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BOARD MESSAGE

#### Dear Members,

There is an upbeat feeling at the Center as we look forward to the holiday season. While we would still like to see many more of you coming out to enjoy the incredible menus prepared by our chef(s) during the Thursday and Friday lunches and the Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday dinners (not to mention the delicious Sunday brunch), there is a growing lunch and dinner group dropping by the Center with families and friends.

All are encouraged to book dates for holiday celebrations early as the calendar is filling up fast. The San Francisco Pipers hosted a wonderful Casino Night at the Center on October 12th. Many of us participated in the fun of silent auction bidding which brought joy to many auction winners. Special thanks to Kay Gulbengay for the incredible idea of holding a big-screen Giants game viewing at the Center. She helped to create another memorable UICC event! Other events include Club celebrations, Thursday night dinners as well as book readings. Check the events calendar for updates.

An important date to note on calendars also is Sunday, November 18th for our annual Memorial Mass in memory of deceased members. We have asked Father Joseph Walsh to conduct the Memorial Mass in the Saint Patrick Room. Those who are intending to stay on for Sunday brunch are asked to make reservations in advance so that our chefs and wait staff can be prepared to serve you in the best possible way.

Our consultant, Mr. John Buckley, is moving forward with his work at the Center and has agreed to be with us until June of next year. We will have information sessions regarding the Center's financial needs and the resultant dues plans in January and will begin the task of making us full dues-paying members in April. The benefits of membership will be well-worth the monthly dues! It is important to know that the savings in food and beverage discounts for two (should members eat twice monthly at the Center) will be roughly the cost of monthly dues! I am actively considering buying my grown children Center memberships as holiday gifts! What better way to offer them a first-hand opportunity to celebrate their Irish heritage with an incredible Irish community?

I would like to congratulate one of our long-time members (and former UICC Board Member), John Donohue, on his impending receipt of the prestigious National Baseball Coach of the Year Award. John, who coached the Lowell High School Team to 661 wins during 30 years will be nationally recognized in Chicago by the American Baseball Coaches Association on January 4, 2013. Congratulations, John!

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. No matter where you celebrate the holiday (We do have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal offered at the Center.), I believe that I speak for the Board and the UICC membership in being thankful for the honor and pleasure of being a part of the incredible United Irish Cultural Center community!

In Unity,

Judith Kell, President UICC Board of Directors

Purpose  $\sim$  Respect  $\sim$  Organization  $\sim$  Unity  $\sim$  Determination

### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our October 18 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Pat D'Arcy, Alice & Jim Mayo, Bill Luqué, Phyllis O'Connor, Dorothy & John Sorensen. **The next Thursday Night Dinner will be November 15**. 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 salisbury steak or salmon. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo 415/584-6334 Reservations close on Sunday, November II. Invite your friends!

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

### LADIES AUXILIARY

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

### SILVER GAELS

Join us on our trip to River Rock Casino, November 26. See ad inside this bulletin. For additional information call Mitzi Samson at 415/681-0876 or Maureen Hickey at 650/375-0277

Friday, November 9 will be our next Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing at 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

### PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

### GAA Collection

GAA, or 'Gaelic Athletic Association for the Preservation and Cultivation of National Pastimes' as it was originally called, primarily promotes Irish and international sporting events but also promotes cultural activities such as Irish music and dance as well as Irish language. On November I, 1884, Michael Cusack convened the first meeting of the organization. Maurice Davin was elected President, Cusack, Wyse-Power and McKay were elected Secretaries and it was agreed that Archbishop Croke, Charles Stewart Parnell and Michael Davitt would be asked to become Patrons. From that initial, subdued first meeting grew the Association we know today.

In honor of the GAA anniversary, the library will be displaying GAA memorabilia throughout the month of November, including programs from Irish events as well as Bay Area events sponsored by the UIS, magazines, books, newspaper articles, tickets, and a great poster which is a Roll of Honor listing winners from 1887-1971. The focus of the programs is the 1970s.

Most of the memorabilia was very generously donated to the library by David Kenneally.

The memorabilia will be on display Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from I:30-4:30 pm except for the Thanksgiving weekend when it will be closed. For additional information about the library, including hours, please check our website: library@ irishcentersf.org.

