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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Happy New Year everyone! We hope that your Christmas Holidays were filled with joy. It was a very busy Holiday Season for the Irish Center! On the 11th of December, our new Consul General, Gerry Staunton, welcomed President Mary McAleese to a reception held in the St. Patrick's Ballroom. Over 900 people from the Bay Area Irish Community showed up to welcome this gracious, approachable, and well-spoken stateswoman. For over an hour after her speech, she walked around the room greeting and shaking hands with as many people as possible. Her inspiring and encouraging words that evening reverberated with many. All of us on the board felt extremely proud of our Center, our Members, and our Employees that evening.

An incredible amount of work went on behind the scenes to spruce up the building in the weeks leading up to this historic event. To all those special volunteers, all we can say is, thank-you! Inside this issue, we have listed as accurately as possible all those individuals and groups who contributed to the effort. A big thank you to John Ring, Jr. for coordinating this special event. Particular recognition goes to Teresa Moore who coordinated the clean-up, and worked especially hard to make the President's visit go smoothly.

Congratulations are in order for the GAA on the official opening of the Fields at Treasure Island. We wish them every success for the future of the Gaelic Games in the Bay Area.

The ICCC Scholarship Program 2009 applications are available at the Center or online at www.icccsh.org. Applications are due February 16, 2009. The Scholarship Committee is planning a special evening honoring long-time supporter, John Moylan, on February 7, 2009. For more information about this and the ICCC Brick Campaign, see inside this issue.

We hope that 2008 has ended on a positive note for the UICC and the ICCC. We still have lots of work ahead of us, and we encourage everyone to keep involved, attend the General Meetings, and encourage people to join the Center and volunteer. We need to keep our membership healthy and thriving in the coming years. There will be three board members terming out later this year, and we welcome any prospective member who wishes to run in May!

Wishing all of you a healthy and prosperous 2009.

Sincerely,

The UICC and ICCC Boards

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This month's meeting — Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

BELATED ANNIVERSARY WISHES to Dan "Bash" and Peggy McCarthy on their 58th wedding anniversary.
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES to Tom and Katharine Sullivan who celebrated with a cruise.

WHAT A GREAT EVENT to see so many present at the UICC, Thursday, December 11th, to welcome the President of Ireland. The staff certainly did a great job in planning, preparing and staffing the event.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Bill Callanan, Pat Dillon and Joe Dudley.
MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE.

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our next dinner is Thursday, January 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 Lamb Stew or Filet of Sole, 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, January 11.

LADIES AUXILIARY / SILVER GAELS

Our Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Dinner, December 14, was enjoyed by over 40 members and friends. Our next meeting is February 10, 2009 at 7PM. Happy New Year!
— Anne Quilter, *President*

Our Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip is scheduled for Monday, February 16. We hope to have lots of winners! Come and enjoy the good food, conversation and card games at our next lunch on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 12:30 pm at the Center. Reservations appreciated. Please call Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017 or the UICC at 415/661-2700. — Anne Quilter

Dear Members of the United Irish Cultural Center,

On behalf of the United Irish Cultural Center Board of Directors and members I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for their generous donation of time, money and materials in helping us give the United Irish Cultural Center a splendid makeover in anticipation of President Mary McAleese's visit on December 11. It was so very, very appreciated and so very, very well done!

Thank you most sincerely to the following groups for their generous donation of money which paid for all the work we were able to do: The Rebel Cork Ladies, The AOH County Board, AOH Division 17, United Irish Societies, The Kerry Club, The Ulster Social Club, The Connaught Club, Mr. John Moylan, Shamrock Real Estate and The Carpenters Union. Without the support you gave us financially we would not have been able to accomplish all the work that was done. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We would like to give a huge thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and hard work to the cause: Gerry Cassidy, Dan McAuliffe, Martin Falvey, Brian Farrell, Martin and Julia Howard, Dorothy Hurrigan, Derry Philpott, Joe Galvin, Joe O'Leary, Karen McDonald, Peggy and Dan Nevin, Theresa and Chris Flynn Houghton, Peter and Roger Moore and our true-blue Comhaltas volunteers: Joannie O'Leary, Josephine Brogan, Kasey MillerE, Mary McDonnagh, Tracey Tynan, Jillian Barber. Thank you to all of you for an outstanding job! And a big thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for their annual Christmas tree trimmings. Thank you also, to the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians for manning the ropes and helping maintain the order of the evening. A special thanks to John Ring, Jr. and Mary McGee.

