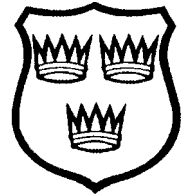




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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Let us begin with just a few thoughts about the Thirty-fifth Anniversary and Reunion on the 6th of March. GRAND, no. BRILLIANT yes. We are sure all who attended this event went away with positive feelings about the Center. All who spoke reminded us about the importance of our Center to the Irish community and the importance of continuing the legacy of those who have gone and have done so much for us all. The entertainment was Irish. When the band put down their instruments and turned out the lights, we all felt "What a night." Many thanks to all who helped to put this event on, you're indispensable to this Center.

A special thanks to the committee that put on the Fund Raiser on the 7th. Through your hard work, the day was great fun and more importantly a financial success. We haven't seen so many children bouncing in the parking lot in a long time. All of you who attended this function must be thanked for making this day. Thanks to all who donated to this event, your time and your products. The Irish Center is most thankful for all of your generosity.

On St. Patrick's Day, our center was the place to be. From morning to night, and did we celebrate!

Last month our President and Treasurer met with members of the Irish Cultural Center of California and came away with a very positive feeling concerning our two organizations. The ICCC will be running major events here at the Center and as well as maintaining the music on Saturday nights. The ICCC will be reimbursing the UICC for the use of the building and for other expenses incurred during these events. There will be more information on this arrangement in the near future.

Come to the Center, have dinner and enjoy it.

Sincerely,
UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2010 AT 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The March 18, Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who contributed to our raffle: Bill Luqué, Heather Johnston, Alice & Jim Mayo, Agnes Fee, Marie Gavney, Rita McEvoy, Pat D'Arcy, Josie Rivera, Barbara O'Brien, Ann Young, Blanche Raven, Luke Philpott, Dorothy & John Sorensen, Gerry McCarthy, Laura Busby, Mitzi & Harvey Patrick Samson, Pat Quinn, Jack Curtin, Gertrude Kyne, DonnaJean McCarthy, Patricia O'Connor. April 15 is the next Thursday Night Dinner. 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 Ham or Cod, 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, April 11. Happy Easter to all!

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 13 was very successful. Over 400 dinners were served many thanks to Molly Fitzpatrick, Phyllis O'Connor, Kathy Breen, Maureen Hickey, Alice & Jim Mayo, Noreen Corry, Anne Doherty, Lido Price and Kathleen Fitzgerald for a job well done. And thank you to Josephine Healy and Anne Quilter for collecting the money at the door.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming more ladies to our meetings and join in our activities. Happy Easter!

— Anne Quilter, *President*

SILVER GAELS

We enjoyed a beautiful day on our River Rock Casino trip. I am inquiring into a trip to Hopland Casino in mid-June. Information will be in the May bulletin. Our next luncheon is Friday, April 9 at 12:30pm. Reservations appreciated. Please call the UICC 415/661-2700.

— Anne Quilter

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on February 25, 2010

The winning combination was Minnesota & Cork held by Karen Fitzgerald who will receive **\$550.**

William Burke	Nancy McGarvey*	32/50 Club	Mary Murphy
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Jack McDonagh	Anna O'Connor	Ladies Auxiliary UICC	32/50 Club
N & T Brosnan	Maggie Baglin	Delia McManus	Bill Luqué*
Mike Gallagher	Kathleen/Michael Nevin	Kevin O'Connor	Karen Bruneman
32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Kathleen Ryder	Mike Tiernan
Thomas Picha	Helen Kelly	Dennis King	Michael Downey
Tom Hayes	Mary Anne McGuire-Hickey	Crystal Rose Free/Joan McClain	

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.

*The Columban Fathers and the Dinner Raffle Committee
would like to thank all those who supported our fundraiser on Sunday, February 28.
Raffle Winners 1st Prize - Kevin Molloy 2nd Prize - Mary O'Sullivan 3rd Prize - Jack O'Shea*

DEADLINE for MAY BULLETIN is APRIL 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

APRIL CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

APRIL 1, THURSDAY

- **KRB Luncheon**
Call Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

APRIL 2, FRIDAY ~ THE CENTER IS CLOSED

APRIL 4, SUNDAY

- **Easter Sunday Brunch**

APRIL 8, THURSDAY

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

APRIL 10, SATURDAY

- **Turrisearburne Fashion Show ~ 11am**
For reservations call Bridie O'Boyle 415/681-9071
- **Study Group on The Ancient Mysteries of Ireland**
2:00pm - 4:00pm ~ UICC Board Room
Everyone welcome. For information call Jo Coffey 415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com
- **ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program & The Patrick J. Dowling Library Dinner**
For reservations call Jim Horan 415/661-7671

APRIL 15, 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

APRIL 16, FRIDAY

- **Ulster Dinner Dance ~ See Ad**

APRIL 18, SUNDAY

- **32/50 Annual Drawing & Luncheon**
For info call Bill Luqué 415/552-9620
- **Children's Ceili ~ 4 to 6 pm**
Comhaltas Members are FREE and Non Comhaltas Members are \$5 per child and \$10 for two or more children.
Call Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.

