



IRISH CULTURAL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CT

An Cúisle

Cumann Cultúr agus Spóirt na hÉireann

Tríú Lá de Mheitheamh

(The Pulse - 3rd of June)

A Chairde (Friends),

PAINT NIGHT - Thursday June 7th

The IC&SA (with the help of Art Plus Studio) will be painting "Sheep Farm"! Funds raised will be used to support the activities of the Irish Cultural and Sports Association of Southern CT. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SUPPORT!

The Art Night will be at Art Plus Studio, 1207 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511 and doors will open at 6:30 PM. Price is \$40 and painting will begin at 6:45 PM. Art Plus Studio is a BYOB facility. They allow attendees, aged 21 years and older, to consume alcohol while at their studio. ID will be asked for at the door. They will permit painters aged 15-20, if accompanied by an adult. Bring something to snack on but please no pizza! We hope to see you all there for some painting fun!

For questions please contact Siobhan at sdacey@icsa-home.org. Purchase your tickets at <https://www.rezclick.com/arttwist/index.php?page=classes#4997> or use the link above.

PARKING: There is a free customer parking lot conveniently located behind the studio. There is also ample street parking on Chapel Street and Howe Street.



IRISH CULTURAL & SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE CONNECTICUT IRISH THEATRE TROUPE PRESENTS

LAY ME DOWN SOFTLY

a play by **Billy Roche**
directed by Karl Ryan

Rescheduled! July 28 & 29
Whitneyville Cultural Commons
1253 Whitney Ave., Hamden

tickets: \$20
Sat at 7:30p • Sun at 3pm
Brunch and Show ticket for Sunday only: \$40
at the Playwright - Seating times are 10:30am to 1pm

tickets: ctirishtheater@snet.net or (203) 675-6683
or purchase online @ ctirishtheatertroupe.brownpapertickets.com

The Playwright
Producing and Presenting
Irish and Celtic Theatre

CT Irish Theatre Troupe Production of Billy Roche's "Lay Me Down Softly" July 28th @ 7:30pm, 29th @ 3pm We have rescheduled the show following the earlier postponement.

The Connecticut Irish Theater Troupe in conjunction with the Irish Cultural and Sports Association presents their annual play "Lay Me Down Softly" written by Billy Roche and directed by Karl Ryan.

Early 1960s: Delaney's Traveling Roadshow tours the Irish countryside with bumper cars, bearded ladies, rifle ranges and the main attraction: the boxing ring. The Roadshow invites all comers to fight them to win a prize. Theo, the iron fisted patriarch, struggles to keep his crew in line and when his long abandoned daughter arrives, the patchwork family is thrown against the ropes, the gloves come off and the boys in the boxing tent come out swinging." Please be advised this play contains adult language and situations.

We are also happy to announce that once again we are working in conjunction with the Playwright Restaurant in Hamden and will offer a Brunch and Show ticket for \$40 for Sunday only. Regular tickets are \$20 and IC&SA members receive a discount. Staring: Paul Tynan, Patrick Lillis, Seamus Lonnigan, Doreen Keogh Busca, Katie Santacroce and Jason Santacroce.

We will once again be joined by our friends from **No Worries Brewing** with some free beer samples on Saturday night.

Performances will be held at the Whitneyville Cultural Commons located at 1253 Whitney Ave in Hamden.

For tickets and info please contact: Margaret at ctirishtheater@snet.net or call (203) 675-6683 or purchase online at ctirishtheatertroupe.brownpapertickets.com

Volunteers are always needed to help make this production great. Please consider helping - contact Geoff Herpok (gherpok@icsa-home.org).

Ad Book - Ad cost has been reduced - \$30 for a full page (8 X 5) and \$15 for a half page (4 X 5). You can also get a "Booster" line for only \$5 to cheer on your favorite thespians!! Please contact Margaret at mspren@snet.net to advertise.

Membership Meeting - Monday 18th June 8pm at the Playwright

Monday 18 June 7.15pm at the Playwright - Please come (and bring a friend!) and help us plan our events Calendar. This meeting will be followed by:

Membership Meeting - all members are invited to attend the monthly meeting at 8pm. We encourage you to bring along a friend who might be interested in joining our Club. We will have a door prize of two tickets for Lay Me Down Softly for a lucky member. Please contact Margaret if you have any questions: Margaret mspren@snet.net or 203-675-6683.



