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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Autumn is here! And, the Center is buzzing with the activity of the fall. October is the month for you to come out and join us at the Center. We have many big events that will satisfy all, young and old.

We start the month with AOH division 5's Fight Night on October 6. On October 11, we have John McNicholl in concert. The restaurant will be open that night so please see the bulletin for more information. Feeling lucky? Come out on October 13 for the Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo and luncheon. All families are invited to celebrate Halloween at the Center on Sunday October 28. Come for the party, and stay for dinner and a show. Ring of Fire will be doing a special show that evening from 6pm to 9pm. See the bulletin for more information about these events and our weekly entertainment.

Halloween is around the corner, and we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the Irish for bringing this fun holiday to the States. The ancient Celts celebrated Oíche Shamhna or the night of Samhain, a night when the dead revisited the mortal world. The Celts had many traditions to celebrate this day, and those traditions were adapted through the years. Eventually, variations of the Celtic traditions were carried over to North America in the nineteenth century by Irish and Scottish immigrants. With this in mind, here are a few Irish Halloween traditions* we have found and would like to share:

Colcannon for Dinner: Boiled Potato, Curly Kale (a cabbage) and raw Onions are provided as the traditional Irish Halloween dinner. Clean coins are wrapped in baking paper and placed in the potato for children to find and keep.

The Barnbrack Cake: The traditional Halloween cake in Ireland is the barnbrack, which is a fruit bread. Each member of the family gets a slice. Great interest is taken in the outcome as there is a piece of rag, a coin and a ring in each cake. If you get the rag then your financial future is doubtful. If you get the coin then you can look forward to a prosperous year. Getting the ring is a sure sign of impending romance or continued happiness.

The Ivy Leaf: Each member of the family places a perfect ivy leaf into a cup of water and it is then left undisturbed overnight. If, in the morning, a leaf is still perfect and has not developed any spots then the person who placed the leaf in the cup can be sure of 12 months health until the following Halloween.

Snap Apple: This is a popular game for all. An apple is suspended from a string and children are blindfolded. The first child to get a decent bite of the apple gets to keep a prize. The same game can be played by placing apples in a basin of water and trying to get a grip on the apple without too much mess!

Perhaps you know a few more... We hope you will share them with us and others.

October will be a fun time for all at the Center. We look forward to seeing you this month!

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Sullivan who was elected President of the California LAOH State Board at the 86th Biennial Convention of the California Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians held in Santa Ana, September 14th to the 16th. Other Center members who were elected to office are Lyn Burkart, Vice President, and Mary Ryan, Secretary. Kathleen Manning is the Immediate Past President. Ed McEntee was elected Vice President for AOH and Jerry De Ryan Treasurer. Other Center members in attendance at the Convention were Bob Baker, Jack Curtin, John Casserly, Terry Kelleher, Margaret McAuliffe, Marie Doherty, Katy O'Shea, Josie Rivero, Joan McClain, Mary I. Callanan, Claire Hackett and Cathy Pallas.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Mary Looney, Mary Maughan Foley, Christine Foley, Christy AnnMarie Maguire, John O'Neill and Joyce Erlwin. Condolences to Patrick Dolan and Patsy Dolan on the passing of Sean Dolan in Tacoma, Washington. His funeral Mass was celebrated in Blackloin, County Cavan, by good friend, Rev. Anthony Hannick. **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

The Thursday Night Dinner Club meets every month on the third Thursday. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.** The September 20th, Thursday Night Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Dorothy & John Sorenson, Peg & Bash McCarthy, Pat & Kathleen Dunleavy, Eileen Condon, Barbara & Bill O'Brien, Phyllis O'Connor, Bill Luqué, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Pat Quinn, Lois & Walt Heim, Patricia O'Connor and Donna Jean McCarthy. Our next dinner is Thursday, October 18. 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 Lamb Shank or Trout, 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 Eileen O'Sullivan at 415-681-2987. Reservations close on Sunday, October 14th, 2007. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 7 pm. We will finalize our plans for our October 13th **LUNCHEON** and **BINGO /RAFFLE**. All ladies are most welcome at our meetings and activities.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels members enjoyed lunch and cards on Friday September 14th. There will be no lunch in October. The next luncheon will be on Friday, November 9th at 12 noon. All are welcome to join us. Please make reservations with Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017.

The trip to Thunder Valley Casino was enjoyed by 46 members. Everyone wants to go back to Thunder Valley Casino and hopefully that will take place in April 2008. A trip to River Rock Casino is planned for Monday, December 3rd. **So mark your calendars!** More information in the November bulletin. Thank you to Mitzi Samson and Maureen Hickey who are busy with the plans for the Day at the Races at Bay Meadows.

