



# Newsletter

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



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### January 2023

**WINTER BAR HOURS: Monday & Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday & Thursday: 7pm - close, Friday: 5:30pm - close, Saturday: 4pm - close, Sunday: 4pm - close**

### HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!

#### 2023 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. Dues for 2023: Family \$75, Individual \$50, Senior Couple \$25 and Senior Individual \$20. Thank you!

#### 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).

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 15th, Sports & Field Day Planning Meeting, 1:30pm  
 January 19th, Member Happy Hour, 5pm – 8pm  
 January 21st, 1st Annual New Haven Junior Football Social, 6pm  
 January 29th, Tara & Claddagh Workshop, 12-3pm  
 February 11th, 2023 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen Selection  
 February 12th, Super Bowl Party, 5:30pm

February 16th, Retirees Meeting, 12:30pm  
 February 16th, Member Happy Hour, 5pm – 8pm  
 March 5th, Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 12-3pm  
 March 12th, Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, 1:30pm  
 March 17th, St. Patrick's Day



## 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

#### SPORTS & FIELD DAY PLANNING MEETING

##### Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm

RETURNING AFTER MANY YEARS! 2023 SPORTS & FIELD DAY AT OUR CLUB IN JUNE! We are in the very early organizing stage of reviving our Sports & Field Day. Please attend our first meeting to plan this event on Sunday, 15th January at 1.30pm. All members are welcome as the more ideas etc. we get the better our plan will be. We will need chairmen for food, entertainment, sports etc. so please consider adding your name to help make this a huge success. Questions? Please contact Anne Hines (203) 488-4902 [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com), Pat Hosey (203) 248-1538, Mary Roddy (203) 506-8367 or Mike Faherty (203) 640-8927

#### MEMBER HAPPY HOURS, Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm

Please join us for Member Happy Hours on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 8pm. It is a great opportunity to make some new friends and get together with members that you already know! We'll have some drink specials

and please feel free to bring snacks to share! On January 19<sup>th</sup>, music will be provided by Sean Griffin.

#### FIRST ANNUAL NEW HAVEN JUNIOR FOOTBALL SOCIAL

##### Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm

Join us for our first annual Junior Football Social! Our Junior Football team will be hosting a social with drinks, food, music, raffles, and more! Come have a fun Saturday night at the Irish American Community Center, meet the lads, and see what we're all about!

#### TARA & CLADDAGH WORKSHOP

##### Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 12pm - 3pm

The Tara & Claddagh Workshop will take place on Sunday, 29th of January from 12-3pm. This workshop presents cultural enrichment to future Queens of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to the innovative and fun-filled workshop presenting Irish Culture, the Taras and Claddaghs will have the opportunity to be showcased the night of the Queen Selection on February 11, 2023. All young ladies whose family holds membership in the Associated Irish Societies (NHGF&HC/IACC, KOSP, WHIAC, or AOH) are eligible to participate. The Taras are young ladies 5- 9 years of age and the Claddaghs are ages 10 - 13. New and returning participants are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$12.00 and can be paid the afternoon of the workshop. Space is limited, so reserve your Future Queen's spot soon! For Registration Information Contact 2020-2022 Parade Queen Morgan Daley at [parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com).

#### 2023 GREATER NEW HAVEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN SELECTION, Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Interested in being the next Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen? On Saturday, February 11, 2023 in front of their

community two lucky young ladies will be crowned the 2023 Parade Queen and Honor Attendant. Contestants must be at least 17 years of age, single, a member, daughter or granddaughter of a member of one of the 4 Associated Irish Societies. The title of Parade Queen and Honor Attendant is a year-long commitment to the Associated Irish Societies, Parade Committee and Irish community. Applications can be downloaded on the club website at <https://www.iacc-ct.com/parade-queen-new-haven/>. Applications are due Sunday, January 29, 2023. For additional information please contact Siobhan Dacey (475) 201-8109, Fiona Stewart (203) 915-8943 or at [parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com).

**SUPER BOWL PARTY, Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

Come join us on Super Bowl Sunday, 12th February to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen. Sharpest picture in town with our new projector. \$10 admission with some pickings throughout the game and a meal at halftime. Cash bar and drink specials available. If you have questions, please contact Selina at (203) 506-6986.

