Faherty 203 640 8927 [maherty@snet.net](mailto:maherty@snet.net)

#### GAA GAMES SCHEDULE - Feb.

The cost of the early season games through the end of April is \$10.00 per game and when the Championship games start in May charge is \$20.00. A season pass is \$220.00 which includes all games. Further info and to purchase a pass contact Mike Faherty 203 640 8927. Please help to promote the games.

Sat Feb 6

2:00pm Football Mayo V Dublin. 3:45pm Football Armagh V Laois

Sun Feb 7

9:00am Football Donegal V Cork. 10:45am Football Kerry V Roscommon

Sat Feb 13

2:00pm Hurling Tipperary V Dublin 3:45pm Hurling Limerick V Wexford

Sun Feb 14

9:00am Hurling Galway V Cork 10:45 Hurling Waterford V Kilkenny.

Sat Feb 20

2:00pm Hurling Dublin V Galway 3:45 Hurling Cork V Waterford.

Sun Feb 21

9:00am Hurling Wexford V Clare 10:45am Hurling Kilkenny V Tipperary.

Sat Feb 27

3:45pm Football Armagh V Fermanagh

Sun Feb 28.

9:00am Football Donegal V Mayo 10:45am Football Kerry V Down

**DONATIONS:** Many thanks to the following Members who so generously donated to our Club when paying their 2016 dues. If you have already paid and now wish to send in a donation it will be greatly appreciated. Tom & Eileen Conway, Steve Jacksis, Stephen Flynn, Chris & Debbie Morgan, Michael & Anne Faherty, Thomas Powers, Denis Pomfret, Mary Kelleher, Tom Riley, Donald & Bernadette White, Michael & Ann O'Sullivan, Joseph & Cecilia Martin, Eileen Regan, Pat & Carolyn Hosey, Robert Lingane, John & Audrey Hanniford, Jillian & Jason Simms, John & Mary Lawless

#### 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 Alison McCormack 203 272 4465 or email her at [almack325@sbcglobal.net](mailto:almack325@sbcglobal.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 Alison know.

#### NEW MEMBERS

With pleasure we welcome the following New Members – hope to see you frequently at our Club. Francis & Sarah McManus, Cheshire, Mary Jane Kelsey, Branford, Ed & Lisa Sweeney, Milford, Philomena Esposito, Hamden, Bernard Keilty, Milford, Russell W Egan Jr, Clinton.

#### NHGF&H 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 lounge. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact Bernie Singer at [bernard.singer@snet.net](mailto:bernard.singer@snet.net).

#### ANNUAL BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE - NEW LOCATION

Our 2016 Irish Man and Woman of the Year Banquet will be held on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> November at Fantasia. Music will be by the Noel Henry Band from Boston. More info in the coming months.

#### PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the following:  
Frances Carey, Hamden on the death of her son John Patrick Carey, Ohio. John was a standout footballer in our underage program a few years back. He travelled to Ireland with the team in 1985;  
To Mary McCormack, Hamden and Eamonn McCarthy, Bridgeport on the death of their brother John McCarthy in Co. Limerick  
To Roger and Eva Savage, North Branford, on the death of Eva's father Carmen Diglio, North Branford.  
Get Well Wishes:  
To Eileen Donadio, Northford, Janet Butterworth, New Haven and Pat Kennedy, Bethany, Maise and John O'Keefe, New Haven. .

#### WEEKLY MEETINGS

Keep in mind every Wednesday at 7.30pm the Gaelic Language classes are held and every Thursday the Curlews practice and play in the lounge at 7.30pm.

#### SAVE THE DATE: NOTICE FOR ALL TRADITIONAL MUSIC LOVERS

A traditional music concert is planned with the great Uileann Piper, Paddy Keenan on tour from Ireland. The date of the concert is Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Mark your calendars for that date....more details next newsletter.

#### YOUTH FOOTBALL MEETING

The Youth footballers meet the first Thursday of each month. Games, schedules, fundraisers etc. are discussed. Please come out and support these young athletes. More information call Chairman Mike Faherty 203 640 8927.

#### LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220 WQUN or [www.wqun.com](http://www.wqun.com)

Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm Monday 6-8pm FM 88.7 WNHU [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)  
Music of Ireland Thursday 6:00-8:00 P.M. FM 88.7 WNHU or [www.wnhu.net](http://www.wnhu.net)

#### 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 Anne Hines at [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 [theresa.obrien@live.com](mailto:theresa.obrien@live.com).

#### HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND? IF NOT, PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION TODAY.

