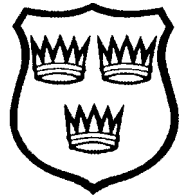




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

The Board of Directors is beginning the process of formulating goals for sustaining the Irish Center into the future. We are seeking member input into establishing near and long range goals. The UICC is presently experiencing difficult times, financially. We know that among our membership, we have a lot of talent in various fields. We must tap into this talent. You, our members, must step up and get involved. The center is in need. We would like to have an additional get together in April to brainstorm new ideas. Call the Center as to the date and time

On April 14th, The Center will be holding our annual Rose of Tralee event. We have been sending "Roses" to Ireland for many years. This year will be no exception. We welcome you to come and be part of this very traditional event. Call the Center to make reservations. An enjoyable evening is a good way to support the Center and the Irish Community.

At the monthly membership meeting on April 26th, nominations for positions on the Board of Directors will be accepted from the floor. Those whose names are put up for Board positions must be present to accept said nomination. As of now there are four positions open.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO OFFICIALLY REMIND ALL MEMBERS
THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTIONS
WILL BE HELD ON MAY 24TH AT 7:30 PM.

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012 ~ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our February 16 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Jim & Alice Mayo, Barbara Reilly, Agnes Fee, Pat D'Arcy, Luke Philpott, Betty Shanahan, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Jack Curtin, Bill Luqué and Ann Young. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on April 19. The price is \$22. No-host cocktails start at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner includes soup or salad and your choice of Trout or Lamb Shanks. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, April 15.

— Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, *Co-Chairpersons*

LADIES AUXILIARY

The next Ladies Auxiliary brunch meeting will be April 15 at 11:30 am.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

SILVER GAELS

June 4 will be the date for our next River Rock trip and reservations must be received by May 17. Our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing will be Friday, April 13 at 12:30 pm. Come and enjoy a good game of "25".

— Anne Quilter

The Columban Fathers Luncheon raffle Committee thanks everyone who supported our February Benefit.
Raffle winners were:

1st Place - Marie Gavney 2nd Place - Sally Mulkerrins 3rd Place - Patricia Dolan

Dear Friends,
Greetings of peace as we begin our season of Lenten renewal.

Regrettably, I was unable to attend the event on Sunday in San Francisco with you and our many Columban supporters due to unexpected family obligations. Please know that I do plan to visit in the coming months. Though I am unable to join you personally, I am grateful that Columbans are well represented as a sign of our sincere appreciation and support.

Celebrating here at the United Irish Cultural Center is a sign of the long standing and mutually enriching relationship between Columbans and the local Irish community. This will never change since it is part of our heritage and our Columban story. The Irish diaspora in the United States helped build the foundation of the Columban Society in this country and indeed around the world with your unfailing support. It would have been very difficult for us to do God's work as missionaries were it not for your generous support.

Today we continue to share God's global mission. Columbans from Fiji, Chile, the Philippines, Peru, and Korea are all now members of the Columban community and share the same story as you to responding to our baptismal call to bring the Good News to the world through our lives of service and love.

At the heart of Columban mission is being in relationship. All of you are present today because of the Columbans you have met and the stories you have heard and read over the years. When you go home this afternoon, know that these stories are stories of hope, of God's work, of Columban mission and of your faith in us that has been built on personal relationships for years.

With people like Eileen and Jim Kyne, the honorees, and each of you, I know we have a great future of service to God's people throughout the world.

God bless you and keep you.

Gratefully,
Fr. Arturo Aguilar, *Director, U.S. Region*

DEADLINE for MAY 2012 BULLETIN is APRIL 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700. If you have a specific question contact Adrienne Verreos
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APRIL CALENDAR

■ MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 29, SUNDAY

- Annie Holland, *exhibition of photographs* depicting traditional Irish scenes and Virgin Mary shrines
St. Francis room

■ APRIL 6, FRIDAY

- UICC closed in observance of Good Friday


■ APRIL 8, SUNDAY

- Happy Easter! ~ *See Ad*
Come to the Center for lunch or dinner

■ APRIL 12, THURSDAY

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

■ APRIL 14, SATURDAY

-  SF Rose of Tralee Selection Dinner ~ *See Ad*
- Study Group on Irish Marvels, Past and Present
2:00pm - 4:00pm ~ UICC Board Room
Everyone welcome. For more information call
Jo Coffey 415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com

- Ulster Annual Dinner Dance ~ *See Ad*

■ APRIL 19, THURSDAY

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

- 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

■ APRIL 20, FRIDAY

- Come & Join the Kerry Club for dinner!
UICC dining room. Music by Kevin Roche
will be sponsored by the Kerry Club
For info & reservations call Martin Falvey 650/455-0504
- Irish Immigration & Pastoral Center
Senior Outreach Program ~ *See Ad*
Irish movie "The Runway" - \$20
Call Natasha 415/752-6006

■ APRIL 26, THURSDAY

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

■ APRIL 29, SUNDAY

- The Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 4:00pm
Charlotte McIvor on Performing the Past, Feeling the Future: Race, Irish History and Spectacular Suffering in Donal O'Kelly's 'The Cambria'. Free to ILHS members. A \$5 donation is requested of visitors. www.ILHSsf.org
- Talk on Health & Nutrition ~ 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Fr. Liam Kelleher with the GAA. \$5 admission fee. Profits to go to SF under I4 Girls Gaelic Football team who will compete in Ireland this June. For info call 808/281-9583 or email liamkelleher44@hotmail.com



Saturday 7 Highland Paddy

Saturday 21 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY
11:30AM TO 2PM

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10AM TO 2PM



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Upcoming Event

MAY 13 - MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 20 - IRISH LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KATHLEEN CURTIS WILSON AUTHOR OF
"IRISH PEOPLE, IRISH LINEN"

MAY 24 - ANNUAL GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTIONS

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

New Members: *Mary Jude Calderaro*

Transfeer Members: *Sarah McEllistrim*

Heartfelt condolences to the families of: *Albert (Al) Campos, Richard (Dick) Cantillon, and Peggy McCarthy* RIP

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

"Go raibh mile maith agaibh to all our friends and family at UICC for your extraordinary expressions of sympathy upon the tragic death of our beloved son and brother, Rob Viczorek. We received so much welcomed support from the Irish community: calls, cards and letters, emails, visits, food, prayers, participation in his services, Mass cards, flowers, donations to a scholarship in Rob's memory at Hillsdale High School (San Mateo), and many other kindnesses. A very special thanks to Fr. Mike Mahoney of Our Lady of Angels Church in Burlingame for his counsel, comforting words, and heart-warming eulogy at Rob's funeral Mass and graveside services; to CCE - Cooley Keegan Branch for gorgeous flowers of orchids and carnations; to our dear set-dancing friends who helped us in many ways too numerous to mention; and to Deirdre McNamara for her beautiful renditions of "Ag Criost an Siol" and "Lady of Knock" during the Mass. We feel very blessed to have friends, family and faith to sustain us during this difficult time. Please keep us in your prayers and hearts."

—*Al and Roseann (McFadden) Clavelli,*

Rick Viczorek, Mark Clavelli, Alison C. Giacomelli and Elizabeth C. Bally

Galvin, Dillon and *Leonard families* are extremely proud of their cousin Mary McCafferty (Buffalo, NY) on receiving the Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award, which is presented to an alumna of Mount Mercy Academy who has distinguished herself as a woman of faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion reflecting the mission of the Sisters of Mercy.

UICC member, *Mary Ellen Ring*, is a member of Crossroads. Crossroads is creating the first-ever oral & video history archive of the Irish & Irish-American communities of the SF Bay Area. They started the creation of this archive about 18 months ago with a seed grant from the Irish govt. and now we are continuing with support from the community - much of it volunteer support. The aim is to create a comprehensive archive of the Irish experience in the Bay Area; life stories of men & women who were born in Ireland and emigrated to the Bay Area between 1945 and the early 60's....and their Irish-American contemporaries. Crossroads is now focusing on UICC. Please support their efforts.

- "My favorite memory/story about the UICC is _____"
- "To me, the United Irish Cultural Center is _____"
- UICC Photos/Memorabilia - Do you have any UICC photos/memorabilia, especially old memorabilia (Bulletins, programs from events, esp. Grand Opening, Mortgage Burning etc.)

Go to the website (www.irishamericancrossroads.org) to see interview with John Moylan.

Happy Birthday to *Tommy Clune*, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday in true UICC style with his many friends and family.

MEMBER UPDATES

Please tell us about your vacation 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

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.**

Direct concerns or questions to Membership Committee at UICC_membership@yahoo.com

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for February 23, 2012

The winning combination was Arkansas & Cavan held by Theresa Houghton for \$550

Anna Henderson
Margaret McDonald
Robert Watso/Jack Curtin
Kevin McCormack
Maureen Leonard
Joan McClain*
John Gallagher*
Casey McHugh
Patrick Hickey
Peggy Reis
Barbara & Jerry Reilly

