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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

The Board of Directors would like to send a special thanks to John Tucker and His Rose of Tralee committee. What a wonderful evening. The Roses were most beautiful and talented. It is truly a shame that we could not send six Roses to Tralee. Congratulations to Meagan Kingston on winning the title of San Francisco's Rose of Tralee. God speed and good luck in Tralee. We know you will do us proud.

It was grand to see so many of you on St. Patrick's day. Come more often and enjoy our Irish community. We are doing our best to cut costs and being careful on what we spend. Still we need your support all during the year.

Mother's Day is nearly upon us. Make sure you get your reservations in early. A special menu is being prepared for this day. Children, honor your mothers by having a family dinner at the Center.

Again, we would like to remind all members of the annual members meeting that will be held on May 24th. Membership will be filling four places on the Board and will be voting on any changes to the By-Laws that may have been proposed at the April members meeting.

Sincerely,

UICC Board of Directors

FYI to all our Members:

Please note that there will be full and complete discussion of a proposed amendment to the UICC by-laws at the April 26 membership meeting. As stated in Article VII, Bylaws of the United Irish Cultural Center, Inc. "All proposed amendments to the bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least by the meeting previous to the general meeting or at a meeting called for that purpose, so that all proposed changes can be read at that meeting, and members can be notified in the bulletin that all bylaw changes will be in the library fourteen (I4) days prior to the general meeting. The General meeting will be held on May 24, 2012.

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our April 19 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Jim & Alice Mayo, Pat D'Arcy, Barbara Reilly, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Bill Luqué, Marie Gavney, Harvey Samson, Jackie Feretzis and Donnajean McCarthy. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on May 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 Sole or Baked Ham. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334. Reservations close on Sunday, May 13. Invite your friends! — Anne Quilter and Molly Fitzpatrick, *Co-Chairpersons*

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be May 6 at 11:30 am. We will finalize plans for our Annual Dinner on Friday, May 25 @ 5:30pm. Cost is \$25. There is a choice of Pot Roast, Chicken Pomodoro or Trout. For reservations call Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Anne Quilter at 415/586-8017.

— Anne Quilter, President

SILVER GAELS

Our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing will be Friday, May II at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a good game of "25". June 4 will be the date for our next River Rock trip and reservations must be received by May 17. *See ad within this bulletin.*

— Anne Quilter

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

Opening Night Reception of Annie Holland's Photo Exhibit

A fun time was had by all- on March 30 at the UICC, supporters of the Patrick J. Dowling Library had a lovely evening visiting with friends, taking a night time tour of the library, viewing the charming photos, & meeting the very gracious and talented, Annie Holland, Irish artistic photographer. Entertainment was provided by Catherine Linehan on keyboard, dancing by Becca Breall, and a poetry recitation by Kathleen McDonough and son, Colman. Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, who is Speaker Pro Tempore of the California State Legislature Assembly, honored Annie Holland with a certificate of recognition from the Assembly.

A big thanks to all of those who organized the event including Valerie McGrew and Patty Dowling. But, most of all, thank you to the many of friends of the library who so generously supported this event-the library made a net profit of over \$2000 which will go to modernize and to preserve the library collection.

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

KATIE RAWSON, granddaughter of Irish Cultural Center member – **Marie Rawson**, graduated in June from Seattle University with a degree in Civil Engineering. So why is she in Tipperary, Ireland caring for Disabled Adults on a 50-acre farm in Grangemockler near Carrick-on-Suir? Katie, who has dual citizenship and was born in the Bay Area, dreamed of spending a post-college year in the country of her ancestry . She wanted to contribute a year of service, and, by the way, wouldn't it be just lovely if she could spend that year in Ireland ! Katie explored several different service options and came across an organization called Camphill that has farm communities in many European countries, including eighteen in Ireland. At Katie's community, twenty international volunteers work for about one year, sharing the responsibilities of running a large productive farm with the twenty-five disabled adults who become family - sharing chores, meals, outings, stories and songs. Besides cows, sheep, pigs, and vegetable gardens, the farm also has a weavery where beautiful artifacts are made to support the farm. Katie plans to return to the States in November, after the harvest, but she will always look on this time in Ireland as a special opportunity to work and play in a country that she considers her second home.

