



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 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.

Sat. 4th Traditional Irish Concert 7pm
 Sun. 5th Super bowl 5pm
 Fri. 10th Happy Hour 4pm
 Sat. 11th Parade Queen Selection 7pm
 Sun. 12th General Membership Meeting 1pm
 Sun. 12th Traditional Irish Concert 2:30pm
 Thurs. 16th Retirees Meeting 12:30pm
 Sun. 19th Installation breakfast 9am
 Sun. 26th Corned beef dinner 1pm

March

Fri. 10th Happy Hour 4pm
 Sun. 12th Mass at St. Mary, New Haven 10am
 Sun. 12th Parade Day
 Fri. 17th St. Patrick's Day
 Tues. 21st Chamber of Commerce 5:30pm

BAR HOURS: Sunday 1-9pm

Wed. - Sat. 7pm - closing
 Happy Hour Fridays ONLY 4pm - closing

KEY CARD LOCK NOW INSTALLED

As of 1st June you will need your membership card to enter our club - per STATE LAW.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our Financial Secretary, Mary Roddy, would like to remind all our members that membership dues are payable 1st 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.

Upcoming Events

TRADITIONAL IRISH CONCERT Sat. 4th Feb. @ 7pm.

The IACC proudly presents The Boys and Girl from County Clare on Saturday, 4th February at 7pm. A concert not to be missed with Murty Ryan (accordion), Liam Murphy (guitar/vocals), Siobhan Peoples (fiddle) and Noel O'Donoghue (flute). Tickets \$20. For more information 203 469 3080 www.iacc-ct.com.

SUPER BOWL Sunday 5th Feb. @ 5pm

Come join us on Super Bowl Sunday, 5th February at 5:00 pm. \$25 admission includes open bar beer and well drinks starting an hour before kick-off and ending an hour after the game is over, plus appetizers throughout the game and a meal at half time. Designated drivers admission \$10. Questions John Joe Mackey 203 314 9683.

HAPPY HOUR Fri. 10th Feb. and Fri. 10th March @ 4pm

Happy Hours will be on Friday, 10th February and 10th March starting at 4pm. Each happy hour we will do drink specials, half price on the choice of the day, buy one get one etc. Come on out for good conversation and music in the lounge. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

PARADE QUEEN SELECTION Sat. 11th Feb. at 8pm – doors open 7pm

2017 Queen Selection - celebrating 61 years of friendship, love and loyalty to the Irish Community!!!! Please join us on Saturday, 11th February to see who will be crowned the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and become the next young lady to represent the Irish Community in a tradition lasting over 60 years. Come and see not only Queens of the past but of the future with our precious Taras & Claddaghs. It will be an evening you won't want to miss! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00, children under 13 are free. Contestants are young ladies of the Irish Community taking part in this magical event! Contestants must be 17 years of age, single, a member, daughter or grand daughter of one of the four Irish Societies (NHGF& Hurling Club, Knights of St. Patrick, West Haven Irish American Club or Ancient Order of Hibernians). For more information please contact: Fiona Stewart parade.queen@gmail.com.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Sunday 12th Feb. @ 1pm

Looking at some of the responses from the membership survey it was suggested we try a general membership meeting on a Sunday with the hope that more members will attend. With that being said our February meeting will be held on Sunday 12th February at 1pm. Please make every attempt to join us with your ideas, concerns, suggestions etc.

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC CONCERT Sunday 12th Feb. @ 2.30pm

Traditional musicians Oisín Mac Diarmada, and Seamus Begley are currently visiting this area, on tour from Ireland. They are performing in concert at the Irish American Community Center on Sunday February 12th 2017 at 2:30pm. Expect sparks to fly when the West Kerry accordionist Seamus

joins forces with Sligo fiddler Oisín. Seamus Begley is the quintessential Irish musician, an eager storyteller known for his sharp wit and famous for pumping out tune after tune at all night sessions with an energy that is sometimes alarming. He has toured extensively with performers such as Altan, Mary Black and Teada. Seamus was recently awarded the Traditional Singer of the Year award in recognition of his major contribution to Irish ballad singing. Fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmada, founder of noted group Teada, has been described by Earle Hitchner as "one of the most gifted and creative traditional fiddlers playing today." He has appeared as guest soloist with the Southern Georgia Symphony Orchestra and accompanied Irish President Mary McAleese on a state visit to Romania. Oisín has numerous recent albums with Teada and with Seamus Begley. In 2015 Oisín released a solo album. Tickets are available at the door \$25.00—or in advance for \$20. Info: John O'Donovan 203-281-3563 odonovankinsale@snet.net or Pat Stratton 860-664-1600, pstratton6@sbcglobal.net

RETIRES MEETING Thurs. 16th Feb. at 12.30pm

16th February's meeting will be a movie TBD. Please call Sharon Kearns 203 488 6605 if you have any questions. Dues for 2017 are payable January-June. Please pay early. The meeting Thursday, 23rd March will be the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Reservations are a must and 2016 dues must be paid in order to make a reservation. Call Sharon 203 488 6605 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

INSTALLATION BREAKFAST Sun. 19th Feb. 9am - noon.

