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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This month marks the beginning of a new year at the UICC, and with that a new board. It is with much pride that we acknowledge and recognize the work and effort of those who stepped down last month, President Karen Kinahan, Vice-President Bill Luqué, and Members-at-Large, John Ring and Dr. Mick Vaughn.

Since 2005, members of the UICC Board have worked hard to keep the UICC relevant to today's Irish and Irish-American Community. The Board concentrated on events and programs that would bring charter members, young families, and new friends back to the Center.

- We re-opened the restaurant upon return of Tom Clune in 2006, renewed interest in Rose of Tralee event; organized concerts like David Munnelly, Flook, Karan Casey, and John McNicholl; and hosted holiday parties geared toward the children and grandchildren of our founding members. We also opened the restaurant for lunch, and we greatly appreciate the consistent support of our members who started weekly/monthly events like the Pat Dillon Party or the KRB lunch. Our undying gratitude goes to Tom Clune, Joe McDonald, and the Operations Committee who have volunteered numerous hours for the success of the Restaurant.
- We partnered with other Irish organizations to provide for our community through special events and benefits like the Seamus Whitney Event, the Emerald Extravaganza, the Pomeroy Fundraiser, the Lefty O'Doul Night, and the Irish in San Francisco exhibit at the Center. We have partnered with Comhaltas and the San Francisco Irish Pipers to provide a space for people to learn more about Irish music, dance, and language.
- We have made necessary upgrades to our Center, such as purchasing a new dishwasher, sliding windows in member's room, new sound system downstairs, upgrade for our Aloha system, renovated our office space, installed photos of UICC history along the walls, and fixed sounds system in St. Francis Room
- We have bolstered our communication to our members and prospective members. In 2006, we launched a new website and started publishing a full-page ad in the Irish Herald to compliment the news received by our members. We also started sending monthly emails to our membership to inform them of events.
- Most importantly, we have made plans to sustain the Center in the near and long-term future. We established the annual pledge thank you to all members who have annually supported the Center in this way. And, we established the Irish Cultural Centre of California, a 50Ic3 established for the promotion and celebration of Irish culture, for the benefit of the members of the UICC and the general public. We also made efforts to organize the business of the UICC with a procedure manual, reports, database, etc.

This month, the next Board embarks on a journey that will guarantee the UICC's future in the years to come.

- In the year to come, we will work to increase reporting on the business at the UICC, maximizing our robust database for daily reports, analysis of our banquet business.
 - We will work to reach agreement with union.
- We will work to further incorporate the UICC and the ICCC, by transferring the Center's building to the ICCC and maximizing the tax benefits of our 501c3. We will continue to promote the fundraising efforts of the ICCC through programs like the Brick Campaign. We also look forward to stewarding the transfer of the Patrick J. Dowling Library and creating a center of Irish heritage at the Center.
- We will work to establish a business plan for the upcoming year, increasing our banquet and the Restaurant business and evaluating the benefits of hiring a General Manager.
- We will work to make improvements to the Building, such as installing a new sound system upstairs, renovating the St. Patrick's Room, the Board Room, and the kitchen downstairs, perhaps the Bar and Restaurant, along with continuing to maintain other areas of the building.
 - We will work to continue our outreach to our members and other groups in the community.

This year will be exciting and we all look forward to what it will bring for the UICC and the Irish/Irish-American community.

Thank you! The UICC Board of Directors

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Alice Mayo on their 50th Wedding Anniversary! June 7 makes 50 Golden Years. "We love you Mom and Dad! Love, Ann, Doug, Jim, Melodie, Maureen, Ron and grandchildren, Colton, Blaire, Devin, Owen, Nathan and Matthew.

THANK YOU to Bill Luqué and his committee for the wonderful 32/50 Luncheon. It was enjoyed by all and the decorations were great. Thanks Bill!

CONGRATULATIONS to John Donahue, coach of Lowell High School's baseball team, on the second straight championship for the school and the 11th in Donahue's 26 year tenure at the school.

PARISH SECRETARIES & STAFF were honored April 22 at a luncheon at St. Paul Parish in San Francisco. Our own Katy O'Shea was among those enjoying the luncheon and appreciation for their hard work.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Patrick O'Connor, Vera Ford, Con Cronin, Mary L. O'Keefe, and Christine Deeley. Condolences to Phyllis and John Moylan and family on the passing of Phyllis' brother, Edward O'Connell Doyle who died in Ireland May 5th; and to Bill Luqué on the passing of his brother Nick. 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 Bulletin Committee expresses their deepest sympathy to Peter and Basma Tannous on the passing of their daughter, Deena in March. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The May I5 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Charles & Alene Meyers, Pat & Eileen O'Sullivan, Mitzi Samson, Agnes & Frank Fee, Pat D'Arcy, Phillis O'Connor, Peg & Bash McCarthy, Luke Philpott, Dorothy & Bill Sorenson, Rosemary Shanahan, Barbara & Bill O'Brien, Bill Luqué and Alice & Jim Mayo.

