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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Summer is on the wane. The Center is open and awaiting you. Much was accomplished during the time we were closed. The parking lot is resurfaced and looks grand. Again, thanks, Jerry, for all of your work on this project. The major contribution from the 32/50 club facilitated the completion of this repair. Thanks 32/50 club!!!!

During the last weeks, the offices were painted, the woodwork in the hallways re-varnished, kitchens and bars cleaned, floors polished and rugs shampooed. Everything is polished, dusted, cleaned and de-cluttered. In the St. Patrick's room the bar padding was re-upholstered as well as the room getting a good cleaning. The center is spruced up and ready to serve you. To those of you who did volunteer for much of this, the Center could not get along without you. "Thanks" seems too little but THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The use of E-cards, such as those used in grocery stores, will be introduced to the Center in the near future. These cards will assist in the tracking of member use and permit the Center to give discounts to the members for various things, the bar, the restaurant etc. No more signing in at the front desk. The center is moving into the 21st. century.

The Irish Center is in the process of updating its membership lists. If you have not been to the center in awhile, it would be great to see you. If it has been a long while, let Mary O'Sullivan, membership chairperson, know where you are with a note or a call to the Center.

All who attended the picnic last month had a wonderful time. It was a great success. See you there next year at the 3rd annual UICC picnic.

The Board hopes to see you soon at the Center. Remember, the Center is yours.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

PEGGY MYLETT and family celebrated Peggy's July birthday with a family trip to Hawaii. Peggy won't admit to how young she is, but a great time was had by all. Peggy was especially happy that all 19 family members were with her, including Maureen, Jim, Kathy, and Tom, all their spouses and 19 grandchildren. Belated birthday greetings, Peggy.

ETERNAL REST to the following members who passed away recently: Peter Burns and Michael J. Walsh. Condolences are extended to Ann Quilter and Family on the death of her brother, Michael O'Shea, who died in Dunmanway, County Cork. Also to Margaret, Dan and James McAuliffe on the death in Ireland of Margaret's Mother, Brigid Spillane. There will be a Memorial Mass on Sunday, September 20th, 2009, 12 Noon, at St. Philip's Church, 727 Diamond Street, San Francisco. 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.

Recently, I had a freak accident braking my knee cap . I had surgery and am healing. I want to thank my family, sisters and so many friends who came to my rescue with masses, prayers, food and transportation. I am most thankful to all of you. A mass is being offered for all your intentions.

I am now up and hopping around again!

— Kathleen Fitzgerald

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Next Thursday Night Dinner will be September 17. 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 Roast Half Chicken or Baked Cod, dessert and coffee or tea. The tax and tip is included in the price. Please make your reservations early with Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334 or Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986. Reservations close on Sunday, September 13.

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

SILVER GAELS

Everyone enjoyed the trip to Red Hawk! Our next luncheon will be Friday, September 11 at 12:30. All are welcome and if there are enough people we will have a game of cards after lunch.

— Anne Quilter

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be Tuesday, September 8, at 7pm. We will be planning for our annual BINGO & Raffle Luncheon on Saturday, October 17. All ladies are welcome.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

SEPTEMBER 10, THURSDAY

- Irish Mexican Dinner ~ St. Patricks Room
Call the Center for more information
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

SEPTEMBER 12, SATURDAY

- Study Group on Ancient Irish Monuments
1:30pm - 3:30 pm ~ UICC Board Room
Everyone welcome. For information call Jo Coffey
415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 13, SUNDAY

- SF Giants Night at the Center ~ 5pm - 8pm
For info call Kathleen Dowling 415/564-6487

SEPTEMBER 17, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6pm
No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm
Reservations required. Call Alice Mayo 415/584-6334
or Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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SEPTEMBER 24, THURSDAY

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

SEPTEMBER 26, SATURDAY

- International Soccer - Kezar Stadium
USASA vs Irish Federation

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2-4

11th Annual Irish Immersion Weekend

October 17

Ladies Auxiliary BINGO, Raffle & Luncheon

October 17

Connaught Athletic & Social Club Dinner Dance



IN SEPTEMBER



- SATURDAY 5 Louis & Shades of Green
SATURDAY 12 Michael Foley
SATURDAY 19 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music
FRIDAY 25 SPAILPIN BAND *Direct from Ireland*
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SATURDAY 26 Ben Hunter



CHILDREN'S FIDDLE CLASSES

Wednesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm

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

\$20 Thursday Night Dinners

Everyone is welcome.

