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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The time has come when four of our Board Members must say Slán go fóill (goodbye for now). Kevin Rooney and his wife recently welcomed a new baby, and he has stepped down after a year. We wish he and his family the very best for the future.

For Theresa Flynn Houghton, Anne Cassidy Carew, and Karen McDonald it has been an exceptional three years. The three of them have spent many hours at the Center, working to serve UICC members and the Irish/Irish-American community. They have seen losses turn into profits, commemorative bricks laid in memory of those who have passed on and in honor of those living, and photographs of volunteers building the Center hung in the hallways. They've painted hallways, poured over financial reports, participated in marathon union meetings, attended countless committee meetings, shared laughs and Irish soda bread with members, and, with even more hours of dedication, took part in the creation of a new and vibrant future for the United Irish Cultural Center: the *Irish Cultural Centre of California*. It's been an eventful and satisfying ride-- from New Year's Eve dinner/dances, Children's Christmas Parties, concerts, St. Patrick's Day celebrations, to even dressing up for Halloween. There isn't much these ladies wouldn't do for the Irish Center!

With that in mind, please plan to attend this month's Annual General Membership Meeting to wish all of them well, and take part in voting in and welcoming our new members to the Board. As of this writing, the nominations have not yet taken place.

May 9th will mark the Irish Center's premiere event of the year, the San Francisco Rose of Tralee Selection Dinner and Dance. It completely sold out last year, so please hurry and make your reservations. Celine Kennelly and her committee do a fantastic job, and it is sure to be an entertaining evening. Please call (415) 820-3253 for reservations, or write to sanfranciscorose@gmail.com, for more information. This is an expensive sponsorship for the Center and we need all the support you can give!

Don't forget, May 10th is Mother's Day! We have a wonderful Brunch planned, and a special Dinner menu that evening. Reservations for either are recommended.

The San Francisco GAA will be promoting a series of exciting concerts at the UICC over the summer, so please stay tuned for more information. And also the Gaelic Games from Ireland are starting up, shown on the largest screen in the City at the UICC. Bring the kids!

Sincerely,
UICC Board of Directors

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This month's meeting — Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS: Joe O'Brien, Celine Kennelly, Kathleen Miller-Ellassen, Sharon Martenson, Shannon Adams, Loretta Marshall, William Marshall, Paul Stevens, Dean McFarren, Jeffrey Dillon, Matthew O'Leary, Maureen Kelly, Barbara Charpiot, Heather Gonzalez, Tamara Wong, Gerard O'Rourke, Josephine Coffey, Nancy Carrey, Jennifer Hawkins, Pari Livermore, Putnam Livermore, Valerie McGrew, Caroline Ward, Matt Ward, Liam Reidy, and Stephanie Reidy; and to **TRANSFER MEMBERS:** James Murray, Christianne Crotty, Jean Gallagher, Tara O'Sullivan, William J. Callanan, William Coen, John Dillon, Patricia Carini, and Mary Ida Dudley.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael and Bridget Kelly who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Relatives came from Ireland, England, Spain and New York to celebrate with the family. The reception was held at the UICC.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Margaret Brosnan, Aine O'Brennan, and William Hogan (Nov 08). **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 April 16 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: Doris & John Baratti, Ann Young, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Jack Curtin, Margaret & Tom Scully, Luke Philpott, Barbara & Bill O'Brien, Josephine & Mike McLoughlin, Alice & Jim Mayo, Heather Johnson, Bill Luqué and Pat Quinn

Our next Thursday Night Dinner will be May 21. 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 Lamb Shanks, 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, May 17.

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

SILVER GAELS

Our May lunch will be May 8 at 12:30pm. For reservations please call Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017 or the UICC at 415/661-2700. Our Trip to Thunder Valley Casino will be June 1. See ad for info inside this bulletin.

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

Next meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

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MAY CALENDAR

MAY 9, SATURDAY

- Rose of Tralee Selection & Dinner Dance
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MAY 10, SUNDAY

- Mother's Day at the Center
10am - 2pm Brunch ~ 5pm - Dinner

MAY 14, THURSDAY

- KRB Luncheon ~ 11:30am
Speaker: Hon. Anne Keighran, *Mayor of Burlingame*
For reservations call: Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

MAY 15, FRIDAY

- Emerald Society Annual Dinner Dance
For info call Anne Carew 650/359-5268

MAY 21, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6pm
No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm
Reservations required. 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

MAY 28, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
Come and vote for your new board directors
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Gaelic Games Gala Evening
Sunday, August 2, 2009

DEADLINE for JUNE BULLETIN is MAY 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

MUSIC AT THE BAR



IN MAY



SATURDAY 2 Louise & Shades of Green
SATURDAY 9 Michael Foley
SATURDAY 16 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music
SATURDAY 23 Ben Hunter & Christie O'Connor
SATURDAY 30 Ring of Fire

CHILDREN'S Fiddle CLASSES

Wednesday • 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Beginners & Intermediate - Kristina Ben Arab, Teacher

CHILDREN'S Tin Whistle CLASSES

Tuesday Night • 7pm - 8:30pm
Beginners & Intermediate - Bruce Culbertson, Teacher

IRISH Bodhran CLASSES

Saturday • 10am - 11am
for the Young & Old - Cormac Gannon Teacher

IRISH Language CLASSES

Saturday ADULTS • 11am - 1pm
Imelda White, Teacher

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

***Pre-registration is required for all classes**
Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas



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Center

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Afternoon Tea

Saturday May 30, 2009
2-4pm

Pot of Tea
Scones with Jam and
Devon cream
Assorted Tea Sandwiches

\$12.00 per person
Reservations Required
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32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on March 19, 2009

The winning combination was New Mexico and Kildare
held by the David Kehoe who will receive \$550.