Thank you to the following members for their generous donations to our capital improvement campaign:

#### Gold \$1,000 to \$4,999

Sean Cox, Carroll MacFarlane, Michael Hanlon, John and Wendy Mackey, Sean Scollan (Anna and Daniel Murphy), John and Kathleen O'Donovan, Michael and Anne Faherty, John and Alison McCormack, John and Anne Cullinan, Jay and Kelly McGuinness, Miriam and Joe Lillis, William and Rosemary Barrett, Geoffrey Maxwell, Bill & Denise Mackey, George Waldron, Edward & Sarah Foley, Dennis & Andrea Regan, Vincent & Maureen McCabe, Sean O'Murray, State Farm Companies Foundation, Eileen and Kevin Roxbee, John & Masie O' Keefe, Fred & Kathleen Saunders, Bob & Maryalce Lee, Margaret & Charlie Starrs, Robert & Carmel Larese, Gerrard Keniry, Carole Brown, Edward Shanahan, Chris Manning.

#### Silver \$500 to \$999

Diane Wright, Patrick and Carolyn Hosey, David and Agnes Flynn, Dominic Sheehan, Richard Ranciato, Martin & Pat Donohue, Peter and Mary Burke, Carolyn Westerfield, Ann Brady, Aiden Shine, Dan Turbett, Robert & Maria Roche, Anne & John Hines, State Farm Good Neighbor Grant Program, via John McCormack

#### Bronze Less than \$500

Timothy Wall, Joan Hess, Vincent Kiernan, William and Eileen Tinker, Richard and Margaret Hopkins, Richard and Maryette Russell, Lisabeth and Shawn Hemingway, John and Louise Ortoleva, Joseph and Teresa Gill, Justine Miller, Susan Mc Nerney, Vivian Baker, Patricia O'Connor, Tom and Maura Sullivan, Mary Parker, David and Elizabeth O'Keefe, George O'Day Jr, Joseph and Cecilia Martin, Bruce and Mary Dapkins, Claire Boylan, Ronald and Geraldine Remer, John and Adela Collins, Kevin and Frances Woods, Cornelius and Joan Foley, Michael and Agnes Sheehan, Ann Pervier, Michael Malone, Robert T Gilhuly, John and Audrey Hanniford, Claire & William Brayfield, Edward McMahon, Anna Crowe, The Selmani Family Joan, Michael Klara, Catherine McMorrow, Kathleen Turbett, Rosemary Balsam MD, Michael & Margaret Shea, Dr. Dori Cole, Joe Nolan, Daniel & Emma Kirby, Katherine Heeran, Daria McCabe, Fr Philip Sharkey, Rory McCormack, Ann Smyth, Francis and Cristine Supple, Gerry and Anne Marie Rooney, Kirby & Laurie Hawkes, Carole B. Brown, John McGowan, Denis Pomfret, Theresa O'Brien, Brendan & Maura Donohue, Maureen C Delahunt, Joseph Foley, Mary (Crissie) C. Parker, Georgeanne Flanagan, David & Elizabeth O'Keefe, Susan Mc Nerney, Michael & Andrea Hogan, Jason & Jillian Simms, Bob & Maryette Russell, Russell & Pauline Mower, Nathalie Manniel, Mary Wallace, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, Patricia Stratton Bailey, Anne & Paul Paulsen, Eileen Tozzo (Courtney), Ann Pervier, Shelia & John Haverhampf, Brian Burgh, Frank Supple, Mary Jane Conroy, Daniel Mallon, Anne Marie Mulholland, Edward & Eileen Donadio, Geraldine Faherty, Vincent & Claire Cleary, Donald & Bernadette White, Eileen Mulvey, Helen Kobylenski, David Howe, Thomas Sbabo, Margaret Jensen, John & Marie Lawless, Dorel Benson, Mike & Maryann Dean, Brendan Faherty, Connor, Deirdre and Seamus Dolan, Emmet & Elizabeth Moore, Judy Doyle and Mike Clifford, Enda Cox/Donna Borzillo, Laurel Blauvelt, Robert & Shirley Meagher, Thomas Brennan, Rita & Christian Brayfield, Patricia Wall, Alice Marsh, William & Justine Early, Dermot Mulhall, Tommy O'Malley, Ann Purcell, Tom & Linda Morrissey, Sharon Kearns, Pat Heslin, Cathy & Bobby Catapano, Susanne Bowery, Dawne Flynn, George Pritchard, Paul Rook, John (Jay) Cannon, Patrick & Mary Begley, Cheryl Kling, Susanne Cooney, Marion Smith, Margot L'Heureux, James & Sandra Hanrahan, Betty Hunter, Elizabeth Regan, Joan Harlow, Mary Kelleher, Jillian Simms, Edith Kufta.

