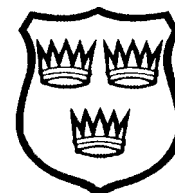




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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

The last few months have been difficult for the Center. June, July, and August have historically been down months for us. This year was no exception. The fourth quarter will be better, God willing. Please, plan to hold your fall events here at the Center. We know many of you support the Center month in and month out. Thank you. Some of us have not been here at the Center for a few months. Come on out, try the menu, you will be pleased. We know that the economy is bad and it has affected all of our bottom lines. We must step up. Book a banquet, have dinner, or just come out for a few jars. To be blunt, we need your business...

The Center and the Board are encouraging our young people to explore their Irish heritage. We are doing this by having Irish language and youth Bagpipe lessons. If you know of youngsters that might be interested in these lessons get in contact with the Center and get them started, it's never too early to start.

A special thanks to John Ring and the ICCC for sponsoring "Family night" here at the Center last month. John, it was a success, more than 100 people attended and enjoyed themselves. We look forward to more of the same in the future. Making this a monthly or a bi-monthly event would be grand. Thanks again, John.

As you may already know, the ICCC is sponsoring a dance on November 18th. Maria Shea, a member of this Board, is the Chair of this event. She and her committee are working hard at making this dance a success. I know she could use some help. There is much to be done. If you could volunteer, call the Center and we can put you in touch with her. The ICCC and the UICC are working to make this event special.

What kinds of events would you like to be brought here to the Center? Let us know. Get involved.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011 ~ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our September 15 dinner was enjoyed by all. Many thanks for everyone's support and special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Heather Johnston, Jim & Alice Mayo, Barbara O'Brien, Pat D'Arcy, Agnes Fee, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Anne T. Young, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin, Betty Shanahan, Donnajean McCarthy, Jackie Feretzis, Teresa McDonagh, Barbara Reilly, and Marie Gavney. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be October 20. 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 Pot Roast and Crusted Parmesan Filet of Sole, 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 16.

Long overdue is a very special thank you to Dorothy Sorenson for her creative decorating of the wine bottles for each monthly Thursday Night Dinner

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairpersons

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies Auxiliary meeting in September was well attended. There will be no October meeting and our next meeting will be Sunday, November 13. And *Save the Date* of Friday December 9 for our annual Christmas Party.

— Anne Quilter, President

SILVER GAELS

We will have lunch and card playing on Friday, October 14 at 12:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

— Anne Quilter

ICCC CORNER

The ICCC has been busy planning our first dance. Mark you calendars for Friday, November 18th to kick up your heels and see some old friends. The Spinheads will be playing all night; a great mix of music for all ages and tastes. Plan to come for dinner at the restaurant first then head upstairs to mix and mingle. Tickets are \$20.00, \$15.00 for members. This is to be the social event of the year and not to be missed.

March 2012 will see both The Irish Tenors and Anthony Kerns. These extraordinary performers will be bringing their special shows to the Center as part of their US tour. More information will be following on the ICCC and UICC website.

The ICCC Board would like to thank our wonderful Library volunteers. These dedicated ladies and gentlemen ensure that the doors are opened, books are cataloged and that everything is neat and organized. Thank you Valerie, Samantha and Christine and all our past volunteers for all your hard work.

The ICCC is still looking for Grant Writers. If you have any experience in this area, please drop us a line. We would love to hear from you. Be sure to check out our website at ICCC

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

■ SEPTEMBER 30, FRIDAY — OCTOBER 2, SUNDAY

- Irish Immersion Weekend ~ Call Nikki 510/881-0285

■ OCTOBER 8, SATURDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 9, SUNDAY

- Children's Ceili ~ 4 - 6pm
Comhaltas children FREE
Non Comhaltas members \$5 per child
or \$10 for two or more in family
Call Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803

■ OCTOBER 11, TUESDAY

- 49er Goal Rushers dinner ~ All are welcome
Call Sue Hoffman for reservations 415/665-4483

