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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We held our first Labor Day BBQ at McNear's Beach last month for the Center's volunteers and employees. Over I00 people came out to enjoy the sunshine, fresh air and a hamburger or two... Thanks to Steve Murphy and Harvey Samson for manning the grills! And to Teresa Moore and Bill Luqué for organizing this fun and relaxing day for all, and a big thank to our staff and volunteers for all their hard work during the year. We are ALL looking forward to next year!

Autumn is here and along comes a very busy season for the Irish Center. Preparations are already underway for Thanksgiving. Please make your reservations early! Also dates to think about are any Christmas Parties you may be planning, and be sure to keep the Center in mind for your New Years' Eve Plans.

On the 26th of September, both the UICC and ICCC Boards had the pleasure of welcoming our new Consul General Gerry Staunton, his wife Mary, and Vice Consul Barry O'Brien to the Center for a dinner in the Members Room. We all had a chance to get acquainted and share ideas for the future of our community.

The ICCC continues to establish itself as a vibrant organization. The ICCC Board has been meeting about once a month to sort through various start-up issues. Per the concerns of the UICC members, the ICCC will discuss amending the current by-laws to include a membership. More information will be shared in the next Bulletin.

The ICCC office should be online soon. A big thank-you to Joe O'Leary, John Manning, Martin Falvey and the Maintenance Committee and to Wendy King, Librarian of the Dowling Library, along with the volunteers who continue to improve the Library. Recently, the Library received a noteworthy donation of newspapers and periodicals on Microfilm, and also Readers for the Microfilm, from Mr. Thomas Wrin. A formal announcement with more detail will follow next month.

On the business side, the UICC Board continues to meet with Union Local 2 to negotiate the new employee contract. Progress has been made, but as reported at the last General Meeting, there are still some difficult issues to resolve. President Joe O'Leary and the negotiating committee continue to diligently work through these issues for the best interests of both the UICC and its employees.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS JACK CURTIN! This has been quite a year for Jack. He was Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. At the recent national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in New Orleans, he was honored with Life Membership for exceptional service over the years to the organization. This pleases Jack since his late Mom and Dad were honored with Life Membership for their service to AOH and LAOH. Once again congratulations Jack!

CONGRATULATIONS to Tisha and Craig Shaw, proud parents of their newborn son, Liam Thomas Shaw, born September 2. Liam is the second grandson for William and Elaine Shaw and the 8th great grandson of Doris Duncan.

GOOD TO SEE Philomena Keily once again. She now lives in Ireland but was here for Carol Deeb's wake and funeral.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Carol Deeb, Carol was a special person who for many years with grace and dignity served our Center as Catering Manager. May she 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 September 18 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our guests with a special thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: Jim & Alice Mayo, Dorothy Sorenson, Pat D'Arcy, Luke Philpott, Doris & John Bosotti, Ann Young, Jerry McCarthy, Bill Luqué, Tom Scully, Bill & Barbara O'Brien, Marie Doherty, Carol Marshall, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin and Jack Curtin. Our next dinner is Thursday, October 16. 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 Shank or Trout, dessert and coffee or tea. The tax and tip is included in the price. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, October 12.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

SILVER GAELS

Our members enjoyed the August 18 River Rock Casino Trip. We had 14 members for the September 12 lunch. We all enjoyed the good food, conversation and card games. Next lunch will be Friday, October 10 at 12:30 pm. Reservations appreciated. Please call Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017 or the UICC at 415/661-2700. The next River Rock Casino Trip is scheduled for Monday, November 3 (see ad inside for details).

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7 pm. We will wrap gifts and finalize plans for our November I, LUNCHEON, BINGO & RAFFLE. (see ad inside for details) All ladies are welcome to our meetings. Please bring raffle prizes to meeting and encourage your friends to attend our fundraiser November I.

— Anne Quilter, President

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UPCOMING GROUP EVENTS...YOUR BUSINESS...

OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 9, THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 10, FRIDAY

Silver Gaels Lunch ~ 12:30pm
 For info call Anne Quilter 415/586-8017
 or the Center at 415/661-2700

OCTOBER 11, SATURDAY

Fight Night
 For info & tickets call Bill O'Brien 415/391-1061
 or Rich Conway 415/309-1799

OCTOBER 16, THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY

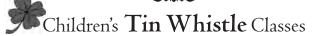
 Connaught Athletic & Social Club Dinner Dance See Ad

OCTOBER 23, THURSDAY

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

OCTOBER 30, THURSDAY

• Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 4I5/68I-4803



Tuesday Night • 7pm - 8:30pm Beginners & Intermediate



Beginners & Intermediate

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Come One! Come All! Everyone is welcome.

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners 3rd Thursday of the month

~ Reservations required ~
Call Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986
or
Alice Mayo 415/584-6334

MUSIC AT THE BAR



IN OCTOBER

SATURDAY 4



Michael Foley Band

SATURDAY 11

Ben Hunter

SATURDAY 18

Traditional Irish Music with Comhaltas

SATURDAY 25

Jimmy James

JOIN Jo Coffey for a FREE workshop

Churches of our Ancestors: Newgrange and other Megalithic Monuments in Ireland

Saturday, October 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
United Irish Cultural Center

Around 7,000 years ago, Europeans began building massive stone structures, masterpieces of architecture, art and engineering, that were expressions of an impulse that later gave rise to the temples of ancient Greece and still later to the cathedrals of medieval Christianity. In Ireland, these ancient megalithic structures continued to be built until about 2,000 BCE (BC), and some continued in use for centuries after that. Even after they passed from use they didn't disappear. They remained alive in the stories, as the fairy mounds of the Tuatha Dé Danaan, the beds of Diarmuid and Gráinne. Today, they are again attracting ordinary humans. As one example, more than 125,000 people visited Newgrange in County Meath last year.

Jo will introduce these treasures of Irish heritage through slides and lecture, and participants will be invited to engage with these places by drawing some of the beautiful, mysterious symbols carved on the stones.

> Refreshments will be served. The workshop is free. Donations to cover expenses will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 415-585-6506.

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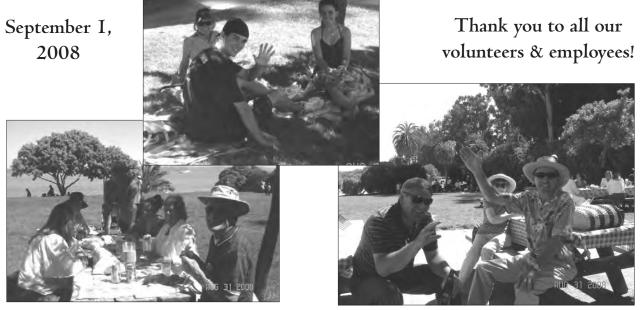
Terry Galvin Leonard, UICC member, holding youngest grandson.

UICC 1st Annual BBQ for Volunteers & Members



McNears Beach in San Rafael





Patrick Dowling Library

Wendy King, Librarian

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Please call (415/661-2798) or e-mail (library@irishcentersf.org) the library before coming as sometimes it is staffed by volunteers

Irish Archaeology - Newgrange

Did you know that Newgrange is older than Stonehenge, Mycenae and the Egyptian pyramids? To learn more about this intriguing Irish national monument, the library recommends the following books in its collection:

Guide to Newgrange by Claire O'Kelly

Newgrange: Archaeology, Art and Legend by Michael J. O'Kelly

Newgrange and the Bend of the Boyne by Seán P. O Riordáin and Glyn Daniel

Antiquities of the Irish Countryside by Seán P. O Riordáin

Stone Circles in Ireland by Sean O Nuallain

Prehistoric Ireland by Joseph Raftery

Pagan Ireland: An Archeological Sketch by W. G. Wood-Marin

The Archaeology of Ireland by R. A. S. Macalister

Ireland in Prehistory by Michael Herity and George Eogan

Irish Passage Graves: Neolithic Tomb-Builders in Ireland and Britain 2500 B.C. by Michael Herity

Also read about Newgrange's astronomical alignments and Irish archaeologist Seán P. O Riordáin in the Summer 2002 issue of *Archaeology Ireland* magazine. The library has additional issues of *Archaeology Ireland* for exploring more Irish archaeological wonders.

Halloween Reading Treats

It's that time of year when ghosts, demons, witches, banshees and other spooky spirits chill and thrill we mortals. Stop by the library and read some hair raising stories:

Irish Tales of Terror edited by Peter Haining. Includes Irish authors James Joyce, W. B. Yeats, Oscar Wilde, George Moore

True Irish Ghost Stories compiled by St. John D. Seymour and Harry L. Neligan

Best Irish Ghostly Tales compiled and edited by Mary McGarry

The Second Book of Irish Ghost Stories by Patrick Byrne

Shane Leslie's Ghost Book

Ghosts in Irish Houses by James Reynolds

More Ghosts in Irish Houses by James Reynolds

New Books

The New Titles list now includes all titles added to the library in the past 5 years. You can view them on the library's web page, www.irishcentersf.org (click the Library tab).

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Kevin Roche & Shades of Green

Tickets & Information

Peter & Josephine Moore 415/407-5944 Maureen Hickey 650/375-0277 Peter Naughton 415/999-9210 or 415/661-7940

Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip* Monday, November 3, 2008 \$25 per person

Includes:

- Round-trip transportation,
- \$20 "Casino Play"
- 5 hours of Las Vegas style gaming Bus leaves from the UICC @ 8:30 am

Reservations <u>must be paid by October 23rd</u> Make check payable to: UICC

For information & reservations contact Anne Quilter 415/586-8017

*A photo ID is required for this trip.

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Contact: John Flynn (650) 355-0346 or flynn@sonic.net











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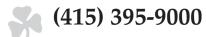
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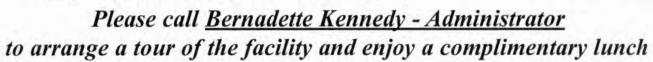
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11:30am - 2pm

DINNER FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS

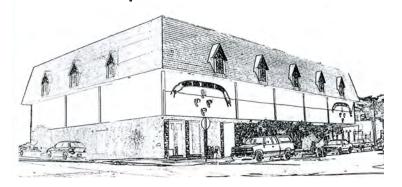
5pm - 9pm

BRUNCH on SUNDAY

10am - 2pm

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Tuesday 5 PM - 10 PM

Wednesday 5 PM - 10 PM

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4 PM - II PM

Saturday 4 PM - I AM

Sunday 4 PM - 10 PM