Thank you for all that and more I'm sure. It was wonderful working with these great volunteers, there was some great stories going back and forth, people recalling stories from Ireland. Martin Falvey remarked that it was like getting ready for the stations. During our few and far between breaks for tea and sandwiches funny stories were shared from back home and back in the early days of the United Irish Cultural Center. These are the stuff of memories that make the United Irish Cultural Center feel like home and make people want to volunteer.

Thank you all so very much for once again answering the UICC call for help. The President of Ireland's visit was a rousing success! We had around 900 people in attendance and the warmth and cheer coming from Mrs. McAleese was matched by that coming from the audience. Thank you all for your help to make Consul General Gerry Staunton's reception the lovely affair it was. We could not have done it without your help. Your loyalty and support is one of the United Irish Cultural Center's best assets. Words can never convey the gratitude of this Board for your priceless donation of your time and effort and money. Our expectations were far surpassed by your effort and the extent of the work that got done. If we have forgotten a name here, please know this, we will never forget your time and effort and the hand of help you have extended to make us all so proud to be a member of the United Irish Cultural Center.

Sincerely,

Teresa Moore, *Banquet Manager, UICC*

JANUARY CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

JANUARY 8, THURSDAY

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

JANUARY 9, FRIDAY

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

JANUARY 15, THURSDAY

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

JANUARY 22, THURSDAY

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

JANUARY 24, SATURDAY

- Kerry Athletic & Sons of Boru Annual Dinner
See Ad

JANUARY 29, THURSDAY

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

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners
Everyone is welcome.

3rd Thursday of the month

~ Reservations required ~




IN JANUARY



SATURDAY 3 No Music

SATURDAY 10 Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket

SATURDAY 17 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

 SATURDAY 24 Alex & Company

SATURDAY 31 Pat Hamilton

**DEADLINE for FEBRUARY
BULLETIN is January 15**



CHILDREN'S Fiddle CLASSES*

Wednesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Beginners & Intermediate

*For more information contact Josephine Brogan at 415/681-4803
Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas*



CHILDREN'S Tin Whistle CLASSES*

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



IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES*

SATURDAYS AT THE CENTER

TEACHER, IMELDA WHITE

CHILDREN ~ 10am - 11:30am (*minimum age 4*)

ADULTS ~ Noon - 2pm

*For more information contact Josephine Brogan
at 415/681-4803 or email josephinebrogan@yahoo.com*

**Pre-registration is required for all classes*

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The 32/50 November Drawing held on December 18, 2008

The winning combination was Utah and Wicklow
held by the 32/50 Club.

Joe Dudley	Bethel Rogers	Cornelius Murphy	Rose Kennedy
Shirley Fitzgerald	Margaret Nevin	Lorraine McGrath	32/50 Club
Christian Mibach	Nicky O'Brien	John Kerrigan	James O'Mahoney
Nora O'Sullivan	John Callan*	32/50 Club	32/50 Club
Florence Keighran	John/Leone King	32/50 Club	Rita/Jack McCann/ Joan McClain*
Gine/Teresa Moore*	Joseph McDonald	32/50 Club	32/50 Club
Tony Moore	32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Margaret Keohane

The 32/50 December Drawing held on December 18, 2008

The winning combination was Mississippi and Waterford
held by Maurice Lawlor who will receive \$550.

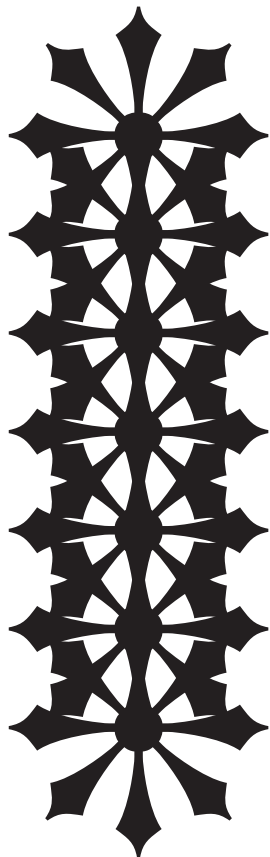
Ann Baglin	32/50 Club	Faliano Family	32/50 Club
32/50 Club	William Kelleher	Erin O'Connor	Robert Twomey
Mary Tolan	Jeanne McManus	Joe Galvin	Sean Healy
Cornelius O'Sullivan	32/50 Club	Sean McNulty	Katrina McHugh
Thomas Mullaney	Kelsey/Julia Hagan	Dan/Alice Naughton	Danielle McHugh
Walter Heim	32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Thomas Mulkeen
32/50 Club	John Moylan	Patrick O'Shea	Sheila/Teresa Slane
32/50 Club	Duffy Family/Monica Duffy*		

Congratulations to all the \$50 winners!