Members Summer Picnic - July 7th @4pm

Join us for our Summer Kick-Off Picnic which will be taking place on Saturday, July 7th at the Lillis' house this year with a 4pm start. Come and enjoy fun with all the club members and friends. Hot dogs and burgers will be on the grill supplied by the club. Please bring along a favorite dish that you would like to share with everyone. BYOB. Members and friends are welcome, but you must RSVP so we can plan the food for the grill. There will be a pool so bring the kids swimming gear too!

Please contact Shaun Donnelly (203-387-7999, sdonnelly@icsa-home.org), Margaret Prendergast (203-675-6683, mspren@snet.net) or Packy Lillis (203-823-2603, plillis@icsa-home.org) if you would like to attend. This is always a fun family day.

Annual Golf Tournament, Saturday 21st July, Noon, \$10k Hole In One.

Another chance to have some fun on the golf course. Get your foursomes together for what is always a great time with great people. We will be playing at Alling Memorial Golf Course on July 21st at Noon. Your tournament fee of \$110 includes golf, cart, lunch (hot dog & beer) and dinner at The Playwright afterwards with an open bar. There will also be a poker run 50/50 on the par threes and plenty of prizes when we get back to The Playwright for food and a few drinks with friends. Dinner is also available for \$30 for friends that do not golf or just enjoy the great food at The Playwright. Sure the craic last year was mighty! Contact Tom Prendergast (203-675-6686, mprendergast@icsa-home.org), Packy Lillis (203-823-2603, plillis@icsahome.org) or Shaun Donnelly (203-387-7999, sdonnelly@icsa-home.org) for information and reservations. Registration is requested by July 14th. Tee Sponsorships are also available for only \$50, so if you are interested in promoting your business or just helping out, contact the boys for more information. This is a very informal day, no handicaps or any of that stuff required, just yourselves and your clubs!



Thimble Island Cruise Saturday, September 8th, 6pm to 8pm

The cruise has become a great annual event and is now our official celebration of half way to Saint Patrick's Day. Join us for a fun day with another amazing sunset. The boat will set sail at 6pm sharp from Stony Creek Harbor and returns at 8pm. Donation is \$32 and will be strictly limited to 35 people. All reservations must be pre-paid to secure your seat. For reservations please contact Shaun Donnelly (203-387-7999 or sdonnelly@icsa-home.org). Get your seat early!

Brennan-Lucey Irish Dance Academy Year End Recital

You are invited to attend The Brennan-Lucey Academy 1st Annual Recital, Saturday June 23rd 12pm, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd, Orange CT. Tickets will be available at the door or can be ordered in advance at info@brennanlucey.com. Prices are Adult: \$15, 12 and under \$10, 2 and under: FREE. Help support our friends!!

Tara Theater Company - "A Wake in the West"

Check out our Milford friends. Tara Theatre Company is presenting "A Wake in the West" in June 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the Milford Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 each. Contact Maureen Richitelli at: (203) 874-6273 to reserve your tickets. They sold out last year! Performances on Friday and Saturday are at 7pm and Sunday at 2.30pm.

Ireland's Great Hunger Museum - Trip to Ireland Sept 16 - 23 2018

Highlights Include: Private after-hours tour to see the Book of Kells at Trinity College' Five Course West Cork food and beer tasting with local music seisiun, Director-led tour of IGHM's exhibition "Coming Home: Art and the Great Hunger" at Skibbereen's West Cork Arts Centre, Full Day tour of Sleat Head and Dingle. For more info please email ighm@qu.edu.

Sheep Flock Fundraiser

The sheep are back in the spring after their winter hibernation. Do you want to trick your friends! The club has a flock of sheep that you can borrow for 24 hours to graze on your friends lawn. The flock is completely Harmless. Your donation for a flock of 10 sheep is only \$10, a flock of 25 sheep is \$20 and a flock of 50 sheep is \$40. Please contact Siobhan Dacey to order your flock at sdacey@icsa-home.org and give our little friends a home for the day!