,	~ Upcoming UICC Events ~
December I	Annual Rebel Cork Dinner Dance
December 9	Comahltas Christmas Ceili
DECEMBER 12, 13 &	I4 AMY WELCH & CO THEIR HILARIOUS PRODUCTION OF THE NAVTIVTY PLAY
DECEMBER 31	UICC New Year's Eve Party
JANUARY 19, 2013	Introduction to Genealogy in partnership with Patrick Dowling Library

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

#### ■ NOVEMBER 2, FRIDAY

• KERRY NIGHT OUT AT THE UICC Music by Kevin Roche & the Lynches provided by the Kerry Club

### ■ NOVEMBER 4, SUNDAY

 The Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 5:00pm Professor Emerita Janet Nolan, Loyola University Chicago, on "Pioneers in the Classroom: Irish-American Teachers in San Francisco in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century". www.ILHSsf.org Free to ILHS members. Visitors \$5

### ■ NOVEMBER 8, THURSDAY

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

### ■ NOVEMBER 15, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
- 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

### NOVEMBER 17, 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
- Ceili with music by the Shannon Ceili Band 7:00pm - 9:00pm ~ St. Patricks Room *See Ad* Adults \$12, Teens 12-18: \$5; Children under 12 FREE

### ■ NOVEMBER 18, SUNDAY

- UICC Deceased Members Mass ~ IIam
- The Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 5:00pm Rita Lonhart MA, London School of Economics & Political Science, on "Anglo American Relations in Northern Ireland: Carter, Thatcher and the 'special relationship' 1977 to 1979".
  Free to ILHS members. Visitors \$5 www.ILHSsf.org

#### ■ NOVEMBER 22, THURSDAY

- Thanksgiving Dinner ~ Make your reservations early Seating at 4:30 and 6pm
- NOVEMBER 29, THURSDAY
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

### MUSIC IN NOVEMBER



Saturday 3 Shards of Green Saturday 17 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Dancing



### Annual Memorial Mass

to Honor Our Deceased Members of the United Irish Cultural Center

### Sunday, November 18, 2012

St. Francis Room ~ 11 am

Father Joseph Walsh 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 DECEMBER 2012 BULLETIN is NOVEMBER 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



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### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

By John Fitzgerald Kennedy, about Thanksgiving

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Ann Armstrong, Kathleen Damato, Stephen John Driscoll, Liam McCarthy, Patrick McCarthy, Christopher Mehigan, Christopher Moore, Madeline Smith

Heartfelt condolences to the families of: *Margaret A Carroll, Kathleen Hohalek, Anne Young* Rest in Peace.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Wonderful news-7 year old Kevin Maguire, son of *Buffy and Pat Maguire*, is recuperating from a very successful surgery. Please keep him in your prayers for a complete recovery and to support his parents in their decision regarding his future treatment.

**Terence Faulkner** shared with us that his aunt, **Catherine Florence Murphy**, will be 98 years old on 11/14/12. Her family gave her a brick on her 95th birthday and will be give her another one on her 100th! She is also the aunt of **Joe**, **Toni and John Faulkner**, who along with her & Terence are long time members of the UICC. She currently resides at Mercy Retirement Home in Oakland. Congratulations on this special birthday.

In August, Kara and Justin McGee, children of Tom & Tammie McGee & grandchildren of Charter member *PJ McGee*, suffered traumatic injuries including serious head injuries after being hit by a car. They face a long recovery period requiring 24-hour caregivers. Friends of the McGee family are reaching out to their community to ask for support in helping them recover and heal from this tragedy. Please keep them in your prayers. Also, "The daily care and medical bills are a burden that this wonderful family does not need to endure at this time. A bank account has been set up at the Chase Bank to help them with their bills and an online meal planner has been set up as well (www.foodtidings.com) search **The McGee's Helping Hands** and e-mail organizer for sign up. Their tragedy is a reminder to all of us that it does take a village to come together to help those in need." These are excerpts from a letter sent to us by the Friends of the McGee Family (McGee Family, PO Box 2053, Burlingame, CA 94011). **The entire letter is on the UICC website.** 

### Spotlight on the Volunteers

*Kathleen Manning, Rosemarie Azinheira* and *Phyllis O'Connor* did a lovely job organizing the 110th anniversary celebration for the Fr. Peter Yorke Division of the Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Walsh followed by a great luncheon-the day was enjoyed by all who attended.

