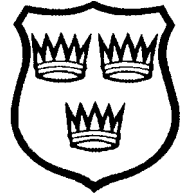




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7:30 PM - No Host Cocktails

8:30 PM - Dinner

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This month's meeting — Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to John O'Flynn who was selected by the United Irish Societies to be Grand Marshal of the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Honorary Grand Marshals will be Carol Deeb, Marge McCormack and Jack Hassett.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES to Tom and Katharine Sullivan who celebrated with a cruise.

WELCOME to Aisling Elizabeth, daughter of David and Karen Philpott. Big brother, Connor, is very happy with his baby sister.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Mary Vince, William Coen, Marian Cunnane, and Matt Durkin. 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.

The United Irish Cultural Center will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 and January 1, 2009

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The November 20 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all our guests with a special thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Josephine Healy, Helen Naish, Charles & Alene Meyers, Margaret Gavney, Pat D'Arcy, Ann Young, Blanch Raven, Geri McCarthy, Luke Philpott, Walt & Lois Heim, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Pat Quinn, Bill Luqué, John & Doris Barotti, Jim & Alice Mayo, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan, Bill & Barbara O'Brien, Tom & Margaret Skelly and Pam Naughton.

As this was the last dinner for 2008 we want to thank everyone for your support. It is very much appreciated. Thank you to all who helped in many ways during the year: Josephine Healy, Eileen O'Sullivan, Kathleen Mooney, Alice Mayo and Phyllis O'Connor with reservations; Molly Fitzpatrick with the special raffles; the UICC kitchen staff, waitresses, Chefs Lau and Joe for great food and Teresa who makes everything run smoothly.

There is no DECEMBER Thursday Night Dinner. Our next Thursday Night Dinner will be January 15, 2009!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our November I BINGO and Raffle Luncheon was very successful and a fun afternoon. Many thanks to everyone who helped, the ladies, Bill Luqué, Dick Walsh and Jim Mayo.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 14 at 6pm. There is a choice of Roast Leg of Lamb, Salmon or Chicken Pomodoro for \$25. Please call Anne Quilter 415/586-8017 or Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986 for reservations. Happy Christmas to All!

— Anne Quilter, President



*Merry Christmas
to Our Subscribers and Advertisers
Mitzi Samson & Maureen Hickey
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DECEMBER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 4, THURSDAY

- K.R.B. Gang ~ Christmas Holiday Luncheon
For info call Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY

- Rebel Cork Dinner ~ Cocktails 7pm
For reservations call Nora Daly 415/664-8966
or Jimmy Daly 415/753-6804

DECEMBER 7, SUNDAY

- GAA Dinner Dance Honoring Irish Football Stars
2pm game @ Treasure Island
6:30 Cocktails & Dinner ~ UICC
For reservations call Anne O'Donoghue 650/219-1169
or Joe Duffy 415/260-8093

DECEMBER 11, THURSDAY

- Santa Claus coming to the Center! 11am - 3pm
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

DECEMBER 14, SUNDAY

- Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner ~ 6pm
For reservations call Anne Quilter 415/586-8017
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- Christmas Ceili ~ 6:30pm - 10pm ~ UICC
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DECEMBER 17, WEDNESDAY

- Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
Senior Mass & Luncheon ~ UICC
12 noon - Mass with Christmas Carols
For info call 415/752-6006

DECEMBER 18, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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Save the Date

Columban Fathers Annual Dinner

Sunday, March 1, 2009

For information call Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017

MUSIC AT THE BAR

IN DECEMBER



SATURDAY 6 Hallorans Heroes

SATURDAY 13 Michael Foley Band

SATURDAY 20 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music



SATURDAY 27 No Music



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Beginners & Intermediate

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Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas



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Tuesday Night • 7pm - 8:30pm

Beginners & Intermediate



IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES*

SATURDAYS AT THE CENTER

TEACHER, IMELDA WHITE

CHILDREN ~ 10am - 11:30am (minimum age 4)

ADULTS ~ Noon - 2pm

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**Pre-registration is required for all classes*

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 drawing held on OCTOBER 16
The winning combination was Louisana and Louth
held by Phyllis Fealy who will receive \$550.