DEADLINE for JUNE 2012 BULLETIN is MAY 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700. If you have a specific question contact Adrienne Verreos Falcon Associates Inc. • tel: 415/468-4130 • fax: 415/468-3549 • email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

MAY CALENDAR

MAY 10, THURSDAY

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

MAY 13, SUNDAY

• Mother's Day! Come to the Center for brunch or dinner

MAY 16, WEDNESDAY

 Irish American Democratic Club Cocktail Reception ~ Honoring Diarmuid Philpott 7pm ~ St. Patrick's Room For tickets & information call Jerry Casey 415/318-6767 or Azalia Merrill 415/309-8708

MAY 17, 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

MAY 18, FRIDAY

• The Emerald Society Annual Dinner ~ See Ad

MAY 19, 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

MAY 20, SUNDAY

- 32/50 Luncheon ~ See Ad
- The Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 4:00pm Kathleen Curtis Wilson who will discuss her highly acclaimed book *Irish People, Irish Linen* Free to ILHS members. www.ILHSsf.org A \$5 donation is requested of visitors.

MAY 24, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm ANNUAL ELECTIONS
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803
- MAY 25, FRIDAY Ladies Auxiliary Annual Dinner

MAY 31, THURSDAY

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



Saturday 5 Ring of Fire Saturday 19 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Music

DINING ROOM

LUNCH

THURSDAY - FRIDAY 11:30AM TO 2PM

DINNER from 5PM THURSDAY - FRIDAY SATURDAY - 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*

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I would like to thank everyone for coming out and helping me celebrate my Birthday on March 3rd and to all the people who planned it! I was completely taken by surprise and what a GREAT surprise it was!! The party was just perfect!! It was so great to see all the familiar faces. Thank you all so very very much.

- Tom Clune

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

' the world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.' -Edwin Way Teale

New Members: June Adams, Patricia Barnard, Nina & Jay Feero, Judith Garvey, Joseph Hayes, Kate & John McCaffrey, Marjorie McSweeney, Kelli Nevin, and Joseph Sullivan

Heartfelt condolences to the families of: *Peggy McCarthy, Thomas McGurk, Michael J. Murphy, Mary O'Neill* and to *John Farrell* on the passing of his wife *Malvina*. RIP

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary O'Neill, who recently passed away, has been fondly remembered by many UICC members for her lively spirit, especially her charming rendition of *Frankie & Johnny*.

The Rebel Cork Benevolent Association/Rebel Cork Ladies Association were very gratified to receive first prize in the marching category and second prize in the float category at the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade. As usual, Mary O'Leary & crew did an outstanding job decorating the cable car.

Once again *Edward Callanan* gave a stirring poetry recitation at the gravesite on Peter Yorke Day at Holy Cross Cemetery on April 1.

The Steinhart Aquarium-California Academy of Science Thursday night science-social mixer went Irish on March 15 with Irish step-dancing by the Murphy dancers, Irish beer and cocktails, and a tell-all talk about four-leaf clovers. *Valerie McGrew* and *Patty Diner* represented the UICC at the event.





Spotlight on the Volunteers

Congratulations to the United Irish Societies of San Francisco, under the leadership of President *Diarmuid Philpott*, for a job well done at the St. Patrick Day Parade/Festival and related month long activities. All the hard work of the officers and the board is greatly appreciated.

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 March 22, 2012

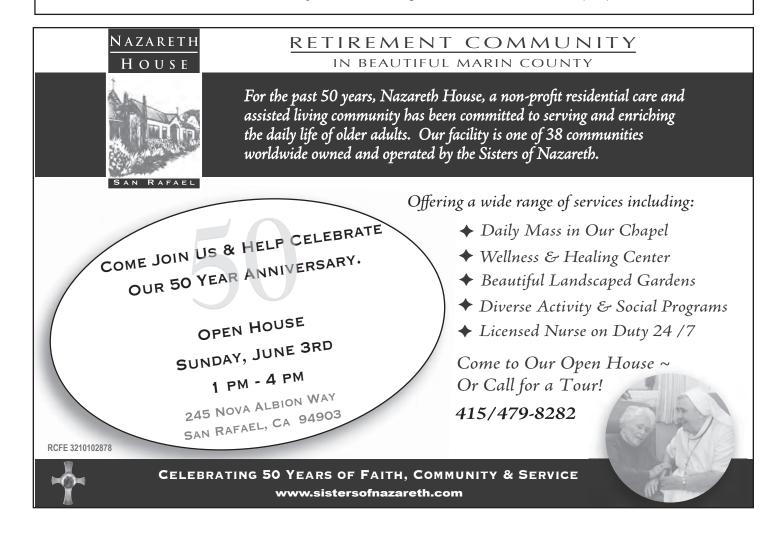
The winning combination was Louisiana & Dublin held by Marjorie Caserta for \$550

James Coffey Mary O'Sullivan Sue & Pat Keller John & Beatrice Brady Agnes & Ben Dalberg Marie Ryder Rita T. Torpey Sr. Maurice Hagan Noreen McEllistrim Kathleen Quinlan Margaret McDonald Noreen O'Connor John S. O'Keeffe* John Donohue* 32/50 CLub Peter Tunney Teresa Hallinan Joanne Hayes White Phyllis Fealy/Monica Duffy* Anne Burke Bob Murphy James McHugh Don Tennenbaum Michael Keys Gerald J. DeRyan Mary O'Sullivan Owen Connolly Mary McGrath Rory & Teresa Moore Glynn & Mckernan 32/50 Club

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.





