



# Newsletter

## Irish American Community Center New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021



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**CLUB HOURS:** Wednesday & Thursday: 7PM-10:00PM; Friday & Saturday: 7pm-11PM;  
 Sunday: 4PM-8PM

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10 – 14th, New Haven Gaelic Players Production of "Simey's Shadow"  
 November 18th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 November 20th, NHGF&HC 37th Annual Banquet at Woodwinds, 7pm  
 November 21st, Memorial Mass for Deceased Members, 3pm  
 December 5th, Irish Breakfast and Christmas Bazaar, 9am – 2pm

December 16th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 December 16th, Christmas Open House, 7pm – 9pm  
 December 19th, Pioneer Christmas Party, 1pm – 5pm  
 December 26th, St. Stephen's Day Ceili, 2pm – 5pm  
 January 9th, Boiled Bacon & Cabbage Dinner

### 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### NEW HAVEN GAAELIC YOUTH FOOTBALL TRAINING, Sundays at 11:30am

Fall training is taking place at the club on Sundays at 11:30am. Ages 5 and up are encouraged to participate. No experience required. Don't miss a great chance to keep the traditional sports of Ireland alive! Be sure to scan the QR code below and follow New Haven Youth Gaelic Football & Hurling on Instagram!



### 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).

### NEW HAVEN GAAELIC PLAYERS PRODUCTION, Wednesday, November 10 – Sunday, November 14

A comedy in three acts, written by P.G. O'Dea and directed by Sandy Hanrahan, is packed with hijinks and hilarity. Andy and Tessie are fond of each other but based on Andy's mistaken belief that as a poor farmer he could never offer Tessie the kind of future he believes she deserves he begins to evade her. That doesn't stop Tessie's frequent visits to his home, but due to Andy's inexplicable coldness, Tessie is left talking with Andy's two bachelor uncles. Each of them gets the notion that she has a matrimonial interest in him and they become rivals for her hand in matrimony. Now add the wants and desires of Tessie's mother and Andy's housekeeper and the shenanigans run rampant. Lots of buffoonery and "a bit of camouflaged canoodlin'" ensue.

Time: 1950's Ireland

Cast: Michael DePascale, Eileen O'Keefe Roxbee, Karl Ryan, Packy Lillis, Nicole Morin and Doreen Keogh Busca

Performances are scheduled from Wednesday, November 10 through Saturday, November 13th at 7pm and Sunday, November 14 at 2pm.

For ticket information, please call Catherine McMorro at (203) 430-7074 or Brian Beirne at (203) 318-8258. You can also purchase tickets online through Brown Paper Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5289391>

### RETIRES MEETING AND PICNIC, Thursday, November 18th & Thursday, December 16th, 12:30pm

On Thursday, November 18th, the Retirees will meet at the IACC at 12:30pm. At this meeting, we'd like everyone to come and bring a friend! The Retirees are actively looking for new members so that the group can continue! Please mark your calendars for the Retirees Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 16th at 12:30pm. Reservations are a must! The cost for any guests is \$15. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993.

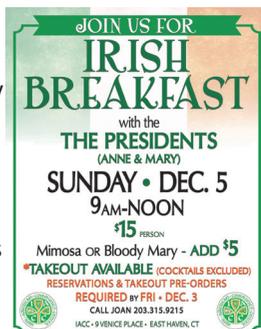
### NHGF&HC 37th ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, November 20th, 7pm

The 37th Annual Banquet of the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club will be held on Saturday, November 20th from 7pm until midnight at Woodwinds located at 29 Schoolground Road in Branford. Please attend as we celebrate and honour the 2021 Irish Man and Irish Woman of the Year, John Mackey and Pam O'Murray. John and Pam are extremely active, dedicated members of our club and both truly deserve this award. Entertainment will be provided by Andy Cooney and the menu includes open bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Chicken Parmigiana, Salmon Sophia (grilled salmon with lobster cream sauce and pinched lobster meat) or Vegetarian Lasagna followed by coffee and dessert. Tickets are moderately

priced at \$75 per person. 2019 was a sell out so please make your reservations early by contacting Eileen Roxbee (203) 584-4233, Doreen Busca (203) 843-8018 or Carmel Lares (203) 314-9318. If you are interested in placing an advertisement in the Banquet Program Book, please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 by November 9th. Please contact the Banquet Chairperson, Joan Hall, with any other questions at (203) 315-9215.