Calendar

- June 7th - ICSA Paint Night at Art Plus Studio
- June 18th - Members' Meeting & Social Committee Meeting
- July 21st - ICSA Annual Golf Tournament
- July 28th, 29th - CT Irish Theatre Troupe Production of Billy Roche's "Lay Me Down Softly"
- September 8th - Thimble Island Cruise
- September 17th - Members' Meeting & Social Committee Meeting
- June 23rd - Brennan-Lucey Irish Dance Academy Annual Recital
- June 22nd, 23rd, 24th - Tara Theater Company - "A Wake In The West"
- June 17th - Fairfield Wee Festival feileinc.org
- June 23rd, 24th - CT Irish Festival ctirishfestival.com
- September 14th, 15th - Milford Irish Festival milfordirish.org
- September 16th - IGHM Trip To Ireland



The Wild Atlantic Way

From the wind-whipped tip of Malin Head to the safe haven of Kinsale Harbor, The Wild Atlantic Way is a sensational journey of soaring cliffs, buzzing towns, hidden beaches and epic bays. Whether you drive it from end-to-end, or dip into it as the mood strikes, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. You can explore nine counties along this unforgettable coastal touring route to enjoy breathtaking scenery and exceptional experiences.

The Wild Atlantic Way, 1600 miles in length and is one of the longest defined coastal route in the world. It winds its way all along the Irish west coast from the Derry City in the north down to the picturesque town of Kinsale, County Cork, in the south. This route from start to finish unfolds the wonders of nature, the power of the ocean and its imprint on the west coast of Ireland, and the stunning countryside in all its diversity. Enchanting villages are nestled along the coast as well as ancient monuments, their origins having long sunk into the mists of oblivion, dot the landscape, towering cliffs, spellbinding bays and beaches, mystical islands, always changing and never reaching the end. Behind every bend on this magical coastal road a new delight awaits.

The route can be broken into fourteen amazing parts, each with their own character and all with stunning experiences.



Inishowen Peninsula - Derry to Letterkenny

This stage of the Wild Atlantic Way starts in the very north of the Inishowen Peninsula and follows much of the already popular looped tour, "Inishowen 100". Ireland's largest peninsula is flanked by Lough Foyle on the east, Lough Swilly on the west and the Atlantic on the north side. In many places you pass fabulous beaches and views that will take your breath away. You reach the most northerly point of mainland Ireland at Malin Head, on isolated place. The coastline shows its wild and craggy side at this most northerly position and the determination of the Atlantic to make and leave its mark on the country. Nature is the star here, from the sheer granite walls of some of Europe's highest sea cliffs at Slieve League, to Northern Lights dancing in clear winter skies. About 10 miles north of the village of Malin is Banba's Crown, named after one of the mythical queens of Ireland, which offers panoramic views of this magnificent coast. Grianán of Aileach is perched on a high hilltop, not far from the City of Derry. This imposing stone fort dates back to 1700 BC. Its true origins are unknown but have been linked to the mythical, godlike race known as the Tuatha Dé Danann. Inch Island and Burt Castle take you to Letterkenny.



Grianan of Aileach

Fanad Head - Letterkenny to Bunbeg

Leaving Letterkenny heading northwards along the banks of Lough Swilly you are thrust once again into the seclusion of the Donegal countryside. The Wild Atlantic Way rises gradually along the edges of the Knockalla mountain and offers marvellous views of Lough Swilly and Ballymastrocker Bay. This particular bay is renowned for its three golden beaches and the British Observer newspaper chose it as the second most beautiful bay in the world! At Fanad Head you will find the awe-inspiring Lighthouse towering over the wild waves of the Atlantic. A unique spectacular stage of the Wild Atlantic Way is the Atlantic Drive on Rosguill Peninsula. Here you can observe how the interaction of the elements of nature has been laid bare for all to see. Another even more dramatic and tameless peninsula is Horn Head. The power of the omnipresent ocean is so evident in the bizarre shaped cliffs. From the old signal tower atop the cliffs again you have stunning views from Fanad Peninsula to Tory Island. Incidentally, Tory Island which lies 14 km off the coast still continues its old tradition of electing a king.

Slieve League Coast - Bunbeg to Donegal Town

The Wild Atlantic Way continues to twist and turn from Bunbeg in a southerly direction. You pass through the strange but wonderful region called The Rosses with its bogs and lakes. The ocean is dotted with uncountable small islands but also with Ireland's second largest island, Arranmore. The Wild Atlantic Way takes a short break from the coast after Ardara in order to cross over the Glengesh Pass. Continuing on through Glencolumbkille, a haven of tranquillity with many ancient monuments the route meanders along narrow coastal roads unfurling more and more breathtaking views and ending directly above the unspoilt Silver Strand. The steep sloping cliffs of Slieve League belong to the highest cliffs of Europe. It seems to the observer that they are continuously changing their image, one moment hidden in the low-hanging cloud and the next exhibiting a glorious majestic shiny face.



