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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in want.

~ Irish blessing

Happy New Year! The Board would like to thank everyone who came out to support the Center in December. We had a full house at the Children's Christmas Party on the 17th, at the Christmas celebrations, and at the New Year's Eve party. The dining room and the banquets saw many busy nights. Thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped in December.

As we closed out 2006, the Board of Directors met to discuss the year-in-review and start to plan for 2007. We are optimistic that 2007 will ring in much success for the UICC. We would like to concentrate on increasing our banquet business, while maintaining our patronage in the restaurant. As we continue to streamline operations, we look to see an increase in revenue across the board.

The UICC Board has made a few resolutions for 2007. For example, we would like to increase community spirit among Irish/Irish-American groups in the Bay Area by organizing periodical meetings to share ideas. And, we want to celebrate the UICC by hosting a weekend Celtic festival in June.

What is your New Year's resolution? We have a few suggestions on how the UICC can be a part of it:

If you resolve to get healthy, start a walking group with fellow members of the UICC or partake in a Comhaltas Ceili.

If you resolve to spend more time with family and friends, stop by the Center for lunch on a Thursday or Friday afternoon and stay to play cards.

If you resolve to get more balance in your life, take some time to go out to dinner at the Center with family or friends.

If you resolve to learn something new, visit the UICC Patrick J. Dowling Library and peruse our treasure of Irish literature.

If you resolve to give more back to the community, start with the UICC. You can make a big difference by joining a committee and supporting our annual pledge.

Whatever you resolve, including the UICC is simple.

Atbbhlain faoi mbaise duit!

A prosperous New Year!

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING — THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to John Moylan who has been elected President of the Golden Gate Bridge Board.

GOOD LUCK to Brian D'Arcy and Dave Fontana who are retiring from the San Francisco Police Department. Their retirement dinner will be January 12th, 2007.

SILVER GAEL MEMBERS enjoyed another great trip to River Rock Casino on November 27th, 2006. Our next luncheon is Thursday, January 11th at noon. "A Day At the Races" will be discussed, plus future trips or other activities for 2007. Luncheon reservations appreciated. Please phone Anne Quilter 415/586-8017.

HISTORICAL IRISH ITEM OF INTEREST FOR OUR MEMBERS Lieutenant Colonel Sean Clancy, 105-years-old, War of Independence veteran who served alongside Michael Collins, died in the fall of 2006. He was a former Commanding Officer of the Fifth Infantry Battalion and fought against British forces in the Dublin Brigade of the Volunteers from 1919 to 1921. The Co Clare native also shared the historic moment in Dublin Castle in 1922 with Collins when Britain handed over power to the new Irish Government. In a statement the Defence Forces said: "It is with great regret the Defence Forces mourn the death of Lieutenant Colonel Sean Clancy at the age of 105 years." At the time of his death, in a Dublin nursing home, Lt. Col. Clancy was the oldest surviving person receiving military service pension for his role in the War of Independence." After serving in the War of Independence, Lt. Col Clancy signed up to join the National Army on May 22, 1922. He was commissioned as a lieutenant the following year and held a number of posts during the Civil War Years and in the Emergency.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Peggy Kenny, William "Bill" McGrath, Eileen Donohue, Dan Flynn, Noreen O'Reilly, and Alice Mahon. MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.

LET US KNOW what our members are doing. Provide us with information of weddings, births, anniversaries, graduations, or other special occasions. Send information to the Center c/o Katy O'Shea.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

"C  ad M  le F  ilte" to our January 18, 2007 Thursday Night Dinner. No-host cocktails start at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The price is \$20.00 per person. Dinner includes soup or salad, your choice of Pot Roast or Sole Pomadora, dessert and coffee or tea. The tax and tip is included in the price. Please make your reservations early with Josephine Healy at 415-681-8385 or Kathleen Mooney at 415-731-8747. Reservations close on Sunday, January 14, 2007. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

We all enjoyed our Christmas Dinner on December 2, 2006. Our next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7pm. All ladies are welcome. We need more members to help with our activities, especially, the Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner which will be on Saturday March 17th this year. Lots of work and also good fellowship. A very special thank you to all who did a great job decorating the Center for Christmas. Happy New Year to all!

— Anne Quilter, *President*

DEADLINE for February BULLETIN is January 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415-661-2700.

