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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

We wish everyone a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

This mailing goes out to all our members, so a particular hello to all of you who have not subscribed to the monthly bulletin. You can subscribe at any time; the fee covers all the printing, and mailing costs that are incurred in order to get the Bulletin out. Everyone is also welcome to visit our website at irishcentersf.org to check out all our upcoming events, view pictures and other information.

Thursday, March 5 is the Grand Opening of the Restaurant for Dinner service on Thursdays. Come out and enjoy dinner on Thursday Nights. Reservations are encouraged, especially before our Monthly General Meetings.

The United Irish Societies will be hosting the annual Grand Marshal's Dinner honoring Grand Marshal John O'Flynn, and Honorary Grand Marshals, Carole Deeb, our beloved former Banquet Manager; Jack Hassett and Marge McMcCormick on Friday, March 6.

The St. Patrick' Day Parade is on Saturday the 14th. Starts at 11:30 at 2nd and Townsend and winds it way down Market Street to Civic Center. Be sure to cheer on Jamie Lundy and our Rosebuds on the UICC's Rose of Tralee float this year! This will be a 30 foot float, and will be our biggest presence in the parade ever. So please come down and support us! The UICC/ICCC also have a booth at the festival this year. Come by and see us, buy a "Go Green" t-shirt, spin for a prize, lot's of fun!

After the parade, be sure to come back to the Center and enjoy the Ladies Auxiliary's Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Lots of music and dancing. Starts at 4pm, upstairs in the St. Patrick's room.

The following day, the 15th, please come out and join us and our neighbors, the Java Beach Cafe, for a fun filled, festive, fabulous block party. The whole family is welcome. Bouncy castle, music, Irish Dancers and lots of fun. Starts at IIAM. We will still be serving Sunday Brunch as usual.

There are many more events taking place this month, so see inside for details.

Make sure you stop by the Center this month - as we all know you haven't fully celebrated St. Patrick's Day until you've visited the Center!

Sincerely,

The UICC Board of Directors

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlie and Alene Meyers who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Charlie is happy to report that Alene is on the mend after her recent fall.

WHO was shown in a recent Chronicle photo but Tim Jordan who was busily selecting flowers for his Ginny. Tim is the son of Jack and Pat Jordan.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, was a great night at the UICC. John and Phyllis Moylan were honored by friends and family at the annual Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner. Dan and Terry Kelleher and Nora Mullane will be honored at the Columban Fathers Fund Raiser Dinner on Sunday, March 1st.

MEMBER LAURA HOLFORD, 18, is taking a gap year and touring the world with an Irish dance company called Rhythm of the Dance. She has performed in Russia, China, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany. Next she is going to Italy, Greece, Australia and New Zealand. Laura studied with the Kennelly School of Irish Dance.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: George J. O'Brien and Bill Callanan. MAY ALL THE DECEASED REST IN PEACE

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The February 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: Marie Gavney, Alice & Jim Mayo, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Luke Philpott, Bill Luqué, Tom & Margaret Skelly, Agnes & Frank Fee, Pat D'Arcy, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan, Sally Mulkerrins, Helen Naish, Barbara & Bill O'Brien, Josephine & Mike McLoughlin and Eamon McSwiggan.

Our next Thursday Night Dinner will be March 19. 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 Cod or Corned Beef, 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, March 15.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

SILVER GAELS

Our February I6 trip to River Rock Casino was enjoyed by all. We had a full bus plus several people on a waiting list. Our trips have become very popular. Our next trip will be to Thunder Valley Casino. Please check for full details in the April/May bulletin. There will be no Silver Gael's lunch in March. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

At our meeting Tuesday, March 10 we will finalize plans for the Saturday, March 14 Annual Corned Beef Dinner from 4pm to 7pm. All ladies are invited to attend our monthly meetings which are short and sweet with refreshments and conversation. Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone!