Slieve League

Donegal Bay and Sligo - Donegal Town to Ballina

Mullaghmore Head is the perfect example to display the wonders of the Wild Atlantic Way. On the west, the Atlantic is demonstrating its prowess and on the east a wonderful beach and a picturesque harbor nestle in the protection of the bay. The ferry for the magical island of Inishmurray departs from here. A visit to the old monastery settlement will transport you directly back to long forgotten times. Now moving on to Yeat's County, "The Land of Heart's Desire" as he once described it. Benbulbin, also known as Ireland's version of the Table mountain, reigns over the ocean along the coast whereas The Dartry Mountain range is situated away from the coast. To Sligo's west there's a lovely mystical region with traces of the dim and distant past. The largest and one of Europe's oldest cemeteries of megalithic tombs is to be found here at Carrowmore. The site includes chamber tombs, ring forts, cairns and passage graves.

Erris - Ballina to Belmullet

One of the most impressive stretches of coastline along the Wild Atlantic Way is just a stone's throw from Downpatrick Head. Dún Briste, the lone sea stack, 170 feet high, stands bravely in the roaring Atlantic. A wonderful sight. Between Downpatrick and Benwee Head you will discover many more awe-inspiring cliffs, some over 300 feet high. The old barony of Erris is next on the route. The coastline again offering spellbinding views and sea cliffs. It is a Gaeltacht region so people speak Irish. The Mullet Peninsula, an area of unspoiled beauty, is completely exposed on the Atlantic side but Blacksod Bay protects it on its easterly side.



Downpatrick Head

Achill Island and Clew Bay - Belmullet to Westport

This section of the Wild Atlantic Way brings us through „Pirate country“ along the shores of Granuaile's or Grace O'Malley's pirate kingdom. The Pirate Queen's home of Carraigahowley Castle and Kildavnet Castle on Achill Island are well worth exploring. Achill Island is Ireland's largest island and it is accessible from the mainland by bridge. The island represents the west coast in miniature form: majestic mountains, clear lakes, expanses of bogs, long unspoiled sandy beaches, picturesque villages and the highest sea cliffs of Ireland. The Atlantic Dive, boasting some of the most impressive views of the Atlantic, goes along the south west coast of Achill. This coast road along the cliff edge has fantastic views of Clew Bay. On Achill's west side lies the secluded Keem beach, a sight to behold coming down the cliff-top road. Continuing the journey from Achill to Westport you pass along Clew Bay which, according to tradition, has 365 islands - one for every day of the year.

Killary Harbour - West Port to Clifden

Spectacular mountain ranges dominate the next stage of the Wild Atlantic Way between Clew Bay and Killary Harbour. The first of these appears just after leaving Westport - Croagh Patrick- Ireland's sacred mountain. According to legend, St. Patrick spent 40 days and nights fasting, praying and doing penance on this mountain and at the same time banishing snakes from the island of Ireland. Evidence has been found that Croagh Patrick was a place of great importance in the pre-Christian era. A Celtic hill fort was discovered encircling the summit of the mountain. Continuing in a southerly direction the Wild Atlantic Way meanders through the valleys of Doo Lough and Delphi finally reaching Ireland's only fjord - Killary harbour, extending 10 miles inwards, sheltered on all sides by lush green meadows. Majestic mountain peaks, magic sandy beaches and

continuously changing landscapes are the landmarks of the Connemara National Park. Clifden, the capital of Connemara and the aptly named Sky Road offer stunning views over the Atlantic and the islands lying off the coast.

Connemara - Clifden to Galway



Inishmore

The Wild Atlantic Way continues along narrow roads with the powerful Atlantic on one side and the rocky landscape of the Twelve Pins and the Maamturk Mountains on the other side through "the wild heart" of Connemara. The strong howling winds coming in from the ocean accompany one along this exhilarating drive. This is also another Gaetacht region. Over half of Ireland's Irish speaking population live in this area. The Irish language, culture and traditions are particularly cherished and protected in this area. The ferry to the wonderful Aran Islands departs from Rossaveal (also from Doolin, County Clare) or you can take a plane from the Connemara Regional Airport. The Aran Islands are a place of tranquil beauty and traditional Irish lifestyle. One of Ireland's Nobel literature prize winners Seamus Heaney asks in his poem "Lovers on Aran": "Did sea define the land or land the sea?" This question which begs an answer is not possible to respond to with regard to the islands of Aran as there is a oneness, a unity, a co-existing harmony mutually dependent on each other.

