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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Rewards card program is going well. Whenever you visit the Center, remember to use your Rewards card at the bar and restaurant for immediate discounts. If you have not received your Rewards card as yet, call Teresa at the Center and give her your name, and month and day of your birth. She'll send a Rewards card out to you.

The replacing of the Center's doors has begun. This is an ongoing project and an expensive one. If you would like to help with the cost, a donation to the Center for this project would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine's Day is a grand day to show your loved ones you care and cherish them. A special dinner is planned in the Center's restaurant, so make your reservations early as the seating is limited.

This year the St. Patrick's Day parade's Grand Marshall Dinner is being held at the Center. The Honorable John Burton is the Grand Marshall for this year's parade. The dinner is being held on February 27th Make your reservations for this event.

It's not too early to note the following: On March 6th, we will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the UICC. A festive evening has been planned, with Irish Dancers, Irish Pipers, special guests and surprises. Come and connect with old friends and new. Let's have a party.

On March 7th, we will be holding a fundraiser. More information concerning this event will be forth coming. In the meanwhile, mark your calendars. It should be grand.

After the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 13th, corned beef and cabbage will be served at the Center by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Must we mention March 17th. The day the world honors the good St. Patrick. Come to the Center for: Food, Fun and Frolic.

To all, have a wonderful February and we hope to see you for dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center.

Sincerely,
UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2010 AT 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome to NEW Members: Erin O'Boyle, Fergal O'Boyle, Thomas Redmond, James Robertson

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Mitchell Ambre, Michael Bowler, David Brady, Brian Breen, Casey Costello, Michael Culhane, Christina Deeb, Michael Driscoll, Alexa Duffy, Mark Falk, Sean Gogarty, James Guglielmoni, Bob Hodgkinson, Patricia Kelleher, Winifred Kelley, Patricia Kerwin, Keeley Kilroy, David LaFleur, Brendan Mackey, Jennifer Mahoney, Martin McGuire, Barbara O'Brien, Erin O'Connor, Michael O'Driscoll, Anne O'Sullivan, Steven Perotti, Kurt Posey, Robert Redmond, Matthew Reilly, Mary Rexroat, John Saunders, James Scannell, Patrick Stynes, Timothy Tiernan, Carl Welte.

Many thanks to Katy O'Shea, Anne Sullivan and Marie Doherty for the years of dedication to the membership.

Use your reward cards on Thursdays for a special 10% discount in the restaurant!

Heartfelt condolences to Families of: Bridget Beere, Kevin Bogue, Stella Carberry, Catherine Dunleavy, Daniel Kelleher, Donal Lee, Vera Mahoney, Gregory McCaughan, William O'Brien, Andrew Roche

The O'Driscoll Family would like to thank their many friends who so thoughtfully sent Mass cards, letters, flowers and donations in memory of Rose O'Driscoll. The kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The January 21 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who contributed to our raffle: Pat D'Arcy, Agnes Fee, Alice & Jim Mayo, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Bill Luqué, Donna Jean McCarthy, Patricia O'Connor, Rosemary & Betty Shanahan and Gertrude Kyne. February 18th 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 1/2 Chicken with Mushroom Sauce or Baked 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, February 14.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. We will be planning for our Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 13.

— Anne Quilter, President

SILVER GAELS

Our next luncheon is Friday, February 12. Call the Center for reservations at 415/661-2700.

— Anne Quilter

DEADLINE for MARCH BULLETIN is FEBRUARY 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

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

FEBRUARY 6, SATURDAY

- **Study Group on The Ancient Mysteries of Ireland**
2:00pm - 4:00 pm ~ UICC Board Room
Everyone welcome. For information call Jo Coffey
415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 11, THURSDAY

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

FEBRUARY 12, FRIDAY

- **THE RESTAURANT/BAR
WILL BE CLOSED AS OF 1pm
FOR A PRIVATE PARTY**

FEBRUARY 18, THURSDAY

- **Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6pm**
No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm
Reservations required.
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or Eileen O'Sullivan 415/681-2987
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

FEBRUARY 21, SUNDAY

- **Children's Ceili ~ 4pm - 6pm**
Live traditional Irish music
Comhaltas members FREE
Non Comhaltas members \$5 per child
or \$10 for 2 or more children
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

FEBRUARY 25, THURSDAY

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

FEBRUARY 26, FRIDAY

- **Irish Literary & Historical Society Meeting ~ 7:30pm**
Bridget Connelly scholar of folklore and comparative literature and Emeritus Professor of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley, will discuss the topic of her recent book, *Forgetting Ireland: Uncovering a Family's Secret History*.
For more info call 650/235-6862 or visit www.ilhssf.org

FEBRUARY 27, SATURDAY

- **Grand Marshal Dinner**

FEBRUARY 28, SUNDAY

- **Columban Fathers Annual Dinner - See Ad**



IN FEBRUARY



SATURDAY 6 Kevin Roche

SATURDAY 13 Pat Hamilton

SATURDAY 20 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

SATURDAY 27 Michael Foley Trio

Fiddle Classes for children on Wednesdays
5:30 pm for Beginners
6:30 pm for Intermediate.

