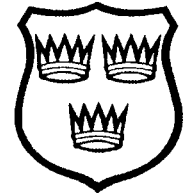




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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Friends, family, music, good cheer, food, and culture - this year's celebration in San Francisco and at the Center will be wonderful, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

This month's bulletin is going to all of our members to assure that everyone knows about all of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration events at the Center. There will be a lot of activity at the Center this month, and we will be open all of the St. Patrick's Day weekend, including lunch and dinner on March 17.

Congratulations to our very own Jack Curtin, this year's United Irish Societies' Irish Parade Grand Marshal. We look forward to honoring Jack, along with the Honorary Grand Marshals Peggy Kenny and Joseph Driscoll, at the Grand Marshall's Dinner at the Center on March 7. See inside the Bulletin for more information about the Crossroads events taking place at the Center the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day. On Friday, March 14, the David Munnely Band will be performing upstairs in the Grand Ballroom at 8pm - this will be a great night and we look forward to seeing you here. Don't forget after the parade, we will have this year's annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in the Grand Ballroom. A hearty thank you to the Ladies' Auxiliary for working on this great event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Anne Quilter of the Ladies Auxiliary.

We also hope you will save future dates for upcoming events and important meetings at the Center. The Irish Cultural Centre of California, the 501c3 non-profit charity founded by the UICC Board, will have an informational meeting on April 2, 2008 at 7pm. This will be an opportunity for members to learn more about the strategic planning that led to the formation of the charity and about future planning in conjunction with the UICC. With spring around the corner, now is the time to encourage the young ladies in our community to participate in the 2008 San Francisco Rose of Tralee - more information is available at the Center.

We encourage everyone to attend the upcoming membership meetings. In April, we will take nominations to fill four positions on the UICC Board and in May we will have elections for these officers and any new bylaws proposed in April.

We hope all of the UICC membership has a happy St. Patrick's celebration, and we look forward to sharing the celebration with you at the Center this month!

Sincerely,
UICC Board

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING — THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Rose and Dennis O'Connor who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 28th and to Peggy and Oliver Sheridan on their fortieth wedding anniversary, February 2nd.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Patrick Morarity, Marie Sullivan Byrne and Mary Walsh. Condolences to Kathy Grogan, Joe and Mary McFadden on the passing of their mother, Brigid "Bea" Grogan, also to Katie Mahoney and family on the passing of their father, Jack Mahoney. 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.

Congratulations to Jack Curtin, Grand Marshal of the 2008
St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the families of the Honorary
Grand Marshals, Joseph Driscoll and Peggy Kenny.
— The Ulster Social Club

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The February 21 Thursday Night Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Ann Young, Pat D'Arcy, Margaret & Tom Skelly, Luke Philpott, Frank & Agnes Fee, Barbara & Bill Dunleavy, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Bill Luqué, Jack Curtin, Marie Doherty, Patricia O'Connor and Donna Jean McCarthy. There is no dinner in March. Our next dinner will be on Thursday, April 17. Reservations required.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our meeting of February 12th was well attended. All arrangements were made for the St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 15th in the St. Patrick's Room. Dinner will be served 3:30pm to 6:30pm. There will be no meeting in March. The next meeting will be April 8 at 7pm. Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter to all!!

— Anne Quilter

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10:45AM Arrive at Thunder Valley

3:45PM Depart Thunder Valley for San Francisco

6:15PM Approximate arrival at the UICC

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MARCH CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

MARCH 7, FRIDAY

- Grand Marshal Dinner
Honoring Grand Marshal Jack Curtin
Cocktails 7pm - Dinner 8pm *See UIS Event page*

MARCH 13, THURSDAY

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

MARCH 14, FRIDAY

- David Munnely Band ~ Grand Ballroom *See Ad*

MARCH 15, SATURDAY

- St. Patrick's Day Parade
Ladies Auxiliary Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
St. Patrick's Room *See UIS Event page*

MARCH 16, SUNDAY

- Father Peter C. York Memorial - Mass 10:30am
All Saints Chapel - Holy Cross Cemetery
- Crossroads Irish American Festival Workshop
St. Francis Room ~ 10am - 3PM
Contact Hilary Flynn - 415/810-3774
- Comhaltas hosting Irish movies with Nikki Ragsdale
Contact Nikki Ragsdale - 510/701-0285

MARCH 17, MONDAY

- Happy St. Patrick's Day! ~ UICC open

MARCH 20, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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MARCH 27, THURSDAY

- General Meeting ~ 7:30pm
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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IN MARCH

SATURDAY 1

Louise & Shades of Green

SATURDAY 8

David Crimmen Band

SATURDAY 15

Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket

Downstairs - 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Comhaltas Musicians & Dancers

The Live Oak Quintet

7:30pm to 11:30pm

MONDAY 17 - MUSIC ALL DAY!

