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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We congratulate our own Jamie Lundy for representing San Francisco so well at the Rose of Tralee Festival in Kerry last month. As she promised us at a recent General Meeting, she did indeed make us very proud of her! We all look forward to hearing about her experience when she returns home.

Our annual August Clean-up was a success due in no small part to the few employees and members who graciously volunteered to come in and paint, sweep, fix and scrub whatever was needed. Thanks to Jack Curtin and Teresa Moore for all their hard work. It was a very low turnout this year, so please try to spare a few hours to help out next year, or at any time. We also held a Parking Lot Sale on the 23rd that was organized by Bill Luqué. It was great fun, and all the proceeds were donated to the UICC.

Beginning in September, we are kick-starting our Family Night at the Center. It will be held one Sunday a month, with karaoke, games and disco for the kids, and a social evening out for the grown-ups. More information to follow.

The new Board continues to negotiate the Union Contract. We are also working diligently to complete our most pressing repairs and upgrades. We are currently pricing the cost of re-paving the back Parking Lot, updating our office systems, and making other numerous maintenance repairs.

The ICCC Board is also working very hard on their end. They have been meeting regularly to handle the matters of a non-profit start-up. They are scouting for an Advisory Committee, made up of various Members of the Center and the Irish Community, to help solidify the long term goals and a business plan.

The UICC membership will be updated throughout the fall and leading up to the eventual vote regarding the transfer of the building to the ICCC. The ICCC Board is also considering updating their by-laws to include a membership. They continue to work and maintain the library. Both boards would like to thank the UICC maintenance committee for their help in setting up the ICCC office which will eventually be located on the Main floor, just off the Restaurant entrance.

The Brick Sale continues, and we encourage any and all businesses, Clubs and Groups to get on the bandwagon and order your brick today. So far, 309 Bricks have been ordered, and we have collected \$75,910.00. We will keep you updated.

We hope all of you had a pleasant summer and just to remind you, our next General Membership Meeting is Thursday, September 25th.

And lastly, on August 20th we said goodbye to a dear and valuable member of the UICC. Carole Deeb was our Banquet Manager for many years. She served the Center not just as an exemplary employee, but as a generous member and friend of the Center. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers and thoughts go out to her family and close friends.

Sincerely,

The UICC Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

This month's meeting — Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS: Maryann Barry, James Barry, John Casey, Margie Casey, Jon Flynn, Jonathan Sweeney, Kieran Woods, Jeanne Trudeau, Mary Smith, C. Perry Close, John Ferrigan, David McKeown and Claire Treacy; and **TRANSFER MEMBERS:** Kathleen Walsh, Anne Watson, Marie Woods, Sean Riordan, Eric Reiser, and James Sorenson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Major Richard A. Viczorek, USMC, and Sarah Lynn Dondero who were married August 9th at Mission Santa Clara. Rick is the son of Center member, Roseann McFadden Clavelli, and Sarah is the daughter of Harvey and Joan Dondero of Greensboro, NC. The brides uncle, Rev. Thomas J. Dailey from Pennsylvania, officiated at the wedding. Following Saturday's reception at Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club, the newlyweds were honored on Sunday at "The Scattering" in the Clavellis' garden — an Irish custom celebrating the parting of guests. Rick and Sarah will live in Washington, DC, where he is stationed at the Pentagon.

APOLOGIES to the Durnin and Debrunner Families. The names of the bride and groom, Katie Carr Durnin and Kenneth George Debrunner, were misspelled in the marriage announcement last month.

THE 94TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AOH/LAOH HIBERNIANS was held in New Orleans - July 23rd to 26th. Center members attending included Terry Kelleher who was the National Co-Chair of the Convention, Lyn and Roger Burkhart, Margaret McAuliffe, Katy O'Shea, Ed McEntee, Kathleen Manning, Jack Curtin, Gerry DeRyan, John Casserly, James McAuliffe (who came from Disneyworld in Florida), John Finnbarr Manning and Father Michael Healy. Southern hospitality was at its best. It was a great convention and a good time was had by all.

ST. FRANCIS DIVISION I, LAOH, will celebrate their Ninth Trip to Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA, April 28 to May 1 2009. If interested, and for further information, contact Marie Doherty – 415/648-5143 – as soon as possible to secure your seat on the bus. Happy Trails!

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Michael J. Casey, Thomas Carroll, and Cornelius (Neill) Murphy and Patrick Dolan, husband of Patsy Lee Dolan. 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

Next Thursday Night Dinner will be September 18. 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 Baked Ham or Filet of Sole, 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, September 14.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

SILVER GAELS

Our Silver Gael's lunch will be Friday, September 12. Reservations appreciated. Please call Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017 or the UICC at 415/661-2700.

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be Tuesday, September 9th at 7 pm. All ladies are welcome. Please bring prizes for the raffle at our annual BINGO/Raffle Luncheon

SAVE THE DATE ~ BINGO & RAFFLE LUNCHEON ~ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 drawing held on July 24, 2008.
The winning combination was Minnesota and Offaly
held by Karen Bruneman who will receive \$550.

