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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Center is open again after some renovation. The booths have been removed from the Member's room making it larger and more open. This will enable the Center to book larger groups into the room. A new carpet was installed in the Member's room, the back hallway and the hallway in the St. Patrick's room, this improvement was paid for by the 32-50 Club. New money saving light bulbs have been installed in the Members room, the St. Francis room and the kitchen. A general cleanup and polishing has taken place. The Center looks grand.

We, the Board, would sincerely like to thank those of you who did so much to help with this work. Thank you for your time, which is invaluable to us. To the 32-50 Club, your generosity to the Center is beyond words, THANK YOU!!! To Sean McGary, Tom McCarthy and Mike Alverez of Local 22, THANK YOU!!! To Martin Falvey, Derry Philpott, Jack O'Keefe, John Manning, Martin Howard, Jerry Cassidy, Tony Moore, the Board and Staff and to all of you who volunteer your time and efforts during this our annual clean up, THANK YOU all!!! THANK YOU!!! The United Irish Cultural Center could not and would not flourish without you.

Some happenings: On Friday, September 10th and Saturday September 11th, The Furey Brothers and Davey Arthur will be performing in the St. Patrick's room. These two nights are sure to be most enjoyable, call the center for tickets, 661-2700.

On Sunday, September 12th, a day at the Zoo. Information for this event is in this bulletin. This will be great family day.

On Sunday, October the 10th, we will be holding our Blood Drive. If you can come and donate you will truly be helping others and well as yourself.

In closing, many merchants and others take out advertisements in our monthly bulletin. These help defray the cost of the bulletin. We ask all of you to support these advertisers as they are supporting our Center.

Come and try our new specials and the "Early Bird" menu. See you for dinner.

Again, Thanks to all of you who did so much this last month.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The next Thursday Night Dinner will be September 16. 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 Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, September 12.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. We will discuss future activities. All ladies welcome.

— Anne Quilter, President

SILVER GAELS

Our next Silver Gael's lunch will be Friday, September 10 @ 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please make reservations with the Center 415/661-2700. Our River Rock Casino trip is Monday, September 20. See info within this bulletin.

— Anne Quilter

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing held on July 22, 2010

The winning combination was Tennessee & Tyrone held by the 32/50 Club

32/50 Club	32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Kathleen Walker
32/50 Club	32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Kathleen/Anne Burke*
Joe/Bridget Byrne*	Sean/John Callan*	Daniel Casey	Hugh Duggan
Jean Dusil	M/M Jimmy Fergus	James Flannery	Kerry/Julia Fitzgerald
Cynthia Foster	Josephine Hughes	Patricia Keller	Rose Kennedy
Denis Moroney	Sean Morris	Sarah Mulkerrins	Patrick/Fergus Greene
Jim Jr/Cathie Mullan	Ellen M. Murphy	Patrick O'Grady	Daniel/Margaret Gavney
John S. O'Keeffe*	Frances Porter	Blanche Raven	

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 CALENDAR

MUSIC AT THE BAR

SEPTEMBER 5, SUNDAY

 GAA Games ~ AIS Hurling Final on big screen @ the Center ~ Time TBA

SEPTEMBER 9, THURSDAY

• Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 4I5/68I-4803

SEPTEMBER 10, FRIDAY

• Silver Gaels Lunch ~ 12:30pm For info call the Center 415/661-2700

• The Fureys & Davey Arthur ~ See Ad

SEPTEMBER 11, SATURDAY

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

• The Fureys & Davey Arthur ~ See Ad

SEPTEMBER 12, SUNDAY

• UICC Day at the ZOO ~ See Ad

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 4I5/68I-4803

SEPTEMBER 17, FRIDAY

"Fighting Words: The Write to Right" ~ See Ad
 An Evening with Roddy Doyle, novelist and screenwriter

SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY

 GAA Games ~ AIS Football Final on big screen @ the Center ~ Time TBA

SEPTEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY

• UICC/ICCC Luncheon ~12 pm ~ See Ad 415/661-6558 for more information

SEPTEMBER 23, THURSDAY

• GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm

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

SEPTEMBER 30, THURSDAY

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



IN SEPTEMBER



SATURDAY 4 Kevin Roche & Pat Hamilton

SATURDAY II Ben Hunter

SATURDAY 18 Comhaltas

SATURDAY 25 Michael Foley Trio

It's September

and

the UICC Dining Room is offering an "Early Bird Special" dinner for \$16.50, from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Please call Jennifer at the UICC for all the details. (415) 661-2700.