Our next dinner is Thursday, June 19. 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 Stew or Parmesan Crusted Filet of Sole, 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, June 15.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our annual dinner and installation of officers will be held on Saturday, June 28. For reservations please call Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334.

There will be no meetings in July and August. Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be September 9.

Enjoy your summer! See you in the Fall!

— Anne Quilter, President

DEADLINE for JULY BULLETIN is JUNE 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415-661-2700. If you have specific artwork questions contact Adrienne Verreos Falcon Associates Inc. tel 415-468-4130 fax 415-468-3549 email falconassoc@earthlink.net

MUSIC AT THE BAR

JUNE 5, THURSDAY

• K. R. B. Gang Luncheon Guest Speaker Carmen Chu - S. F. District 4 Supervisor For more information call Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

JUNE 12, THURSDAY

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

IUNE 15, SUNDAY

Father's Day Brunch 10am - 2pm
 Dinner 5pm-9pm
 Reservations suggested

IUNE 19, THURSDAY

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

JUNE 26, THURSDAY

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

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Rowan Brothers

SATURDAY 2I
Comhaltas Musicians & Dancers

SATURDAY 28 Ring of Fire

Come One! Come All! Everyone is welcome.

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners

3rd Thursday of the month

~ Reservations required ~ Call Josephine Healy 415/681-8385 or Eileen O'Sullivan 415/681-2987



Children's Tin Whistle Classes

Classes are held once a week 6:45pm - 8:30pm



Children's Fiddle Classes

Classes meet twice a week Wednesday 6pm - 7pm Thursday 7pm - 8pm

For more information contact Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 Classes are sponosred by Comhaltas

The United Irish Cultural Center will not be serving Sunday Brunch for the summer beginning June 22 and will begin again on September 7 from 10am-2pm.

Sunday dinner will continue to be served from 5pm-9pm.

Thank you so much for your patronage and we look forward to seeing during the summer.

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 drawing held at the 32/50 Luncheon on May 4, 2008. The 2007 winning combination was Delaware and Louth held by Kathleen West who will receive \$3,250

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

Pauline Pezzolo	Carmel Cormack	Carmelle Reiser	K. Lynch Family
Bobbe Eppley	Rev. James Morris	Mitzi/Harvey Samson*	Carmel McDonnell
Mark/Eileen Higgins	Beth Feeney	George Hoenisch	32/50 Club
Maureen Burke	Patricia Hackett	Dan Keohane	32/50 Club
Maureen Hickey*	Anne Marie Campbell	Cheryl King	32/50 Club
Mary McNally	Marion Broeker	Teresa Roonan	Deanie Cooper
William Griffin	Noreen Shea	Eileen Cunnane	32/50 Club
32/50 Club	Timothy Barrett	Emily/Clare/Alice Naughton	

The 32/50 drawing held at the 32/50 Luncheon on May 4, 2008. The 2008 winning combination was Louisana and Kilkenny held by John Donohue who will receive \$3,250

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

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•	32/50 Club	Peter Tunney
Teresa Hallinan	32/50 Club	Phyllis Fealy	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	

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.

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All K.R.B. Gang

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Date: Thursday, June 5, 2008 **Time:** 11:30 am *No Host Cocktails*

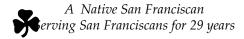
Guest Speaker

Carmen Chu - District 4 Supervisor, San Francisco

For lunch reservations call:

Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320 Tom Hayes 415/584-6200 John Moylan 415/731-6882 Menu Choices: Chicken Marsala, Corned Beef and Cabbage <u>or</u> Filet of Sole

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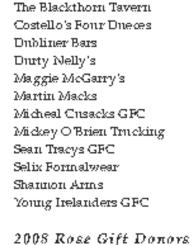


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- * The Kevin Roche Band for a wonderful night's entertainment
- * Tara Kelly for the design of our ad book.
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- * Tim Murphy for so generously sponsoring our wine selection.
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Jamie Lundy, San Francisco Rose 2008



Jamie Lundy takes center stage surrounded by her Court.

Clockwise from top left: Some of our Rosehud Dads; Our Rosehuds take their place on stage Our 11 Roses and Rosehuds receieve their Roses and Posies;

Our dashing and very well behaved Escorts(!); Jamie with her family, Mum Maureen, Marlene, Killian & Dad Séamus

On Saturday, May 10, Ms Jamie Lundy (19) was selected to represent San Francisco at the 2008 Rose of Tralee International Festival in Co. Kerry. A Sunset native and graduate of SI Prep, Jamie is in her second year at San Francisco State where she double majors in Anthropology and English and is about to transfer to UC Berkeley to complete her degree.

With over 400 members of the Irish community gathered to support and encourage the entrants, Jamie was one of eleven highly accomplished and articulate young women who competed to win the title of San Francisco Rose. Joined by their junior Rosebuds and handsome Escorts, they made quite the dashing group!