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

William Shaw	Nancy McGarvey*	32/50 Club	Mary Murphy
Karen Fitzgerald	32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Rosalie & Robert Whitelock
32/50 Club	Jack McDonagh	32/50 Club	Ladies Auxiliary*
32/50 Club	N & T Brosnan	Maggie Baglin	Tom Hayes
Bill Luqué*	Mike Gallagher	Kevin O'Connor	32/50 Club
Eugene McMahon	Kathleen Ryder	Mike Tiernan	Thomas Picha
Helen Kelly	Dennis King	Michael Downey	Mary Anne McGuire-Hickey
Delia McManus/Mary Ryan	Kathleen & Michael Nevin	Crystal Rose Free/JoanMcClain*	

* Received an additional \$50 for being present.

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.

ARE YOU IN ANNE'S BOOK?

Or maybe your mother, your great-grandfather, your dancing instructor, your favorite priest? Many people are in there who don't know they are. I'm talking about the *Ballroom of Romance*, that collection of memoirs, photos, and artifacts commemorating the old KRB Dance Hall, and Irish SF, put together several years ago by our well-remembered Anne O'Brien Hickey. Although widely hailed as a wonderful thing by the Irish community, it was sadly lacking any sort of index. So, I took this project upon myself. It's taken about five years of unsteady effort, but there is now a very detailed index numbering 49 pages. A hard copy was given to the San Francisco's Main Library History Room, and of course one is available here in this Irish library to be looked over at your leisure. There's no telling what you'll discover!

Chris Creighton

Volunteer, Patrick J. Dowling Library

Connaught Athletic & Social Club Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Grand Ballroom

United Irish Cultural Center

No Host Bar 7pm - Dinner 8pm

Music

Kevin Roche & Shades of Green

Tickets & Information

Peter & Josephine Moore

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

SEPTEMBER 4, THURSDAY

- KRB Luncheon ~ 11:30am ~ *See Ad*
Guest Speaker: James Lynch, *SF Assistant Police Chief*

SEPTEMBER 11, THURSDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 12, FRIDAY

- Silver Gaels Lunch ~ Noon
For info call Anne Quilter 415/586-8017
or the Center 415/661-2700

SEPTEMBER 18, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner
Reservations required.
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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SEPTEMBER 25, THURSDAY

- General Meeting ~ 7:30pm
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SATURDAY 13

Jimmie James

SATURDAY 20

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SATURDAY 27

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3rd Thursday of the month

~ Reservations required ~

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or

Eileen O'Sullivan 415/681-2987

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Guest Speaker

James Lynch, San Francisco Assistant Police Chief

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Tom Hayes 415/584-6200

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New Books

Illustrated Life of Michael Collins by Colm Connolly

The Irish: A Personal View by Tim Pat Coogan

Cuchulain of Muirthemne: Story of the Men of the Red Branch of Ulster by Lady Gregory

Ulster Songs and Ballads by Padric Gregory

The Scandinavian Kingdom of Dublin by Charles Haliday

Handbook on Irish Genealogy by Heraldic Artists Ltd.

The Female Line: Northern Irish Women Writers by Ruth Hooley

The Tinker's Wedding, a comedy in two acts by John Millington Synge

Historical Sketches of the Ancient Irish and Their Descendants by Christopher Anderson

Brendan Behan's New York by Brendan Behan

The Birds of Glendalough by Nicky O'Brien (signed and donated by author)

View all new titles on the library's webpage: www.irishcentersf.org (click Library and New Titles for 2008).

County Histories

The library recommends *Wicklow History & Society*, *Donegal History and Society* and *Waterford History and Society* to those interested in these counties

Genealogy

In July I attended an Irish Genealogy workshop organized by the California Genealogical Society (CGS). Speaker Nora Hickey (Co. Cork) shared her tips on tracing one's ancestors in Ireland. Her list of helpful genealogy resources is available in the library's genealogy section.

The library has some issues of the journals *Irish Ancestor* and *Irish At Home and Abroad*. A complete list of all genealogy resources has been posted on the library's webpage (www.irishcentersf.org, click the Library tab and "Genealogy Resources").

Science

We have obtained a copy of the July 2008 Supplement to *The Scientist* magazine, Life Sciences in Ireland: A New Celtic Culture, kindly donated by its publisher. Articles range from Ireland's pharmaceutical industry, biotechnology firms, current scientific and medical research projects, life sciences growth in the past 50 years, and the return of Ireland's scientists and clinicians from working abroad.

Donations

Thank you to the Lavery Family, Mary Moran Pajalich, and Jo Coffey for their book donations to the library. Please contact the librarian if you're interested in donating materials to the library.

New Volunteers

A warm welcome to new volunteers John and Dorothy Sorensen, Gene Vrana and Dave Fitzgerald. The library salutes all its volunteers, both new and long-time, for their generous time and support.

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Wednesday	5 PM - 10 PM
Thursday	11 AM - 2:00 PM 5 PM - 10 PM
Friday	11 AM - 2:00 PM 4 PM - 11 PM
Saturday	4 PM - 1 AM
Sunday	4 PM - 10 PM

LUNCH
THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS
11:30am - 2pm

DINNER
FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS
5pm - 9pm

BRUNCH on SUNDAY
10am - 2pm

Reservations are appreciated to better serve our members

Come for the "Craic"!!