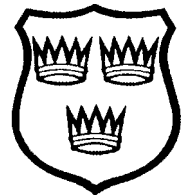




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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our Annual General Meeting in May. As you may know, two important pieces of business were accomplished that night. First, elections were held and we welcomed four new members to the UICC board: Paul Downey, John Flynn, Joe O'Leary, and Kevin Rooney. Our outgoing members, Karen Kinahan, John Ring Jr., Bill Luqué and Dr. Mick Vaughan received a well deserved standing ovation from the entire room. We wish all of them the best of luck.

Second, and even more exciting, was the passing of the resolution to transfer our beloved Patrick J. Dowling Library over to our new Irish Cultural Centre of California. This important decision by you, the members, will ensure that the rare books, artifacts, and Irish treasures we hold there will be preserved and housed the way they deserve to be. Thanks to you, we will now be able to freely solicit grants, receive tax-deductible donations; both monetary and physical, and use these to hopefully some day have the preeminent Irish Heritage Library on the West Coast. This is no dream! Please stop by and visit Wendy King and our volunteers at the library.

Visit icccsf.org and watch the progress of the Brick Campaign, the Leo Walsh Scholarship program and find out more about our sister organization, the ICC. Remember, the deadline for UICC Member brick sales is July 15th! After that, brick sales will be open to the public. So far we have sold 166 bricks and have raised \$42,000. We're off to a great start! Also, don't forget to check out the UICC website: irishcentersf.org. We are always looking for ideas and volunteers to help with our different clubs and events!

Our 2008 San Francisco Rose, Jamie Lundy was also introduced to the members that night. Outgoing President Karen Kinahan presented her with a check for \$2000 and wished her and her family the best of luck in Tralee this coming August. Jamie graciously thanked the Center and expressed the hope that she will make the UICC and all of Irish San Francisco proud of her at the International Festival.

Some of you may remember Seamus Whitney, who was involved in a life changing accident several years ago. Once again our club and community came together to help this young man at a difficult time. In gratitude, he has donated to the Center a beautiful life-size bronze statue of Cuchulain. We will keep you updated as to where we are going to place this lovely gift.

Thanks to everyone for coming out to the UICC for Father's Day! It was a busy day and we thank the staff and of course Tommy Clune, Joe McDonald and other volunteers for their time and hard work.

Summer is here, and we wish everyone a very Happy and Sunny Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

The UICC Board of Directors

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This month's meeting — Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Ruth O'Malley Tortorelli and family on the birth of great nephew, John Michael Nerney, parents Matt and Angela Nerney, born May 23rd, and great niece, Julia Theresa O'Neill, parents Sean and Michelle O'Neill, born June 16th.

GAA GAMES direct from Ireland every Sunday at the Center. \$20 for adults and children FREE. Doors open 1/2 hour before the scheduled game. Call the Center for info 415/661-2700

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Margaret Finnigan Dittman, Joseph P. Murphy, Thomas A. Mullaney, Joan Keane Crotty and Michael Joseph Scannell. 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 June 19 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Tom & Margaret Skelly, Marie Gavney, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Patricia O'Connor, Donna Jean McCarthy, Josephine & Mike McLoughlin, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan, Bill Luqué, Anne Young, Blanche Raven, Luke Philpott, Pat & Kathleen Dunleavy, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Pat D'Arcy. Our next dinner is Thursday, July 17. 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 Roasted Chicken 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 Alice Mayo at 415-584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, July 13.

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

42ND INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

The 42nd International Children's Games for ages 12 to 15 years will be held July 11 - 14 in San Francisco. There will be competition in **8 sports: basketball, golf, table tennis, regular tennis, soccer, swimming, track & field and volleyball.** From **Tralee, Co. Kerry** 20 contestants will be here to compete in track & field and boys soccer. From **Cork City**, girls will compete in soccer. The children are traveling with their families.

There will be a reception at the UICC for the teams and their families from Tralee and Cork on July 9. For information call Diarmuid Philpott at 415/676-1373 or 415/586-4826.