■ OCTOBER 13, THURSDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 14, FRIDAY

- Silver Gaels Luncheon & Card Playing ~ 12:30pm

■ OCTOBER 15, SATURDAY

- Connaught Athletic & Social Club Dinner ~ See Ad

■ OCTOBER 20, 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 27, THURSDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 30, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society Speaker Program
4 pm ~ St. Francis Room ~ Reception to follow program
Matthew Jockers, Ph.D., Lecturer & Academic Technology
Specialist, Dept of English Stanford University. His topic:
"Why the 19th Century Irish Novel in English, Isn't"
Free for ILHS members, \$5 donation for non members
For more info visit www.ILHSsf.org
- Celtic New Year Ceili ~ 7pm-10pm
St. Patrick's Room ~ Adults \$10 Children FREE

MUSIC AT THE BAR



IN OCTOBER



SATURDAY 1 Kevin Roche

SATURDAY 8 Dave Crimmen Band

SATURDAY 15 Christy O'Connell

SATURDAY 22 Pat Hamilton

SATURDAY 29 Michael Foley Trio



Annual Memorial Mass *and* Communion Breakfast

*to Honor Our Deceased Members
of the
United Irish Cultural Center*

Sunday, November 6, 2011

St. Francis Room ~ 10 am

Reverend John J. O'Neill
will celebrate this special Mass

Brunch to follow in the main dining room.

Reservations are suggested
UICC 415/661-2700

For more information
Jack Curtin 415/587-6779

DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2011 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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome to New Members: **Michael LeBoeuf** and **Robert Owen**

Heartfelt condolences to the families of **Eileen Flaherty**, **Bill Kelleher**, **John (John Joe) McEllistrim** and **Ed Ryan** who recently passed away RIP and to **Mike McAdoo** who recently lost his father and to **Frances Hughes** whose daughter, Kathleen, passed away on July 5, 2011.

Congratulations to **Theresa Flynn Houghton** and husband on the birth of their darling new baby.

All the best to Colleen Diner and **Ben O'Leary** who were married at a lovely outdoor ceremony in Guerneville on August 20, 2011.

Speedy recovery to **Tom McGarvey**. He is recuperating at home after having back surgery in June.

This summer has been busy and exciting for **Peggy Mylett** and family. Peggy, along with all her children, their spouses and most of her grandchildren (fifteen family members in all) visited Peggy's hometown in County Mayo to attend a first-ever Chambers Family Clan reunion recently. Over 450 descendants of the Newport, Co. Mayo Chambers Clan made the trip from all over Ireland, UK, Australia, and the USA for the three day celebration. Staying at home and not able to make the trip were Peggy's grandson John Torres and wife Heather, waiting for the birth of their first child. Peggy is delighted to share the news that her first great-grandson, Jack Thomas Torres waited for the family to return from Ireland before making his grand entrance on September 9.



Highlight on Volunteers

A big thanks to all of you who made the Barbeque in August at McNear Beach such a success. Everyone who participated in the trivia game had a great time.

Please tell us what you and your family are doing.

Send your news for inclusion in next month's newsletter to: uicc_membership@yahoo.com

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15th, 2011

United Irish Cultural Center ~ Grand Ballroom

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Honoree Tom Hunt

No Host Bar 7pm ~ Dinner 8pm

\$65.00 per person ~ Filet Mignon or Salmon

Music ~ Ben Hunter

Tickets & information:

Peter Naughton 415.999.9210 or 415.661.7940

Sally Cassidy 415.665.0689

Peter & Josephine Moore 415.845.9886 or 415.407.5944

Martin & Maura Joyce 650.218.1534 or 650.342.4383

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

New Librarians

At the request of the ICCC, Samantha Cairo-Toby and Valerie McGrew have teamed up to become the co-librarians of the Patrick J. Dowling Library on a volunteer basis. Samantha's background includes a master's degree in Library Science and a master's degree in Medieval Studies specializing in Celtic & Icelandic literature. Her work experience includes working in the Special Collections Library at Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo as their special collections' coordinator and as an archivist and reference librarian at San Francisco's Museum of Performance and Design. Valerie has extensive work experience in program management including records' management from her years at the San Francisco Superior Court. One of their first jobs will be to increase the pool of volunteers and establish a firm schedule so that the library can be open on a regular basis.