* Received an additional \$50 for being present.

**There are 32/50 Combinations available.
Buy One for Yourself and One for a friend!**

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.



Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Boru
47th Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, January 24, 2009

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No-Host Cocktails 7 pm Dinner 8 pm
Prime Rib or Salmon

Reservations - \$65.00 per person

Music

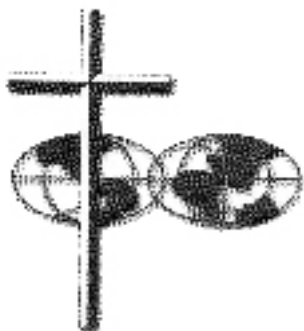
Jeeze Louise & Shades of Green

Noreen Corry 415-681-8476

Terry Leonard 650-878-0736

Rose O'Connor 415 - 731-7673

COLUMBAN FATHERS
Annual Dinner and Raffle



Honoring Nora Mullane

Sunday, March 1, 2009

United Irish Cultural Center

2700- 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Join Us for an Evening of FUN!

No Host Cocktails 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

\$40 per person

For Reservations Call:

Pam Naughton at 415 - 566 -1936

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The ICCC Brick Campaign is a success! A big thank you to all those who have supported the brick campaign to date. We have sold more than 400 bricks and raised more than \$103,000. It was the ICCC's hope to have the first phase in the ground by the end of 2008. After recent consultation with a professional, the Brick Committee has realized that we need to sell approximately 100 more premium bricks to minimize the impact of removing existing bricks /installing the engraved bricks. We need your help! If you haven't yet purchased your piece of history, don't wait! Show your support today! **Just as President McAleese inferred in her address at the UICC, support your Center so we remain a strong Irish Community!**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Enclosed is my order of \$ _____ To be paid by _____ CHECK or _____ CREDIT CARD
 Credit Card # _____ V-Code (3 digit code) _____
 Exp Date _____ Signature for Credit Card _____

Punctuations like hyphens, commas, spaces etc count as a space. Brick orders will be processed in first come first serve. Please complete the order form and return to: ICCC Brick Campaign
 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Any questions email: info@icccsf.org or call
 415-661-2700

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\$500 Premium (front doors) Brick

\$150 Intersection Brick

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Line 2																				
Line 3																				



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Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program

invites you to
An Evening Honoring

John Moylan

Saturday, February 7, 2009

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No Host Cocktails: 5:30 PM ~ Dinner: 6:30 PM
\$75 per person

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Choice of Dinner (enter number of orders):

New York Steak _____ Filet of Salmon _____ Vegetarian Pasta _____

Please reserve _____ reservations at \$75 person. Total amount enclosed \$ _____ .

I /We are unable to attend and would like to support the Scholarship Program in the amount of \$_____.

Please make check payable to: **ICCC Scholarship Program** and mail with this reservation form to:

John Moylan Dinner
United Irish Cultural Center
2700 - 45th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Please list names of those you would like to be seated with. Tables of ten are available upon request.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____

9) _____ 10) _____

No reservations will be accepted after Friday, January 30, 2009. No reservations will be available at the door.

For Information Contact: Jim Horan at 415 661-7671

Patrick Dowling Library

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Wendy King, *Librarian*

New Books

The Book of Kells: forty-eight pages and details in color from the manuscript in Trinity College,

Dublin selected and introduced by Peter Brown

A Guide to Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors by Godfrey F. Duffy

Irish America: coming into clover: the evolution of a people and a culture by Maureen Dezell

The Irish Brigade by Stephen J. Wright

Irish Dancing Costumes: their origins and evolution illustrated with 200 years of photographs,
1892-1992 by John P. Cullinane (donated by the Lavery Family)

Principles of Irish Law by Brian Doolan

The Scotch-Irish: a social history by James Graham Leyburn

Shadows on Glass: a portfolio of early Ulster photography by Brian Mercer Walker

The Traveler's Guide to Sacred Ireland: a guide to the sacred places of Ireland, her legends,
folklore and people by Cary Meehan

Ulster Sails West: The Story of the Great Emigration from Ulster to North America in the 18th Century
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The United Irishmen, Their Lives and Times by Richard R. Madden

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Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 PM

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Tuesday	5 PM - 10 PM
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

Come for the "Craic"!!

