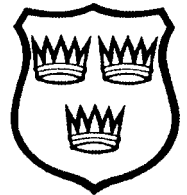




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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*"In the end, all business operations can be reduced to three words; people, product and profits.
Unless you've got a good team, you can't do much with the other two."*

~ Lee Iacocca

Gentle Members,

For those interested in making a meaningful contribution to the Irish Center, the Board of Directors is the ultimate volunteer opportunity. The Board coordinates the efforts of our entire team (paid and volunteer staff, as well as our vibrant committee structure) helping to weave the fabric of our Irish Center Community. My first year of service has been truly exhilarating and I fully expect the upcoming year to be equally exciting and challenging. I enthusiastically encourage all members to tender their individual energy and talents as a candidate for the Board, for service within our committee structure or as a day-to-day volunteer.

On Thursday, May 12, 2005 at 8pm, a Special Meeting will be held to nominate additional candidates for the Board of Directors of the UICC. Three positions are open. John J. Ring accepted his nomination as put forth by the Nominations Committee at the April Meeting. Additional candidates must be present at this 5/12 meeting to accept nomination.

On Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 8pm, elections for the open Board positions will be held at the Annual Meeting. Members will also be voting on changes to the Bylaws as proposed by the Audit, Membership and Outreach committees and the Board of Directors. Proposed changes were read at the April 28 Meeting. A copy of the proposed changes will be sent in the mail to all UICC Members. If you would like a copy of the current Bylaws, please stop by the Irish Center or contact us and one will be provided.

On behalf of the entire membership, I extend our thanks and appreciation to Danny Boyle, Mary Kelleher and Bill Luque for their service to the Irish Center Community. Their dedication will be missed at the Board level. I hope that after a brief "sabbatical" they will continue to help out with various committee assignments and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Bob Twomey, *President*

Presidents Appeal Update

As of April 28, 2005, Total receipts \$50,694.92; Disbursements \$10,559.65.

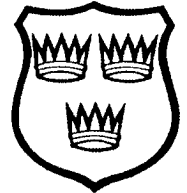
Purchases to date: Dishwasher, Awning, Dishes for the entire facility.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING — THURSDAY, May 26, 2005, at 8:00 PM



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"If what you're working for really matters, you'll give it all you've got."

~ Nido Qube

Gentle Members,

On Thursday, May, 26, 2005, John J. Ring, Patrick Maguire, and Karen Kinahan were elected to the Board of Directors. Please join me in welcoming them to the Board and lending your support and experience in helping them become effective leaders within our community.

Also addressed on this ballot were 18 proposed changes in the Bylaws. All were passed by the membership with the exception of a provision to allow absentee voting. Both proposals to revise the composition of the Operations Committee passed thereby creating a conflict in the Bylaws. Notice to all members will be forthcoming regarding a special meeting to select which of these two alternatives will be included in the Bylaws.

In keeping with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the annual audit process is in progress with a timetable of completion no later than the August membership Meeting.

Please contact me if you would like to participate as a volunteer or on a committee and thank you all for your continuing support.

Join us June 10th at 8pm for "2nd Friday Comedy Night" headlining Johnny Steele and also appearing Doug Ferrari. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Bob Twomey, *President*

Presidents Appeal Update

As of April 28, 2005:

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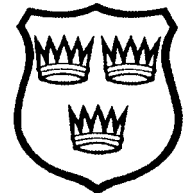
Purchases: Dishwasher, Awning, Dishes for the entire facility.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING —THURSDAY, June 23, 2005, at 7:30 PM



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Gentle Members,

As we move past the Summer Equinox, several events that took place at the Irish Center in June deserve special recognition.

On June 4, 2005, our members gathered for our first Strategic Planning Session to hear presentations on issues pertinent to the Irish Center. Speakers included Larry Gordon (Industrial Areas Foundation), John Scudder (Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep) and Xabier Berrueta (Basque Cultural Center). A full report will be circulated in the next month or so.

On June 18, 2005, Katie Watts was selected to represent the UICC as the San Francisco Rose of Tralee. We congratulate her for this accomplishment and wish her good luck at the upcoming competition in County Kerry. The committee, chaired by Maureen Leonard, did a fabulous job of planning and running the entire program. Many thanks to our outgoing Rose KC McCabe who also served on this year's committee. KC is interested in forming a volunteer group of past Roses so please help her by providing updated contact information as available.

At our Monthly Membership Meeting, the Board announced plans for a Special Meeting to be held the third Thursday in September in lieu of the August and September Meetings. A mailing will be sent to all members regarding this change. The Irish Center will be closed from August 1st through the 30th except for the Sunday Gaelic Games and scheduled Banquets. Four members of the Board will be traveling abroad during the latter part of September leaving us with less than a quorum. At the Special Meeting, we will review the Annual Audit and resolve the conflict regarding the composition of the Operations Committee.

Please contact me if you would like to volunteer during the August Cleanup and thank you all for your continuing support.

Bob Twomey, President

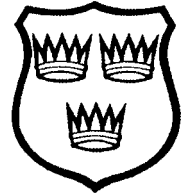
Presidents Appeal Update as of 6/15/05
Total Receipts \$ 54,167.44
Disbursements \$ 11,472.68
Cash Balance \$ 42,694.76

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING —THURSDAY, July 28, 2005, at 7:30 PM



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Gentle Members,

The proactive measures taken and the generous participation of our entire membership have rekindled the Irish Center's spirit, exuding a steady and determined glow. The weekly Gaelic Games, 2nd Friday Comedy Night, 3rd Thursday Dinner, the Silver Gaels, Comhaltas Nights, our dining room activities and the bar have a steady group of loyal members which we hope to expand during the coming months.

The Upcoming Fall Lineup features all of the activities listed above with the addition of Irish Night at the Giants (August 22); the Irish play "Dancing at Lughnasa" (August 25, 26 & 28); our UICC Picnic at Blackberry Farm (Sept. 18); Boxing Night (October 29); Living History School Program "Irish participation in the American Civil War" (November 16); Derrick Warfield of the Wolfstones (November 18)...plus local musicians performing on selected Friday Evenings.

The annual audit is in full swing and will be presented at a Special Membership Meeting on September 15, 2005. The regular meetings will be cancelled in both August (Irish Center closed) and September (4 Board Members will be traveling abroad). An official notice will follow via US Mail.

Let's keep working together to keep the fire burning and thank you again for you continuing support!

Bob Twomey, *President*

Presidents Appeal Update as of 8/1/05

Total Receipts \$ 55,902.08 (includes interest)
Disbursements \$ 17,476.88
Cash Balance \$ 37,615.20

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THERE IS NO AUGUST GENERAL MEETING
NEXT MEETING —THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM