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## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The holiday season is upon us! Best wishes to all of you for the peace and joy of the season. The calendar tells us that the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas will be the longest it can possibly be. We are faced with an extended time to enjoy the renewal the holiday season often brings each year. As we enjoy the presence, the young ones look forward to the presents!

In terms of the presence, your United Irish Cultural Center is making great progress in the march toward the future. The United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) Board and the Irish Cultural Centre of California Board (ICCC) are aligned to work together for the good of the Irish community we all serve. The General Membership Meetings have a wonderfully positive tone, and there is a feeling that we are collaborating as a community to plan for the future.

It is important to remember, however, that the financial picture for the UICC, if left the way it is, will leave our Center with what is predicted to be an insurmountable financial challenge. With rising costs for maintenance, service and resources (food and beverage), there is no choice but to do what is done by so many private clubs: actively implement dues payment for membership. At the last General Membership Meeting, one of our longtime members asked, "When have you ever belonged to a club that didn't charge membership dues? It's time." With that thought echoing in our minds, your Board of Directors voted to begin implementation of a dues plan for active membership (voted upon by the 2005-2006 Board of Directors) beginning in April of 2013. Each UICC current member will receive a letter outlining the dues necessity, the fact that dues collection was voted upon (but never implemented) by the Board of Directors in 2005, and an outline of dues categories along with the dates of four informational meetings for members to get more information and ask questions in January and February.

That said, it is imperative that dues payment will be used to enhance goods and services for all members. New members, young family members and long-standing members will be very impressed with the multitude of offerings and discounts that will be available to all members after the initiation of the dues program. Look for your letter in the mail early in December. Many of you may want to consider Center membership as a holiday gift for your grown children and their families. I have made this a priority this year and it certainly saves time at the mall!

Consider bringing the whole family to the Center for some wonderful music on Saturday evenings during December. We will have music downstairs in the bar/restaurant every Saturday evening through the end of the year. On the evenings of December 13th and 14th there will be an outstanding comedy presentation entitled "What the Donkey Saw" upstairs. Two Irish women have put together a very memorable piece that is sure to be the theatrical hit of the season! Get your tickets early. Additionally, make your reservations for New Year's Eve at the Center this year. We will have our celebration downstairs in the bar, restaurant and Members Room with a great meal, champagne at midnight and wonderful music. I fully intend to be a part of the welcome committee for 2013 at our UICC Celebration on the 31st of December. Hope to see many of you there as well.

May all of you and your families and friends have a blessed Christmas and a very special holiday season. Each member of the UICC and ICC Board of Directors wishes you an abundance of good health and happiness.

In Unity,

Judith Kell, President  
UICC Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

**THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH**

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our November 15 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Alice & Jim Mayo Mitzi Samson, Bill Luqué, Laura Busby, Jack Curtin, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin and Mollie Fitzpatrick. There will be NO THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER in December. **The next Thursday Night Dinner will be January 17.** 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 Lamb Shank or Filet of Sole. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, January 13. Invite your friends!

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

## LADIES AUXILIARY

Save the Date ~ December 7 for the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Dinner.

## SILVER GAELS

Our River Rock Casino trip, November 26, was great fun and a wonderful tribute to Anne Quilter. Our next Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing will be on January 11 at 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

*Marie Gavney wishes to thank everyone for their support, good wishes, mass cards, flowers and gifts during recent surgery on both knees. She is home and recovering wonderfully and will see you at the Center this holiday season.*



## You are cordially invited to the the Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Dinner



Friday, December 7, 2012

No host cocktails 5:30 pm ~ Dinner 6:30 pm

Members Room ~ \$25 per person

Menu ~

Prime Rib, Chicken Pomodoro or Salmon

Make your reservations with Phyllis O'Connor (650) 878-5986 or Alice Mayo (415) 584-6334



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

## ■ DECEMBER 1, SATURDAY

- Annual Rebel Cork Dinner Dance  
Contact Nora Daly 415/664-8966  
or Jim Daly 415/753-6804

## ■ DECEMBER 7, FRIDAY

- Irish Immigration & Pastoral Center  
Senior Christmas Luncheon ~ *See Ad*
- Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Dinner ~ *See Ad*

## ■ DECEMBER 8, SATURDAY

- 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

## ■ DECEMBER 9, SUNDAY

- Comhaltas Christmas Ceili ~ 7:00pm - 10:00pm ~ UICC  
Music by Miliosa and Richard Lundy and Friends  
Adults \$10, Children FREE  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

## ■ DECEMBER 13-14 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

- Wild Geese Productions presents at the UICC ~ 7pm  
The hilarious adult production of  
*The Nativity...What the Donkey Saw*  
For tickets contact: invite@eventbrite.com  
For info call 415/548-3966 ~ Tickets \$20

## ■ DECEMBER 13, THURSDAY

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

## ■ DECEMBER 14, FRIDAY

- LAOH Div. 2 Christmas Dinner  
For info call Mary Ryan 415/753-1026

## ■ DECEMBER 15, SATURDAY

- Ulster Club Christmas Dinner - St. Francis Room  
For info call Marie Gavney 415/731-0787

## ■ DECEMBER 20, THURSDAY

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

## ■ DECEMBER 27, THURSDAY

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

## ■ DECEMBER 31, MONDAY

- UICC New Year's Eve Party  
Music ~ Kevin Roche, Ben Hunter and Steve Edlin  
Choice of Prime Rib, Salmon, Chicken or Vegetarian.  
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres and Champagne  
\$55 per person Reservations call 415/661-2700

## MUSIC IN DECEMBER



Saturday 1 Tony McMahon

Saturday 8 Rusty Evans

Saturday 15 Christy O'Connell

Saturday 22 Kevin Roche

Saturday 29 Shards of Green

## DINING ROOM

LUNCH 11:30AM TO 2PM

THURSDAY - FRIDAY

DINNER from 5PM  
THURSDAY- SUNDAY

SUNDAY BRUNCH  
10AM TO 2PM



PRIX-FIXE MENU \$19.00\*

5PM TO 6:30PM

Thursday, Friday,  
Saturday & Sunday evenings.

\*No Member Card discount.

\*not including tax and gratuity

## DEADLINE for JANUARY 2013 BULLETIN is DECEMBER 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700.

If you have specific questions contact Adrienne Verreos

Falcon Associates Inc. • tel: 415/468-4130

• fax: 415/468-3549 • email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

## Merry Merry Christmas!

The United Irish Cultural Center  
will be closed

Tuesday, December 25  
and Wednesday December 26.

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER



MAY ALL THE JOY AND PEACE OF THIS HOLY SEASON  
BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

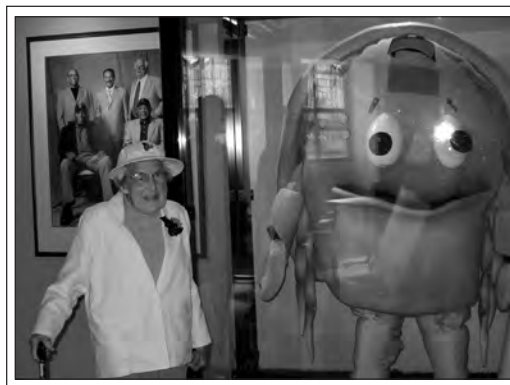
Welcome to NEW Members: *Kathleen Kealy, William John Mason*

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: *Dorothy Campbell, Terence Doherty, Bram Goldstein, Emmet McDonagh, Owen McDonagh, Declan Shanley, Nora Spiers*

Heartfelt condolences to the families of: *Michael (Cyril) Callahan, Thomas J Casey, Owen Connolly, Cecilia Deehan, Therese Kelleher, Ellen Margaret Murphy, Arthur Vincent*

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

*Marilyn, Tom & Patrick Mulkeen* contacted us to tell us the sad news that their aunt, *Ellen Mulkeen Murphy (Auntie Ellen to many)*, passed away on November 9. An avid supporter of the Giants, Ellen celebrated her 102nd birthday in July at her last Giants game @ AT&T park, where she was acknowledged by the Giants organization and fans on TV and the jumbotron. She was very proud to witness two World Series wins by her beloved Giants. The daughter of immigrants from Co. Mayo and a long time member of the UICC along with her husband, *Francis Murphy*, brother *William P. Mulkeen* (as a stone mason helped in construction of the building) and her nephews, her final send off was at a UICC reception following her burial, as she wanted. Born in the Richmond district, she moved to 27th Avenue at 17 and lived there the rest of her life. She worked at the B of A for 40 years and proudly met the bank's founder A.P. Giannini, With a zest for life to the end, she was an example to us all.



