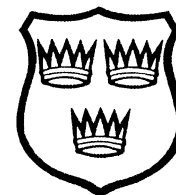




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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Center had a fantastic St. Patrick's weekend this year. We were a very strong presence at the Parade and Irish Festival on the 14th, with our huge Rose of Tralee Float. Despite the cold weather, Jamie Lundy, and all our Rosebuds and "leprechauns" managed to wave, smile and throw treats to the crowds.

Over at the Festival, Karen Kinahan, Theresa Flynn and others worked really hard at our Booth. It was great to meet so many people that wanted to know all about us and what the Irish Center has to offer. The next day we held the First Annual Green Fest Block Party with our good neighbors, Java Beach. There was food, drink, music, Irish dancers, spinning for prizes, you name it. We hope to continue this tradition--it was simply a great day for the family. Of course, it was hopping all day long on St. Patrick's Day at the Center, and we even made the TV news. We thank everyone who worked so hard to make this years' holiday special, particularly the volunteers and our employees; and also a thank-you to those of you who came down to the parade or out to the Center, and continue to support us. Remember,



Rose: Jamie Lundy
Rosebuds: Stephanie D'Arcy, Sinead Downey,
Katie Cassidy, Soairse MacCormack, Katie-Clare Cummins

we always need volunteers to make these events work.

Easter is April 12th. Be sure to book your table early for either Brunch or Dinner. More information is inside the Bulletin.

A reminder that Nominations for the Board of Directors takes place at the April General Meeting. Terming out in May are Anne Cassidy-Carew, Theresa Flynn-Houghton and Karen McDonald. Let us know if you are interested in being on the board. We would love to have your input!



Left to Right: UICC Past-President Karen Kinahan,
ICCC President Theresa Flynn, UICC Vice-President
Karen McDonald

Sincerely,
UICC Board of Directors

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This month's meeting — Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF for the success of our St. Patrick's week.

WHAT A FINE GRAND MARSHAL we had in John O'Flynn. Together with his family and the families of the Honorary Grand Marshals, Carole Deeb, Jack Hasset and Margaret McCormack, they were a sight to behold.

VISITING DURING OUR CELEBRATIONS was Cllr Virginia O'Dowd, from Nenagh, Co Tipperary, friend of John & Phyllis Moylan. She and her husband have good memories of their visit to San Francisco and the UICC.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS to Coleman and Rosemary Halloran who were married in Star of the Sea Church, April, 50 years ago.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Jerry Linahan and Denis Guiney. Incidentally, both Jerry and Denis were Past Presidents of the United Irish Societies. **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

The March 19 Thursday Night Dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all our guests with a special thank you to those who contributed to our raffle: John & Phyllis Moylan, Tom & Margaret Scully, Jim & Alice Mayo, John & Dorothy Sorenson, John & Doris Baratti, Harvey & Mitzi Samson, Luke Philpott, Ann Young, Pat D'Arcy, Blanche Raven, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Bill & Barbara O'Brien, Bill Luquee, Donnajean McCarthy and Patricia O'Connor. Our apologies to Phyllis & John Moylan for having left their names off the list of raffle contributors in the March Bulletin.

Our next Thursday Night Dinner will be April 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 Baked Ham 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 415/681-2987. Reservations close on Sunday, April 12.

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

SILVER GAELS

There will be no Silver Gael's lunch in April as it is Good Friday.

— Anne Quilter

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THANK YOU to EVERYONE for making our Annual Corned Beef Dinner March 14 a wonderful success!

Next meeting April 14 at 7 pm.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

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APRIL 9, THURSDAY

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

APRIL 10, FRIDAY

- THE UICC WILL BE CLOSED
for GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 12, SUNDAY

- Easter at the Center
Brunch 10am - 2pm ~ Dinner 5pm - 9pm
Make your reservations early!

APRIL 16, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6pm
For info call Josephine Healy 415/681-8385
or Eileen O'Sullivan 415/681-2987
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

APRIL 19, SUNDAY

- 32/50 Luncheon - See Ad
For info call Bill Luqué 415/552-9620

APRIL 22, WEDNESDAY

- IIPC seminar for "Returning to Ireland"
For info call Celine 415/752-6006

APRIL 23, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
- Set Dancing Workshop with Maldon Meehan
7:30pm - 9:30pm
Comhaltas Members: \$10. Non Members: \$12.
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

APRIL 25, SATURDAY

- Ulster Social Club Dinner Dance
For info call Marie Gavney 415/731-0787

APRIL 26, SUNDAY

- Children's Ceili ~ 4pm - 6pm
Comhaltas members FREE.
Non-members : \$5 per child, \$10 for 2 or more children
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

APRIL 29, WEDNESDAY

- Scholarship Awards Ceremony
For info call Jim Horan 415/661-7671

APRIL 30, THURSDAY

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



IN APRIL



SATURDAY 4 Louise & Shades of Green

SATURDAY 11 Alex & Company

SATURDAY 18 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

SATURDAY 25 Ring of Fire

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners Everyone is welcome.

3rd Thursday of the month

No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**IIPC/Irish Senior Citizen Outreach Program
Wednesday, June 17, 2009**

DEADLINE for MAY BULLETIN is April 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700.
If you have a specific question contact Adrienne Verreos at
Falcon Associates Inc.

tel: 415/468-4130 fax: 415/468-3549
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32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on February 26, 2009

The winning combination was New York and Longford
held by the Marcelline Simini who will receive \$550.