— Anne Quilter

OCTOBER CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

OCTOBER 6, SATURDAY

- **Fight Night ~ UICC**
Sponsored by AOH Div 5
For tickets call: Rich Conway 415/665-9136

OCTOBER 8, MONDAY

- **2nd ~ Day at the Races ~ Bay Meadows**
\$22 per person
Includes entrance to Turf Club, lunch, and parking
\$49 per person with bus transportation
Contact Mitzi Samson - 415/681-0876
Maureen Hickey - 650/375-0277

OCTOBER 11, THURSDAY

- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
For info call Josephine Brogan - 415/681-4803
- **John McNicholl in Concert ~ 8pm**
\$20 in Advance / \$25 at the Door
Advance tickets can be purchased at the UICC

OCTOBER 13, SATURDAY

- **Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon ~ BINGO & Raffle**

OCTOBER 14, SUNDAY

- **Parkside Senior Dance ~ 1pm**
- **United Irish Societies Meeting - 6pm**

OCTOBER 18, THURSDAY

- **AAA - Cruise Travel information - 2pm-4pm**
- **Thursday Night Dinner**
Call Anne Quilter - 415/586-8017
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
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OCTOBER 20, SATURDAY

- **Connaught Athletic & Social Club**
Annual Dinner Dance

OCTOBER 23, TUESDAY

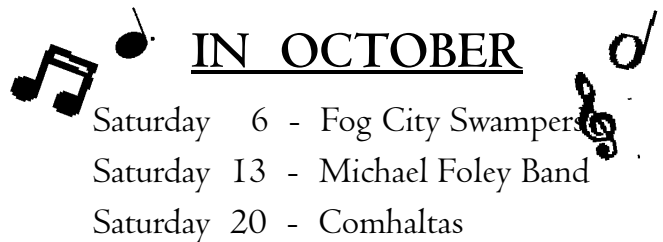
- **Lifeline Screening ~ 9am - 5pm**

OCTOBER 25, THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 26, FRIDAY - 28, SUNDAY

- **Ulster Social Club - 2 night Reno Trip**
Everyone invited. Call Marie Gavney 415/731-0787



Saturday 6 - Fog City Swampers
Saturday 13 - Michael Foley Band
Saturday 20 - Comhaltas
Musicians & Dancers
Saturday 27 - Louise & Shades of Green
Sunday 28 - Ring of Fire



**During October Members and their guests at
Friday lunch will receive
a complimentary glass of wine or champagne.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 18

**UICC Annual Mass
for our deceased members @ 10am**

Champagne Brunch following service

\$20 per person- tip included
Reservations required by Sunday, November 11
Call: Peggy McDonald 415/665-3531 or
Jack Curtin 415/587-6779

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Dinner at the UICC
2 seatings ~ Reservations required

Thursday, December 6

KRB Lunch
Guest Speaker ~ Émer Deane
Consul General of Ireland - Western United States

♣ **Come One! Come All!**
Thursday Night Dinners
3rd Thursday of the month ♣
♣ **Everyone is welcome.**

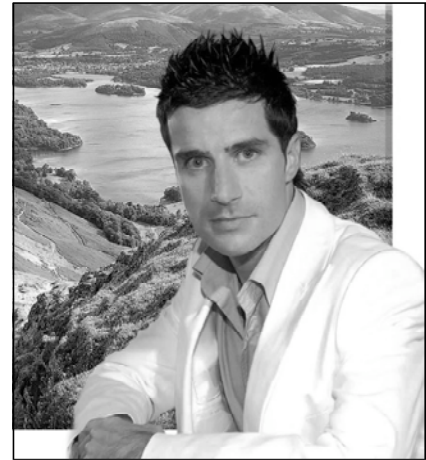
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~ Reservations required ~
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*The United Irish Cultural Center
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John McNicholl in Concert!*

*Thursday, October 11th
8:00 p.m.*

*Admission \$20.00 in advance
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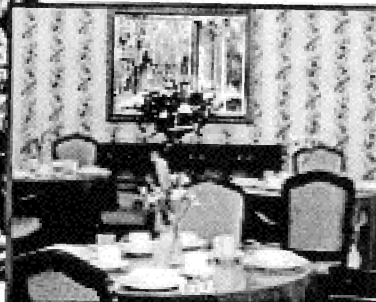
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Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 PM



Annual Halloween Party



United Irish Cultural Center

Sunday, October 28

1 pm to 5 pm

\$5 per Adult/Children Free

for more info call the Center
415-661-2700

Snack Bar will be open

