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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It gives the Board great pleasure to announce that the United Irish Culture Center and the Irish Cultural Center of California have come together to benefit the Irish Community. The new Board of the ICCC will consist of two Board members of the ICCC, five Board members of the UICC and two at large members. It is the hope that this new configuration of the ICCC will be a benefit to both organizations and the Irish Community as a whole. Many thanks to both Boards, your efforts in this matter have been outstanding.

The Brick project is back again, by popular demand. Buy a brick and help the ICCC and the Irish community. The bricks that have been installed look great. This is an opportunity for us to remember our loved ones, our families, and friends and help out. This is a tax deductible donation.

The Furey Brothers' concert on the I0th and I1th of September was grand. All those who attended did enjoy the night. These events do help the Center and your participation is needed. Coming in December I0th, the Dublin City Ramblers. They are bringing their Christmas show here, so be sure to attend. Dinner prior to the event would be nice. Stay tuned for more information, in the bulletin or at the web site.

Just in, Jon Kenny is indeed coming on October 29. Save the date.

The United Irish Societies' annual meeting will be held on Sunday October 24th at 6:00pm at the Center. Those of you who are delegates plan on attending.

The restaurant's menu has been updated and a new early bird menu has been instituted. Come and enjoy your Center.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our September Dinner was well attended. Many thanks to all our guests. Everyone enjoyed the good food and service. Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes: Alice & Jim Mayo, Heather Johnston, Luke Philpott, Doris & John Baratti, Lois & Walt Heim, Pat Darcy, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Bill Luqué and Phyllis & John Moylan. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be October 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 Beef Pot Roast or Baked Cod, dessert and coffee or tea. The tax and tip is included in the price. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, October 17.

#### LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 12 at 6:30 pm. We will discuss our Christmas Dinner plans. All ladies welcome.

— Anne Quilter, President

#### SILVER GAELS

Our next Silver Gael's lunch will be Friday, October 8 @ 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please make reservations with Jennifer at the Center 415/661-2700. Our September trip to River Rock Casino was well attended and we all had a great time!

— Anne Quilter

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

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

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010

Time: 11:30 am No Host Cocktails

Place: St. Francis Room ∼ UICC

**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

#### OCTOBER CALENDAR

#### MUSIC AT THE BAR

#### OCTOBER 1-3, FRIDAY -SUNDAY

• Irish Immersion Weekend w/Nikki Ragsdale Irish language no matter what your level For info call Nikki 510/881-0285

#### OCTOBER 6, WEDNESDAY

• IIPC Senior Luncheon

Mass @12 noon - Fr. Brendan Lunch and light entertainment For reservations: Natasha 415/752-6006

#### OCTOBER 9, 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

#### OCTOBER 14, THURSDAY

- KRB Lunch ~ See Ad
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/68I-4803

#### OCTOBER 16, SATURDAY

• Connaught Athletic & Social Club Dinner Dance ~ See Ad

#### OCTOBER 17, SUNDAY

• Blood Drive IIam to 3pm ~ See Ad

#### OCTOBER 21, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6pm
   No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm
   Reservations required. Call Phyllis O'Connor 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo 415/584-6334.
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

#### OCTOBER 28, THURSDAY

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

#### OCTOBER 29, FRIDAY

• Jon Kenny Show ~ See Ad

#### OCTOBER 31, SUNDAY

Ceili ~ 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Adults \$10 Children FREE
 Prize for best Halloween Costume!
 Call Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803
 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.



### IN OCTOBER

SATURDAY 2 Christy O'Connell

SATURDAY 9 Dave Crimmen Band

SATURDAY 16 Comhaltas

SATURDAY 23 The Huddys

SATURDAY 30 Ben Hunter

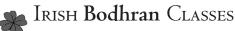
#### "Early Bird Special"

UICC Dining Room is offering dinner for \$16.50, from 5pm to 6:30pm. Please call Jennifer at the UICC for all the details. (415) 661-2700

No Member Card discount.

#### Children's Fiddle Classes

Wednesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm Beginners & Intermediate - Kristina Ben Arab, Teacher



Wednesday • 5:30pm - 6:30pm for the Young & Old -Cormac Gannon Teacher

#### CHILDREN'S Tin Whistle CLASSES

Thursday Night • 7:00pm - 8:30pm Beginners & Intermediate - Bruce Culbertson, Teacher

#### Irish Language Classes

Saturday ADULTS • 10:30am - 1:30pm *Imelda White, Teacher* 

For more information contact Josephine Brogan at 415/681-4803 or email josephinebrogan@yahoo.com
\*Pre-registration AND Payment is required to secure a place in class.

Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas

save the Date  $\sim$ 

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11 Volunteers Dinner

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25 Thanksgiving Dinner at UICC

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28 Deceased Members Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10 Dublin City Ramblers

#### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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HALLOWEEN HAS ROOTS IN THE CELTIC FESTIVAL OF SAMHAIN, WHICH MANY SCHOLARS BELIEVE IS THE BEGINNING OF THE ANCIENT CELTIC YEAR, AND THE CHRISTIAN HOLY DAYS, ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY.

Members from near and far (East & South Bay) enjoyed Sunday brunch before attending *UICC Day at the Zoo*. A heartfelt Thank You to *Sean Elsbernd* for securing the Zoo tickets and *Joan McClain*, former Board President and Zoo docent, for leading the group and answering questions.

*Phyllis Moylan*, a member of the St. Francis Division, SF, & UICC member was awarded the prestigious 2010 St. Brigid of Ireland Humanitarian Award at the National Ancient Order of Hibernians/Ladies of Ancient Order of Hibernians Biennial Convention held in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 7-10. This national award embodies the significant difference that members make in the lives of others, their community and church. Other UICC members in attendance included *Terry Kelleher*, *Lynn Burkart*, *Katy O'Shea*, *Margaret McAuliffe*, *John Moylan*, *Jack Curtin*, *Jerry DeRyan*, *John Casserly*, *and Fr. Michael Healy*. CONGRATULATIONS, PHYLLIS

*Marie Rawson* of Sunnyvale & UICC member is happy to relate that her grandson, *Russell Simpkins* of Santa Cruz, CA, was invited to play for the Irish National men's water polo team, which competed against Scotland and Wales on Aug 29 in the recent tri-nations tournament held in Sterling, Scotland. Russell, age 24, is UCLA grad. He scored the first goal in each game and said the competition was a great experience and the Irish team a great group of guys. He was very proud to represent Ireland and has been invited back to compete in Portugal in 2011.

Even though many members were celebrating the end of summer at Labor Day barbecues, September 5 was a festive evening at the newly refurbished Center-what with another lovely dinner put on by the *Ulster Club* in the Member's Room and a couple of birthday celebrations in the Dining Room including one in honor of *Nora O'Sullivan* who was joined by her family and one for *Garry McGrew* who is recovering very nicely from his recent illness. (He thanks everyone for their kind words and prayers.)

#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Heartfelt condolences to the families of members who passed: Joseph A Desmond, Patrick Anthony Dunleavy, Hugh Mitchell, Ann Marie Murphy, Mary Scannell, Liam Spiers, Maura Tunney and Charles (Charlie) W Meyers RIP

Welcome to NEW members: Patricia Anne Jacobson, Kevin McNaughton, Marlene Taylor
Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Jenna Cullinan, Kathleen Hanley, Stephen Patrick Hoffman,
Patricia McManus, Eileen M O'Connor, Mary Powers, Cathy Rosaia, Sara Lynn Scudder-Baldwin

#### **MEMBERSHIP FILES**

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**. Review the MIA's members on the Membership page of UICC website and forward updates.

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

**Please know that your member files are confidential.** If you have any concerns or questions, direct them to Membership Committee. *UICC\_membership@yahoo.com* 

## adventures, special events or what you are thinking about

Send/share Member news items or comments for inclusion in the Membership Corner of the monthly UICC newsletter by sending them to the attention of MEMBERSHIP at UICC or e-mail news to

UICC\_membership@yahoo.com

# Connaught Athletic & Social Club Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 16, 2010

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

> No Host Bar 7pm ~ Dinner 8pm \$65 per person ~ Filet Mignon or Salmon

> > Music ~ Ben Hunter

#### Tickets & Information:

Peter & Josephine Moore 415/407-5944

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October 5 - November 3 EARLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Senior Outreach Mass and Lunch

Wednesday, October 6 12noon UICC



Family Sports Day!