If you have specific artwork questions contact Adrienne Verreos at Falcon Associates Inc.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

JANUARY 9, TUESDAY

- Ladies Auxiliary ~ 7:00pm
- Oldtimers Baseball ~ St. Patrick Room

JANUARY 11, THURSDAY

- Silver Gaels Luncheon ~ Noon
 - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
- For info call Josephine Brogan - 415/681-4803

JANUARY 18, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner
 - Civil War Roundtable
 - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
- For info call Josephine Brogan - 415/681-4803

JANUARY 20, SATURDAY

- Washington Reunion Class of 1946
- For info call Phil Hollenbeck 650/726-2718

JANUARY 21, SUNDAY

- Annual St. Brigid's Event ~ 1:00pm
- Celtic Afternoon of Prayer - *See ad*
Sponsored by the LAOH Divisions 1, 2 and 3
Dinner following ~ 5:00pm

JANUARY 25, THURSDAY

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



IN JANUARY



Saturday 6 - Alex and Company

Saturday 13 - Kevin Roche

Saturday 20 - Comhaltas

Musicians & Dancers

Saturday 27 - Kevin Roche



SAVE THE DATE !

February 17, 2007 EMERALD EXTRAVAGANZA
San Francisco Cooley-Keegan branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri
Eireann

February 23, 2007 KERRY DINNER DANCE

February 25, 2007 COLUMBAN FATHERS DINNER

March 1, 2007 KRB GET TOGETHER LUNCH
This KRB Get Together Lunch date has been changed
from February 22

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN NIGHT is every third Saturday at the Center from 8pm to 11pm. Comhaltas (CCE) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling and language. CCE has over 400 branches throughout Ireland, Britain, the U. S. and many other countries. Come out and support the Irish Culture. Admission is FREE.

Mitzi Samson and Maureen Hickey
thank you for your continuing support
of your bulletin.

We wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous
New Year 2007!

32 / 50 CLUB

The 32/50 drawing was held at the monthly meeting on November 16, 2006.

The winning combination was North Carolina and Antrim held by Patrick Hickey who will receive \$550.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Patrick Hickey	Jack Powers	Pat Aherne	Jean Gallagher
Jane R. Brady	Bill Barca	32/50 Club	Michael/Margaret Gavney*
Stephen Goulding	Rosaleen McCormack	Frank Leonard	Kerry Keighran
Pat Dillon*	Siobhan Whelan/Johnston	Joseph Reilly	Frank McHugh
Nora J. Stroke	Bernadette/Paul Fuhrman	Carmel Chaney	Megan/Margaret Gavney*
Betty McMahon	Robert Twomey	Alice Ravano	Karen Kinahan*
Thomas Cunnane	William Collins	Hannah O'Connell	Joan McClain*
Dick Walsh	Helga D'Arcy	Edward Fowlie	Richard Quinn

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

Those with an asterisk (*) by their name received an additional \$50 for being present at the meeting.

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THURSDAY 11AM - 2:00 PM then 5 PM - 10 PM

FRIDAY 4 PM - 11 PM

SATURDAY 4 PM - 1 AM

SUNDAY 10 AM - 10 PM

Lunch on THURSDAYS 11:30am - 2pm

Lunch on FRIDAYS 11:30am - 2pm

Brunch on SUNDAYS 10am - 2pm

Dinner on FRIDAYS 5pm - 9pm

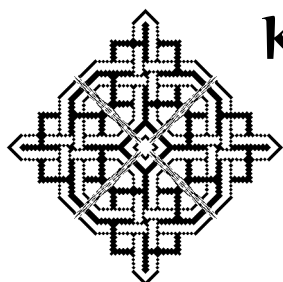
Dinner on SATURDAYS 5pm - 9:30pm

Dinner on SUNDAYS

5pm - 9pm

Reservations are appreciated to better serve our members

Come for the "Craic"!!



Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Boru 45th Annual Dinner Dance

Friday, February 23rd 2007



United Irish Cultural Center

2700 - 45th Avenue ♦ San Francisco, CA 94116



No-Host Cocktails 7 PM ♦ Dinner 8 PM

Prime Rib, Salmon or Chicken

Reservations - \$60.00 per person

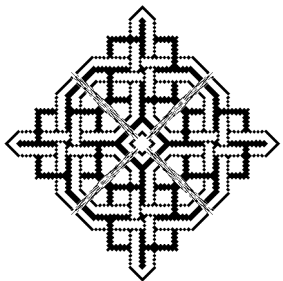
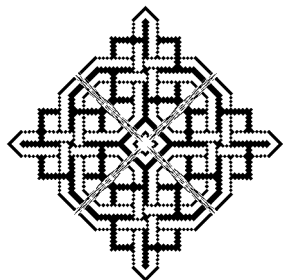
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Martin Falvey 650-455-0504

Music

Jeez Louise & Shades of Green



St. Brigid's Celtic Afternoon of Prayer

sponsored by

LAOH Divisions 1, 2 and 3

Sunday, January 21, 2007

1:00 pm

St. Francis Room ~ UICC

~ Guest Speaker ~
Sister Eymard Flood, OSC
Vicar of Women Religious
Orange County Diocese

All Hibernians and friends are welcome.

Dinner to follow at 5 pm

For information call Katy O'Shea
415/648-7538

COLUMBAN FATHERS Annual Dinner and Raffle

Honoring
Francis Kelly

Sunday February 25, 2007
at UICC

Join us for an evening of fun

No Host Cocktails - 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

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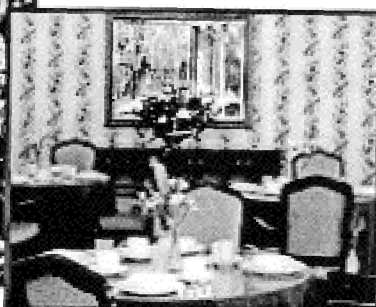
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COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch

Presents

Emerald Extravaganza

Saturday, February 17, 2007

United Irish Cultural Center

Benefiting the programs of Comhaltas and the UICC.

Come out for an evening of great fun, music, dancing, silent auction, great food, no host bar, and much more.....

**Dancing to: The Irish Connection Band &
Michael Aragon and Friends Jazz Band**

Special Entertainment: Celtic Dance Ensemble

\$60 per person

Reservations: Joannie O'Leary - 415/664-6579 or Josephine Brogan - 415/681-4803

The Emerald Extravaganza celebrates the 30th Anniversary of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in the S.F. Bay Area. This gala evening, set for Saturday February 17, 2007, will take place at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco. The entire 'Irish Center' will be buzzing...come and see all it has to offer!!

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (CCE) (pronounced Koltis Koltori Erin) was founded in Ireland in 1951 to promote and foster traditional Irish music, song, language, and dance.

Current programs by San Francisco's Cooley-Keegan Branch of CCE include weekly set dance lessons, bi-monthly adult and children's céilís, music and dance workshops, song and storytelling evenings, Irish language nights, and special events throughout the year — all of which are open to the community.

The UICC, built by volunteer labor and donations in 1974, sought as one of its primary goals to provide a facility where Irish culture would be preserved and nourished. CCE wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the support the UICC has been, over the years, to our branch, as well as all the other organizations in the Irish Community.

Come celebrate the rich history of Comhaltas and the U.I.C.C. by attending the Emerald Extravaganza. The night will begin at 7pm with no-host cocktails in the Grand Ballroom, and entertainment by Comhaltas adult and youth musicians. Guests will be treated to a "light supper" from 7-9pm. Exciting horse race wagering will commence at 7:30-9p.m. in the ballroom, while the silent auction takes place in the Member's Room downstairs.

At 9p.m. The Celtic Dance Ensemble will present special entertainment in the ballroom, followed by dancing from 9:30-midnight to everyone's favorite, **the Irish Connection Band**. Simultaneously, The Michael Aragon Jazz Band will perform on the restaurant stage. Meanwhile, a traditional Irish music seisiún will continue in the St. Francis Room for those who might fancy a set or céilí dance. Come join in celebrating Irish heritage and culture. **The Emerald Extravaganza is a benefit for the programs of Comhaltas and the United Irish Cultural Center.** Your support is deeply appreciated. Tickets: \$60.00 per person. Chairpersons are Kasey MillereE (707-769-8552) and Joannie O'Leary (415-664-6579). For further information, please contact Josephine Brogan: 415-681-4803 or visit our website at <http://sf.ccewest.org>. (Reserve early...the number of tickets is limited.)



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