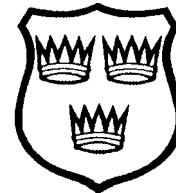




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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

*You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.*

—Irish Proverb

Dear Members,

Spring is here, and May will be filled with many celebrations - from Mother's Day to First Communions to Graduations. The Center is the place for all of your family celebrations.

The Center has a lot planned as well! We hope you will try your luck at the 32/50 Drawing Luncheon on May 4. Cheer on our lovely Irish young ladies as we crown the San Francisco Rose of Tralee at the Rose of Tralee Dinner on May 10. The Board would like to wish all mothers a happy Mother's Day, and we will honor all mothers at the Mother's Day Brunch and Dinner on May 11. Later in May, the ICCC Leo Walsh Scholarship Program will award 10 scholarships to young students in our community. The GAA games have begun! Call the UICC for weekly updates as to which teams are playing

In April, we sent a notice to all members about our upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008. At this meeting, we will elect four members to the Board, as President Karen Kinahan, Vice-President Bill Luque, and John Ring are terming out this Month.

At the May meeting, we will also vote on transferring the Patrick J. Dowling Library to the ICCC (Irish Cultural Centre of California) in order to receive the benefits of tax-exemption. You will have an opportunity to support the Library and other ICCC programs by purchasing an inscribed brick through the ICCC Brick Campaign. Look for an order form in the mail in May. The UICC membership will have first opportunity to be part of this campaign. The ICCC looks forward to working with Librarian Wendy King to implement a plan to preserve the treasure we have, while expanding on the services we offer. The Brick Committee and the ICCC Board will schedule information meetings in the months to come. If you have questions or suggestions about the campaign, please attend one of these meetings.

We are very excited by the opportunities we have upon us. And, we are enlivened by the energy of everyone who is working hard to make sure the Center is here for the generations ahead.

We'll see you at the Center!

The UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING —THURSDAY, May 22, 2008 at 7:30 PM

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joannie O'Leary, a founding member of the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch, who received a Founder's Award, April 12th, at the 2008 Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann North American Convention held in New Jersey.

**JOY AND HAPPINESS** to Brian Andrew and Leslie Erin Heavey on the birth of their son, Brendan Andrew. Eileen Heavey and David and Sandra Cox of Escalon are the proud grandparents. The late Andrew (Andy) Heavey would be ecstatic. Brendan's Aunts, Maureen, Kathleen and Rosaleen and Uncle Eric and Windy Cox and Cousin Asher are all rejoicing.

**QUALIFYING TO COMPETE** in Olympic Trials, in July, in Omaha, Nebraska is Kathryn Murphy, daughter of Patrick and Lori Murphy, grand-daughter of Tom and Kay Murphy, and grandniece of Ann Sullivan. Kathryn finished in Third Place in the 50-yd Sprint in the 2008 NCSA Junior National Swimming Championship Trials held in Orlando, Florida in March. Kathryn is a sophomore at Marin Catholic High School. Good Luck, Kathryn!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Anne Marie Hart and Mike Gimpa on their engagement. They plan to be married at the Church of the University of Notre Dame in Indiana. Anne Marie is the daughter of Phil and Kate Hart and the grand daughter of happy and proud Jim and Helen Hart.

**WELCOME** to our new librarian, Wendy King, replacing former librarian Joan Mannini, who retired at the end of January. Thank you, Joan, for your hard work these past years. Wendy began volunteering at the library in February 2007 while completing City College's Library Information Technology Certificate program. Before coming to the library, she did an archive internship at the Society of California Pioneers and also worked at City College's Rosenberg Library and is currently working at the Sutro Library. **We also** welcome our new library volunteer, Brian Gallagher, who is a San Francisco State University student. Last year Brian used the library's resources for project. A big history buff, Brian enjoys sharing his knowledge with patrons.

**ETERNAL REST** to the following members who passed away recently: Rita Hale, Mike Fahey, Winifred Walsh, James Slane and Neil Curran. **MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.**

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The April 17 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Charles & Alene Meyers, Barbara Reilly, Pat D'Arcy, Luke Philpott, Kathleen & Pat Dunleavy, Tom & Margaret Skelly, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Margaret Gavney, Alice & Jim Mayo, Helen Naish and Gertrude Coyne.

Our next dinner is Thursday, May 15. 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 Roast Half 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 Eileen O'Sullivan at 415-681-2987. Reservations close on Sunday, May 11.

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

## LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next Ladies Auxiliary Meeting will be Tuesday, May 13 at 7pm. All ladies are encouraged to attend and help plan for new officers for the year 2008/2009 and other business.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

## SILVER GAELS

Our regular monthly lunch will be Friday, May 9 at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come to lunch and to play cards afterwards. We had 46 members on our Thunder Valley trip and everyone enjoyed the day AND if interested in another Day At The Races please contact Mitzi Samson at 415/681-0876 or Maureen Hickey at 650/375-0277.