3rd Thursday of the month

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

~ Reservations required ~

DEADLINE for OCTOBER BULLETIN is SEPTEMBER 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 JULY 23, 2009

The winning combination was Hawaii & Louth
held by the Patricia Quinn who will receive \$550.

Peter Gresh	Timothy Murphy	Aine O'Brennan	Betty/Jack Diggins
Leo Mullin	John Carlin	Fergus Birmingham	Con Hagen
Julia Fitzgerald*	Patricia Moran	Frances Hughes	Kathy Graham-Snyder
John O'Keefe*	Maritza Samson*	Roy Gallitero	Dan Kelleher
Mary B. Donnelly	Catherine Dillon	Denise Collinse	John Conefrey
Edna Brennan	Kathleen O'Brien	Patricia G. Hayes	James Cunnane
Monica Duffy	32/50 Club	Joan Frost	Michael/Margaret Cooney
Brendan/Sophia & Olivia Eggert	Anne & Jacqueline O'Connor	Kathy/Kent Graham Snyder	

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.

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September 26, 2009



Kezar Stadium, San Francisco
Preliminaries begin at 5:30 PM
Featured game at 7:30 PM

FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION CALL:

The California Soccer Association North

415/467-1881 or E-mail: calsoccernorth@yahoo.com

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Connaught Athletic & Social Club

Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 17, 2009

United Irish Cultural Center ~ Grand Ballroom

2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco

No Host Bar 7pm ~ Dinner 8pm

Music ~ Ben Hunter

Tickets & Information:

Peter & Josephine Moore 415/407-5944

Maureen Hickey 650/375-0277

Peter Naughton 415/999-9210 or 415/661-7940

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Phone: (415) 661-2798 E-mail: library@irishcentersf.org

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

Wendy King, *Librarian*

New Books

Irish Banknotes: Irish Government Paper Money From 1928 by Martan Mac Devitt. This fascinating book covers the history of the Republic of Ireland's banknotes 1928-1998, their design, and their value. The author spent over 10 years researching public and private government and banking archives. Irish banknote collector and library patron Raymond Woods kindly donated this superb book upon learning that the library had no resources on this subject. Our research in www.worldcat.org showed that no other U.S. library has this book in their collection.

All Hail With Joyous Voices: A Century at Burke's by David Fleishhacker. Graciously donated by Martina Murphy, this book chronicles the history of Katherine Delmar Burke School, an Outer Richmond District private girls' school founded in 1908 by Miss Burke, an Irish American whose roots can be traced to Co. Meath. Her innovative work of preparing young girls to attend college is an important chapter in San Francisco's history.

Almost There: The Onward Journey of a Dublin Woman by Nuala O'Faolain. This is the conclusion of her successful memoir ***Are You Somebody?*** The Dublin born O'Faolain, who died in 2008, was a well-known columnist for The Irish Times. The library thanks Catherine Gilmore for her thoughtful donation.

Through Irish Eyes: A Visual Companion to Angela McCourt's Ireland, donated in memory of Patricia Dolci. A collection of photographs depicting Limerick in the 1930s and 1940s sure to please fans of the late Frank McCourt's ***Angela's Ashes***.

Rare Book

Fairy Legends and Traditions of the South of Ireland by Thomas Crofton Croker, 7th edition, 1906. Donated by Michael J. Devers. Born in Cork, Croker (1798–1854), an Irish antiquary, roamed southern Ireland 1812-1816 collecting ancient Irish songs, legends and keens (dirges of the dead). He is considered one of the first chroniclers of Irish folklore. The book, first published 1825-28, was translated into German by the Brothers Grimm. Scottish novelist and poet Sir Walter Scott was a big fan of Croker's work.

Free Gift With Contribution - *Irish Californians: Historic, Benevolent, Romantic*

With your generous donation of \$20.00 to the Irish Cultural Centre of California, you will receive a free gift of the book ***Irish Californians: Historic, Benevolent, Romantic***. Library founder Patrick J. Dowling wrote this book "to awaken Irish Americans to their forgotten heritage, both in Ireland and California, and to help inspire a renaissance of Irish history, culture and achievements." Cash or check will be accepted during library hours and 100% of your contribution will go directly to the library.

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BAR HOURS

Monday	Closed
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

