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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our Center continues to need your help. November and December of 2011 were somewhat good when it came to our financials, though for the year, it was touch and go. We have cut back costs as much as we can and still be able to provide the Irish experience of hospitality and friendship to all who frequent the Center.

We are unable to continue with the music for each Saturday night. The cost to bring the music each Saturday night has been upwards to \$12,000 a year or more. The Board is working to secure music at least once a month with the aid of the ICC. The Center will also try to bring in music once a month. If you know of any group that would like to showcase their talents, gratis, let the office know, and hopefully, we can make some arrangements.

During the month of February, come in, use your card, and receive a 10% discount on your meal. Ten percent? Yes! We have increased your discount. Come in and use you Center.

It has been with much regret, that the BOD has accepted the resignation of Nancy Newell. Nancy has been a god-send to the Irish Center. Through the past two years, Nancy has given to the UICC her ideas, her time, her energy, and her financial support. Her response to request s from the Board has always been "Yes!" The Board and the Center, as a whole, wish to thank her for all her contributions.

Per the By-laws of the Corporation, the President has made an appointment to fill the term held by Nancy Newell. The Board wishes welcome to Judith Kell to the Board. Judith brings an extensive business experience and leadership to the Board. We know that she will bring her enthusiasm and expertise to the Board and the Irish Center. A thousand welcomes, Judy!

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012 ~ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our January 19 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Luke Philpott, Alice & Jim Mayo, Heather Johnson, Pat D'Arcy, Barbara Reilly, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Jack Curtin and Marie Gavney. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on February 16, 2012. 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 Baked Ham or Sole. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, February 12.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be Sunday, February 12.

— Anne Quilter, *President*

SILVER GAELS

Our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing will be Friday, February 10. Come and enjoy a nice lunch and a good game of "25". All are welcome.

— Anne Quilter

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

IRISH LANGUAGE BOOKS

Jo Coffey is in the process of organizing our Irish language books of which we have a nice collection. She is ready to start cataloging and it would be helpful to have some folks assist us who are familiar with the Irish language. If you can help even for a few hours, please contact us at (415) 661-2798 or vtmcgrew@comcast.net

IRISH CULTURAL AND HISTORY

"Just thought that I would share with you the wonderful experience I had on the feast of the Epiphany. Here in Ireland it is called "Women's Christmas," and it is a day on which the women celebrate. Eileen and I invited her brother and sister-in-law to a "Little Christmas" celebration at a nearby hotel. The evening began with a "mulled wine" reception with live music. It didn't take me long to realize that Eileen's brother was the only man present at first. In total there were about 6 or 7 men attending the night's celebration. There were over 200 women! After the brief reception, we all enjoyed a delicious sit down dinner. The evening continued with dancing to a live band. Yes, the women danced together. Irish women LOVE to dance and if the men are not there or refuse to dance then the women dance with one another. This was a common practice at the dances at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Nothing will stop an Irish woman from dancing if she wants to dance. It was so nice to celebrate for the twelve days of Christmas and not to have all mention of Christmas and the celebrations finished the day after Christmas. Decorations come down after the feast of the Epiphany. There is a beautiful tradition here in Ireland of placing a candle (or candles of some description) in the windows during the Christmas season. It is lovely while driving along the country roads to see all the windows lit up in such a glorious way."

Just received this note from Mary Jane Knoll, a native of San Francisco, who moved to Ireland to live upon her retirement.

For additional library information including hours, please check out the website: www.irishcentersf.org

DEADLINE for MARCH 2012 BULLETIN is FEBRUARY 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

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

■ FEBRUARY 3, FRIDAY

- **Come and Join the Connaught Club for dinner**
UICC dining room. Music by Kevin Roche will be sponsored by the Connaught Club.
For info and reservations call the Center 415/661-2700

■ FEBRUARY 9, THURSDAY

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

■ FEBRUARY 11, 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
- **Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Boru ~ See Ad**

■ FEBRUARY 16, THURSDAY

- **Set Dancing Workshop & Ceili ~ 7:30pm - 11pm**
with Patrick O'Dea from Ireland. Admission is \$15
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ FEBRUARY 23, THURSDAY