**RETIRES MEETING, Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm**

The Retirees will not meet in January so their next meeting is planned on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Annual dues must be paid and are \$20. If you have any questions, please contact Pat Donohue at (203) 248-4325 or Beth Murphy at (203) 230-2993.

**ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER**

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12pm – 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, March 5th 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. Reservations are necessary to avoid over/under buying by March 1st. For reservations and information, please contact Anne Hines (203) 488-4902.

**PARADE DAY, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

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 with no admission charge and food and beverages will be available. For further information please contact Anne Hines (203) 488-4902.

**PARADE DAY MARCHERS, Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**

Anne Hines 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 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, Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Rise up early as we kick-off St. Patrick's Day at our club! Irish breakfast will be served 9am till noon for \$15. Irish entertainment will be provided, and corned beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be available all day. For breakfast reservations, please call Anne Hines at (203) 488 4902. 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.

**Please welcome the following new members:**

Bernadette Speranza, Ray & Thomas Burkley, Tom Fitzgerald & Janet

Rohan, Stacey & Joe Monico, Richard Powers Sr., & Richard Powers Jr, Mary Ellen & Mark McGuire, Patricia Souza, Robert Zoccano, Robert Fruin, Lee Scott, Barbara & Raymond Frank, Mackenzie O'Brien, Leo & Maryann Connors, Rose Tryanow, James Dowd, William & Christine Higgins and Herman Edwards.

**Thank you to the following members for their donations:**

Geraldine Faherty & Ryan Vediani, Michael & Andrea Hogan, Betty & Tom Faherty, Patrick Hosey, Anne Hines, Tim & Debbie Henley, Joseph Foley, Gary Gilligan, Fiona Hackett, Vincent Kiernan, John & Regina Healey, Eileen Tozzo, John Sullivan, Thomas & Maura Sullivan, Agnes & Michael Sheehan, John & Kathleen Sullivan, Gerald Rooney, David & Betsy O'Keefe, Patricia O'Connor, Larry Brundette, Joseph & Cecilia Martin, Ann-Marie Mulholland, Dolores Lisbon, Edward & Eileen Donadio, John & Kathleen O'Donovan, Kathleen Carew, Elizabeth Murphy, John & Alison McCormack, Mary Dapkins, Steven Jacksis, Carole Brown, Ed & Mary Cortright, Sheila & Peter DePascale, Patricia Donahue, James Goggins, Susan Kennedy, James & Mary Lyng, Susan McNiery, Connie & Daniel Murphy, Elizabeth McCaffrey, Joseph Nugent, Betty Paquin, Gerry & Nancy Stratton, Ann St Jacques, Mary Wallace, Kevin & Francis Woods, Dorel Benson, Shiela & John Haverkamp, Peter & Agnes Kilkelly, Michael & Carmel McGrath, Joan McClellan, John & Christine O'Connor, Hank & Deborah Petroskey, Charles & Margaret Starrs, Mary Cotter, Christine Hinckley, Fran & Susan McNulty, Bill & Denise Mackey, John McGowan, Thomas O'Neill, Rich & Robin Pollock, Susan Regan, Kevin & Eileen Roxbee, Fred & Noreen Parloto, Ann Raccuia, Kathleen Saunders & Robert Lupone and Donald & Bernadette White.

**2023 MEMBERSHIP WINNERS**

Congratulations to Carole Brown and Eamon & Cathleen McCarthy for winning a free 2023 membership from our drawing on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP EXTENDED**

Our sponsored membership drive continues to do well so we have extended it into 2023! 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 prayers and sympathy to the following:

- The Atzbach Family on the death of their mother Joan Atzbach, Hamden: Joan was a leader of the Senior Group at our club.
- Eileen Tierney and the Tierney family, on the death of her husband Edward Tierney New Haven.
- Maura Morgan and the Morgan family on the death of her husband and their father Bob Morgan, Milford, by way of Co. Antrim----Bob was a past president of our club.