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CHILDREN'S Fiddle CLASSES

Wednesday • 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Beginners & Intermediate - Kristina Ben Arab, Teacher



IRISH Bodhran CLASSES

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

CHILDREN'S Tin Whistle CLASSES

Thursday Night • 7pm - 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

rue the Date

October 1st - 3rd

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

October 6th

IIPC Senior Luncheon Mass @12 noon - Fr. Brendan Lunch and light entertainment

October 10th

Blood Drive

October 29th

Jon Kenny Shows

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

uicc_membership@yahoo.com

September is the time for returning to school, for telling/hearing tall tales about vacation adventures and for saying adieu to the SF summer weather, which this year definitely reminds us of Mark Twain's famous saying that "the worse winter he ever spent was a summer in San Francisco" Enjoy the beautiful September weather!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Heartfelt condolences to the families of members who passed: *Margaret (Joe) Casey*, Eileen Conlon, Thomas Flynn, Joe Galligan, Anne (Nancy) Kenny And to members who lost their loved ones: Rose Linehan on the death of her son, Dan Linehan and to Pat McCarthy Geramoni, on the death of her husband, Steven on 7/30/10.

Welcome to NEW members: Linda D. Ryan

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Siobhan Theresa Marie Brosnan, Margaret Craig, Bernard Joseph Curran, Eamon A. Daly, Mary Duffy, Catherine Fama, Patrick J. Fitzgerald, Catherine Hickey, Michael McFadden Hogue, Siobhan McDonagh, Margaret Devlin McKelvie, Amy Irene Mead, Iveta Moore, Michael C. Murphy, Maureen O'Driscoll, Martin Timothy O'Flaherty, Peggy O'Grady, Tevaite O'Neill, Austin Daniel Petersen, Maureen Puccinelli, Sara Lynn Scudder-Baldwin, Mary Kathleen Slane, Morgan Paul Smith, Megan C. Sullivan, Vivian J. Sullivan, Jackie Walley, Eileen Walsh, Robert Whitelock

How lovely to see all the new/transfer members. Although the Center was closed for a couple of weeks to spruce up the facility during August, the UICC community continued to gather for both sad and joyful occasions-sadly for all too many funerals, for working together to improve and renovate the Center, for a sun filled day of picnicking and all round fun at McNear's Beach, and for a lovely and very well attended retirement party for Roger Gargano, organized by members Valerie McGrew, Dennis O'Connor and Mary O'Sullivan-also, thanks to the staff at UICC for providing excellent service at the party, showing many visitors how great an event at the Center can be.



Spotlight on Volunteers

Thanks for the hours and years of tireless dedication. August is always a special month for volunteerism at the UICC-this year is no different-more to follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

(The work was not completed at the time the newsletter was prepared for more detailed info.)

B STREET BOXING presents SAN FRANCISCO SHOWDOWN @ the IRISH CULTURAL CENTER Ireland's BEST VS California's BEST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM MATCH STARTS @ 7:00PM

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Join Your

United Irish Cultural Center

For a Day at the Zoo Sunday, September 12

San Francisco Zoo tickets are FREE**

**number of tickets are limited

Call the UICC and reserve as soon as possible - First Come, First Served

Docent-lead talk begins at 1.30pm (SHARP!)
Come and have Brunch at the Center
before joining the tour...

Family Brunch \$25/family 0f 4, OR \$10/adult, \$5/child

Call UICC (Jennifer) to make brunch reservation AND reserve your ZOO tickets.

(415)661.2700

**Number of tickets are limited so call UICC and reserve as soon as possible

- First Come, First Served.

The group meets inside Zoo entrance in front of Education Bldg. (50ft from front entrance).

THE IRISH LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AND

THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTRE OF CALIFORNIA

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

"FIGHTING WORDS: THE WRITE TO RIGHT" AN EVENING WITH RODDY DOYLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Irish novelist, dramatist, and screenwriter Roddy Doyle will talk about the creative process and "Fighting Words," the open and innovative creative writing center he recently established in North Dublin for students of all ages to develop their writing skills and explore their love of writing. All tutoring at the center is provided free, and students have produced some extraordinary work in a short time.