APRIL 22, THURSDAY

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



IN APRIL



SATURDAY 3 Shades of Green

SATURDAY 10 Michael Foley

SATURDAY 17 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

SATURDAY 24 Pat Hamilton

MARY ROBINSON, FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

As part of Stanford University's presidential lecture series, first woman president of Ireland (1990-1997) and former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson, will be visiting on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7pm. President Robinson will be delivering a paper entitled: "Human Rights Strategies in the 21st Century."

More information

<http://prelectur.stanford.edu/lecturers/robinson/>

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APRIL 9

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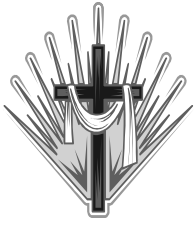
Call for reservations 415-661-2700

APRIL 29, THURSDAY

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

APRIL 30, FRIDAY

- **Irish Literary & Historical Society Meeting ~ 7:30pm**
Maid as Muse: How servants changed Emily Dickinson's Life & Language
San Francisco writer Aife Murray will discuss the intimate story of American poet Emily Dickinson and her Irish immigrant servants, Margaret Maher and Tom Kelley
For more info call 650/235-6862 or visit www.ilhssf.org



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A Blessed and Happy Easter to you and yours!!

Welcome to NEW Members: *Eileen Byrne, Lynne Dempsey*

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: *Patricia Hayes, Sandra Hockman, Jenna Lapuyade, Lauren Lapuyade, Daniel Mahoney, Caroline Maguire, Lisa O'Neill-Dillon*

Heartfelt condolences to the Families of: *Joseph Casey, Elizabeth Driscoll, Edward Kelly, Margaret (Peggy) Kenneally, Elizabeth O'Connor, William (Bill) Savage* **Rest in Peace**

Happy **100th** Birthday to *Ellen Murphy*, wishing many more happy years.



Fr Walter M. McMahon wrote to say he's with the diocese of San Jose, *Church of the Transfiguration*. He says, "I put up the cash to *Owen Brady* (d. '76) --who was a great salesman—before the building was constructed. Happy Easter to everyone."

The *Hanratty* girls (*Rita, Diane, Arlene*) wrote sending their best to everyone. *Rita & Paul Dodge* are living in beautiful New Mexico and *Diane* is living in Illinois. And *Arlene* writes, "I no longer live in the United States, but in Ireland! 15 years ago I came here to study at Trinity College and fell in love with the country and soon after a wonderful Irish man! Sadly my parents are deceased (*Thomas & Muriel*) and did not get to see their daughter marry an Irishman, but I know they are looking down on me!"



SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS



The men are regularly seen working and maintaining the building, the UICC Building Committee: *Gerry Cassidy, Martin Falvey, Martin Howard* and *John Manning*. *John* recently had shoulder surgery -- best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thanks for the hours and years of tireless dedication.

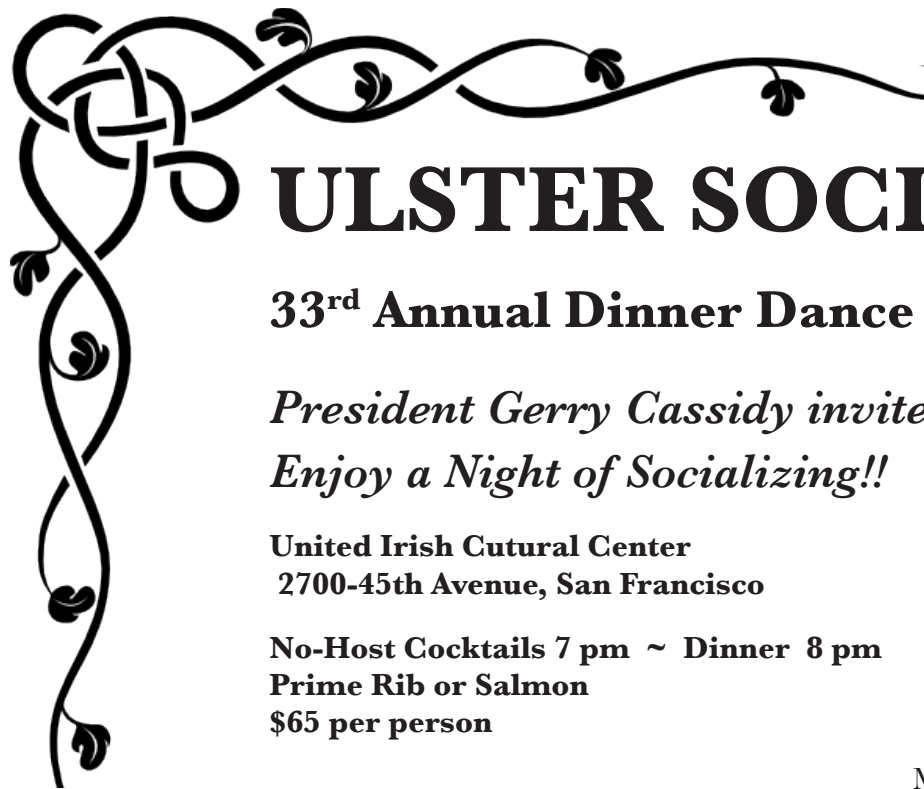
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Forward your **e-mail address** to receive bi-weekly updates of UICC events and activities.