- Tom Purcell and his family, on the death of his wife Ann O'Neill Purcell, Hamden by way of County Kerry.
- Eamonn 'Sonny' Ryan (The Playwright) on the death of his mother, Nora Ryan, and his brother in-law, John Hammond, both in Co. Limerick.

#### **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.

#### **GET WELL WISHES**

Finbarr Moynihan and Meghan Stratton, Cheshire. Shirley Casey, Kathleen O'Donovan and Eileen Mulvey, Hamden.

#### **THANK YOU MESSAGES FROM THE 2022 IRISH WOMAN AND MAN OF THE YEAR**

I want to take a minute to say THANK YOU to our amazing community. Being a part of this club and helping our members wherever I can is something my kids and I enjoy. Being Irish Woman of the Year was a shock and not something I ever set out to get, but I am honored to accept.

Thank you again and Happy New Year!

Selina O'Toole

I would like to thank the Banquet Committee, the Executive Board and everyone who came out to celebrate with Selina and myself. It's a great honor to join the list of Irish Men and Women of the Year, including my parents. I can't wait until next year when I hand the crystal to the 2023 Man of the Year.

UP OFFALY!

Peter Burke

#### **THANK YOU**

A sincere thank you to John Thornberg for his donation of our new projector - the picture on our large screen is fabulous. This is a very generous gift, and our club surely does appreciate it.

#### **THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to two of our members who so generously donated a pizza oven and a freezer to our club. Both these members, who wish to remain anonymous, asked what we needed for our club and purchased these items. We are most grateful, The Executive Board.

#### **NEW PERMITTEE**

Thank you to Joan Hall who has held our license as Permittee for the past umpteen years. We thank you for holding this position. Welcome John Wobensmith, our new Permittee, who will fill the big shoes that Joan left.

#### **LIQUOR PRICE INCREASE**

Unfortunately, with the rising cost of everything, including liquor and beer, we are forced to raise our bar prices modestly to offset some of our expenses. We held off doing this as long as we could but reached the point it had to be done.

#### **BARTENDER/CARETAKER POSITION AVAILABLE**

Our club has an opening for the position of bartender/caretaker. Duties include bartending, being available for all liquor/beer deliveries and assisting others for functions/rentals etc. Caretaker position includes keeping the club clean, removal of all trash and general maintenance. This position is available to a couple or single person. The position pays a stipend plus a benefit package which

includes a free apartment on the premises including utilities. If you are interested, please contact Anne Hines 203 488 4902 (203 215-5997) or send an email to [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com).

#### **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!

#### **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.

#### **NEW HAVEN GAELIC FOOTBALL & HURLING 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 cabinet in the lounge. Suggestions, comments, additions or corrections contact Bern Singer at [bernard.singer@snet.net](mailto:bernard.singer@snet.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 Doreen Busca at [dkbusca73@yahoo.com](mailto:dkbusca73@yahoo.com).

#### **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.wwuuh.org](http://www.wwuuh.org)

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

Hello Friends,

I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our bazaar was a huge success thanks to all our great volunteers. Special thanks to Alice Sette who donated and baked all the delicious cakes and "goodies". Thank you also to all who baked Irish bread for our event, always a hit. Our Parade Queen selection will be coming up on 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please consider asking your daughters, granddaughters to enter. It is a great experience for the girls and another way to meet new friends. There are events upcoming in the next few months – please attend if possible.

God Bless,

Anne Hines

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

To all our members I wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year! I would like to thank you for all your support in 2022. If there is anything you would like to see happening at the club, please reach out to a board member. I thank everyone who has given time to help with the events at the club. I would also like to thank all members who have done any work at the club it is greatly appreciated. I'm looking forward to the new year so please keep your eyes open for events in 2023.

Sincerely,

Mary Roddy

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

**2023 FUN RAFFLE FOR MONTH OF MARCH**

Past years Lucky Leprechaun Daily Cash Drawing were very successful and fun and it was requested we bring it back for 2023. Miscellaneous updates are our goal - 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/NHGF&H Club. Thank you, Anne Hines (203) 488 4902 or [ahsheep@aol.com](mailto:ahsheep@aol.com).

**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, 2023**

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



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