The capital improvement campaign is necessary to help raise funds for interior and exterior improvements which include remodeling the front façade on the building and the lounge area. Additionally, a large outside patio and pavilion will be constructed and the expansion of our field to the minimum Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) requirements. These improvements will make our facility more enjoyable for all our members. The removal of rock and excess dirt will start up again in the spring. This is our club and we need your support to complete these key projects. Every dollar will bring us closer to our goal. Please remember that the Irish American Community Center, Inc. is recognized as a 501C3 not-for-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Therefore your charitable

contributions are deductible to the extent allowable under IRS regulations. Please check with your tax advisor for any limits on your contribution. Thank you again to those who have supported this campaign and in advance to our remaining members for your anticipated generous support. Mike Faherty, Campaign Chairman, 203-640-8927.

#### IRISH HISTORY AND CURRENT ISSUES CLASS Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm

Member Peter McManus will be conducting an adult enrichment course "Irish History and Current Issues" on Tuesday March 8, 6:30-8:00PM at the Morgan School, Clinton. Cost is \$15.00. Peadar has a high level of knowledge of Irish politics. With 2016 being the centenary year of the Irish Proclamation of Independence this course will be of great interest. Includes: culture, Gaelic language intro, political institutions, economy and a warm-up for Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Parade on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The course is offered through East Shore Region Adult & Continuing Education. Information and registration online: [www.erace-adulted.org](http://www.erace-adulted.org). Further info contact Peadar 203.824.9400.

#### COAT OF ARMS FUNDRAISER

The newly renovated lounge is now named "The Heritage Pub" because each member is a part of the long history and heritage of the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club / Irish American Community Center. By purchasing your coat of arms it will be displayed in "The Heritage Pub" and the proceeds go towards the club's building renovations. Cost: \$60.00 per coat of arms. It's not just for Irish surnames – You can order any surname. Money back guaranteed if your coat of arms cannot be found. Please see the enclosed order form or go to the IACC website at [www.iacc-ct.com](http://www.iacc-ct.com) under Heritage Pub for info. Any questions please email [theresa.obrien@live.com](mailto:theresa.obrien@live.com).

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Mail order form and check (payable to IACC/NHGF&HC) to: Coat of Arms Fundraiser, C/O Theresa O'Brien, 41 Bedford Avenue, Hamden, CT 06517

Any questions please email [theresa.obrien@live.com](mailto:theresa.obrien@live.com). Gift Certificates Available  
Each coat of arms is permanently imprinted in full color on a brass toned shield, which is then affixed to a handsome 8" x 10" hardwood cherry-stained plaque

#### YOUTH FOOTBALL UPDATE

Indoor training schedule- Sundays started in January- Ct Sportsplex, Route 80, North Branford. February 14, 2:30-4, February 20, 2:30-4, March 6, 2:30-4, March 20, 2:30-4.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Alison McCormack, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### NEWSLETTER - FEEDBACK WANTED

The Executive Board would like your feedback on the idea of our monthly newsletter going to bi-monthly. Weekly emails giving all updates, reminders etc. would still be sent via email. Please let us know your feelings. Contact Anne Hines [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com) or 203 488 4902.



**GAELIC CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well the busy season at our club is rapidly approaching. Please read the newsletter carefully as there will be lots of events to choose from - please consider joining us at any or all of them. Remember that our Queen selection night is February 13<sup>th</sup>. Do you know a daughter or grand daughter of a club member who would like to represent the Irish Community for a year? Please let us know! Mark your calendar for Parade Day, March 13<sup>th</sup>. We need as many marchers and banner carriers as possible so please show up and get on the bus! Please consider inviting a friend to any of our upcoming events. Our club is only as good as its members. So many people don't know where we are and what we do. When they learn about us they are often happy to join. Thanks and see you at the Club!  
John Joe Mackey.

**IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our calendar is filling up with some wonderful events. Please join us for the happy hours listed on the newsletter and the great traditional music events we have planned. We are gearing up for a wonderful St. Patrick's Day celebration and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irish uprising in April. I hope to see you at one of our events. Thank you To the Martens family and Joan Hall for hosting our pork dinner and movie night. Everyone had a wonderful time. Our monthly meetings have very poor attendance. I invite you to join us the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 to hear your ideas and share in the conversation about our club. Have you paid you 2016 dues? March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline and it is quickly approaching. Your membership dues help to support all the wonderful events that we bring to the club for your enjoyment. Without your support, we would not have such a wonderful calendar of events that helps us celebrate our heritage. We encourage you to bring a friend to any of our events as we are always looking for additional members.  
Enjoy the rest of winter! Slainte, Eileen.

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