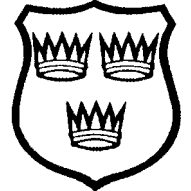




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Thursday, December 31, 2009

Cocktails/Hors d'Oeuvres 7:00
Dinner 8:00
\$75 per person

Special Musical Guests

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or email UICSpecialevents@gmail.com

THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors would like to wish all of you a most Blessed Christmas. 'Tis the season for family and friends, and there is no place friendlier than your Center. Come celebrate with us. Welcome.

On Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th, the new E cards will be rolled out. Members may come to the Center and get their cards on those two days. There will also be a 10% discount on all meals and bar orders. These 10% discounts will be good 12/5 and 12/6 only. Gift cards will be available beginning on the 5th and 6th. The new Gift Card will be similar to those purchased at various stores in the area. The Board and the Operation's Committee are planning future discounts for restaurant and bar usage.

The doors at the Center are thirty years old and need to be replaced. In the New Year, the Center will mail out letters to the members asking for help in meeting the cost of replacing doors at the Center. We will begin this project by replacing those doors in the most need. There are twenty two doors at the Center and the cost will be nearly \$50,000.00. We need your help. Please respond in a most positive manner.

The date and time of available flu shots is not set as we do not know when the vaccine will arrive. We will let members know. These flu shots will be FREE. Call the Center for more information.

This year's New Year's celebration will feature the music of Culann's Hounds. Along with this grand band, the banquet staff is planning a traditional New Year's feast. You will not want to miss out. Gather yourselves and some friends and come ring in the New Year at your Center.

Again we, the Board and the Center's staff, would like to wish all of you a most Blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year.

— UICC Board of Directors

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Karen Philpott on the arrival of baby # 3 – David Joseph. His big brother, Conor, and sister, Ashley, are very happy with their new playmate. Needless to say – grandparents, David and Liz Philpott, are delighted with the latest addition to their family.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Cormac Brady and Joe Elsbernd. Condolences to P. J. McGee and family on the passing of his daughter Helen. **MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.**

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The November 19 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who contributed to our raffle: Jack Curtin, Pat D'Arcy, Pat & Eileen O'Sullivan, Doris & John Baratti, Phyllis O'Connor, Mitzi Samson, Ann Young, Blance Raven, Patricia Quinn, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Walt & Lois Heim, Luke Philpott, Heather Johnson, Alice & Jim Mayo, Barbara & Bill O'Brien, Bill Luqué, Marie Doherty, Patricia McCarthy, Donnajean McCarthy and Laura Busby. Many thanks to Teresa and the kitchen staff and waitresses for excellent service and great food during 2009. A special thank you to the ladies who took reservations and took care of the monthly raffle. There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in December. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

SILVER GAELS

The bus is full for our River Rock Trip on December 7! Good luck to everyone!

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Christmas Dinner will be December 12 at 6pm. Make your reservations with Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017 or Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986. Dinner is \$25 per person and there is a choice of Roast Leg of Lamb, Salmon or Roasted Chicken. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30pm. All ladies are welcome. Merry Christmas to everyone!

— Anne Quilter, *President*

DECEMBER CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

DECEMBER 3, THURSDAY

- KRB Luncheon
For info call Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

DECEMBER 5, SATURDAY

- Annual REBEL CORK Dinner Dance
For info call Nora Daly 415/664-8966

DECEMBER 6, SUNDAY

- IIPC Celtic Voices Choir Christmas Concert
For info call Celine 415/752-6006

DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803
- IIPC Senior Mass ~ 4pm
Dinner and entertainment to follow.
For info call Celine 415/752-6006

DECEMBER 12, SATURDAY

- Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner
For info call Anne Quilter 415/586-8017
or Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986

DECEMBER 13, SUNDAY

- Santa is Coming to the Center ~ 11am - 1pm
- Christmas Ceili ~ 7pm - 10pm
Admission: Adults \$10, Children FREE
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

DECEMBER 17, THURSDAY

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

DECEMBER 24, THURSDAY & 25, FRIDAY

- United Irish Cultural Center will be closed

DECEMBER 31, THURSDAY

- New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at the Center
Call Peggy McDonald 415/665-3831
- The Center will be open for lunch & dinner
Call Jennifer at the Center 415/661-2700

JANUARY 1, FRIDAY 2010

- United Irish Cultural Center will be closed



IN DECEMBER



FRIDAY 4 Sean Lightholder

SATURDAY 5 Ring of Fire

SATURDAY 12 Shades of Green

SATURDAY 19 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

SATURDAY 26 TBA

THURSDAY 31 Wayne Noel Disc Jockey
(Downstairs)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Grand Marshal Dinner

Sunday, February 28, 2010

Columban Fathers Annual Dinner

Saturday, April 10, 2010

*ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program
and The Patrick J. Dowling Library Dinner*

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AT YOUR CENTER AND FOR
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
2010!