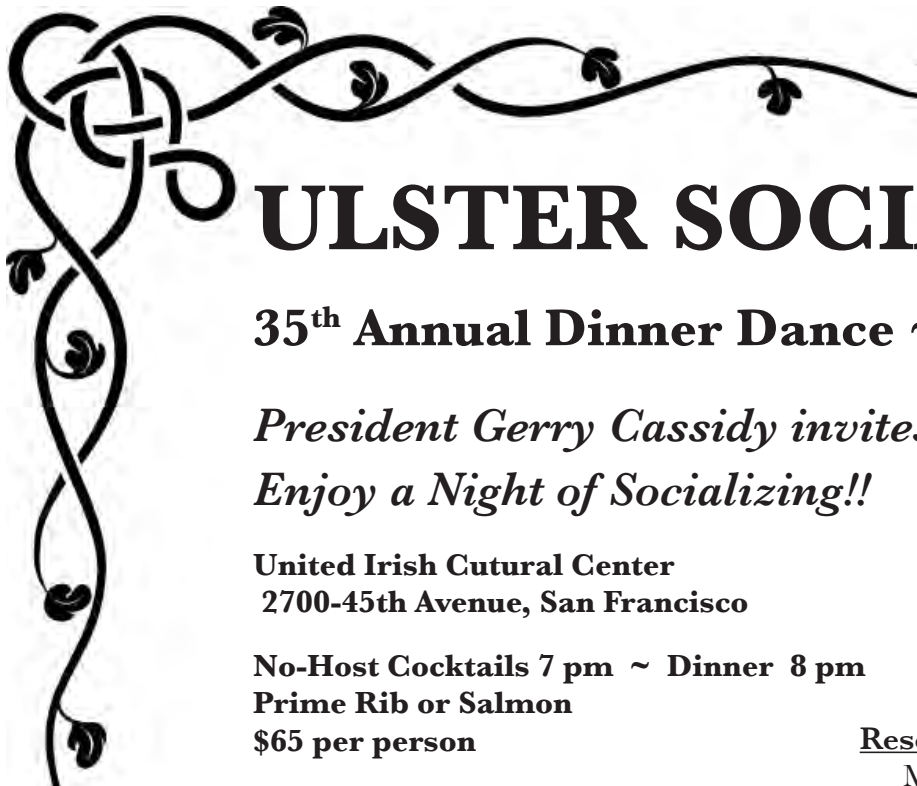
Kevin & Lisa Cooper
L.A.O.H. St. Francis Div I
Elaine Archbold
Margorie McSweeney
Debbie Andre
Diane Sullivan
Thomas Byrne
Claire O'Sullivan
Alice & James Mayo*
UICC Ladies Auxiliary*
Noreen M. McGowan

Stephen Spiers
Patrick Hickey
Margaret C. Kelley
John S. O'Keeffe*
Molly Fitzpatrick
Margaret Elsbernd
Martin Falvey
Josephine Brosnan
Larry Moroney

Congratulations to all the \$100 Winners

*Received an additional \$50 for being present.

For more information about the 32/50 Club please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661- 2700, ext. 305.



ULSTER SOCIAL CLUB

35th Annual Dinner Dance ~ April 14, 2012

*President Gerry Cassidy invites you
Enjoy a Night of Socializing!!*

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

**No-Host Cocktails 7 pm ~ Dinner 8 pm
Prime Rib or Salmon
\$65 per person**



Reservations by Sunday, April 8

Marie Gavney 415/731-0787
Gerry Cassidy 415/665-0689
Agnes Fee 415/661-2819

Music ~ Kevin Roche

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

** SPECIAL OUTING - IRISH MOVIE EVENT **

in partnership with the San Francisco Irish Film Festival



THE RUNWAY

Friday, April 20, 2012

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. The Runway
followed by tea, coffee and snacks

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

'*The Runway*' is inspired by the true story of a South American pilot who had a bumpy landing near Mallow, Co. Cork in 1983.

Against all odds, the people of the town came together to build a runway to get him home and briefly caught the imagination of the nation.



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MUST RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

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Sunday, April 8, 2012 ~ 10am to 2pm

ADULTS: \$26* CHILDREN: \$12*

**does not include tax or gratuity*

BRUNCH INCLUDES:

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RESERVATIONS ENCOURAGED. CALL (415) 661-2700



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The 53rd Annual San Francisco Rose Selection and Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 14th, 2012
United Irish Cultural Center

Call 415/661.2700 or email sfroseoftralee@gmail.com

The winner will receive a free trip to Tralee, Ireland
to represent San Francisco in the
International Rose of Tralee Competition and Festival.

Come & Support our Rose Contestants!

6 pm No host Cocktails ~ 7 pm Sharp! Dinner

Music

Adults \$75 ~ Children \$30

Tickets on Sale NOW!

For tickets please call 415/615-2669



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32/50 Luncheon

The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 1:00 pm. The final drawing for 2011 and the first drawing for 2012 will be held. A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded for each drawing at the luncheon.

You do not need to be present to win.

Doors open at 12 noon.

The price of the luncheon is \$25 per person

MENU

Tomato Basil Soup

Choice of entrée:

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Shrimp Louie

Strawberry Shortcake

Wine

For reservations call Maureen Hickey at (650) 375-0277.

All reservations must in no later than May 11, 2012.

For any questions please call Bill Luqué at (415) 552-9620.

No reserved seats. All tickets must be paid in advance. No Exceptions!

RESERVATION FORM:

Make check payable to 32/50 Club and mail to:

**Maureen Hickey
301 Cavanagh Street
San Mateo, CA 94401**

Name: _____

Number of reservations: _____ **@\$25.00 each for a total of \$** _____

Number of Chicken Cordon Bleu _____ **Number of Shrimp Louie** _____

PICK UP TICKETS AT ENTRANCE

Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip*

Monday, June 4, 2012

\$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

Trip will be cancelled if we do not have 40 PAID reservations.

Please write legal name, birth date (month and day only)
address and phone number of each person must be included on a separate piece of paper.

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Friday, March 9, 2012 ~ Flag raising at San Francisco City Hall Rotunda

(Left to right)

Diarmuid Philpott, United Irish Societies President, John O'Rourke, Grand Marshal of the 161st St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Consul General Gerry Staunton at City Hall.