

# Irish History Round Table



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AUGUST 2012

## Mark your calendar

### September 18

Mary Pat Kelly, author of *Galway Bay*  
Her journey as a writer:  
Irish and Connecticut connections

### October 16

Robert Smart, professor of English  
Quinnipiac University  
Bram Stoker's novel *The Snake's Pass*

### November 13 \*

Musicians Rick Spencer & the Kellys  
Forging a national identity:  
Music of Irish America  
\* Note: 2nd Tuesday \*

### December 18

Annual Christmas dinner party

### January 15, 2013

Finbarr Moynihan  
Commodore John Barry:  
Irish strengths in leadership

### February 19

Peg O'Donnell  
You are what you eat: Irish results

### March 19

Dr. Sara Ross, Sacred Heart University  
First silent films made in Ireland

## Gaeilge = Irish

### *The Irish language yesterday and today*

The Irish language is alive and well in Ireland and in America in the early years of the 21st century. Once thought to be dying out completely, Irish has made an extraordinary recovery. According to Joan Kennedy, a native of County Tipperary and a speaker of Irish, several factors have aided its comeback. Among them are the educational policy of the Irish Republic in supporting the language and the designation of Irish as one of 23 official languages by the European Union.



Another factor in the United States has been the work of Joan and others. For years, she has taught the language at venues ranging from Irish organizations to Yale and Sacred Heart universities. At our August meeting, Joan will treat us to an evening of Irish. We will visit ancient Ireland and the beginnings of the language, hear and see examples of songs and poetry in Irish, and have a lesson in speaking and writing Irish. There will be no test — so come and enjoy an evening of learning about the language of our ancestors.

**Tuesday, Aug. 21**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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**Meeting #497 — Tuesday, August 21, 2012**

***The Irish language yesterday and today***

**Presenter: Joan Kennedy, Irish language teacher**

**Knights of St. Patrick — 1533 State St.— New Haven**

**7:30 p.m. — Free and open to the public**

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**RADIO**

- ◆ Thursday — 6-8 pm, WNHU, 88.7 FM — “Music of Ireland” — Tom Faherty with Kenny live from Ireland — Rebroadcast following Thursday, noon-2 pm.
- ◆ Sunday — 9-11 am — WQUN, 1220 AM — “Sounds of Ireland” — Sean & Brendan Canning.
- ◆ Sunday— 12-2 pm — WNHU, 88.7 FM — Echoes of Erin— Joan & Pat Kennedy, Siobhan Dacey & Pat Hosey.

**WEBSITES**

- ◆ CT Irish-American Historical Society — [www.ctiahs.com](http://www.ctiahs.com)
- ◆ New Haven Irish-American Community Center — [www.iacc-ct.com](http://www.iacc-ct.com)
- ◆ Milford Irish in Connecticut — [www.milfordirish.org](http://www.milfordirish.org)
- ◆ AOH Fr. McKeon Division 7, New Haven — [www.nhoah.com](http://www.nhoah.com)
- ◆ 9th Connecticut Volunteers — [www.jimlarkin.com/9thregimenthome/http](http://www.jimlarkin.com/9thregimenthome/http)