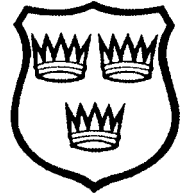




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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it"

~ Alan Kay

Gentle Members,

Good things are happening at the Irish Center...all resulting from our members coming together and enjoying the company of other members.

Weekly broadcasts of the Gaelic Games direct from Ireland are bringing in record crowds, cultural programs such as the Irish play "Dancing at Lughnasa" enjoyed packed houses, tickets to Irish Night at the SF Giants completely sold out and the Silver Gaels trips are becoming the talk of the town.

In addition to these social events, the number of members who volunteered for our Annual August Cleanup increased and more projects were accomplished. We still need financial planning and building construction minded members to help the Board of Directors properly plan for pending facilities upgrades. Please contact me as to your availability.

The hard work by those members participating in these social and volunteer programs, coupled with long term planning and ongoing operations evaluation by the current Board of Directors, should ultimately bring the Irish Center to a renewed level of success and achievement.

The Auditors are finalizing the annual audit and it will be presented at a Special Membership Meeting on September 15, 2005. The regular meeting in September has been cancelled as four Board Members will be traveling abroad. An official notice will follow via US Mail.

Please join us in the Dining Room, at a social function and at the Bar (see schedule). Your consistent attendance and participation is what will make the Irish Center strong again.

And as always, thank you for your continuing support.

Respectfully yours,

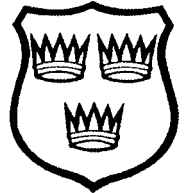
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING —THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005 at 7:30 PM



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Gentle Members,

UICC Secretary John Donohue and I have just returned from a wonderful excursion with the Cork Sister City Delegation. We enjoyed the company of several UICC members and others traveling around visiting the sites of Ireland. It was a fabulous trip and I hope to return soon.

Among the sites we saw were the wonders of Cork City, the Heritage Center at Cobh, the Castle at Blarney, the fishing village at Kinsale, the Ambassador's Residence at Phoenix Park in Dublin, Malahide Village and the beautiful countryside.

My cousin Johnny and his wife from Cork provided tickets for the All Ireland Gaelic Football Finals in Dublin. The energy level and excitement was contagious. I couldn't help but think how lucky we are to have the games shown live each Sunday at the UICC. Thanks to Pat Dillon, John Manning, Diarmuid Philpott, Martin Falvey, Joannie O'Leary, Kathleen Manning, Nora Mullane, Dora Quirke and Joan McClain for showing up at 5:00 am each Sunday and making this available to us all.

As we head into the fall and winter months, the UICC will be expanding our programs making the facility more available to our members. Our recent picnic was quite successful drawing large numbers. The annual Mass for deceased members, special concerts, teen dances, school programs and 2nd Friday Comedy are on the docket.

Please make every effort to support upcoming events, as well as the bar and dining room. A new menu is forthcoming.

There will also be a Benefit for Seamus Whitney who was recently in a very serious accident. I hope you will all attend.

Respectfully yours.

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"We grow great by dreams. Dreamers see things in the soft haze of a spring day or in the red fire of a long winter's evening. Some of us let these great dreams die, but others nourish and protect them; nurse them through bad days till they bring them to the sunshine and light which comes always to those who sincerely hope that their dreams will come true."

~ Woodrow Wilson

Gentle Members,

The United Irish Cultural Center was once a dream... a dream nourished and protected by involved members of the Irish Community. Our beautiful facility is testament to the dedication of those members who provided the sunshine and light to make that dream come true. The nourishment continues through the efforts of volunteers serving in official capacities on standing committees or serving behind the scenes by participating in programs and attending events.

The Board of Directors is working hard to meet our fiduciary responsibilities and get us through the bad days. Recommendations made during the annual audit are being addressed by the Joint House Committee comprised of the Board, Finance, Audit and Operation Committees. The Irish Center will have a Procedures Manual by December 1.

We are formalizing job descriptions for paid staff and volunteer committees. This should eliminate the uncertainty as to who is responsible for what within the Irish Center organization. A new phone system is in place. Some may not adjust easily, but I assure you changes will be made in a compassionate, respectful and thoughtful manner with the long term well being of the Irish Center being our highest priority.

The Irish Center must change to generate involvement and patronage from all of our members. Targeted programs and events are being developed to expand the demographics of our membership. The "one size fits all" model has not hit the mark 100% with anyone. Short and long term plans for remodeling the Irish Center are underway so it is better equipped to serve all of our members.

We can no longer focus only on special events. Hosting events is an important and necessary function for producing current and future revenue but there is a perception the Irish Center is a only a place to go for events. Therefore, many of our members come to the Irish Center just a couple of times a year.

Accomplishing these tasks will bring more light and sunshine to the Irish Center but it's up to all of us to nourish and protect our Irish Center. We must build consistency and loyalty by reinventing the Irish Center with a new "alive and well image". Bring a friend to lunch on Thursday...or 2nd Friday Comedy...or to have a drink and play cards. Check out our events at www.irishcentersf.org... email a friend and invite them to the Irish Center.

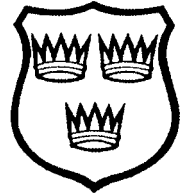
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"It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow"

~ Robert Hutchings Goddard

(1882 - 1945) American physicist and rocket expert

Gentle Members,

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone took advantage of the opportunity to enjoy recent events held at the Irish Center including the Seamus Whitney Benefit, Fight Night, the Halloween Party, 2nd Friday Comedy, the Living History School Program and the Mass for Deceased Members. The turnout of familiar faces was amazing!

In an effort to better communicate on a regular basis with all of our members, one copy of the UICC Bulletin will be sent to each household beginning with this issue. Thanks to our Communications Committee notably Mitzi Samson and Maureen Hickey who have done a fabulous job in keeping this important communication going through some difficult times. A refund will be issued to those who have paid for the 2006 Subscription. We sincerely hope you will consider donating that money back to help offset our costs. A limited number of sponsorships are also available, so please contact the Communications Committee. If you would prefer to receive the Bulletin by email, please contact Bob2mey@yahoo.com. Tom McKeon is working on our online communications by improving the website. Please check out Upcoming Events or call the Events Hotline at 415/661-2700 ext 407. Bulletin Sponsors will also be acknowledged on our website at www.irishcentersf.org.

The Operations Committee is coordinating improved food and beverage service including better pricing and menu selection, as well as maintaining the physical plant.

The Audit and Finance Committees are working with Treasurer Karen Kinahan to regain our financial footing. Procedures will be in place in December.

As always, the Board and our committees continue to work hard, but we need your support. Please come out during December and have a meal (Thurs Lunch, Sat Dinner, Sun Brunch), a drink (Bar Open w/ Pub Grub T-Th 6p-10; Fri & Sat 5p-1a; Sun 2p-8p) or a special event (Children's Christmas Party; 2nd Friday Comedy w/ the Meehan Bros; New Year's Eve). Thank you for your support.

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