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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*"Coming together is a beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is success."*

~ Henry Ford

Dear Members,

Recent comments shared with members of the Board of Directors have indicated our increased effort to inform all UICC members regarding happenings at the Irish Center have been well received. In addition to sending bi-weekly e-mails regarding upcoming events and posting updates on our website (www.irishcentersf.org), we announced a plan to provide a UICC Bulletin to every member household during the year 2006 funded solely by donations and sponsorships rather than on a "subscription only" basis.

Mitzi Samson of the Communications Committee subsequently provided hard numbers at the December Membership Meeting indicating the cost is too dear and the plan too ambitious to proceed at this time. The Board of Directors thus determined only members who pay the \$20.00 subscription fee will continue to receive the bulletin (see enclosed subscription info). A free copy of the bulletin will be sent via e-mail to any member who contacts our webmaster by email at info@irishcentersf.org. Please be kind enough to pass this information along to those members who may not have received this message. **This will be the last regular Bulletin sent without a paid subscription.**

The Audit (tel ext. 303) and Finance (tel ext. 302) Committees have submitted through Treasurer Karen Kinahan (tel ext. 301) a letter recommending 13 changes to the current operations including immediately closing the Dining Room/Bar, actively focusing our operation solely on Banquets, limiting the days we are available for club meetings and convening a meeting of Past Presidents/Board Members to create a plan for the future. As many of you know, these recommendations are very similar to those presented in October 2004 which led to many of the changes we experienced over the past year. **The Board of Directors has been reviewing these recommendations and will draw from the experience of the appropriate committees and past board members to determine which will be implemented. You will all be notified of any changes.**

The remaining 32/50 Program money left from 2004 had been kept aside through November 2005 for use on specific items as recommended by that committee. It was recently used to offset some operations costs but the 2005 money remains in the appropriate account for distribution as per the regular process for that program. The Board of Directors expects this program to continue into 2006 and beyond, provided we have volunteers to staff it. Please call Bill Luqué (tel ext. 305) to volunteer your time.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING —THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006 at 7:30 PM

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**WELCOME** to the following new members Terry Calvani, Sarah Roonan Hill, Brendan O'Connor and Kevin Bermingham; and to the following transfer members who joined the Center during the past year: Marian Sheffner, William Shea, Mike Nightingale, Ethel Fredrichs, Don Shepley, Dorothy Burns, Siobhan-Marie Southwick, Sean Spears, Elaine Walsh, Tom Evertt, Elmer Lobre, Andrea Quinn, Phyllis Byrne, Ellen O'Connell, Ethna O'Rourke, Diana Mahoney, Nanette Murray, Jo Brown, Michael Cesari, Jane Fowlie, Peggy Cheney, Kevin Sears, Diane Sullivan, Annie Ostrowski, James Crowley, Zenta Burton, Nickolas Ziatunich, Frank Kennedy, Megan McTiernan, John Kellerher, Lee Farola, Katrina Donohue, Arleen Taylor, Addie Sullivan and Keegan Murphy.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bob Baker who will serve as Grand Marshal for the 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade. In addition to being a member of the Center Bob is a Piper and currently California State President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

**A BIG HUGE THANK YOU** from all of us at the UICC to the Emerald Society and POA for making our annual Christmas Party at the center great success! A special thank you to Michelle and Eugene Duffy for all their hard work and dedication to the UICC. And thank you Brad Allen at Customhouse for loaning us Santa's Chair and Supervisor Fiona Ma for making the arrangements for the cookies from Sugar Bowl.

**SILVER GAELS** had over 40 members enjoying a trip to River Rock Casino on December 6 and will welcome the New Year with a lunch at the UICC on Thursday January 5. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Please make reservations with Anne Quilter at 415-586-8017

**RECENTLY RETIRED** after 34 years as head of the criminal division in the SF D.A.'s office Paul Cummins has joined his cousin Bill Pursley, in the practice of law. Paul and Bill will manage the San Francisco breanch office of Pursley, Rush & Wesley, LLP.