The Burren and West Clare - Galway to Kilkee

The first part of this stage of the Wild Atlantic Way has the effect of making you wonder if you have been beamed on to another planet. The reason being the landscape - this fascinating karst landscape. The rolling hills of the Burren are composed of limestone pavements. The translation of the Irish name "An Bhoireann" means great rock and this hits the nail on the head in this unusual region. The world renowned Cliffs of Moher are over 5 miles long and tower imposingly over the mighty ocean at the highest point with 700 feet. They are especially dramatic when seen from the water. Not far from the impressive cliffs you will find Kilkee in the heart of West Clare. The Loop Head Drive takes you within yards of the cliffs along the rocky coast of Clare. The rock formations are up to 260 feet high and brace themselves against the turbulent Atlantic time after time. There are no souvenir shops to be found here not like at the other famous cliffs.



Cliffs of Moher

The Shannon Estuary - Kilkee to Tralee

The mouth of the Shannon - Ireland's longest river - is home to many species of animals. For example dolphins live and procreate here on a permanent basis. People also used to live in the middle of the Shannon Estuary on Scattery Island to be exact. Ferries run from Kilrush to the island. There are ruins of a monastery, a well preserved round tower, a garrison and an abandoned settlement to be found on the island. There is also a ferry that crosses the Shannon Estuary and brings you on to the Wild Atlantic Way along the wonderful coast of North Kerry near Ballybunion - a popular holiday town with sheer cliffs and beautiful sandy beaches.

The Dingle Peninsula - Tralee to Castlemaine



The Blasket Islands from Dunquin

The Dingle Peninsula is blessed with never ending sandy beaches both in the north (near Castlegregory) and the south (at Inch) of the peninsula. Leaving Tralee the Wild Atlantic Way on its way to Dingle town goes over the Connor Pass, Ireland's highest mountain pass. This pass road is an adventure in itself. The very narrow road in parts twists and turns, rises and falls but always with breathtaking views. If you manage to arrive in Dingle, then the next adventure begins with the Sleat Head Drive. This way goes through another Gaeltacht area. Some of the most enchanting scenery in Ireland is found along this drive. Again it is another narrow road winding its way west along the steep rocky coastline. The Blasket Islands lie off the coast here. There is a boat going over from Dunquin to the biggest of the islands, An Bascaod Mór. After finishing the Sleat Head tour then Mount Brandon, Ireland's second highest mountain reigning over the land can be seen. People have lived in

this wonderful region for 6000 years as is evident from the many Celtic and early Christian monuments such as the Ogham Stones, the Beehive Huts as well as church buildings like the Gallarus Oratory or the monastic settlement of Reask.

The Ring of Kerry - Castlemaine to Kenmare

This stage of the Wild Atlantic Way is very similar to the famous Ring of Kerry. The "Ring" is the most frequently travelled tourist route up to now and goes along the coast of the Iveragh Peninsula. Here along the west of the Iveragh Peninsula the scenery is awesome. It is like stepping into a picture book. The Wild Atlantic Way departs from the "Ring" to continue along the Skellig Ring. This road is not as frequented as the other "Ring" so you can drive at ease, sidestep the hustle and bustle and enjoy this unique scenic route. Highlights are Valentia Island, connected to the mainland by bridge at Portmagee, the drive over Coonmaneaspig Pass and the coves and beaches of St. Finan's Bay. The boats for both Skellig Islands, which lie 7.5 miles off the Kerry coast, depart from Portmagee and Ballinskelligs. The Skellig Islands which are really two very steep rocky islands, stand proudly in the wild roaring Atlantic. Skellig Michael, which peaks at 712 feet, was the home of a small group of monks in the seventh century. This monastic settlement was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1996. The smaller island, Little Skellig, which is a haven to various seabirds, has one of the largest colonies of Northern Gannet worldwide.