11am-2pm ~ Shannon Ceili Band

3:30pm - 6:30pm ~ Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket

7:30pm - 10:30pm ~ Louise & Shades of Green

SATURDAY 22

The Whiskey Richards

SATURDAY 29

Michael Foley



Irish Literary & Historical Society St. Patrick's Banquet

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Marines Memorial Club & Hotel

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Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker

Honorable William Newsom

For more information and reservations

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– The Living Tradition

United Irish Societies' St. Patrick's Celebrations Honoring Ireland's Saints and Scholars

SUNDAY MARCH 2, 2008

2-4pm - IRISH ENTERTAINMENT - St Ann's Rest Home - 300 Lake Street

FRIDAY MARCH 7, 2008

10:30 am - FLAG RAISING CEREMONY at City Hall, Mayors Office



7:00 pm - GRAND MARSHAL'S DINNER DANCE

Honoring Grand Marshal Jack Curtin and Honorary Grand Marshals Peggy Kenney and Joseph Driscoll

United Irish Cultural Center ~ Cocktails 7pm ~ Dinner 8pm

Reservations/Questions: Paula Maguire 707-795-7702 or Cell 707-889-4498

Kevin Maguire 707-889-4499 or Email pmaguire7470@sbcglobal.net

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION ~ Laguna Honda Hospital, 350 Laguna Honda Blvd.

Mass 9:30am with Irish entertainment to follow



IRISH ENTERTAINMENT 2-4PM ~ Alma Via Rest Home, I Brotherhood Way

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

DAVID MUNNELLY BAND will be performing upstairs in the Grand Ballroom
of the United Irish Cultural Center at 8pm.

Tickets on sale at the UICC \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets may be purchased on line at www.kerryrecords.com
Enjoy this rare and superb Irish Event! Our main dining room will have a special menu available for those attending the concert.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008

9am - MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - 756 Mission Street - Refreshments following in Parish hall

11:30am - ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE (starts at Second & Mission and proceeds to Civic Center Plaza)

10am - 5pm - ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Irish Cultural Festivities will take place before, during and after the Parade at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco which include live entertainment, arts and crafts exhibitors, presentations, food and beverage concessions, children's activities, games and cultural competitions.

AFTER THE PARADE

LADIES AUXILIARY ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER will be held upstairs in the Grand Ballroom
of the United Irish Cultural Center starting 3:30pm and going till 6:30pm.

Adults \$12 Children 12 & under: \$6

Our restaurant will be serving lunch starting at 11:30am - 2:00pm and dinner will be served from 3:30pm - 9:00pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008

FATHER PETER C. YORK MEMORIAL All Saints Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery

10:30am Mass followed by the procession to gravesite



The United Irish Cultural Center will be open for regular hours of operation.

Brunch will be served from 10:00am - 2pm and dinner from 5pm-9pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2008, ST. PATRICK'S DAY !

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IS OPEN! COME OUT AND CELEBRATE THE BIG DAY WITH US!

Lunch 11:30am - 2pm. Dinner 3:30pm - 9pm ~ Special menus for lunch and dinner ~ Music starting at 3:30pm.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We look forward to seeing at the Center this St. Pat's!

Upcoming ICCC Events:

Friday, March 7, 2008 - *Leo Walsh Scholarship 2008 applications due at the Center*
Stop by the Center to pick-up an application or go to www.icccsf.org and download an application. Since its inception in 1994, the Leo Walsh Scholarship program has awarded more than 200 scholarships to 8th graders and high school seniors going on to the next level of their education.

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - *Crossroads' event: "Emigrants at Play by the Bay: The San Francisco Gaelic Athletic Association and the Irish-American Experience"* at 7:30PM at the Center
Co-sponsored by the Irish Cultural Centre of California and the United Irish Cultural Center

Wednesday, April 2, 2008 - *Irish Cultural Centre of California Informational Meeting 7pm* in the St. Patrick's Room

All members are invited to come to this meeting to learn more about this non-profit established last year by the UICC Board of Directors. Presentations will be made by the UICC Board, ICCC Board, and Tom Trombadore. This is an opportunity to ask questions about the ICCC and give suggestions on the types of programming you would like to see at the Center.

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SATURDAY	4 PM - 1 AM
SUNDAY	10 AM - 10 PM

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