**ETERNAL REST** to the following members who have passed away: Eileen Hallisy, Ellen "Nelle" Shields and Con O'Sullivan. The following members passed a away in the lasts few months: Aileen Hart, Anne Preston and Elleen Shea. Condolences to Doris, and son and daughter Bob and Elaine ( Shaw) on the death of Ephran Duncan, husband and father. And to Mike Cooney on the death of his sister Carmel Cooney, in Ireland. MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

At this time we would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who participated during 2005, the UICC Management and staff for all their help , the guests whose attendance makes it all possible, the ladies who chair the reservations, Molly and her helpers at the raffles. Thank you so much and Happy New Year! Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Alene & Charlie Meyers, Sheila Corry, Josephine Healy, Helen Naish, Eileen & Pat O'Sullivan, Kathleen & Pat Dunleavy, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Agnes & Frank Fee, Kathleen & Pat Dillon, Phyllis O'Connor, Bill Luqué, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan, Pam Naughton, Mitzi Samson, Margaret Gavney and Josephine McLaughlin. January's Thursday night dinner will be held on Thursday the 19. No-host cocktails start at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The price is \$18.00 per person. Dinner includes soup or salad, your choice of Pot Roast and Sole, Sherbet and coffee or tea. The tax and tip is included in the price. Please make your reservations early with Kathleen Mooney at 415-731-8747 or Josephine Healy at 415-681-8385. Reservations close on Sunday, January 15, 2006.

Happy Holidays to ALL!

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, *Co-Chairpersons*

## LADIES AUXILIARY

On Friday night, December 2, 2005 the Ladies Auxiliary members, spouses and friends celebrated Christmas at the Irish Center with a wonderful meal. We ate, laughed and sang together. It was memorable. Thank you all for such a great gift. My thanks to Anne Quilter and Phyliss O'Connor for their work arranging this wonderful time. My very best wishes to all for a warm Christmas and Happy New Year.

— Alice Mayo, *President*

# JANUARY & UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY

### JANUARY 6, Friday

- Pub Grub ~ Bar Open 5pm - 12am

### JANUARY 7, Saturday

- Dining Room open 5pm - 9pm ~ Bar Open til 1am

### JANUARY 8, Sunday

- Sunday Brunch ~ 10am - 1:30pm
- Bar Open til 5pm

### JANUARY 10, Tuesday

- Old Timers Baseball ~ St. Patrick's Room

### JANUARY 11, Wednesday

- S. F. City & Co. Retired Employees

### JANUARY 12, Thursday

- Pub Grub ~ Bar Open 5pm - 12am
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30 - 9:30pm
- For information call Josephine Brogan - 415-681-4803

### JANUARY 13, Friday

- Pub Grub ~ Bar Open 5pm - 12am

### JANUARY 14, Saturday

- Dining Room open 5pm - 9pm ~ Bar Open till 1am

### JANUARY 15, Sunday

- Sunday Brunch ~ 10am - 1:30pm
  - Children's Ceili ~ 4pm-7pm
- Everyone is welcome. Comhaltas members FREE  
Non-Comhaltas members: \$5 per child or \$10 for two or more children.
- Bar Open til 5pm

### JANUARY 19, Thursday

- Monthly Thursday Night Dinner  
Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6pm
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30 - 9:30pm
- For information call Josephine Brogan - 415-681-4803

### JANUARY 20, Friday

- Pub Grub ~ Bar Open 5pm - 12am

### JANUARY 21, Saturday

- Dining Room open 5pm - 9pm ~ Bar Open til 1am
- Music at the Bar ~ 8pm to Midnight

### JANUARY 22, Sunday

- Sunday Brunch ~ 10am - 1:30pm
- LAOH/AOH State Board Meeting & Brunch
- Bar Open til 5pm