Skellig Islands

Beara to Sheep's Head - Kenmare to Durrus

The Ring of Beara is another ring road which has a lot less traffic than the Ring of Kerry. In addition the roads are so narrow that they are not suitable for buses or camper vans. This section of the Wild Atlantic Way is both spectacular from a scenic point of view and the pace of life - traditional, welcoming and at one with nature. The indented coastline and rocky mountains take your breath away time and time again. A stone's throw out in the Atlantic island lies Dursey Island which is connected to the mainland by Ireland's only cable car. The journey by cable car which only takes about ten minutes is used both by man and beast. Sheep's Head, which is near Bantry, is another peninsula protruding into the Atlantic. It is a place of heavenly peace, unspoiled beauty and tranquil scenery. At the most westerly point, the tip of the peninsula - the actual Sheep's Head - there is a walking trail to a small lighthouse, which is built into the cliffs like an eagle's nest.

West Cork - Durrus to Kinsale

The Mizen Peninsula located in the south west of Ireland is a special trip and tip. It encapsulates all the special elements that makes the Irish west coast so unique - wonderful beaches, dramatic cliffs, magical fishing villages, a ruin at Three Castle Head and a light tower majestically standing watch over a raging Atlantic. Fastnet Rock, which was known as "The Teardrop of Ireland" as it was the last image of Ireland the emigrants had when sailing for the New World, houses Ireland's highest lighthouse at 177 feet. The Wild Atlantic Way continues along in an easterly direction towards Baltimore where the ferries depart to the islands of Roaring Water Bay. Baltimore Beacon, a signal tower offers the perfect view over the islands in the bay. On the one hand this area benefits from a mild climate due to the presence of the Gulf Stream enjoying a lush vegetation, but on the other hand it is exposed to the elements of nature. The Old Head of Kinsale - a narrow tongue of land, is flanked by precipitous rocks and with a lighthouse at its most southerly tip. An idyllic dramatic promontory mostly enjoyed by golfers as this land is owned by the well-known local golf course.



Old Head of Kinsale Golf Course and Light House Source: www.thewildatlanticway.com, www.ireland.com

Gaeilge - Irish Language

An Teach Tábhairne - The Pub

An Teach Tábhairne

as Gaeilge

ar do chiall
"Sober"
(ar do cheel)

ar meisce
"Drunk"
(ar meisce)

Comhrá
"Conversation"
(co-rah)

Fuisce
"Whiskey"
(fwish-keh)

Fíon
"Wine"
(fee-un)

Manglam
"Cocktail"
(man-glum)

Beoir bhairille
"Draft beer"
(byohr vay-rilleh)

Leann
"Ale"
(lyahn)

Ceirtlis
"Cider"
(ceirtlis)

Branda
"Brandy"
(brand-a)

Poitín
"Moonshine/pot still whiskey"
(pot-cheen)

Freastalaí beáir
"Bartender"
(frastalee byarj)

Oighear
"Ice"
(aye-er)

Buidéil
"Bottles"
(bwidj-ale)

Cannai
"Cans"
(cannee)

Ceaig
"Keg"
(kag)

sa bhairille
"on tap"
(sa vay-rilleh)

Grúdlann
"Brewery"
(groud-lann)

Beár
"Bar"
(byar)

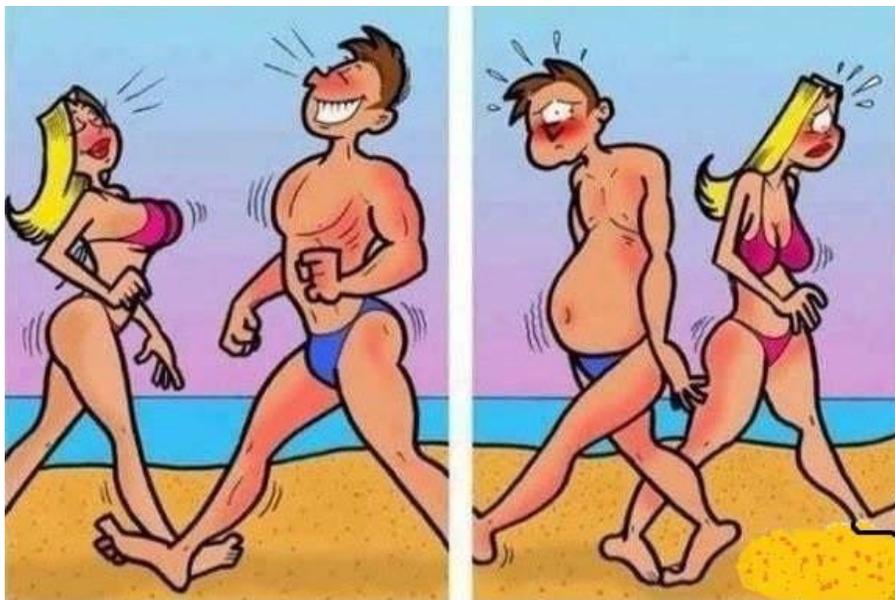
Stól
"Stool"
(stohl)