James Coffey	Mary O'Sullivan	Sue/Pat Keller	John/Beatrice Brady
Agnes/Ben Dalberg	32/50 Club	Rita Torpey	Sr. Maurice Hagan
Noreen McEllistrim	Marjorie Caserta	Kathleen Quinlan	Margaret McDonald*
Noreen O'Connor	John O'Keeffe*	John Donohue	32/50 Club
Peter Tunney	Teresa Hallinan	32/50 Club	Anne Burke*
32/50 Club	James McHugh	Don Tennenbaum	Michael Keys
Gerald J. DeRyan	32/50 Club	Owen Connolly	Mary McGrath
Rory/Teresa Moore*	Ellen Glynn O'Riordan	32/50 Club	

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

* Received an additional \$50 for being present.

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

Christmas is just around the corner!
Give a 32/50 ticket
A great stocking stuffer!
Contact Bill Luqué at 415/552-9620



Come Join Us at the Center All K.R.B. Gang

Reunite with old friends ~ Invite a friend, neighbor ~ Everyone welcome

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008 Time: 11:30 am No Host Cocktails

Christmas Holiday Luncheon

Enjoy our talents and have some fun!

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Menu Choices: Filet of Sole

Chicken or Corned Beef and Cabbage



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008



Dinner service is 5:30pm to 10pm

MAIN DINING ROOM



All entrees include soup, salad and dessert



Roast Prime Rib of Beef \$30.00

Served with horseradish, Au Jus and Yorkshire pudding

Chicken Pomodoro \$24.00

Served with light cream sauce with diced tomato and basil

Baked Virginia Ham \$23.00

Baked in Cloves and brown Sugar

Broiled New York Steak \$29.00

Served with Sautéed mushrooms

Roast Leg of Lamb \$26.00

with Mint Jelly

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Sautéed with lemon Butter

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It is advised to e-mail or call before coming as the library is sometimes staffed by volunteers

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Christmas In Ireland

To learn about Irish Christmas traditions, the library recommends *Christmas in Ireland*, which includes stories, crafts, carols and recipes for Christmas pudding, cookies, and mince tarts.

Donations

The library is pleased to announce the donation by Thomas Wrin of microfilmed early San Francisco newspapers, city directories and census, as well as two microfilm readers. Over the years, Mr. Wrin donated updated versions of his Early San Francisco Newspaper Index CD, a helpful tool in researching family names and early San Francisco Irish organizations which cites the newspaper name and date in which the name and/or organization appear. Now, patrons will be able to view and make copies of the original sources. The library extends a heart filled thank you to Mr. Wrin for his gracious donation. We are truly honored to have this remarkable collection, which makes the library an important research center for the history of the Irish in San Francisco. The microfilm list is available at the library or you can access it from the library's webpage (www.irishcentersf.org, Click "Library tab").

We are also very grateful to volunteer archivist and librarian, Gene Vrana, for his thoughtful donation of archival supplies and two file cabinets.

Rare Books in the Library

- *A Servant of the Queen: Reminiscences* by Maud Gonne MacBride. Signed by the author.
- *My Kilkenny I.R.A. Days* by James J. Comerford - According to www.worlcat.org, only 3 U.S. libraries have it, as well as 3 Irish and 1 Japanese. Not available at Amazon.com.
- *Kiskeam Versus the Empire* by J.J. O Riordain - The closest library that has this book is the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Not available at Amazon.com.
- *Rebel Cork's Fighting Story from 1916 to the Truce with Britain* – A patron remarked he had been looking everywhere for it. Not available at Amazon.com.

Library's Role

Visiting Thomas Jefferson's reconstructed library during my recent visit to Washington D.C. and seeing the books he read revealed to me how these books formed the great mind of the Declaration of Independence's author and third president. Indeed, books and libraries create great thinkers, writers, and leaders. Not only is our eclectic library a monument to Irish and Irish American history, art, literature and culture, it is also a working tool. The late Daniel Cassidy, author of *How the Irish Invented Slang: The Secret Language of the Crossroads* and Rose Murphy, author of the recently published biography *Ella Young: Irish Mystic and Rebel*, used the library's resources in researching their books. The library links people to the struggles and achievements of the Irish and Irish Americans, enlightening and inspiring inquisitive minds and writers. Perhaps it is also shaping great leaders.

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John Moylan Dinner
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Please list names of those you would like to be seated with. Tables of ten are available upon request.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____

9) _____ 10) _____

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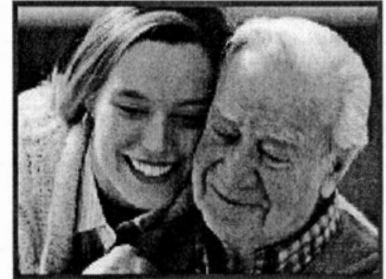
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