Sunday, October 10 12noon G. Washington Grove, GGP



Treasure Hunt

Sunday, October 24 11.00am G. Washington Grove, GGP



Remembrance Mass
In memory of friends & family of our community

Wednesday, November 3 7.15pm St. Philip's Church



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Tues – Sun, November 2 – 7 Harding Park Golf Course



So you've heard we're having a party.....! Saturday, November 13 Get your tickets now!



Seasonal Flu & H1N1 Clinics

October and November Dates to be announced



Celtic Voices Concert

Sunday, December 5 7.00pm UICC



Senior Outreach Christmas Mass, Lunch & Card Drive Wednesday, December 15 12noon UICC



An Irish Christmas
With Celtic Voices Children & Youth Choirs

Friday, December 17 8.00pm Herbst Theater

Special Outing for Senior Community

Ticket to An Irish Christmas & round trip bus from UICC - \$34.00 - call 415.752.6006

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# Vee Vant Your Blood.

With the assistance of Blood Centers of the Pacific, the UICC will have an on-site Blood Drive.





# Find the Hero in YOU... Sunday, October 17\*

11am ~ 3pm

\*\*NOTE\*\* We ask that persons who have spent more than 3 months in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands or Isle of Man, Gibraltar, or the Falkland Islands) from 1980 through 1996, or who have received beef insulin since 1980 do not donate blood.

\*BLOOD DONORS with active Rewards card will receive a 10% discount on Brunch in UICC Dining Rm; DAY OF Blood Drive ONLY.

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Website: www.icccsf.org and www.irishcentersf.org • Phone: (415) 661-2798 • E-mail: library@irishcentersf.org It is advised to e-mail or call before coming as the library is sometimes unexpectedly closed.

The Library will be closed Saturday, October 2

#### VAMPIRES – THE IRISH CONNECTION

My all time favorite horror film is the 1931 classic *Dracula* starring Bela Lugosi, whose portrayal of the diabolical and terrifying Count Dracula still chills me to the core. It is not widely known that the author of the novel *Dracula* is Dublin born and Trinity College educated Bram Stoker. To amuse him while he was bedridden in his youth, his mother told him tales of banshees, demons and ghouls. His interest in vampires and horror motivated him later to write *Dracula*, published in 1897, and other spine-tingling novels such as *The Lady of the Shroud* (1909) and *The Lair of the White Worm* (1911). But Stoker wasn't the first Irish writer interested in vampires. Sheridan le Fanu (1814-1873), also born in Dublin, wrote *Carmilla*, the Gothic short story of a female vampire, published in 1872. Le Fanu was considered an important 19th century ghost story writer and played a key role in the development of this literary genre. It is said that his *Carmilla* influenced Stoker's *Dracula*.

#### **IRISH GHOST STORIES**

Read Irish ghost stories and tales of terror out loud at your Halloween party. The library has a great selection of stories guaranteed to scare and thrill:

The Step on the Stair: Paranormal Happenings in Ireland by Sheila St. Clair. Accounts of the haunted houses of Ireland such as Gillhall (Co. Down), Springhill (Co. Derry) and Kilakee (Co. Dublin), poltergeists, banshees, and apparitions.

The Second Book of Irish Ghost Stories by Patrick Bryne

Shane Leslie's Ghost Book by Shane Leslie

True Irish Ghost Stories compiled by St. John D. Seymour and Harry L. Neligan

Ghosts in Irish Houses and More Ghosts in Irish Houses by James Reynolds

#### FAMILY HISTORIES – IRISH SAN FRANCISCO

The library has the following family histories, which are also windows to the history of the Irish in San Francisco: *Ancestors of Ann Agnes "Annie, Anna" Finn*. Chronicles the Finn Family, who moved to San Francisco from Nevada around 1880 and has roots in Co. Kerry.

The History of Michael Dolan and the Curleys (Mary Jane, Kate, Cornelius and James) in San Francisco by John L. Callan. These families, who have roots in Co. Galway, arrived in San Francisco in the 1850s. Thomas and Mary Callan: San Francisco Irish Pioneers by John L. Callan. The Callans came from Co. Louth and first appear in the 1854 San Francisco City Directory.

#### IRISH MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE

Fans of Irish music, song and dance can read enrich their knowledge by reading *Treoir*, published by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. The library has the most recent issue as well as issues dating back to 1974.

#### **DEADLINE for NOVEMBER BULLETIN is OCTOBER 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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This Month's Meeting Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:30pm