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

■ FEBRUARY 24, FRIDAY

- **5th Annual Sean Elsbernd Crab Feed**

■ FEBRUARY 26, SUNDAY

- **Columban Father's Luncheon ~ See Ad**
- **The Irish Literary & Historical Society**
4:00pm St. Francis Room
The Irish Literary & Historical Society presents Glen Gendzel who will discuss "Irish American Success (and Failure) in Early San Francisco: The Case of Tom Maguire, Napoleon of Impresarios, 1849-1880". The lecture is free to ILHS members. A \$5 donation is requested of visitors. www.ILHSsf.org

Upcoming Event

MARCH 16 ~ AN IRISH CELEBRATION
LUNCHEON AND SHOW BY O'HOLLY

\$45 (TAX & TIP INCLUDED) 12 NOON TO 2:15PM

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EMAIL HOLLY7531@AOL.COM



SATURDAY 18 AT THE UICC COMHALTAS TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC

PRIX-FIXE MENU

Thursday, Friday,

Saturday & Sunday evenings.

5pm - 6:30pm

\$19.00

(not including tax and gratuity)

Please call the Center

UICC (415) 661-2700 ext 100

No Member Card discount.



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ONE AND ALL!

Transfer Members: **Patrick Griffin** and **Cole Mahoney Koop**

Heartfelt condolences to the family of recently deceased members: **Michael Duffy**, **Mary Dunne**, **Mildred Griffin** and **Margaret Keohane RIP**

Belated happy birthday to **Catherine Murphy – Terrence Faulkner** shared with us that she celebrated her 97th birthday in November.

A member commented -“The UICC mourns the loss of two well known women seen daily at the Center; **Mary Dunne** in the Dining Room and **Margaret Keohane** in the Library. Both are fondly remembered and will be truly missed.”



Highlight on Volunteers

Margaret Keohane, a charter member of the UICC, very generously volunteered her time at a number of worthy organizations including the Patrick J. Dowling library where her positive demeanor made it a pleasure to work with her and to visit the library when she was working there.

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

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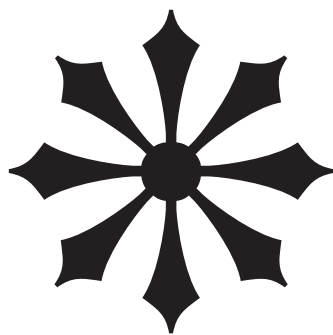
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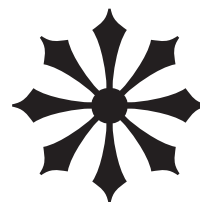
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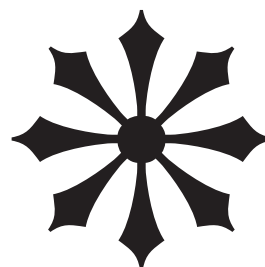
50th Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 11, 2012

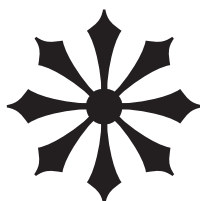


Honoring

Celine Kennelly



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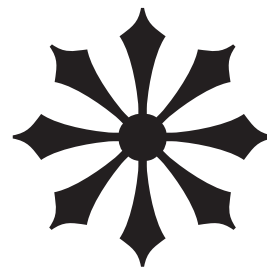
No-Host Cocktails 7 pm

Dinner 8 pm

Prime Rib Salmon or Chicken

\$65.00 per person

Music ~ Shades of Green



Reservations

Noreen Corry 415/681-8476 Martin Falvey 650/455-0504 Terry Leonard 650/878-0736

All K.R.B. Gang

Let's all get together to celebrate 2012 with a full house!