The daughter of Séanns and Maureen Lundy of Sligo and Cork, respectively, Jamie has two siblings, Marlene and Killian. Jamie is the first member of her family to participate in the International Festival in Kerry.

In her own words, Jamie has a true appreciation of what it means to be Irish and the San Francisco Rose: "As a second generation Irish American balanced between two cultures, an Irish dancer and Gaelic football player, a brown bread baker and potato devourer; an Air Lingus frequent flyer and a St. Stephen's day celebrater; I long to be the San Francisco Rose with all my heart."

We wish her the best of luck as she prepares to represent our community in Tralee in August.

Patrick Dowling Library

Wendy King, Librarian

Email: library@irishcentersf.org

Library Hours: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. It is advised to call, 415/661-2798, before coming as library is primarily staffed by volunteers

To know your history and culture is to know yourself

New Books

The library purchased the recently published "Irish in San Francisco" by John Garvey and Karen Hanning. A wonderful treasure trove of photos and information, the book features both the UICC and the library.

Some of the many donated books added to the library are: "Ireland: an Illustrated History" by Henry Weisser; "Rambles in Ireland" by Monie Begley; "Irish Blessings: a Photographic Celebration" and "Ireland: Art into History" by Raymond Gillespie. A big thank you to all our donors.

Library's Webpage

You can now view the library's 2008 new books from the library's webpage (www.irishcentersf.org). In addition, you can check out the library's journal titles and volumes. Here is just a sample of journals in the collection: Eire-Ireland - Journal of Irish Studies; The Irish Sword - Journal of the Military History Society of Ireland; and The Recorder, A Journal of the American Irish Historical Society.

Book Sale

The library is selling duplicate books during library hours (cash only):

(partial listing)

In Search of Ancient Ireland by Carmel McCaffrey and Leo Eaton

The Pipes are Calling: Our Jaunts Through Ireland by Niall Williams and Christine Breen

The Last Prince of Ireland by Morgan Llywelyn

Handbook of Irish Antiquities by William F. Wakeman

The Story of the Irish Race by Seumas MacManus

The Importance of Being Irish by Alan Bestic

Newspaper

County Tyrone's Dungannon Observer newspaper arrives every two weeks.

Genealogy

Trying to trace your family back to Ireland? The library's seven-volume "The Famine Immigrants", which lists the names of the Irish immigrants arriving in New York 1846-1851, may be a good resource in finding that link. It also lists the individual's age, occupation and from which city they sailed. The library also has several books on the origin of Irish family names.

Guiney Family Bible

The Guiney Family Bible, which belonged to Patrician Guiney, was recently given to the library, as the donor was unable to locate any Guiney family members. If you are a member of the Guiney family who lived in San Francisco, or know how they can be contacted, please notify the librarian, Wendy King.

2008 ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Awards

On Sunday, May 18th, ten graduating students were awarded scholarships by the ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Committee at the Irish Center. The graduates, five high school seniors and five eighth graders, each received checks for \$1000 and \$750, respectively. During the fourteen years since the program was started by the late Leo Walsh in 1994, 220 scholarships totaling approximately \$170,000, have been awarded to graduating students.

This year's \$750 award winners, their scholarship sponsors, and the schools they will be attending in the Fall are:

LISA DIMECH, The Kerry Cooper Scholarship, Mercy High School, Burlingame
MEGHAN McNAMARA The Patrick J. Dowling Memorial Scholarship, St. Ignatius High School
SEAN O'DONNELL, The Bud and Madeline Duggan Family Scholarship, St Ignatius High School
ANNE MARIE SEQUIERA, The Connacht Social and Athletic Club Scholarship, Sacred Heart Cathedral
RILEY WHITE, The Tom Mylett Family Scholarship, Sacred Heart Cathedral

This year's \$1000 award winners are:

MONICA COEN, The Charles W. Meyers Scholarship, Santa Clara University
TIMOTHY DUNLEAVY, The James J. Hurley Memorial Scholarship, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
TIMOTHY STAPENHORST, The Mary Looney Memorial Scholarship, Pitzer College, Clarmont, CA
SANDRA O'DONOGHUE, The Tom and Patricia Hayes Family Scholarship, Boston University
SEAN REICHHOLD, the Ben and Kit Noonan Scholarship, Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA

The committee is very grateful for the continued generosity of the scholarship sponsors: Kathleen Dowling McDonough; Dan Duggan; Peggy Mylett; Tom and Patricia Hayes; Frank and Lois Noonan; Marie Looney Woods; Kathleen Hurley and Family; Connacht Social and Athletic Club, and Ancient Order of Hibernians, Divisions 5 and 17.

The ICCC has recently received tax-exempt 503 (c)(3) status, therefore all donations to the Scholarship Program are now tax-deductable.

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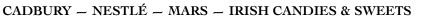
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Take Dad out to the UICC June 15 for Brunch or Dinner!

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11:30am - 2pm

BRUNCH on SUNDAY / Oam - 2pm

June 1, June 8 and June 15

DINNER

FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS

5pm - 9pm