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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

For the thirty-fifth year, we will be able to celebrate this grand day at our Center. For all of you who have given so much to the UICC over the years, we wish to thank you and wish you and yours a most HAPPY ST. PARTICK'S DAY.

Just a few things: Eight new doors have been installed at the Center. We have more to do but the most damaged doors have been replaced. Thanks to the Building Committee for your dedication to the Center.

The Board has been reviewing our insurance coverages and, at the present time, we are adequately covered. We are reviewing our safety procedures in case of emergencies, and the operations committee is conducting safety meetings with the staff.

On March 6th, the center will be holding the thirty-fifth Anniversary party, with hors d'oeuvres, light faire, music, Irish dancers and Pipers. It will be a time to celebrate and remember. The Anniversary party committee is working hard to make it a truly grand evening.

On March 7th, the Center will be holding a Fundraiser to benefit the Center itself. We need your help! Come and enjoy a fun-filled day and contribute to a great cause...the continued success and financial well-being of your United Irish Cultural Center.

On March 13th, after the parade, come to the Center for the Ladies Auxiliary 's Annual Corned Beef Dinner.

Needless to say, on March 17th the Center will welcome all of us as we celebrate the Feast day of the great patron Saint of the Emerald Isle.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The February I8 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who contributed to our raffle: Pat & Eileen O'Sullivan, Marie Gavney, Pat D'Arcy, Doris & John Baratti, Anne Young, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Luke Philpott, Louise & Walt Heim, Barbara O'Brien, Alice & Jim Mayo, Jack Curtin, Heather Johnston, Sally Mulkerrins, Rosemary Shanahan, DonnaJean McCarthy & Patricia O'Connor. March 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 Lamb Shank or Trout, 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 14.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Many thanks to the ladies who attended our meeting on February 9. Plans are in place for our Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 13 after the parade from 4pm to 7pm. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our members!

- Anne Quilter, President

SILVER GAELS

River Rock Casino Trip is Monday, March 15. Reservations must be in by March 1. Happy St. Patrick's Day to Everyone!

— Anne Quilter

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on January 28, 2010

The winning combination was Florida & Derry held by Theresa Flynn who will receive \$550.

James/Cathie Mullan	Margaret McDonald*	Kathleen Breen	Joseph O'Leary
Kieran Woods	Jack Jordan	Alice/James Mayo*	32/50 Club
Jerry/Sally Cassidy*	32/50 Club	Eddie/Annette Hagan	Juel Piana
Marion Broeker*	Kathleen Fitzgerald	Mary Bird	Carolyn Cayabyab
Helen Naish	Mike/Margaret Keohane	32/50 Club	Dennis Powell
Rose Kennedy	Daniel Mahoney	32/50 Club	John O'Keeffe*
Josephine Healy	Jack Hefferman	32/50 Club	Peter Looney
Bernard Crotty	Marianne/Kevin Ryan	Katherine Scanlon/Jennifer Culhane	

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.

DEADLINE for APRIL BULLETIN is MARCH 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700.lf you have a specific question contact Adrienne Verreos at Falcon Associates Inc. • tel: 415/468-4130 • fax: 415/468-3549 • email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

MARCH CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

MARCH 3, WEDNESDAY

• Irish Immigration Pastoral Center Citizen Outreach Program

Noon Mass followed by lunch & entertainment \$20 For info call Natasha 415/752-6006

MARCH 6, SATURDAY

• UICC 35th Anniversary Party ~ 7pm Call the Center for reservations \$25 per person

MARCH 7, SUNDAY

UICC Fundraiser ~ II:00am to 6pm
Breakfast/Brunch Stations, Irish Coffee, Guinness,
Prizes, Video Horse Racing, Silent Auction, Raffles,
Irish Music and Dancing. The parking lot will be
closed for children's events. Sponsored by Bushmills.
Tickets are available at the door.
 \$12 Adults - \$5 Children I2 and under.

•The Crossroads Irish-American Festival 2010 ~ 2pm Workshop "Irish American Spiritualities" St. Francis Room. For info call Hillary Flynn (415) 810-3774

MARCH 10, WEDNESDAY

• Scan Health Plan ~ See Ad

MARCH II, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/68I-4803
- The Crossroads Irish-American Festival ~ 7pm
 Discussion highlighting the legacy of civil service within
 the Irish community. St. Francis room starting at 7pm.
 Guest speakers include Barney Crotty, Kevin Mullen,
 Clare Murphy and Bob Twomey
 Call Hillary Fynn 415 / 810-3774.

MARCH 13, SATURDAY

Mass at St. Patrick's Church @ 9am
 Parade @ 11:30 2nd and Market to Civic Center
 After the parade come back to the UICC for the
 Ladies Auxiliary Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

MARCH 14, SUNDAY

• 2nd Annual UICC and Java Beach Block Party The street will be closed. I I am - 4 pm Lots of food, drink, jumpy castles and more!

MARCH 17, WEDNESDAY

St. Patrick's Day

The dining room will be serving lunch and dinner starting at II:30. Come and join in the festivities thoughout the day. Irish music, dancing, the Pipers Band and so much more!