Join us for the installation of new officers and recognition of out-going officer's breakfast. All of our officers past and present are very important to the continued success of our club. Plan on attending to show your appreciation for their volunteerism and help, past and present. This will be an opportunity to meet the new officers and offer your support for the coming year. It is also a good way for potential new members to be introduced to our club. American style hot breakfast is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Advance reservations are a great help in planning for food and seating. You may reserve by calling Pat Hosey 203 248 1538 or email p.hosey@sbcglobal.net.

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER Sun. 26th Feb. 1-4pm

Our Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be held at the Club on Sunday, 26th 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. Reservations are necessary to avoid over or under buying by 23rd Feb. We will also have a bake sale that day to benefit our young footballers.

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE BALL Fri. 24th Feb. @ 7pm

The 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade Ball this year will take place at Anthony's

Ocean View, 450 Lighthouse Rd, New Haven at 7pm on Friday, 24th February. Congratulations to our own Member, Cliff Lynch, who is this year's Grand Marshal! The four Irish Societies proudly announce the honourees: Grand Marshal, Clifford W. Lynch Jr, James J. Dinnan Award to Porcini International, Appreciation Award to Patricia Judge Nester and the Cornelius Driscoll Award to Dorinda Keenan Borer. Dancing to the great sounds of The New York Showband. Buffet and open bar. Contribution \$100pp. RSVP to Joanne Conlan 203 934 0770 josie2659@aol.com.

ANNUAL PARADE MASS to HONOUR JOAN MOYNIHAN Sun. 12th March 10am.

On Sunday March 12, 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.

PARADE DAY MARCHERS Sunday 12th March at 1.30pm

John Mackey is working on organizing our Club's marching contingent for our Parade in New Haven on 12th 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 12th 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 12th 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY Thursday 17th 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.

SAVE THE DATE---SUNDAY APRIL 30TH 2017. 'PAT STRATTON APPRECIATION DAY'.....Come join us for an afternoon of music, song and dance in honor of Leitrim's favorite son. Pat has organized the very successful traditional Irish music concerts at our club over the past fifteen years and this day of appreciation is a thank you to pay for his years of dedication.

IN DOOR TRAINING FOR YOUTH GAELIC FOOTBALL

We will have indoor training at the Connecticut Sportsplex, 216 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT on the following dates: February 5th - 2:00 - 3:00, February 12th - 5:00 - 6:00, February 26th - 11:00 - 12:00. All kids are welcome. The first two sessions were a great success and we look forward to seeing more kids on our next three sessions.

Coaching Clinic

On Sunday, March 5th from 11:00 - 12:30 we will be hosting a Coaching Clinic at the Connecticut Sportsplex, 216 Foxon Road, North Branford, CT. Simon Gillespie, the Development Officer for the New York Minor Board will be doing the clinic. This clinic is for all - seasoned coaches, new coaches, moms and dads who want to learn more about the game and get more involved, and kids age 16 or over. Everyone will come away learning something new.

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the following:
The Gaffney family on the death of their mother, club member Anne Gaffney, Hamden by way of Co. Cavan.

Freda and Michael McDermott of Wallingford on the recent death of Freda's brother Patrick McMahon, Co. Louth.

The Hinkley family on the death of Theresa Hinkley, Hamden.

The Gavin and Pervier family on the death of club member Ann Gavin Pervier of Stratford.

Peter Lynch, Branford, on the death of his mother Teresa Lynch of Co. Cork.

Get Well Wishes: Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to:

Rose Mary Hartigan and Jane Sinski, New Haven and Walter Nester, North Haven.

NEW MEMBERS

With pleasure we welcome the following New Members - hope to see you frequently at our Club.

Timothy & Debbie Henley, East Haven, Karen Edwards, West Haven and Michael & Pamela Colerette, East Haven.