Alcól
"Alcohol"
(al-cohl)

Sláinte
"Cheers/Health"
(slawn-tcheh)



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Before - After



Forget your bra! ↓
Use it well. ↓



**Ná dóigh do chíochbheart !
Bain úsáid mhaith as.**

President's Message:

A Chairde!

There is a lot coming up, especially over the summer, but we'll get to that. Remember, the club meetings are the third Monday of the month! Please come out and say hello! Bring a friend and some ideas for events! It's your club, we need you to make it bigger and better and with your help we can do that!! We really look forward to seeing you!

Paint Night! Join us and let your inner artist loose! June 7th at Art Plus Studio, 1207 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511 and doors will open at 6:30 PM. BYOB! 21 to partake and 15-20 year olds welcome when accompanied by an adult - you!

Hoping to see you at the club picnic! (July 7th @ 4pm). Its a lot of fun and we welcome you to join us!

The Connecticut Irish Theater Troupe had to reschedule the production, Billy Roche's "Lay Me Down Softly". Show dates are now July 28th and 29th and will be at the Whitneyville Cultural Commons. Tickets on-line or contact Margaret Prendergast.

Irish Cultural & Sports Association's annual golf outing is on track for July 21st at Alling Memorial in New Haven. Its a fun time followed by dinner and prizes at the Playwright. Start getting your foursomes organized!

Save the date!! Thimble Islands Cruise is coming up on September 8th. More information will be on the way!

Check out QU's Ireland's Great Hunger Museum on the web or in person. They are really putting together some great events.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Remember, 286 days till St. Patrick's Day!!

Go Raibh Maith Agaibh,

Tim



• **Almost there!** The Cook Book is being edited as we speak! If you have a favorite Recipe or two, you can still send it along. Ship them off to sdonnelly@icsa-home.org with the subject line "Cook Book". When the book has been completed we will make it available to members and friends for a nominal fee. Thanks in advance for your support. **We're almost there!**



House Keeping: 2018 dues are now being accepted. Your dues should been paid by March 1st to maintain your good standing. If you have already submitted your dues for 2018, thank you and welcome back! If you have questions, please contact our Financial Secretary, Siobhan Dacey at sdacey@icsa-home.org.

← Take it easy.

A Club Fundraising Opportunity! Don't forget to use the Amazon Smile portal and then list the Irish Cultural & Sports Association your non-profit of choice, when shopping on-line. A link to Amazon Smile is on our web page at www.icsa-home.org.

*** Irish Language Classes * Wednesdays @ 7pm and 8pm** - Classes are **free** to ICSA members and are also open to non-members for a nominal fee so you can try it out and see how you like it. Classes take place every Wednesday night in North Haven with beginners class at 7pm and the Advanced Beginners class is at 8pm. **Sign up details are available on the club website or contact Cultural Director, Rich Regan at rregan@icsa-home.org.**

Irish Radio Show: Echoes of Erin. We encourage you to listen to our friends and club supporters at Echoes of Erin Radio show (88.7FM), broadcasting live every Sunday from 12 to 2 p.m. and Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. from the University of New Haven in West Haven CT and over the internet at <http://www.wnhu.net/> This is your source for Irish music, news, sports and community events. Hosted by Pat and Joan Kennedy, Mike McGrath, Pat Hosey and Siobhan Dacey.

Irish Radio Show: Ceol na nGael. Club member Molly Monahan used to host this show on Fordham Radio (90.7FM). Now she is part of the production team. Listen in on Sundays from noon to 4pm. You can also listen to archive shows at WFUV.org.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh (Thank You)
Irish Cultural and Sports Association

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