It's important that your individual Membership file is accurate and current. Send 'Change of Address' (via e-mail address below OR mail to UICC) to **keep your file current**. Thanks to everyone that forwarded updates.

****Send/share Member news items to the attention of MEMBERSHIP at UICC or e-mail news to MEMBERSHIP e-mail uicc_membership@yahoo.com**



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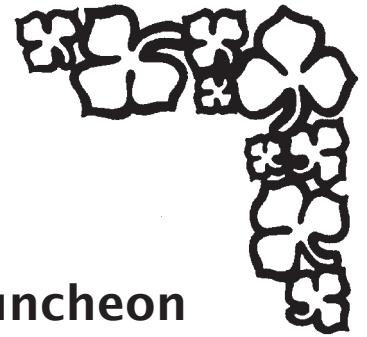
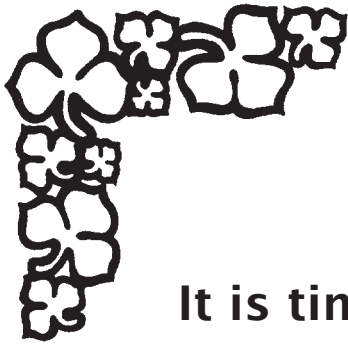
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Feeling Lucky?

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The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday, April 18, 2010 @1:00pm in the St. Patrick's Room. Doors open at 12:30 pm. The final drawing of 2009 and the first drawing for 2010 will be held. A total of \$4,800.00 in prize money will be awarded for each drawing at the luncheon. You do not need to be present to win.

The price of the luncheon is \$25.00 per person

~ Menu ~

Choice of : Lamb Shank or Avocado Stuffed Shrimp

Wine & Dessert

All reservations must be received no later than April 14, 2010.

For more information please call Bill Luqué @ 415.552.9620

No reserved seating No tickets sold at the door

Reservation form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Guests: _____ x \$25 = \$ _____

Lamb Shank: _____

Stuffed Avocado: _____

*For Tickets send check to: Peggy McDonald - 32/50 Club
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San Francisco, CA 94116*

You will not receive a ticket. You will be checked in on arrival.

UPCOMING EVENTS.....

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Annual Rose of Tralee Selection / Dinner Dance

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Mothers Day Brunch

FRIDAY, MAY 14

Emerald Society Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, MAY 15

Afternoon Tea 2pm-4pm

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It is advised to e-mail or call before coming as the library is sometimes unexpectedly closed.

The library will be closed on Good Friday, April 2.

LIBRARY'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

"The crown jewel of the United Irish Cultural Center is the library."

So wrote John Riordan, former Executive Council member of the Irish Historical Society and past president of the San Francisco Community College Board in his introduction to library founder Patrick J. Dowling's second book ***Irish Californians: Historic, Benevolent, Romantic***. Since opening on April 5, 1975, the library has been connecting people to Irish and Irish American history and culture. Scholars, students and those with inquisitive minds, including some with no Irish roots, come to this unique library, seeking information about Ireland, as well as exploring and discovering new things about the Irish and Irish Americans.

Libraries are nothing new to the Irish. From the sixth to the ninth centuries, schools and monasteries established these great institutions of knowledge in Ireland. Irish universities were famous throughout Europe for learning. The Irish word for library was *Tech-screptra*, or house of manuscripts, which were records of ancient learning. The monastery at Clonmacnoise had a well-furnished library of manuscripts in Irish, Latin and Greek. Books in these Irish libraries were not stored on shelves as they are today. They were put in leather satchels and hung on racks around the walls. Each satchel contained one or more manuscript volumes and was labeled on the outside. In Ireland, manuscripts were greatly valued and elaborately decorated. In large libraries, there was a special bookkeeper, or librarian, known as *leabhar coimedach*.

The Patrick J. Dowling Library, the first all-Irish library in the United States, continues this Irish tradition of valuing and collecting books and fostering education. Some rare and hard to find materials are in its collection. Although some materials can also be found at other great university libraries, in some cases it is the only library for hundreds or thousands of miles that has a particular book. The library has also inspired other Irish cultural centers throughout the U.S. to open their own all-Irish library.

Libraries are the cornerstones of great civilizations. Today, as budget cuts are forcing public, school and college libraries to cut back hours and services, the Patrick J. Dowling Library rises to the occasion by assisting students and the general public in their search for knowledge about the Irish and Irish Americans.

Patrick J. Dowling had a magnificent vision. Not only is the Irish American community in the Bay Area very fortunate to have such a great treasure trove of Irish and Irish American history and culture, so are San Francisco and California.

LIBRARY'S 35TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the event at a dinner to be held at the UICC, Saturday, April 10, which benefits the library and the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program and honors Kathleen Dowling McDonough. No host cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. \$75.00 per person. Reservation form available in the library or the UICC's bulletin http://www.irishcentersf.org/newsletters/uicc_newsletter.pdf. **Deadline is April 2.** For more information, please contact Jim Horan at (415) 661-7671.

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