**IRISH BREAKFAST, Sunday, December 5th, 9am – 12pm**

The IACC and NHGF&HC Presidents, Mary Roddy and Anne Hines, will be cooking up a storm in the kitchen for our Irish Breakfast on Sunday, December 5th. You can dine in and enjoy at the club or take out. Reservations and take out pre-orders MUST be made by Friday, December 3rd. (Alcoholic drinks are NOT available for take-out). If you have any questions, please contact Joan at (203) 315-9215.



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Sunday, December 5th, 9am – 2pm**

The annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Sunday, December 5th from 9am – 2pm. There will be baked goods, vendors, raffles and assorted Irish merchandise for sale. If you would like to order Irish meats for the holidays, please contact Anne Hines at (203) 488-4902 by November 25th.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE, Thursday, December 16th, 7pm – 9pm**

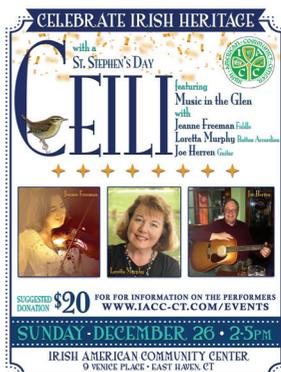
All members are welcome to join in some holiday fun at our Member Open House on Thursday, December 16th from 7pm – 9pm. Each member in good standing will receive a free drink. Music will be provided by Bobby Morrill. Please feel free to bring snacks to share.

**PIONEER CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday, December 19th, 1pm – 5pm**

The Pioneers of the Sacred Heart will host their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 19th from 1 – 5pm at the IACC. There will be dinner as well as music and entertainment provided by Noel Henry’s Showband. Donation is \$30.00. To purchase tickets or for additional information, please contact Clare Murrhy at (203) 288-6327.

**ST. STEPHEN’S DAY CEILI, Sunday, December 26th, 2pm – 5pm**

Celebrate St. Stephen’s Day with a Ceili on Sunday, December 26th from 2-5pm featuring Music in the Glen with Jeanne Freeman, Loretta Murphy and Joe Heeran. Suggested donation is \$20 and donations of Irish Bread and Christmas cookies are always welcome.



**SAVE THE DATE: BOILED BACON & CABBAGE DINNER**

Please mark your calendars for a Boiled Bacon & Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, January 9th. Additional details to come but it is an event that you won’t want to miss!

**FARMINGTON CANAL MEMORIAL BENCH**

On October 13th, 2021, a memorial bench was dedicated in honor of the Irish immigrants who dug a great portion of the Farmington Canal in the early 1800’s in the most adverse conditions. The bench is on the canal in Cheshire. Plans are ongoing to continue to preserve our history and pass it on to next generation. Bob Larkin was instrumental in helping to make this placement a reality.



George Waldron

President, Irish American Historical Society

**NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to welcome Thomas O’Neill (Hamden), Martin & Jewel Smith (Hamden) and Shannon & Todd Hamilton (Branford).

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY**

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the following:

To: Donald and Bernadette White, Florida, on the death of their son Stephen White in Rocky Hill.

To: The family of Gerrard Keniry, Hamden, by way of Co Clare.

To: Michael McDermott and family, Wallingford, on the death of his wife, their mother Freda McDermott, by way of Co. Louth.

To: Jane McGuire, Westbrook on the death of her daughter Nuala McLaughlin in Rhode Island.

To: Glenn and Joanne Conlan, West Haven on the death of their daughter, Moriah Conlan, the 2004 Greater New Haven St. Patrick’s Day Parade Queen.

**GET WELL WISHES**

We send our get well wishes to the following:

To: Shirley Casey, Hamden; Johannah Mackey, Middletown

**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!

**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!

**CLUB RENTAL UPDATE**

Starting on January 1, 2022, our club rental fees will increase for non-members. However, our member rental fees will remain the same. 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. Thank you!

**THANK YOU**

A huge thank you to Anne Faherty for the outstanding Irish Breakfast, including her own baked bread, that she prepared on Sunday, October 8th. Thanks also to her husband, Mike, and son, Michael, along with Selina O'Toole, Catherine McMorrow and Carmel McCabe. Great job ladies and gentlemen! I would also like to extend a debt of gratitude and extend thanks to Donna Borzillo for all the flyers, including great copy work, that she has so willingly and voluntarily prepared for the IACC/NHGF&HC during the past year. Thanks everyone! Joan Hall

**HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY THANK YOU**

Thank you to all members who came out and supported the club for our Halfway to St Patrick's Day celebration. We can only be successful with your continued support and we salute you for it.