Jim/Tom/Cathie Mullan	Mary Kate Sullivan	Michael Walsh	Margaret Gavney*
Kathy Breen	John Fitzgerald	J. W. O'Sullivan	Maureen Socal
Pat/Margaret Dillion	The Miller Brothers	Patricia Hackett	Patrick O'Shea
Thomas Loftus/Anne Burke*	Mary McGreevy	32/50 Club	John Kerrigan
Helen Kelly	Terry Leonard	Rose Kennedy	Noreen Shea
Frank/Mary Stone	Neal Powers	York Div. #3 LAOH*	Michael Murphy
Tom McCormack	Cornelius Kelleher	Bill/ Helen Wall	James Moran
Thomas Harrington	Julia Fitzgerald*	Mary Sullivan	

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

* 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.

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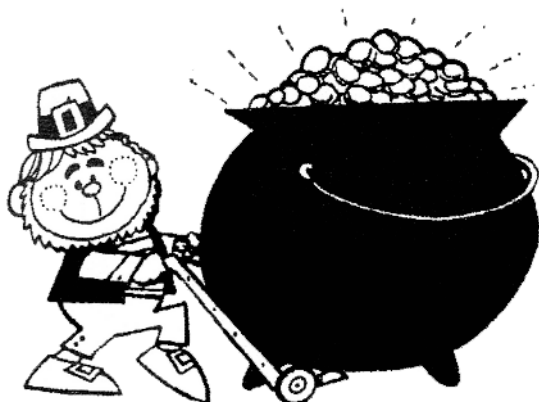
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2009 32/50 Club Luncheon

The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday, April 19, 2009 @1:00pm in the St. Patrick's Room.

The final drawing of 2008 and the first drawing for 2009 will be held. A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded for each drawing at the luncheon. You do not need to be present to win.

The price of the luncheon is \$25.00 per person

~ Menu ~

Potato Leek Soup

Choice of: Chicken Pomodoro or Avocado Stuffed Shrimp

Strawberry Shortcake

Wine

All reservations must be received no later than April 13, 2009.

For more information please call Bill Luqué @ 415.552.9620

No reserved seating No tickets sold at the door

Reservation form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Guests: _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Chicken Pomodoro: _____ Stuffed Avocado: _____

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Wendy King, *Librarian*

The Easter Rising 1916 (Éirí Amach na Cásca)

Organized by the Irish Republican Brotherhood, the Easter Rising occurred April 24-30 when Irish Republicans such as Patrick Pearse and James Connolly, proclaiming Ireland an independent republic of Britain, commandeered several Dublin public buildings such as the General Post Office. Although the Rising was halted and its leaders were court-martialled and executed, it reignited Ireland's quest for freedom and self-rule. The library recommends the following books in its collection to further study this significant event in Irish history:

The Irish Uprising, 1916-1922 (forward by Eamon de Valera)

Cry Blood Cry Erin by Redmond Fitzgerald

The Easter Rebellion by Max Caulfield

Agony at Easter: The 1916 Irish Uprising by Thomas M. Coffey

The Irish Rebellion of 1916 and Its Martyrs: Erin's Tragic Easter by Padraic Colum et al.

The Making of 1916: Studies in the History of the Rising, edited by Kevin B. Nowlan

Dublin 1916, edited by Roger McHugh

Rebels: The Irish Rising of 1916 by Peter de Rosa

The Road to Freedom: Photographs and Memorabilia from the 1916 Rising and Afterwards
by Michael Kenny

Dublin Castle and the 1916 Rising by Leon Ó Bróin

Last Words: Letters and Statements of the Leaders Executed after the Rising at Easter 1916
by Piaras F. Mac Lochlainn

Episode at Easter by Sean MacEntee

The Irish Rebellion of 1916 or The Unbroken Tradition by Nora Connolly

History of the Sinn Féin Movement and the Irish Rebellion of 1916 by Francis P. Jones

Sinn Féin Rebellion Handbook, published by the *Weekly Irish Times* (in wall display case)

Rare Book

History of Ireland, Ancient and Modern, Taken from the Most Authentic Records and Dedicated to the Irish Brigade: with a Continuation from the Treaty of Limerick to the Present Time by Abbé MacGeoghegan and John Mitchel. Published in New York by D. & J. Sadlier & Co, 1868.

The first part, written by MacGeoghegan, covers Ireland's history to the Treaty of Limerick and Mitchel continues from that point. Born in Co. Derry the son of a Presbyterian minister, Mitchel became an Irish Patriot and founded the journal *United Irishmen*. This first edition can be viewed in the library wall display case.

Donated Books

The library thanks the following for their thoughtful donations:

Irish Literary and Historical Society - *Irish in San Francisco Bay Area: Essays on Good Fortune*,
edited by Donald Jordan and Timothy J. O'Keefe

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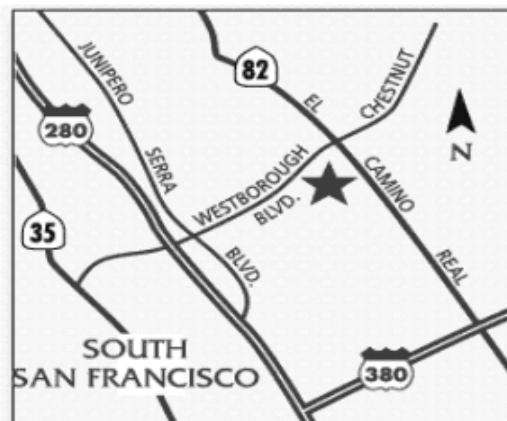


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