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

Date Thursday, February 23, 2012 Time 11:30 am No Host Cocktails

Place St. Francis Room ~ UICC

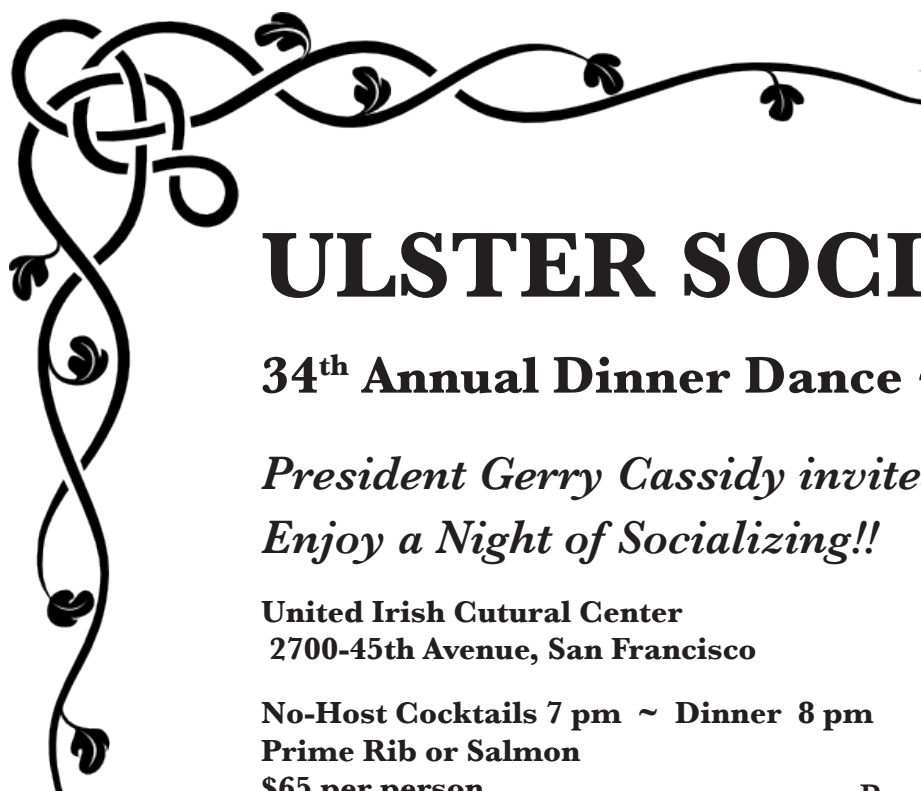
Menu

Soup of the Day

Entrée Choices: Filet of Sole, Chicken Pomodoro or Corned Beef & Cabbage

Ice Cream and Coffee

For reservations call: Rita McEvoy 415/563-4320 or Jack O'Keeffe 415/566-2331



ULSTER SOCIAL CLUB

34th Annual Dinner Dance ~ April 14, 2012

*President Gerry Cassidy invites you to
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**



Music ~ Kevin Roche

Reservations by Sunday, April 8

Marie Gavney 415/731-0787

Gerry Cassidy 415/665-0689

Agnes Fee 415/661-2819

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7:30 p.m.

Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco

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**** Bus will depart UICC at 6:00 p.m.**

For more information and to book your seat,
call Natasha at 415.752.6006

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, March 8, 2012

United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride
followed by lunch and guest speaker

Older Adult Personal Safety Presentation

- Home Safety – intruders & home invasion
- Street Safety • SCAMS
- Effective observing and reporting to get emergency services

Jon Shepherd from **San Francisco SAFE** (Safety Awareness for Everyone)
will teach us all how to stay safe!!

Tickets - \$20 RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910 Email: info@sfiipc.org

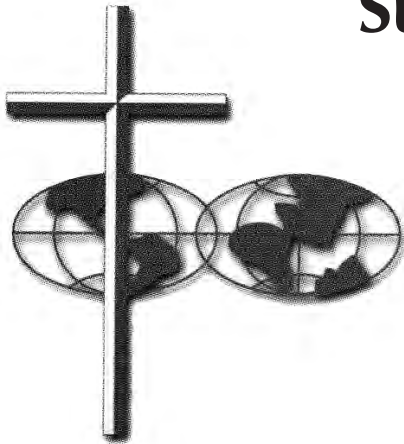
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COLUMBAN FATHERS

Annual Lunch and Raffle

Sunday, February 26, 2012



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

**No Host Cocktails 12 PM
Lunch 1:00 PM**

Beef Pot Roast or Chicken Pomodoro

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Pam Naughton at 415/566 -1936
or Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017**



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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2012

GRAND MARSHAL DINNER

7 PM No Host Cocktails 8 PM Dinner \$75 per person

United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

HONORING COMMODORE JOHN BARRY

10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME

4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

10:00 AM FLAG RAISING

City Hall Rotunda

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME

1 Thomas More Way

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Auxiliary Bishop W. Justice

St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM IRISH FESTIVAL

Civic Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2012

FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY

10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

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5PM TO 10PM

FRIDAY - 4PM TO 11PM

SATURDAY 4PM TO 12PM

SUNDAY 10AM TO 10PM

Pub grub available at the Bar.

DINING ROOM

LUNCH

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
11:30AM TO 2PM

DINNER from 5PM

THURSDAY - FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

SUNDAY BRUNCH
10AM TO 2PM