DEADLINE for JANUARY BULLETIN is DECEMBER 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
email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on NOVEMBER 19, 2009

The winning combination was Utah & Kildare
held by John Callan who will receive \$550.

32/50 Club	Bethel Rogers	Rose Kennedy	Shirley Fitzgerald
Peggy Nevin	32/50 Club	Christian Mibach	Nicky O'Brien
John Kerrigan	James O'Mahony	Nora O'Sullivan	32/50 Club
32/50 Club	Florence Keigran	John & Leone King	32/50 Club
Gina/Teresa Moore	Joseph McDonald	32/50 Club	32/50 Club
Tony/Teresa Moore*	32/50 Club	Mary C. Taylor	Margaret Keohane
32/50 Club	Karen Kinahan	Irish Pipers*	32/50 Club
Rita McCann & Jack McClain*	Kathleen Hurley/Mary Cummins		Cornelius/Frances Murphy

Congratulations to all the \$100 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.

Christmas
is just around the corner!

Give a 32/50 ticket

A great stocking stuffer!

Contact Bill Luqué at 415/552-9620



ICCC Brick Campaign

LAST CHANCE to purchase a brick is December 31, 2009.

Contact ICCC 415/661-6558 or Email info@icccsf.org

Just in time for the Holidays...

UICC is implementing a Gift Card program. The Gift Card will replace the current gift certificate but be assured that ALL Gift Certificates purchased before December 1 will be honored.

Gift Cards make a great stocking stuffer.





Birthday Meal

Effective December 2009, the Birthday card will be replaced with the Rewards Card.

Advise waitstaff and present your *activated* Rewards Card *before* ordering.

Birthday Meal Guidelines

The Birthday maximum MEAL value not to exceed \$20. *Tax & Tip are not included*
NO splitting an entrée. Not valid Saturdays or Holidays. Use only during restaurant hours (refer to website, your monthly Bulletin or Irish Herald for days/times), or Monthly Thursday Night Dinner. Only 1 discount applies -- CANNOT be combined with other Membership Rewards Card discounts.



Membership Update

uicc_membership@yahoo.com

In mid-1990's a UICC certificate was printed for each active member. Most certificates were picked up, and those not picked up have been stored away. To free up space, they will be recycled in January. Get in contact with Mary O'Sullivan of the membership committee if you want to pick up your certificate.

Advise the membership committee of deceased members. If applicable, transfer will be completed. And deceased member will be added to annual Deceased Members Mass booklet.

The membership committee has been in search for current addresses of 700+ members. It's important that membership data is accurate and current. Please review the list that has been published in last few months of Bulletins and/or website (irishcentersf.org/membership) and forward active address(es) to the attention of the Membership Committee.

Season's Greetings to everyone and Thank You.

Irish Immigration Pastoral Center

presents



A Christmas Concert

Children's, Youth and Adult Choirs, directed by Mary McKeever

Sunday, December 6, 2009

7.00 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Adults \$15 Seniors \$10 Children free

Advance Tickets available at: IIPC - 415.752.6006 and UICC - 415.661.2700

A Community Outreach Service of the
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Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910
Web www.sfiipc.org Email: info@sfiipc.org

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, December 10, 2009

United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

4.00 p.m. Mass

with Christmas Carols

celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

followed by dinner

and entertainment by **Celtic Voices**

Children's & Youth Choirs

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

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Thank you to all our friends who remembered Florence Keighran, who passed away October 8. Your Mass cards, sympathy notes and donations to charity were all very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Seamus Keighran, Cathy Mibach and Connie Lynch

**Come Join Us at the Center
All K.R.B. Gang**

- ~ Reunite with old friends*
- ~ Invite a friend, neighbor*
- ~ Everyone welcome*

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2009
Time: 11:30 am No Host Cocktails
Place: St. Francis Room ~ UICC

GUEST SPEAKER

Gerry Staunton
Consul General of Ireland

For reservations call:

Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

Tom Hayes 415/584-6200

John Moylan 415/731-6882

Menu Choices:

Filet of Sole,
Chicken Pomodoro
or Corned Beef
and Cabbage

**The ICCC
Leo T. Walsh
Scholarship Program**

and

The Patrick J. Dowling Library

request that you

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Saturday, April 10, 2010

for a dinner to join us in

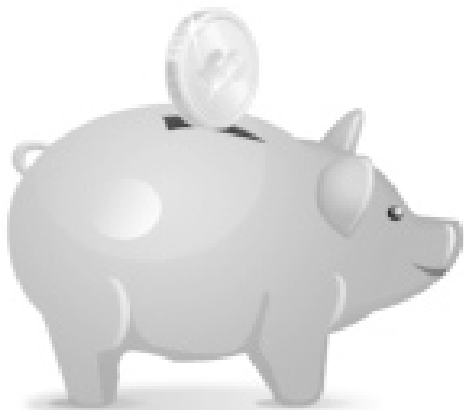
Honoring

Kathleen Dowling McDonough

and

**Celebrating the 35th Anniversary
of the founding of the Library**

*Scholarship applications are available
on-line at the Center's website: irishcentersf.org*



Rewards Card

Effective December 5, the UICC is excited to introduce a Membership Rewards Card program for active UICC members.

The Membership Rewards Card allows for discount savings, at time of purchase, in Restaurant and Restaurant Bar.

Must present card at time of purchase to receive discount.

Come in to activate your Rewards Card today...

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It is advised to e-mail or call before coming as the library is sometimes staffed by volunteers

Wendy King, *Librarian*

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR - NOLLAIG SHONA AGUS ATHBHLIAIN FAOI MHAISE DAOIBH
THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, 25, 26, 31 AND JANUARY 1.

New Books

Encyclopedia of Ireland edited by Brian Lalor and kindly donated by Peter M. Callahan. This 1,200 page jewel is the perfect book to peruse on a cold winter's day, before or after a hearty meal at the UICC restaurant. Featuring 900 contributors, more than 700 illustrations and maps, the encyclopedia covers art, biography, cinema, current events, fashion, history, Irish language, literature, music, politics, religion and sports. A great resource for finding answers.

The Irish Face in America edited by Julia McNamara. Color portraits accompanied by personal accounts of Irish Americans from all walks of life, capturing the Irish-American experience and contributions.

New Childrens Books

The History of Emigration from Ireland by Katherine Prior. The book explores the reasons why the Irish emigrated, where they emigrated, their voyages across the sea, and life in their new home. A fabulous tool for young scholars curious about Irish emigration, the book also includes a timeline and glossary.

Thank you to library volunteer, Tricia Ross, who purchased the following 3 books during her recent trip to Ireland:

Buntús Foclóra– A Children's Irish Picture-Dictionary by Heather Amery. Although designed for the young Irish language student, adults can equally learn Irish words from the colorful and fun illustrations.

Beginner's Irish Dictionary by Helen Davies. A beautifully designed, full-color Irish dictionary containing 2,000 everyday words and phrases and a simple guide to Irish grammar.

Professor Murphy's History of Ireland: From Ancient Times to the Present Day by Duncan Crosbie. This lovely illustrated book introduces the young reader to Ireland's fascinating past, significant monuments and people. It also includes an illustrated timeline, useful facts, and website addresses to further explore Ireland's history.

Library's 35th Birthday Bash

Next year April 5 marks a milestone in the library's history – its 35th birthday. A fundraiser dinner for the library and the Leo Walsh Scholarship Program is being planned at the UICC so please save the date, Saturday, April 10, 2010. More details to come in upcoming bulletins.

Library's New Lights

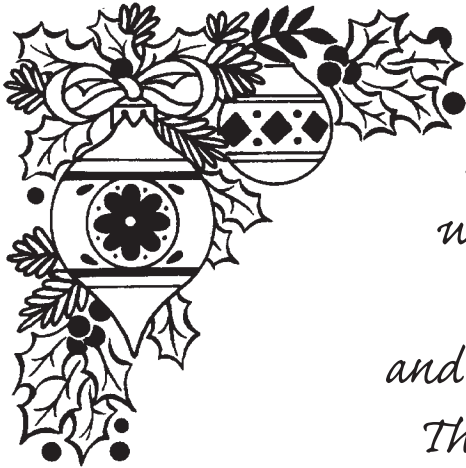
Thank you to Joe Power of Power Electric for doing an excellent job installing new light fixtures in the library and the ICCC Board for approving the expenditures for this project.

Free Gift With Donation

With your gift of \$20.00 to the library, you will receive a free copy of library founder Patrick J. Dowling's book ***Irish Californians: Historic, Benevolent, Romantic***, which traces the Irish immigrant's effect on California business, government, religion, and philanthropy. Please stop by the library with your donation during library hours.

Used Books for Sale

Help support the library by purchasing duplicate donated books, which are for sale during library hours. Great deals.



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Sunday, December 13th

11am-1pm ~ St. Francis Room

Come and enjoy cookies & punch!
Have your picture taken with Santa!

Call 415/661-2700 for more info