*This is a <u>Special Benefit Event</u>:
All proceeds will support the work of Ireland's "Fighting Words"

Advance Tickets \$20
At the door \$30 (if space available)

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE

- ➤ **Online:** visit www.ILHSsf.org Online sales <u>close at noon</u> Friday, September 17th. If possible, please purchase tickets online, thank you.
- > **By mail:** Checks payable to I. L. H. S. <u>must be received</u> by Tuesday, September 14th.

 Leslie Murdock, Treasurer, ILHS

 580 Tahoe Terrace

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For more information please visit www.ILHSsf.org or call 650-969-2723.

Fall Concert Series at the UICC

presented by Glenquin Productions

SEPTEMBER 2010



The Fureys & Davey Arthur

Also Appearing
Odie McLaughlin-San Francisco
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Live-Sept 10th & 11th

AdvanceTickets Now On Sale at the UICC Price \$60.00

OCTOBER 2010

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Re-scheduled Concert

Friday Oct 29th

Advance Tickets Price \$45.00



DECEMBER 2010



"Christmas In Ireland Tour"

LIVE AT THE CENTER Friday-Dec 10

> Advance Tickets On Sale Soon Price \$45.00

UICC Members get \$5.00 off each concert ticket purchase! Not a Member? Become one today! http://www.irishcentersf.org/membership.html

Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip*

Monday, September 20, 2010

\$25 per person

*A photo ID is required for this trip.

Reservations must be paid by Monday, September 7. Includes: Round-trip transportation, \$20 "Casino Play" and 5 hours of Las Vegas style gaming

Bus leaves from the UICC @ 8:30 am

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

For Information & Reservations Anne Quilter 415/586-8017

Make check payable to: UICC Mail to: Anne Quilter 85 Delano Avenue San Francisco, CA 94112

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NEW BOOKS

Across the Atlantic Emigrating from Moville and Derry. The Donegal County Council and archivists from Derry City Council's Museum Service collaborated in compiling this unique resource consisting of articles relating to the history of emigration from Derry and Donegal to Canada, written by some well-known local historians and academics. From 1815 to 1845 (before the Famine), approximately 1 million Irish immigrated to North America, with 80% of them landing in Canada. The rising population combined with the end of the Napoleonic wars in 1815 led to depressed economic conditions in Ireland, causing many farmers and rural tradesmen to seek employment opportunities across the Atlantic. Also included are the various helpful library resources in Donegal as well as databases and websites. This is an invaluable tool for those researching their Irish family members who immigrated to North America in the early 19th century. A big thank you to archivist Niamh Brennan of the Archives Service, Donegal County Council, who kindly sent this publication to the library.

Memories of Dungloe by Patrick Campbell. A fascinating account of growing up in Dungloe, Co. Donegal, in the 1940s and 1950s illustrating the effects of World War II on the community, the relationship between Protestants and Catholics, recycling, ghosts, superstitions, and the island Innisfree. Campbell is the great-nephew of Alexander Campbell, the Molly Maguire member who was hanged in 1877 for conspiring to kill mining officials. Also available in the library is *A Molly Maguire Story*, the author's investigation as to whether his great uncle was guilty or innocent.

BOOK ON GALWAY'S HISTORY

The History of the Town and County of the Town of Galway from the Earliest Period to the Present Time by James Hardiman. Tracing Galway's history up to 1820, this book is a fascinating window to the histories of the ancient families of Galway, the city's constitution and government, commerce, trade, public buildings, markets, charitable institutions, churches, and education. Also included are old maps of the city and the 1691 siege, as well as the 1657 land survey. I was interested to learn that Morris is one of the ancient Galway families, for my great grandmother was a Morris.

THE IRISH COUNTRYSIDE

Frank Mitchell's *The Book of the Irish Countryside* explores the Emerald Isles' peat lands, woods, mountains, rivers, wetlands as well as the plants and animals. This book also discusses the history of the Irish landscape and the human imprints on the countryside such as stone walls, megalithic tombs, graveyards and gravestones.

NEW LIBRARY VOLUNTEER

A warm welcome to Samantha Toby, who brings extensive rare book training and experience to the library. After surveying books needing repair, she'll make recommendations and possibly repair some of them.

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Join old friends... UICC/ICCC Members & Friends Lunch...

The UICC/ICCC invites one and all to a fun filled lunch to include speakers and door prizes.

Wednesday, September 22 @ Noon

Pot Roast with Potato and Vegetable, Salad with Coffee, Tea or Milk

\$15 (includes Tax + Tip) (415) 661.6558

Must make reservations, minimum, 24hrs in advance.