IN MARCH



SATURDAY 6 Rowan Brothers in Main Bar

SATURDAY 13 Pat Hamilton ~ 4pm - 8pm

Sean Lightholder ~ 8pm - Midnight

SUNDAY 14 Kevin Roche

WEDNESDAY 17 Kevin Roche ~ 3pm - 7pm

Sean Lightholder ~ 7pm - IIpm

SATURDAY 20 Kevin Roche/Shades of Green

SATURDAY 27 Ben Hunter

MARCH 18, 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

MARCH 20, SATURDAY

• 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

MARCH 25, THURSDAY

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

MARCH 26, FRIDAY

Music this Evening by Kevin Roche
 Donated by the Connaught Club
 Come to dinner ~ Everyone Welcome
 If you plan on attending please call the Center for reservations 415/661-2700

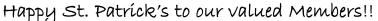
MARCH 28, SUNDAY

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



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

uicc membership@yahoo.com





Welcome to NEW Members: Ciree Loftus, William Milestone, Sean Philpott, Dan Rush

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Michael Alvers, Brendan Bogue, Thomas Carey, Eugene Dolan, JohnPatrick Dunne, Mari Kirrane, William Lee, Theresa O'Connor, Ben O'Leary, Lisa O'Neill-Dillon, Liam O'Reilly, Nancy Wheatley

Heartfelt condolences to Families of: Mary Alvers, Bob Baker, Patrick Dolan, Tom Gilleran, Tom Hayes, John V McDonough, Mary O'Driscoll, Christina O'Flaherty, Claire Sullivan

Happy Birthday to $Marcella\ Fitzpatick$ who celebrated her 90^{th} in the Dining Room surrounded by her family.



Congratulations to $Catherine\ Murphy$ daughter of $Patrick\ \&\ Laurie\ Murphy$ and granddaughter of $Tommy\ \&\ Kay\ Murphy$ and $Fred\ (RIP)\ \&\ Gwen\ Brant$ for receiving a full swimming scholarship to UCLA.

Congratulations to our very own *Irish Pipers Band* for **placing 1st (twice!)** at the Queen Mary competition in Long Beach!

Wishing John Manning and Margaret Cronin speedy recovery both had shoulder surgery.

Maurice Healy moved to Ireland and is now back in USA, living close to his daughter, in Modesto. He saw a terrific Irish show called Cherish the Ladies and recommends it highly.

Blood Drive collected 12 pints that helped <u>over</u> 30 patients. Many thanks to those that came out on the rainy Sunday to donate and especially to $Maria\ Shea$ that went to extraordinary lengths to donate.

Thank you to our Dining Room volunteers. $Joe\ McDonald$ interrupted his well deserved retirement to volunteer his masterful culinary abilities. And to the faces that greet our members weekly as volunteer hostesses $Marie\ Gavney$ and $Terri\ Leonard$ and volunteer host $Tom\ Clune$.

Thank you to volunteer $Thomas\ McKeon$, son of $Sean\ \&\ Mary\ McKeon$, for his **fantastic** work on, service to and maintenance of UICC website for these last several years.

MEMBERSHIP Files

A number of *Charter* memberships, # 1 thru 3000, have not yet been transferred. *Charter* Memberships that have <u>not</u> been transferred by **March 31, 2010** will be summarized for Board of Directors in April and **sold** in June 2010.

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 the efforts of newest members of the Membership committee, some addresses have been found. However, we need <u>YOUR</u> help. Take a moment to review the list that is published on UICC website (<u>irishcentersf.org/membership</u>) and forward active address(es) to the attention of the Membership Committee.

**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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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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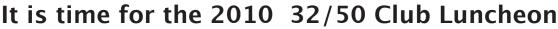


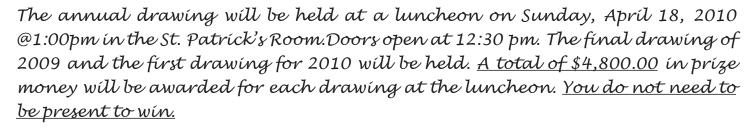
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The price of the luncheon is \$25.00 per person ~ Menu ~ Choice of: Lamb Shank or Avocado Stuffed Shrimp Wine & Dessert

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:				
Number of Guests:	$x \ $25 = $ \dots $			
Lamb Shank:	Stuffed Avocado:			

For Tickets send check to: Peggy McDonald - 32/50 Club

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

Come Join Us ~ All K.R.B. Gang

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Date: Thursday, April I, 2010 Time: II:30 am No Host Cocktails

Place: St. Francis Room ~ UICC

GUEST SPEAKER Kathleen Dowling McDonough

San Francisco Giants Community Fund ~ Board of Directors, Chair

For reservations call: Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320 or John Moylan 415/731-6882

Menu Choices: Crusted Filet of Sole, Chicken Pomodoro or Corned Beef and Cabbage

There will be 12 books available to purchase of:

Ballroom of Romance: The K.R.B. Revisited: A Collection of Memoirs by Anne O'Brien Hickey

An account of the social life of Irish Americans in San Francisco centered around the K.R.B. (Knights of the Red Branch) Hall, 1133 Mission Street.

For info call Noreen Corry 415/681-8476 or Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320

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

Wendy King, Librarian

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

Nearly 1,000 people visited the library last year, mostly first-time visitors. The library received 758 donated books and a video and DVD player. It added 885 new books to the shelves. Duplicate book sales brought in \$1,800.00. Financial contributions to the library in which donors received a free copy of library founder Patrick J. Dowling's book *Irish Californians: Historic, Benevolent, Historic* totaled \$355.00. A new computer printer was purchased, and facility improvements include the installation of a new front door, half door, light fixtures and heat thermostat.

BOOKS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION 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.

Upcoming Events.....

Sunday, April 4
Easter Sunday Brunch

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

Sunday, April 18
32/50 Annual Drawing & Luncheon

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Ulster Dinner Dance

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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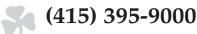
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