— Anne Quilter, President

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MARCH CALENDAR

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MARCH I, SUNDAY

Columban Father Annual Dinner
 For info call Pam Naughton 415/566-1936
 or Anne Quilter 415/586-8017

MARCH 5 THURSDAY

 Grand Opening of the Dining Room for Thursdays Dinner Service Reservations encouraged

MARCH 6, FRIDAY

 Grand Marshal Dinner hosted by the United Irish Societies

MARCH 8, SUNDAY

• The Irish Immigration & Pastoral Center will host a 4 pm mass celebrated by Fr. Mike Healy followed by an early bird Senior Dinner at 4:30 pm and at 6pm a performance by the IIPC Children's Choir For info and reservations contact: IIPC 415/752-6006

MARCH 12, THURSDAY

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

MARCH 14, SATURDAY

- St. Patrick's Parade See UIS ad
- Ladies Auxiliary Corned Beef Dinner ~ 4pm to 7pm

MARCH 15, SUNDAY

 Block Party ~ UICC and Java Beach Cafe Bouncey castle & music. Come one, come all!

MARCH 17, TUESDAY

• St. Patrick's Day - Come celebrate at the Center Center opens at II:30 am for lunch, dinner & music No reservations will be taken.

MARCH 19, 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

MARCH 22, SUNSDAY

• St. Patrick's Ceili ~ 7pm - 10pm Adults \$10.00 Children FREE For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

MARCH 26, THURSDAY

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



IN MARCH



SATURDAY 7 Ring of Fire

FRIDAY 13 The Rowan Brothers

SATURDAY 14 Alex & Company (afternoon)

SATURDAY 14 Pat Ryans Celtic Junket (evening)

SATURDAY 14 Music All Day - Upstairs

SUNDAY 15 Dave Crimmins Band

TUESDAY 17 Pat Hamilton (afternoon)

TUESDAY 17 Michael Foley Band (evening)

SATURDAY 21 Louise & Shades of Green

SATURDAY 28 Jimmy James

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners Everyone is welcome.

3rd Thursday of the month

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

~ Reservations required ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ulster Social Club Dinner Dance Saturday, April 25, 2009

DEADLINE for APRIL BULLETIN is March 15

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

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2009 ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive

2:00 PM Alma Via Retirement Home 1 Thomas More Way

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

10:00 AM Flag Raising City Hall Rotunda

Grand Marshal Dinner
7:00 PM No Host Cocktails 8:00 PM Dinner
United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue
Honoring Grand Marshal John O'Flynn

and Honorary Grand Marshals Carole Deeb, Jack Hassett and Marge McCormick

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME 4150 Clement Street / 42nd Avenue

2:00 PM St. Anne's Little Sisters of the Poor 300 Lake Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

9:00 AM St. Patrick's Day Mass Auxiliary Bishop W. Justice St. Patrick's Church, 756 Misssion St. /3rd Street

11:30 AM St. Patrick's Day Parade 2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM IRISH FESTIVAL Civic Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

10:30 AM Mass - Fr. Peter C. Yorke All Saints Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma



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South Dakota/Cavan
Vermont/Cavan

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St. Patrick

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, St. Patrick was kidnapped at age 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped to Gaul (France) where he became a priest and later returned to Ireland as a missionary to convert the Irish to Christianity. Establishing monasteries, churches and schools, he chose Armagh as the Irish ecclesiastical capital. To learn more about Ireland's patron saint, the library recommends the following biographies in its collection:

Saint Patrick: Apostle of Ireland by Hugh De Blacam

The Legacy of Saint Patrick: As Found in His Own Writings by Martin P. Harney, S.J.

The Life of Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland by William Bullen Morris

Saint Patrick: His Life and Mission by Mrs. Thomas Concannon

The Life of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland by William Canon Fleming

The Life and Writings of the Historical Saint Patrick by R.P.C. Hanson

St. Patrick: His Life and Work by G.A.Chamberlain, B.D.

The Living Legend of St. Patrick by Alannah Hopkin

Saint Patrick A.D. 493-1993 edited by David N Dumville

The library's copy of *The Traveller's Guide to Sacred Ireland* by Cary Meehan is a great resource for tracking St. Patrick's steps.

To explore St. Patrick's Day festivities, the library suggests:

The Definitive St. Patrick's Day Festivity Book by Michael James Fallon St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York by John T. Ridge

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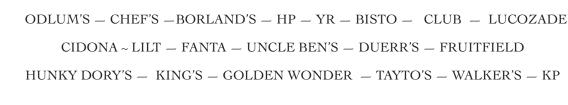
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