DONATIONS

Many thanks to the following members who paid their dues and enclosed an additional donation to our club: Mary & James Lyng, Mary Jane & Roger Kelsey, Anne & John Hines, Rosemary Barrett, Carolyn & Pat Hosey, Victor Smith, Nigel David, Scott & Karen Barrett, Roger & Eva Savage, Timothy Wall, Machael Malone, Carolyn Westerfield, Brendan & Marie Donohue, Kevin & Eileen Roxbee, Steven Silk, Nathalie Manniel, Russell & Pauline Mower, Dominic Sheehan, Joseph & Cecilia Martin Jr., Michael & Andrea Hogan, Ed & Mary Cortright, Thomas Patrick & Maura Sullivan, Thomas Mitchell, Con & Joan Foley, Daniel Ryan, David & Betsey O'Keefe, Elizabeth Murphy, John & Margaret Sullivan, Anna May McNulty, Sean O'Murray, Bruce & Mary Dapkins, John & Regina Healy Sr., Hugh Keefe, Denis Pomfret, Mary Jane & Roger Kelsey, Joan Harlow, Martin & Pat Donohue, Brian Burgh, Bernard & Mary O'Doy, Patrick & Bridget McManus, Frederick & Kathleen Saunders, George Waldron, Kathleen Stretton, Frank & Brigid White, Elizabeth Regan, John Keefe, Mary McCormack, Celia Hogan, John & Kathleen O'Donovan, Robert Gilhuly, David Campbell, John & Alison McCormack, Mary B Smith, Suzanne Cooney, John R O'Connor, Cathy Luedee, Philip Gannon, David & Agnes Flynn, Marguerite & Richard Jackson, Gerard Rooney, Michael & Anne Faherty, Dennis & Andrea Regan, Eileen & Donald Tozzo, Steven Jacksis, Richard & Margaret Hopkins, Daniel & Connie Murphy, Geoffrey & Lesley Maxwell, James Gibbons, Joe Nolan, Rosemary Barrett, John & Rosalie McGuire, Kathleen McGovern, Carol Serio, Edward McMahon, John & Kathleen Sullivan, Mary Jane Conroy, John & Audrey Hanniford, Mary Cotter, Pat Whelan, Edward & Eileen Donadio, Gerry & Nancy Stratton, Susanne Bowery, Stephen & Patricia Jankowski, Maureen Roberts, John Hyde, Daniel & Mary Cotter, James & Teresa McGloin, Brendan & Anne Marie Canning, Eileen Mulvey, Dotti & Pat Heslin and Stephen Flynn.

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 Mary Roddy 203 506 8367 or email her at mroddy@snet.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 Mary know.

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 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 theresa.obrien@live.com.

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.

LOCAL IRISH RADIO PROGRAMS

Sounds of Ireland Sun. 9:00 A.M.-11:00 P.M. AM 1220 WQUN or www.wqun.com

Echoes of Erin Sun. 12- 2pm FM 88.7 WNHU www.wnhu.net

Music of Ireland Thursday 7:00-9:00 P.M. FM 88.7 WNHU or www.wnhu.net

PARADE EVENTS

Friday, February 10 in New Haven: Comedy Night: Join us for a great night of laughs with some of New Haven's funniest comics who will be on stage at the Knights of St. Patrick Grand Hall in New Haven from 8 - 11 PM. Enjoy the comedy of Josh Levinson, Dave Sheehan, Craig Taylor, Shawn Murray, Daniel Kalwhite, and others! Drink specials and bar menu available! \$10/pp will benefit the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. More information 203.410.3098.

Sunday, February 12: in New Haven: Meet the Parade Queen and Honor Attendant Brunch!

Calling all children, families, and future parade queens! Come and meet the newly crowned New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen and her Honor Attendant at a family-friendly brunch on Sunday, February 12 at 11:30 AM at Anna Liffey's Restaurant in New Haven! This will be the Queen and honor attendants first public appearance! The afternoon will include many activities for children, movies, crafts, and other fun games for all. Brunch will include a continental breakfast buffet including omelet's, selection of eggs benedict, fruit, Irish meats, bangers, pudding, juice and coffee. Get your tickets today for a fun-filled afternoon with the Queens! \$16 brunch.

More info Courtney Lundgren courtney.lundgren@gmail.com.

Wednesday, February 22 in West Haven: PAINT NIGHT SOCIAL! Come out and help support the St. Patrick's Day Parade and participate in a fun-filled evening and learn to paint. You will be instructed by a teacher from Paint Social Art and be completely surprised at your finished product! Start time is 7:00 at the Off-Shore Restaurant in West Haven. Beginners and professionals are all welcome - all supplies provided. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the venue. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.paintsocialart.com. The cost is \$45.00 pp. For more info please contact Nancy: 203.907.6639; nancygoudemant@aol.com

Thursday, March 2 in Hamden: Lucky Ewe Shopping Day!