Bodhran Classes for children and adults
on Wednesdays 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tin Whistle Classes for children on Thursdays
7:00 pm for Beginners
7:45 pm for Intermediate.

Irish Language Classes for adults on Saturdays
10:15 am - 1:45pm

Call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803 or
email her at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

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OF ALL THE HAPPENINGS
AT YOUR CENTER AND FOR
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
2010!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 3, 2010
Irish Senior Citizen Outreach Program
12 noon Mass followed by lunch & entertainment

Saturday, April 10, 2010
ICCC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program
and *The Patrick J. Dowling Library Dinner*

Save the Date for 2010!

**Mark your calendars and plan to come out to the Center
for these fun filled events!**

February

Feb 14 – Valentine’s Dinner
Feb 27 – Grand Marshal Dinner
Feb 28 – Columban Fathers Dinner

March

March 6 – The 35th Anniversary party, celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the United Irish Cultural Center. Not to be missed!
March 7 – UICC fundraiser
March 13 – Parade Day – Come out after the parade and partake in all the festivities and enjoy the Ladies Auxiliary Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner
March 14 – Block Party –The UICC and Java Beach are joining together to bring you the 2nd Annual Block Party. The street will be closed, lots of food, drink, jumpy castles etc. Please come out and join us.
March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day-The most fun day ever.

April

April – Ulster dinner dance. Details to follow.
April 4 – Easter Sunday Brunch
April 10 – Scholarship Dinner
April 18 – 32/50 Luncheon
April 24 – Afternoon Tea

May

May 1 – Annual Rose of Tralee Dinner Dance
May 9 – Mothers Day Brunch
May 14 – Emerald Society Dinner Dance

June

June concert – stay tuned for all the details
June 12 – IIPC Celtic voice concert
June 20 – Fathers Day

August

August 9 – Aug 24 – Calling all our loyal & wonderful volunteers: UICC closes to clean/spruce up
Aug 15- 3rd Annual UICC BBQ at McNears Beach

September

Sept 9 – Irish-Mexican Dinner

October

Oct 1, 2, 3 – Irish Immersion Weekend
Oct 16 – Connaught Dinner Dance
Oct 31 – UICC Halloween Party

November

Nov 25- Thanksgiving

December

Dec 4 – Cork Dinner Dance
Dec 5 – Celtic voices Christmas Concert
Dec – Santa at the center
Dec 31 –Annual New Years Eve Dinner

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO
COME OUT AND CELEBRATE
THE
35TH ANNIVERSARY
AND REUNION
OF THE



United Irish Cultural Center
on Saturday, March 6, 2010, 7:00 pm

Imagine, 35 years since the joyous opening of our Irish Center! Share the memories, take pride in our progress and see what's new in our future!!!!!!

A festive evening of delightful hors d'oeuvres and light faire, no host bar, music, Irish Dancers, Irish Pipers, special guests and surprises are in store for all. Make this an evening to reconnect with old friends and acquaintances. Come and share your stories and pictures!!*

Reservations are now being accepted. Please return the reservation form below with your payment of \$25/per person. Please make checks payable to UICC-35th Anniversary. Deadline for reservations is February 27, 2010.

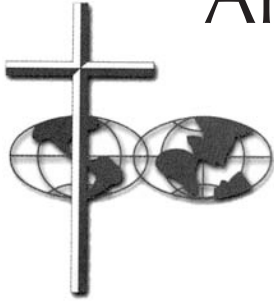
For further details, please contact the UICC at 415 661-2700.

It will truly be an evening to remember!

(*Please feel free to send in **COPIES** of your photographs and memorabilia by February 20th for display at our party. We regret photos submitted cannot be returned, so please only send copies.)

COLUMBAN FATHERS

Annual Dinner and Raffle



Sunday, February 28, 2010
Honoring Catherine Doherty

United Irish Cultural Center
2700- 45th Avenue, San Francisco

No Host Cocktails 5:30 PM • Dinner 6:30 PM
Beef Pot Roast or Chicken Pomadora

\$40 per person For Reservations Call:
Pam Naughton at 415 - 566 -1936
or Peg Cooney at 650 - 878-8260

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Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip[☆] Monday, March 15, 2010

*A photo ID
is required for this trip.

\$25 per person

Includes: Round-trip transportation,
\$20 "Casino Play" and 5 hours of Las Vegas style gaming

Bus leaves from the UICC @ 8:30 am

Reservations must be paid by Monday, March 1.

Trip will be cancelled if we do not have 40 PAID reservations. Name and address of each person must be included with reservation and indicate if a member of the River Rock Casino Card Club.

Make check payable to: UICC

Mail to: Anne Quilter

85 Delano Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94112

For information & reservations
contact Anne Quilter 415/586-8017

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for a

Fun Day Fundraiser

for OUR



UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 11:30 – 6:00pm

Your help is needed! Please come out, bring your friends and family to enjoy yourselves and give what you can. See the results of the wonderful volunteer labor over the past month.