The Giants' nights at the UICC were enjoyed by one and all – Way to go GIANTS and Kay Gulbengay, for organizing the events. We hear that more events are being planned for the 49er playoffs.

Congratulations to *John Donohue*, Lowell HS head baseball coach for many years, who was recently voted National High School Division 1 Baseball Coach of the Year by the American Baseball Coaches Association. He will receive his award at the association's 67th annual Hall of Fame dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago on January 4, 2013. Congratulations to John on this great honor!!



### Spotlight on the Volunteers

The volunteers at the Patrick J. Dowling Library would like to thank **Karen Kinahan** and **Carmelle Reiser** of the ICCB Board for all of their support during the last 1½ years and indeed for all of their many years of service on the ICCB Board.

### MEMBER UPDATES

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 file is confidential.** If you have any concerns or questions, direct them to Membership Committee.

*Please make any comments or corrections regarding information in this Membership Section to the UICC Membership Committee at [uicc\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:uicc_membership@yahoo.com)*

## 32/50 CLUB

### The 32/50 Drawing for November 15, 2012

The winning combination was New Hampshire & Wexford held by James Sullivan for \$550

32/50 Club	Pat Cunningham	Kevin McCarthy
32/50 Club	John & Margaret Duffy	Peggy Mylett
32/50 Club	John/Anne Fallon	John S. O'Keeffe*
32/50 Club/John Hallisy	David Fontana	Joseph O'Leary*
32/50 Club	Kevin Hartnett	Ann Marie O'Regan
32/50 Club	Patricia Hegarty	Mitzi Samson/Margaret Gavney*
Brendan Stone	Rose Kennedy	Katherine Scanlon
John Bernie	Patrick Loftus/Anne Burke	Don Tennenbaum
Bridget Byrne	Rosemary Loughman	Robert M. Twomey
Mary T. Casey	McAuliffe Family	Randy Weaver/Anne Burke
Mary F./Patricia Crowley		

### *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.



***Christmas is just around the corner!***

**Give a 32/50 ticket —  
A great stocking stuffer!**

**Contact Bill Luqué at 415/552-9620**

### ~ UPCOMING UICC EVENTS ~

JANUARY 19, 2013      INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PATRICK DOWLING LIBRARY

JANUARY 27      THE IRISH LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS PROFESSOR ANDREW J. GARAVEL, SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, ON EARLY 19TH CENTURY WRITER & POLITICIAN JOHN WILSON CROKER (1780-1857).



# ***PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS***

## **GAA COLLECTION**

Donie O'Sullivan, Kerry's first All Star in 1971, recently visited the library and came upon his name in the 1972 brochure of the St. Patrick Day Games and Festivities published by United Irish Societies and the St. Patrick Fathers. This brochure is part of the GAA collection on exhibit in the library in November. Please check with the volunteer librarian if you would like to see it at other times. Donie enjoyed his tour of the library and pointed out the many references to the GAA in the old Leader newspapers and the close connection of Fr. Peter Yorke to the GAA. Fr. Yorke was also the founder and editor of the Leader.

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of the Patrick J. Dowling library was set up to support the goals and mission of the library by sponsoring fund raisers, cultural & literary events, & classes, and by coordinating publicity. As a member, you will receive: special invitations to events and classes, no cost or reduced cost of admission to some events, and 5% reduction in price at book sales. The Library and the Friends of the Library come under the umbrella of the ICCC, which is a public not-for-profit.

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## IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

**Friday, December 7, 2012**

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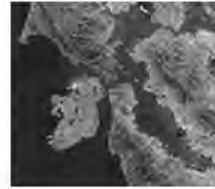
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**United Irish Cultural Center**  
**Saturday, January 19**  
**10.30 am to 4pm** *(includes lunch)*

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Patrick Dowling Library

We are very excited to have guest speaker

**Rose Mary Kennedy** UICC Member and National Archives of San Francisco, Archives Tech.

Reserve today:

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Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Direct your questions to Patrick Dowling Library,  
Valerie McGrew:, 1.650.991.3129

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