Visit the Lucky Ewe Irish Goods Store at 2371 Whitney Avenue in Hamden between 10 AM and 8PM on Thursday, March 2 and shop for your parade apparel, gifts, Irish food, and so much more. Free raffles for a chance to win Lucky Ewe items throughout the day. 10% of all sales will be donated to the St. Patrick's Day Parade! For more info Bernadette Canning: 203.444.4406 or Lucky Ewe in Hamden: 203.507.2160

Friday, March 3 in New Haven: FAMILY DINNER AT ANNA LIFFEY'S RESTAURANT!

Anna Liffey's Restaurant will be hosting a family friendly dinner during the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 at 17 Whitney Ave. New Haven on Friday, March 3. They will have a fixed-price menu for \$25! Children are welcome and will be entertained. Children's menu available. Call Anna Liffey's at 203.773.1776. Proceeds benefit St. Patrick's Day Parade!

Saturday, March 4 in North Branford: BAR 80 PRESENTS THE BAND: JUST ONE MORE! Returning to Bar 80 in North Branford will be John Mackey, Jr. and his band, Just One More! The versatile band plays everything from U2, to 90s music, to hits by Frank Sinatra. Enjoy this truly talented band and support the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Only \$10 at the door! Drink specials and bar menu available.

Friday, March 10 in New Haven: PARADE WEEKEND KICKOFF AT CHRISTOPHER MARTIN'S IN NEW HAVEN!

Christopher Martin's Restaurant in New Haven will host a Parade Kickoff Party on Friday March 10 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Live music will be performed by Tim Borer & The Panecce Bros. \$10 donation will benefit the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.



**HELP US FINISH THE NHGF&HC FIELD
LUCKY LEPRECHAUN DAILY CASH DRAWING - YOUR TICKET WILL BE ENTERED DAILY.
GIVING YOU MORE CHANCES TO WIN. PLEASE FILL OUT BOTTOM PORTION.
PRICE \$10.00. Due by: February 27, 2017**



Our Club's goal is to finish the field and hopefully have it ready for use by mid-summer. Your help is needed!

Please spend \$10 towards our cause - you will be entered in a drawing for the whole month of March - each day a name will be picked and that person gets the corresponding amount according to the chart below. You may purchase duplicate entries. If your name is drawn you will be re-entered - giving you a greater chance of winning \$\$\$. Please share with family and friends. Additional forms will be available at the club.

Please note the deadline for submitting entries is 27th February. Looking forward to your support. Please make checks payable to IACC.

Thank you. Chairmen: Anne Hines 203 488 4902 ahsheep@aol.com and Gerry Stratton 203 214 8578.

MAR.1 - \$100 - ASH WEDNESDAY	MAR.18 - \$25
MAR.2 - \$25	MAR.19 - \$25
MAR.3 - \$25	MAR.20 - \$50 - FIRST DAY OF SPRING
MAR.4 - \$25	MAR.21 - \$25
MAR.5 - \$25	MAR.22 - \$25
MAR.6 - \$25	MAR.23 - \$25
MAR.7 - \$25	MAR.24 - \$25
MAR.8 - \$25	MAR.25 - \$25
MAR.9 - \$25	MAR.26 - \$25
MAR.10 - \$25	MAR.27 - \$25
MAR.11 - \$25	MAR.28 - \$25
MAR.12 - \$75 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	MAR.29 - \$25
MAR.13 - \$25	MAR.30 - \$25
MAR.14 - \$25	MAR.31 - \$25
MAR.15 - \$25	
MAR.16 - \$25	
MAR.17 - \$200 - ST. PATRICK'S DAY	

PLEASE DETACH AND MAIL TO : ANNE HINES, 14 BUCKLEY ROAD, BRANFORD, CT. 06405

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

IACC President's Message

Dear Club Members,

We are revving up for the start of our St. Patrick's Day celebrations. February is full of preliminary events. Our Queen's dance will be held on February 11th. Our monthly meeting on February 12th at 1:00 where we will discuss our survey results and update you on the field project followed by a traditional concert at 2:30. The St. Patrick's Day ball is on February 24th and we close out that weekend with our annual corned beef dinner. Please make your reservations! Thank you to all who attended our Italian night! Mary and Alice and their committee did a wonderful job feeding the masses! Please check out all of our events in the newsletter. We are looking for volunteers for our annual festival and feis. The work starts now. If you are interested, please contact me or any of our board members. Happy Valentine's Day!
Slainte' Eileen.

NHGF&H Club President's Message

Hi everyone,

Please join us as we move into the St. Patrick's season of celebration. We will have lots of events going on including our Queen's Dance, February 11th, The Parade Ball honoring club member Cliff Lynch on Friday, February 24th and our Corned Beef Dinner Sunday, February 26th. Remember to join us to march down Chapel Street on parade day. 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

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