Some fun things we have in store that day are...



Breakfast/Brunch Stations...Irish Coffee...Guinness  Prizes

Video Horse Racing... Silent Auction...Raffles

Irish Music and Dancing... Complimentary wine tasting!

THE PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Children's Fun Area will have, among other things, Jumpy Castle, face painting, games, crafts, hot dogs, juice boxes, treats and much more!

In our 35th year, on-going work on our Center includes new doors for all entrances, new parking lot gate, parking lot repaving and resurfacing, electrical and plumbing upgrades, sound system for the St. Patrick's room, just to mention a few... so that the UICC will be here for all of us for many years to come.

Tickets are available at the door: Adults \$12...Children 12 and under \$5
For further information and if you would like to volunteer for this great event, please contact Teresa Moore at (415) 661-2700.



IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

United Irish Cultural Center
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass
celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

followed by lunch and entertainment

Tickets - \$20
RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

GRAND MARSHAL DINNER

6:30 PM No Host Cocktails 7:45 PM Dinner

United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue

Donation \$90 per person

Honoring Grand Marshal John Burton

Honorary Grand Marshals Michael J. Scannell and Vera Whelan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

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 12, 2010

10:30 AM FLAG RAISING

City Hall Rotunda

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Auxiliary Bishop W. Justice

St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission 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, MARCH 28, 2010

10:30 AM MASS - FR. PETER C. YORKE

All Saints Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma

UPCOMING EVENT ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

12:30 PM ROBERT EMMET DAY *Golden Gate Park ~ Band Concourse*

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Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program

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**The 35th Anniversary of the
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and to honor
Kathleen Dowling McDonough**

Saturday, April 10, 2010

United Irish Cultural Center
2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco

No Host Cocktails: 6:00 PM ~ Dinner: 7:00 PM
\$75 per person

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Choice of Dinner (enter number of orders):

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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:

Scholarship & Library 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) _____

No reservations will be accepted after Friday, April 2, 2010. No reservations will be available at the door.

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Wendy King, *Librarian*

ST. BRIGID'S DAY, FEBRUARY 1

St. Brigid's Day is a traditional Irish festival named after the fifth-century Abbess of Kildare, who founded a religious center there and is one of the three patron saints of Ireland. Throughout the ages on this day pilgrims have visited the holy wells dedicated to her, such as Brideswell, Co. Roscommon. To this day much of St. Brigid's life remains a mystery. According to legend, she converted a dying pagan to Christianity by illustrating the Redemption to him with a cross she made from straw. The St. Brigid's Cross is still made and displayed in many parts of Ireland, even hung in car windshields. The library has one in the wall display case. Stop by the library to pick up some instructions on how to make your own St. Brigid's Cross. To read more about St. Brigid, the library recommends the following books in its collection:

St. Brigid of Ireland by Alice Curtayne. Several stories about St. Brigid and her convent at Kildare.

St. Brigid by Rev. J.A. Knowles, O.S.A. A collection of facts and legends about the patroness of Ireland written to honor the 100th anniversary of the order of St. Brigid.

"Saint Brigid's Day" in *The Year in Ireland* by Kevin Danaher. Discusses the extensive collection of customs associated with St. Brigid's Day in different places in Ireland as well as the different kinds of St. Brigid's crosses.

Crossing the Circle at the Holy Wells of Ireland by Walter and Mary Brenneman. These two researchers visited approximately 500 holy wells in Ireland, including several dedicated to St. Brigid, and wrote about their mythological and ritual origins and interpreted their symbolism.

"*St. Brigid's Cloak*" written by Patrick Kennedy in *Great Folk Tales of Old Ireland*

(compiled by Mary McGarry). One of the best known and loved tales about St. Brigid, written for the young reader. (Thank you to Library Volunteer, Jo Coffey, for compiling this list.)

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. Choice of New York Steak or Filet of Salmon. \$75.00 per person. Please make check payable to ICCS Scholarship Program and mail with reservation form (available in the library or the UICC's bulletin http://www.irishcentersf.org/newsletters/uicc_newsletter.pdf) to Scholarship and Library Dinner, UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco. Deadline is April 2. For more information, please contact Jim Horan at (415) 661-7671.

IRELAND OF THE WELCOMES MAGAZINE ISSUES WANTED

Please contact the librarian if you would like to donate any of the following issues of *Ireland of the Welcomes*: November-December 2007, January – August 2008 and January-February 2009. The library is also interested in receiving future issues of the magazine.

NEW BOOKS

Irish Riddles by Pat Fairon

Erin Go Bark!: Irish Dogs and Blessings by Kim Levin

The Egg Man's Son: A San Francisco Irish Life by Kevin J. Mullen (donated by author & former librarian)

The Celtic Churches: A History A.D. 200 to 1200 by John T. McNeill

Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland by Ian Maxwell

Best Songs and Ballads of Old Ireland by Mary McGarry

The Complete Plays by Brendan Behan

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Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 PM

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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2010
5-9:30PM**

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