A big thank you to our volunteers Anne Hines & Mary Roddy who cleaned the kitchen spic & span, then cooked and served the delicious corn beef dinners. To Gerry Stratton, Beth Murphy, Rosemary Hartigan, Selina Moylan, Parade Queen Megan Burke, Ann St Jacques, Gerry Roddy, John McGowan, Joan Hall, Eileen Denny & son Michael, Donna Borzillo, Debbie Casner and Abby Brooks & friends. We truly appreciate your donation of time & energy for the day!!

A special thank you to Meghan Lenihan & her accomplished dancers, the one & only Patrick Whelan with pipes and DJ Extraordinaire Billy Scott for donating their time and talents.

May good luck be with you all wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow!

Robin Pollock and Nikki Brooks

**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 or 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.

**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.

**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.wuh.org

**New Haven Gaelic Football and Hurling Club**

Founded 9 May 1949

9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512 (203) 469-3080

**37th Annual Banquet**

**20th November 2021**

**Honoring John Mackey & Pam O'Murray Irish Man and Irish Woman of the Year**

**Program Book Advertising Contract**

Please publish a \_\_\_\_\_ page advertisement in the 2021 souvenir program book. Enclosed is my check, made **payable to the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club (NHGF&H Club)** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my ad.

The rates for the program book are as follows:

<b>Covers (5X8)</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Full Page (5X8)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Half Page (5x4)</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Quarter Page (5X2)</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

For photographs: please send black & white photo or electronic copy with your ad. Please print or enclose a copy of your ad.

Ad copy and photos can be e-mailed to Anne Hines ahsheep@aol.com

No ad will be published without prepayment!

Mail check payable to **NHGF&H Club** and mail to:

Anne Hines, 14 Buckley Road, Branford, CT 06405-5208

Attn: Banquet Program Book

Thank you for your support!

**Deadline for all advertising is November 9, 2021**

Advertiser name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Hello Friends,

Our Christmas bazaar plans are well underway. We ask all our great bakers to consider donating a baked good to our bake sale this year at the bazaar. Irish bread is always a favourite! Please drop off your baked goods at the club the day before or that morning before 8am. Bring your little tots to visit Santa while you do your shopping. Depending on availability, we will have many food items from Ireland. Many thanks to all our great volunteers who worked the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day and the great breakfasts – all mighty successful.

Please consider joining our community of artists, educators, historians, docents and volunteers who stand ready to support all efforts to reopen the hunger museum and short of that, to safeguard the collection. Our committee is committed to keeping the museum and its collection open and operating under the auspices of its parent 501(c)3, Quinnipiac University. It seeks to reverse the current board decision to close the building permanently and give the collection to another entity. Should the primary mission fail, the secondary purpose is to ensure that the collection remains intact, whole, and is not broken up and sold for any profit to the university. The third part of the committee's mission is to ensure the equitable and timely return of all donated gifts of art, discounted works of art, and gifts-in-kind. All donations, memberships, and fees collected since the Board of Trustees made the decision MUST be returned to the donors/ members. The committee will use all ethical and legal methods possible to meet these ends. Please follow the Facebook page: Save Ireland's Great Hunger Museum

Don't forget our membership Open House on 16th December. A night to wind down before the hustle and bustle! Don't forget to reserve your seat at the table at our Irish Man and Woman of the Year banquet and please send me your ad if you wish to submit one. A happy Christmas and a very healthy New Year to you all. God Bless, Anne

### **IACC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Club Members,

It's that time of year again where the holidays will soon be approaching. Before announcing the upcoming events, I would like to take the time to acknowledge some of our members and personally thank them for their hard and dedicated work. First, Robin Pollock, Nikki Brooks and their crew hosted the Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Event. There was a great turn out and everyone enjoyed the day. I would also like to extend my thanks to Anne Faherty and crew for cooking the October 10th Breakfast. I was not able to attend but received feedback that it was a great success. On November 20th, we will be celebrating our Irish Woman & Man of the Year. It will be a night of fun and reflection and we are hoping for a big turnout. A Mass will be held the following day at 3:00 in remembrance of our deceased members. On December 16th, we have our Members Open House from 7:00 – 9:00pm. There will be music and if you wish to bring a snack to share it would be greatly appreciated. The Executive Board appreciates each one of you for sticking with us during this challenging year. Please submit any suggestions or ideas that you would like to see happen in 2022. Any board member would be happy to hear from you or please contact me directly. May the holidays bring forth good health and prosperity for you and your families. Enjoy and stay safe. God Bless, Mary