Volunteers

Since our prior librarian, Wendy King, left to pursue other career opportunities, the Patrick J. Dowling Library has been run by its dedicated volunteers: Christin Creighton, Samantha Cairo-Toby, Brianna Kinahan, Karen Kinahan, Jo Coffey, Jean McNab and Patty Dowling. Their dedication is very much appreciated.

In order to continue to provide quality service to our customers, the library needs your help. If you are interested in Irish cultural and literature, enjoy meeting like-minded people, and have a few hours a month free, consider volunteering at the library.

For additional information, please contact Valerie McGrew at library@irishcentersf.org or at (415) 672-0375.

Donations

Most of our new books are donated to the library. We recently received some very interesting collections from the families of our deceased members and friends.

Kevin and Margot Brady donated several books from Kevin's father's collection, including *Speeches from the Dock* by Sullivan and *Lectures and Sermons* by Rev. Burke. Kevin sent us the following note about his father.

"**Thomas Patrick Brady**, originally from Seattle, WA, graduated from SI into the Jesuit seminary which he left, then graduated USF law school. He retired from the San Francisco Tax Assessment Appeals Board. YLI, a Catholic fraternal organization, was his main social focus. He was a great singer and leader of singers especially around St. Patrick's Day. Tom was the go-to guy for song lyrics going back to his father's era. He was a long term resident of the Sunset where he kept the donated books."

Michael Beere also donated an eclectic collection of books, albums and cassettes of Irish music and comedy that had belonged to his mother. The books include: *San Francisco Hallinan Toughest Lawyer in Town* by James Walsh, *The GAA in its Time* by Pdraig Pursell and many books about Limerick.

Book Sales

In addition to the very fine collection of over 5000 books, we have a good selection of used books for sale which touch on a wide variety of topics. Proceeds from the sales support the operation of the library.

You can find additional information about the Patrick J. Dowling Library at the UICC website, www.irishcentersf.org

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11:30 AM – No Host Cocktails – 12:30 PM Lunch (Wine Included)

Menu Choices:

*Chicken Jerusalem, Crusted Filet of Sole, Vegetarian upon request
Children – Chicken Nuggets or Hamburger*

Price: \$45.00 – Adult

\$15.00 – Children

For Reservations and information, call Maureen Hickey (650) 375-0277

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November 18th, 2011

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The First Annual Dance

Must be 21 or older. ID's will be checked at the door.

Bring your dancing shoes and show off your skills.
Music will be playing all night long!

Music ~ DJ, Peter Haley with Spinheads



Date: Friday, November 18th, 2011

Location: Irish Cultural Center, St. Patrick's Room

Time: Kicks off at 9pm ~ 1:30am

Cost: \$20

For more information please visit: www.icccsf.org

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WAKING NED DEVINE

Friday, October 21, 2011

Páirc na nGael

Treasure Island, San Francisco

1.30 p.m. Buses leave from UICC, 2700 45th Avenue

2.00 p.m. Arrive at Páirc na nGael, Treasure Island

2.30 p.m. Waking Ned Devine

followed by tea, coffee and snacks (courtesy of Fiddler's Green, Millbrae)

5.45 p.m. Buses return to UICC, 2700 45th Avenue

Tickets - \$15

includes bus, movie ticket & refreshments

MUST RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006



IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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245 Laguna Honda Boulevard, San Francisco

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12 noon Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

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10AM TO 2PM