You are cordially invited to join us for the

UICC Annual Mothers Day Brunch

Sunday, May 13, 2011

10am to 2pm

ADULTS:\$26*

CHILDREN: \$12*

*does not include tax or gratuity

BRUNCH INCLUDES:

SCRAMBLED EGGS, EGGS BENEDICT, AMERICAN BACON , IRISH SAUSAGE, BLACK AND WHITE PUDDING, CORNED BEEF HASH, HOME FRIED POTATES, CARVERY WITH FRESH ROAST TURKEY AND BAKED HAM, FRENCH TOAST, FRESH FRUIT SALAD, DANISH, MUFFINS, STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE, ASSORTED DESSERTS AND THE WORLD FAMOUS UICC CHEESE BLINTZ'S! COFFEE AND TEA. COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE INCLUDED.

Reservations Encouraged. Call (415) 661-2700

San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society

I4th Annual Gala Awards Dinner Dance

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

May 18, 2012 Cocktails 6:30pm ~ Dinner 7:30pm

> Honoring Martin Falvey As Citizen of the Year AND Gary Delagnes As

Officer of the Year

Music by William Murray



\$75 per person Tables of 10 \$700 For reservations call: Kim Kulstad 925/705-3486

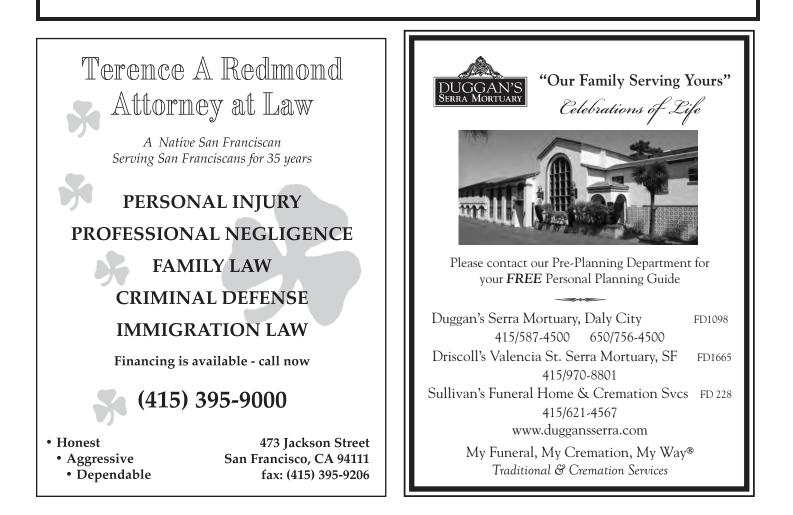


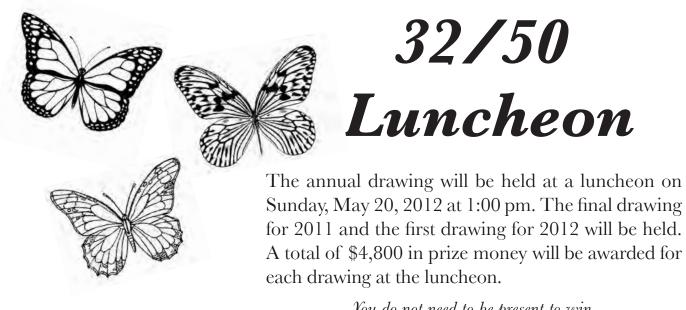


Congrazulazions zo Our 2012 San Francisco Rose Maegan Kingszon!

I would like to thank the Rose of Tralee Committee members, the Roses, Rosebuds and their escorts, all our wonderful sponsors for helping to make this years Rose of Tralee Event the success it was. A special thank you to the Kerry Club for their wonderful, continuing support of this great UICC event. It could not have happened without all of you.

Thank you. John Tucker, Chairperson





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 o	f reservations:@\$25.00 each for a total of \$
Number o	f 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.

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

> Mail to: Anne Quilter 85 Delano Avenue San Francisco, CA 94112

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This Month's Meeting Thursday, May 24 at 7:30pm

Come & Enjoy Mother's Day at Your Center!