



# NEWSLETTER

December 2025

## FESTIVE EDITION

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

9 Venice Place, East Haven CT (203) 469-3080 website: [www.iacc-ct.com](http://www.iacc-ct.com)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: Karaoke Party 7:00-10:00 PM  
Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>: Happy Hour 5:00-8:00 PM  
Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>: Taras & Claddaghs Workshop  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>: Parade Queen Selection  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>: Super Bowl Party  
Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>: Corned Beef Dinner

#### MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS HAPPY HOUR

Join us for our Members' Christmas Happy Hour! Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM Music by Round Two. Catering by Anthony's. All members are invited to celebrate the season with us. Please remember to bring your membership card to enjoy a complimentary drink.

#### ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulation to Bernadette Canning on being elected the new Treasurer of the New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club!  
A heartfelt thank you to Joan Hall for her incredible dedication and service in this role over the past 11 years. Your commitment and hard work have meant so much to the club.



#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 21st from 11 am - 2 pm. Join us for some holiday fun, snacks, and a Special Guest. Please sign up your children or grandchildren aged 11 and under by contacting Angelique Burke via email at [angeliqueburke@hotmail.com](mailto:angeliqueburke@hotmail.com) or (203) 623.0708. Please register your child by December 15th, providing the child's name, age, interests, and club member name. If you would like to volunteer, please email Angelique.

#### IRISH NEW YEAR

Celebrate Irish New Year at the NHGF&HCI Join us on Tuesday, December 31st as we ring in the New Year on Irish time with a champagne toast at 7:00 PM.

#### BINGO EVERY FRIDAY

FEELING LUCKY? Come to the club every Friday for Bingo! Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 7:00 pm. \$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!

#### 2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are a vital part of running the club for 2026. Family \$75, Individual \$50, Senior Couple \$25, Senior Individual \$20.

Annual membership dues can be paid by the following methods:

- CHECK made payable to IACC (please write your name and telephone number on the check) and mail to IACC attn Robin Pollock, 9 Venice Place, East Haven, CT 06512
- CREDIT CARD via Zeffy

Any questions please contact Financial Secretary Robin Pollock (203) 804-2022 or [rrr17@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrr17@sbcglobal.net).

#### SPONSORED MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Current members have the opportunity to sponsor new members at the reduced rates below. It is the perfect time to gift a membership to special friends & family! If you have any questions, please contact Robin Pollock at (203) 804-2022.

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

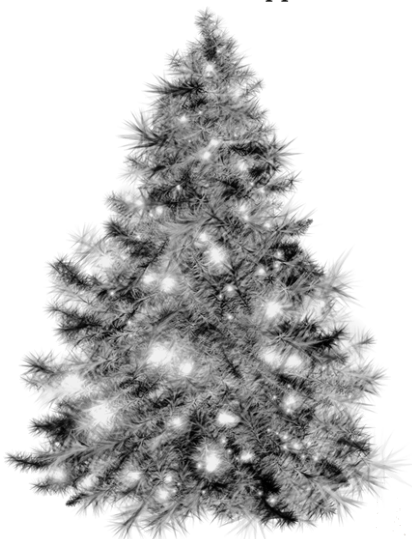
## NEW HAVEN GAELIC PLAYERS

The Gaelic Players have very exciting news to share! George Waldron, Esq., and Mary Roddy, IACC President, gave our group the most unexpected, wonderful news recently. Noel Scott, the brother of Kathleen O'Donovan, gifted our group with an endowment of \$10,000 on behalf of Kathleen & John. We are overwhelmed with deep gratitude.

Founders, Charlie & Margaret Starrs, secured John's support in forming our theater group in 1968, to present Irish drama, an important facet of Irish culture, to the Irish American Community Center's members and to the greater New Haven community. Also, Charlie recruited Kathleen, who appeared in Charlie's first production of J.B. Keane's, "The Year of the Hiker", in 1969. Kathleen acted in many plays since 1969, until her last performance in 2010 in a Morna Regan play, "Midden".

In their honor, the Gaelic Players are dedicating the stage to John & Kathleen and will forever be known as The John & Kathleen O'Donovan Stage. The group felt it fitting to honor Charlie & Margaret as well. Our theater will be forever known as The Charlie & Margaret Starrs Theater.

We look forward to continue bringing excellent Irish theater to our members and the greater New Haven community for many, many years to come. And a big thank you to our wonderful audiences who have and continue to support us.



## TARAS & CLADDAGHS WORKSHOP

The Taras & Claddaghs Workshop will take place on Saturday, 24th of January from 11-2 pm. Join 2025 Parade Queen Keira and 2025 Honor Attendant Madison for this workshop of activities geared toward future queens of the Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to this fun-filled workshop, the Taras and Claddaghs will have the opportunity to be showcased the night of the Queens Selection on February 7, 2026. All young ladies ages 5-13 whose family holds membership in the Associated Irish Societies (NHGF&HC/IACC, KOSP, WHIAC, or AOH) are eligible to participate. New and returning participants are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$15.00. Space is limited, so reserve your future Queen's spot soon by emailing [parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com)

## 2026 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE QUEEN

Are you—or someone you know—the 2026 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade Queen? Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be at least 17 years of age
- Single
- A member, daughter, or granddaughter of a member of one of the four Associated Irish Societies

Being selected as Parade Queen or Honor Attendant is a meaningful year-long commitment to the Associated Irish Societies, the Parade Committee, and the greater Irish community. For questions or additional information, please contact [parade.queen@gmail.com](mailto:parade.queen@gmail.com)

## WINTER BAR HOURS

Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED  
Wednesday: 7:00-10:00 PM  
Thursday: 5:00-10:00 PM  
Friday: 5:30-MIDNIGHT  
Saturday: 4:00-MIDNIGHT  
Sunday: 1:00-8:00 PM

## 2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

On January 1st, a new slate of officers will take office. A huge thank you to Nikki, Pete, Joan, and Mike for the countless hours, dedication, and leadership you've given in your previous e-board positions over the years. We are truly grateful. And a warm welcome to Eileen, James, and Bernadette as they step into their new roles.

IACC

President: Robin Pollock

Vice President: Eileen Kacenski

Treasurer: John McGowan

Recording Secretary: Siobhan Dacey

Building Engineer: Gerry Roddy

NHGF&HC

President: Mary Roddy

Vice President: James Staunton

Treasurer: Bernadette Canning

## ATM INSTALLED

We are happy to share that an ATM has been installed for your convenience! While credit cards will still be accepted at the bar, we kindly encourage members and guests to consider using the ATM whenever possible. Each credit card transaction comes with processing fees that add up over time, so by using cash, you're helping the club reduce these costs and keep more of our funds going toward events, improvements, and community activities. Thank you for your support and understanding

## CT IRISH FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE! The CT Irish Festival returns June 13th & 14th. Two days of music, dance, Gaelic Football, Irish goods, shopping, kids' activities, and plenty more Irish fun for the whole family! Consider joining the committee! Contact Robin at [RNR17@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RNR17@sbcglobal.net)