### JANUARY 26, Thursday

- UICC General Meeting ~ 7:30pm
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30 - 9:30pm
- For information call Josephine Brogan - 415-681-4803

### JANUARY 27, Friday

- Pub Grub ~ Bar Open 5pm - 12am

### JANUARY 28, Saturday

- Texas Hold 'em ~ 2pm
- For info call Gerry Cassidy 415/665-0682
- Dining Room open 5pm - 9pm ~ Bar Open til 1am

### JANUARY 29, Sunday

- Sunday Brunch ~ 10am - 1:30pm
- Bar Open til 5pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, February 11, 2006  
Kerry Club ~ Sons of Boru Dinner Dance
- Sunday, February 26, 2006  
Columban Fathers Annual Dinner & Raffle  
For information call:  
Anne Quilter, 415/586-8017



NEW MENU FOR SUNDAY BRUNCH  
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## 32 / 50 CLUB

The December Drawing was held at the monthly meeting on December 15, 2005. The winning combination was PENNSYLVANIA and LEITRIM, held by Teresa Kerr, who will receive \$550.00. Those holding the state of Pennsylvania each receive \$50.00.

Kathy Graham  
Anne/Brian McMahon  
Cecilia Mateik  
Mary Sinclair  
Hugh & Diana O'Connor  
Jon Fletcher  
Patricia Curran  
Joan Manini  
Eileen Cunnane  
Jack Manning/Kathleen Manning

Sheila Walsh  
Gladys F. Thompson  
Emer Madden  
Helen Gallagher  
Todd Smith  
Nora J. Stroke  
Marcella McCormack  
Eileen & Kathy Looney  
Charles Dunleavy

Pat Coffey  
Martin F. Howard  
George/Teresa Pohley  
Phyllis O'Connor  
Winifred J. Walsh  
Pamela Guiney  
Patricia Moore/Teresa  
Maryjane Knoll  
Margaret Gavney

Those members who attended the monthly meeting and received the \$50 meeting bonus were:

Teresa Moore, Phyllis O'Connor, Kathleen Manning, Margaret Gavney, and Martin F. Howard. Congratulations to all the winners! The next drawing will be held at the monthly meeting on January 26, 2006. FYI, checks can take four - six weeks to process; please be patient.

If you would like more information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661-2700, ext. 305.

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DANIEL MAHONEY

*President's Letter continued from page 1*

The Presidents Appeal (tel ext. 104) balance remains above \$29,000. The total amount collected for 2005 was \$55,717.91. This money was spent on a new dishwasher, an awning, dishes, plate covers, projector repairs, notices in the church bulletins, carpet cleaning, plumbing repairs and HVAC Maintenance. As promised, none of this money has been nor will be used to pay salaries. *We welcome your ongoing donations for this Fund.*

One thing is clear, despite the best intentions and hard work of our dedicated volunteer Board and Committee Members, we have not significantly improved the operation of this business over the past year. We did not lose anything near amounts lost in the past (estimates for the year are -\$30,000), but we are unable to demonstrate how our current procedures and methods have brought us any closer to achieving solid financial footing.

Members have voiced opinions on why this may be...payment at the door, poor menu, inconsistent service, bad communication, an overall lack of accountability...One member of the Finance Committee characterized our efforts as "band aids" for a bigger problem. The Board agrees we need a 2006 Budget, a Procedures Manual, Food/Labor/Operations Cost Analysis, a Daily Report and consistent communication to and from all our members. We also need help making these things happen.

The Operations Committee (tel ext. 105), chaired by Vice President Joan McClain will continue to work on addressing issues pertinent to that committee. The Committee consists of Joan, John Donohue, Pat Maguire, Bill Luque and newly appointed Anne Carew. Your input is helpful, especially if you have food and beverage, plant operations or restaurant management experience. Please call Joan to offer your assistance.

This is not an impossible task...but as volunteers balancing family and work, these commitments can be very difficult. These past months have been especially hard on all of us.