32/50 Club	Theresa Woods	Noel Purcell	Shane/Margaret Gavney*
Mary Dunleavy	Joannie/Francis O'Leary	Katie/Eddie Hagan	James/Jane Reilly
David Brady	Steve/Kathy Delahunty	32/50 Club	Cecelia Gaddini
Dennis Galvin	32/50 Club	Robert King	Mary/Teresa Moore*
Mary Casey	32/50 Club	Timothy J. Murphy	Edward Tunney
Richard Wheeler	Casey Callaghan	Alice Naughton	Maureen/Alice Mayo
Kathy Breen	Mitzi/Harvey Samson*	Anna Marie Gaddini	Tim O'Brien
Tom/Anne Burke*	32/50 Club	Jim Jenkins	

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.

REMINDER: PLEASE SEND IN YOUR 32/50 PAYMENTS FOR 2009!

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Gaelic Games Events Coming in 2009

Continental Youth GAA Championships July 31-Aug 2nd

- Featuring local youth teams and visiting teams from throughout the US and Canada

Gala Evening-Sunday August 2nd, 2009 at the UICC

- Honoring the San Francisco Gaelic Football Team-1960 & 61 National Champions

- Special Guest Christy Cooney, President of the GAA

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Emer Cunningham



Fiona Flanagan



Laura Holford



Maeghan Kingston



Caitlin McDonnell



Katie O'Meara

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available as
of press time

Tara Walsh

Saturday, May 9, 2009

Tickets - \$80 Children's tickets - \$50

Call Mary Cassidy at 415.820.3253 for tickets

2009 San Francisco Rosebud Court



Breena Grogan



Ciara Duggan



Annika Daley



Tara Downey



Siobhan Healy



McKayla McMahon



Katie Honeyman



Maeve O'Sullivan

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

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

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2009

Time: 11:30 am No Host Cocktails

Place: St. Francis Room ~ UICC

GUEST SPEAKER: Hon. Anne Keighran

Mayor of Burlingame

For reservations call:

Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

Tom Hayes 415/584-6200

John Moylan 415/731-6882

Menu Choices:

Crusted Filet of Sole, Chicken Pomodoro
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Monday, June 1

\$35 per person includes round trip transportation

Everyone will receive \$5.00 Food Credit AND \$5.00 Slot Play

Reservations must be paid by May 12th. No Refunds after SAME

Trip will be cancelled if we do not have 40 PAID persons.

8:15 AM Board the bus at the UICC 8:30 AM Depart for Thunder Valley

10:45 AM Arrive at Thunder Valley

3:45 PM Depart Thunder Valley for San Francisco

6:15 PM Approximate arrival at the UICC

Make check payable to: UICC

Mail to: Anne Quilter 85 Delano Avenue S. F., CA 94112

For Information & Reservations Contact: Anne Quilter 415/586-8017

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Wendy King, *Librarian*

New Books

Island of the Setting Sun: In Search of Ireland's Ancient Astronomers

by Anthony Murphy and Richard Moore

A History of Irish Farming 1750-1960 by Jonathan Bell and Mervyn Watson

Dublin Before the Vikings: An Adventure in Discovery by George A. Little

Forgotten Heroes: Galway Soldiers of the Great War 1914-1918 by William Henry

Rebel Irishwomen by R.M. Fox

High Crosses of Ireland: Inspirations in Stone by Elinor D.U. Powell

Timeless Wisdom: What Irish Proverbs Tell Us About Ourselves

by Aidan Moran and Michael O'Connell

Flashes of Brilliance: The Cutting Edge of Irish Science by Dick Ahlstrom

An Irish Almanac by Aida H. Crealey

The Intelligent Traveller's Guide to Historic Ireland by Philip Axtell Crowl

The Celts by Frank Delaney

The Revival of Irish Literature by Sir Charles Gavan Duffy et al.

The Irish Theater by Christopher Fitz-Simon

Rare Books

The Catalpa Expedition by Z.W. Pease (1897)

A rare account of the American rescue of six Irish Fenian prisoners from Fremantle Jail, Western Australia in 1876.

Collection Two by Frank O'Connor (1964). First edition. Short story author and Cork native O'Connor considered this to be the best he had written since his first collection of short stories published in 1953.

Austin Stack: Portrait of a Separatist by J. Anthony Gaughan (1997). First Edition and signed by author. Stack was a member of the Irish Republican Brotherhood and Sinn Féin.

Days of Fear by Frank Gallagher (1928). First edition and signed by author.

A day-to-day journal of his hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail, Dublin in 1920.

Donated Books

The library thanks Eileen Kivlehan for her book donations. One in particular, *The Year of the Irish Hunger Strike* (published by the Irish Northern Aid Committee, New York) is quite rare. According to www.worldcat.org, only 2 libraries in the world, located on the East Coast, possess it.

Library Assists Local Writer

San Francisco writer John Borghonovo acknowledged the library in his 2006 book *Florence and Josephine O'Donoghue's War of Independence: A Destiny that Shapes Our Ends*: "I also enjoyed access to an excellent library at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco."

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