On Friday, July 11 at Kezar Stadium Opening Ceremonies at 6:30pm. Price is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. There will be music and cultural events. For tickets visit the web site: SFICG2008.com

The children participating in these events are from 84 cities and 43 countries. Each child participating will receive a certificate from President Jacques Rogge of the International Olympic Committee.

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JULY 4, FRIDAY

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JULY 10, THURSDAY

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

JULY 17, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner
Reservations required.
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

JULY 24, THURSDAY

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



IN JULY

SATURDAY 5
No band this evening

SATURDAY 12

Jimmy James



SATURDAY 19

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SATURDAY 26

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To know your history and culture is to know yourself

Travel

Traveling to Ireland this year? Whether it's your very first or your tenth visit, the library is a great resource to assist you in planning your trip. Here are just a few of the library's many helpful books:

Eyewitness Travel Guides - Ireland
Insight Guides Ireland
Ordnance Survey Discovery Guide - Ireland
Historic Hotels of Ireland
In Ruins: The Once Great Houses of Ireland
Gardens of Ireland
The Islands of Ireland
Landscapes of Ireland

The library has maps of Dublin and Cork and recommends *Ordnance Survey Holidays Maps of Ireland - What to See and Do* to help plan your itinerary. Also available in the library is Tourism Ireland's Your Very Own Ireland Vacation Planner 2008, which provides information on car rentals, festivals and events, accommodations, and activities.

Genealogy

Want to research your ancestors in Ireland but don't know where to begin? The following resources are available in the library:

Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History

Author James G. Ryan lists what records survived, their location, and analyzes them. He also gives a brief history of each county and research tips. This book is a great tool whether you're a beginner or experienced.

Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research: A Guide to the Genealogical Records, Methods and Sources in Ireland Volumes I and II

Written by world-recognized authority on Irish genealogy, Margaret Dickson Falley, this is considered a masterpiece by genealogists and an essential tool for anyone seeking to trace an Irish family background.

Book Sale

The library is selling duplicate books during library hours (cash only). All proceeds benefit the library.
(Partial listing)

Great Folk Tales of Ireland Compiled by Mary McGarry

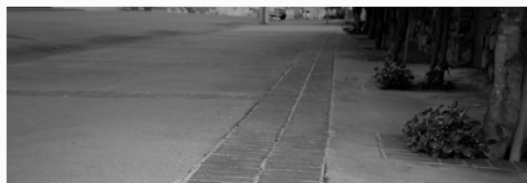
Ireland: Art Into History edited by Brian P. Kennedy and Raymond Gillespie

Story of the Irish Race by Seumas MacManus

Rebels: The Irish Rising of 1916 by Peter de Rosa

Michael Collins: The Man Who Made Ireland by Tim Pat Coogan

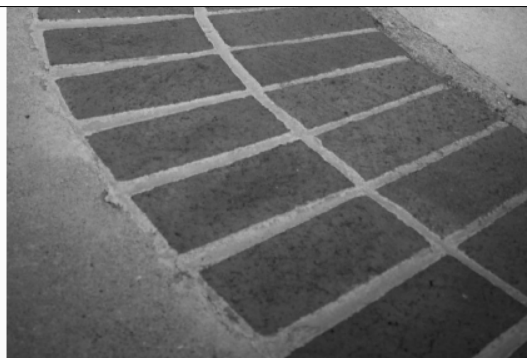
Irish Street Ballads Compiled and annotated by Colm O Lochlainn



Members are encouraged to purchase a Brick by July 15.

After July 15, sales will be open to the public.

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased an ICCC Brick.



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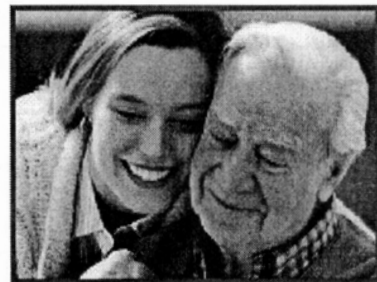
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