Please communicate your thoughts, opinions and offers to assist by calling 415/661-2700 ext.104, sending a letter to my attention at the Irish Center or an email to Bob2mey@yahoo.com. We are truly interested in determining how to encourage the 3000 plus members to attend events and come for lunch or dinner on a regular basis. As we all know, the members who actively participate, whether in person or by written communication, determine the direction of our organization and the silent majority is subject to those decisions.

Please participate...30 years of dedicated service by so many should not go to waste.

Slán go fóill,

Bob Twomey, President

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

*The Bulletin Staff*

*Mitzi Samson, Maureen Hickey,*

*Laura Busby and Brian Busby*

*thank you for your continuing support of your bulletin.*

*We wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous*

*New Year 2006!*

## NEW BAR HOURS at the UICC

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	5 - 10 PM
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	11AM - 2:00PM then 5 - 10PM
Friday	5PM - 12AM
Saturday	5PM - 1AM
Sunday	10AM-5PM

## COLUMBAN FATHERS Annual Dinner and Raffle

*Honoring*

***MaryJo Feeney***

**Sunday - February 26, 2006**

**United Irish Cultural Center**

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**Join us for an evening of fun**

**No Host Cocktails - 5:30 PM**

**Dinner - 6:30 PM**

**\$40.00**

**For Reservations Call:**

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Many Members did not fill out their Birth information on the 2005 Questionnaire. Without this information, you will not receive a Birthday Meal Card.

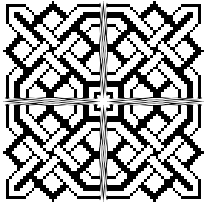
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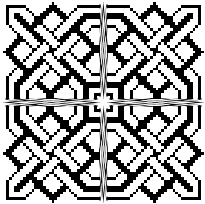
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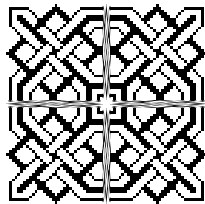
# Kerry Athletic Club @ Sons of Boru Dinner Dance



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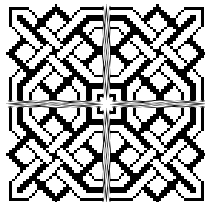
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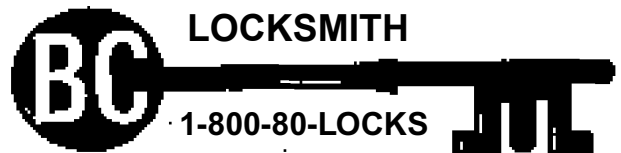
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There are a total of 1,600 combinations available in the game - 32 counties x 50 states. The cost of each annual membership is \$32.50, which allows members to participate in a monthly drawing for a full year.

Each member is assigned a county of Ireland and one of the states of America. There are no duplicate combinations. Each combination belongs to only one member.

A drawing is held each month at which one of the 50 states and one of the 32 counties is drawn. Each member holding that state receives \$50. The member holding the state plus the county drawn receives an additional \$500, for a total of \$550. Drawings in the months of May through February are held at the monthly UICC membership meeting. (If you attend the meeting and your name is on a combination drawn, you win an additional \$50!) The first and twelfth drawings of the year are held at a special event in April, held to thank 32/50 members for their support. The combination holders for those months (March/April) receive not \$550, but **\$3,250!**

It is possible to win more than once a year - and each member's chances only increase with the number of combinations they purchase!

The 2006 membership year is now open. Mail requests to the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Requests will be filled as soon as possible. If you would like to send a combination as a Christmas gift, please forward your request by December 10, 2005, and indicate that this is a gift.

Members of the 2005 Club will receive a renewal notice in the mail. The renewal period for current memberships runs through January 2006.

If you would like more information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661-2700, ext. 305.

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I would like to participate in the 32/50 Club this year.  
Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$32.50 per combination.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ UICC Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

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