— Anne Quilter

# MAY CALENDAR

# MUSIC AT THE BAR

## MAY 2, FRIDAY

- Emerald Society Annual Dinner Dance  
For info call Anne King 415/999-2058

## MAY 4, SUNDAY

- 32/50 Lunch & Final Drawing for 2007 ~ UICC
- Children's Ceili ~ 4pm - 6pm ~ UICC  
Live Irish traditional music, singing & Ceili dancing  
Everyone welcome. Comhaltas members FREE  
Non-Comhaltas member: \$5.00 per child  
or \$10 for two or more children.  
For info call Maureen Murphy 415/661-0351

## MAY 8, THURSDAY

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

## MAY 10, SATURDAY

- Rose of Tralee Selection Dinner Dance  
For info call Peggy McDonald 415/665-3831

## MAY 11, SUNDAY

- Mother's Day Brunch ~ 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Adults \$30 / Children 5-12 years \$12  
Price includes tax and tip. Reservations encouraged.
- Mother's Day Dinner ~ 5:00pm - 9:00pm

## MAY 15, THURSDAY

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

## MAY 17, SATURDAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CELTS Dinner Dance  
7pm no host cocktails - 8pm dinner  
St. Patrick's Room Live music - \$65 per person  
For info call Patrick Power - 650/302-5797

## MAY 18, SUNDAY

- ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program  
Presentations of scholarship awards  
For info call Jim Horan 415/661-7671

## MAY 22, THURSDAY

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

## MAY 29, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
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## IN MAY



SATURDAY 3

Whiskey Richards

SATURDAY 10

Ring of Fire

SATURDAY 17

Comhaltas Musicians & Dancers

SATURDAY 24

Louise & Shades of Green

SATURDAY 31

Michael Foley



## Children's Tin Whistle Classes

Classes are held once a week ~ 7pm -9pm



## Children's Fiddle Classes

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

For more information contact  
Joannie O'Leary at 415-684-6579  
Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Irish Mexican Dinner - June 5  
For more information call Gloria 415/350-0805

***Come One! Come All!***  
*Everyone is welcome.*

***\$20 Thursday Night Dinners***

***3rd Thursday of the month***

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## 32 / 50 CLUB

The 32/50 drawing for MARCH 2008.

The winning combination was South Dakota and Fermanagh held by Patrick Dunleavy, who will receive \$550.

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

Paula Maguire	Maura Tunney	Kevin/Margaret McGavney*	32/50 Club
Sean McNulty	Ann/Pat O'Connor	Hope Hagan	John/Arlene Brosnan
Nick Chaput	Rita Engler	Eileen/Tony O'Sullivan	32/50 Club
Caitie O'Shea	Mary Murphy	32/50 Club	Marie Rawson
Joyce Lee	32/50 Club	Tony/Eileen O'Sullivan	32/50 Club
Carol Marshall	Bill Murphy	32/50 Club	Kathy Breen*
Frank/Lois Noonan	Jim/Terry Burke	Bernard Barron	Rosemary Shanahan
32/50 Club	Dermot J. Sullivan	Mike/Maureen Sullivan	

Those with an asterisk (\*) by their name received an additional \$50 for being present at the meeting.

More information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at 415/661-2700, ext 305.

## Come Join Us at the Center

St. Francis Room

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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  
*or* Filet of Sole

# Patrick Dowling Library

Wendy King, Librarian

The library has added many new and exciting titles to its collection, thanks to generous donators. Here is just a small sample of the library's new books:

*Celtic Tales, How the Irish Invented Slang, Castles of Ireland, The Faber Book of Contemporary Irish Poetry, Great Irish Stories of Childhood, Of Soda Bread and Guinness (cookbook), Frank Delaney's Ireland, and the Memoirs of Desmond Fitzgerald.*

One of the most interesting and remarkable items to come through the library's door is the *Sinn Féin Rebellion Handbook, Easter 1916*, which I came across while processing a box of donated books. It's a narrative of the Rising with detailed accounts of the fighting at all points. It is on display in the wall display case.

As volunteers go through more donated books, more titles are being added so come by and check out the new treasures.

Looking for some great summer reading? You might find that magical book at the library's used book sale, which takes place during library hours. All proceeds from this continuous book sale go to the library. Cash only.

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# Saturday, May 10, 2008

## *2008 San Francisco Rosebud Court*



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Erin Fergus



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UICC Members are invited to be the first to participate in the ICCC Brick Campaign. Inscribed ICCC bricks will replace the existing bricks that surround the UICC. Proceeds will benefit the ICCC, and your participation in this campaign will allow the ICCC to renovate the Center, upgrade the Patrick J. Dowling Library, and provide Irish/Irish-American cultural and heritage programming.

- **Center:** A dream fulfilled in the 1970s has provided the San Francisco Irish and Irish-American community with a space to gather and celebrate. Today, we look forward to renovating our Center to accommodate our present day needs.
- **Heritage:** Honoring our shared history, from the first immigrants in San Francisco to the KRB and the founding of the United Irish Cultural Center. The Patrick J. Dowling Library holds a significant piece of our history in its books and archives. We have the opportunity to honor our heritage and history while preserving the archives we have already.
- **Culture:** Creating a cultural hub for Irish and Irish-American organizations, scholars, language, athletes, artists, musicians, and writers.

*ORDER FORMS WILL BE MAILED TO UICC MEMBERS IN MAY.*

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