### **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 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

### 32/50 CLUB

### The 32/50 Drawing for September 27, 2012

The winning combination was Idaho & Galway held by Benjamin Dalberg for \$550

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The winning combination was Nevada & Louth held by Rick, Nadine & Jack Watso for \$550

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- Michael Keating Ed Kelly Frank Kennedy Vera Key/John O'Keeffe\* Eileen Kivlehen Devon Langford Joan Lawrie\* Anne McClellan Thomas L. McCormack Karen McDonald Peter Naughton
- Sofia O'Riordan Timothy O'Sullivan Elaine Peraeta Megan Pohley Donna Sullivan Costello Lily Weaver/Anne Burke\* Dean Wilson\* Shayla/Ashley/Ella Gernhardt Michael & Kathleen Gallagher

### It pays to buy more than one combination and the proof is Benjamin Dalberg, who is 100 Years old, and won \$550 and 2 - \$50 combinations

### 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

### Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip\* Monday, November 26, 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.

Make check payable to: UICC

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

Mail to: Silver Gaels Casino Trip c/o UICC 2700 - 45th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116



### **IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM**

### \*\* SPECIAL OUTING - IRISH MOVIE EVENT \*\*

in partnership with the San Francisco Irish Film Festival



### THE SHORE EVEN GODS IRISH FOLK FURNITURE

### Friday, November 16, 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. Movie Screening followed by tea, coffee and snacks

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



Tickets - \$20 includes bus, movie ticket & refreshments This month, we will be screening three Irish made short movies including **'The Shore'** the Oscar winning inspiring story of two boyhood best friends divided by 25 years of misunderstanding. Their world and their friendship is shattered by the conflict escalating in Northern Ireland, the two boys' lives take very different paths until, 25 years later, Joe returns for the first time to his homeland with his 24-year-old daughter, Patricia.

MUST RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

### IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM



### Friday, December 7, 2012

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

**12 noon Mass with Christmas Carols** celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

followed by lunch and entertainment with specials guests

### **Traditional Irish Music and Dancing!**

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME



Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910 Email: info@sfiipc.org A Community Outreach Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco



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WEST REGION Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann



### West Region Annual Meeting an November Céilí Come One, Come All!

### Cooley-Keegan Branch is hosting the annual West Region Meeting of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Saturday, November 17th, 2012.

As always we invite and encourage all members to attend the meeting.

Our meeting will be followed by a lively traditional session, no-host dinner, and céilí. Everyone Welcome!

#### Schedule:

West Region Meeting: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm United Irish Cultural Center (UICC), St. Patrick's Room

Seisiún, in the UICC bar area from 4.00 pm until 11.00 pm

Traditional Irish music session, singer friendly. Come along, pull up a chair, join in, and enjoy!

#### November Night Céilí: 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm,

in St. Patrick's Room, UICC upstairs. please bring goodies to add to the pot luck dessert table

Dance, dance, dance! Music will be provided by the Shannon Céilí Band

#### Admission— Adults: \$12.00, Teens 12–18: \$5.00 Children under 12: free

#### Dinner

The UICC restaurant will be open for dinner from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Please note that reservations are required. Call the UICC at 415-661-2700, ext. 100, to make your reservations.

#### For more information, please contact

Josephine Brogan at: josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415.681.4803 or Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu or 510.684.9878



### Saturday, December 1, 2012

United Trish Cultural Center 2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco

Honoring Sister Mary Edith Hurley

Drime Rib, Salmon or Chicken Jerusalem \$65 per person Music ~ Kevin Roche Band

No -Host Cocktails @ 7 pm ~ Dinner @ 8 pm

Come socialize with family and friends. Eat, Dance and Be Merry!



For reservations and information : Nora Daly 415/664-8966 Jimmy Daly 415/753-6804

### United Irish Cultural Center, Inc. 32/50

Dear Members,

32/50 is a game that combines the 32 counties of Ireland with the 50 states of America. It is a great opportunity to win some big prizes while raising funds for the United Irish Cultural Center.

There are a total of 1,600 combinations available in the game - 32 counties x 50 states. The cost of each annual membership is \$32.50, which allows members to participate in a monthly drawing for a full year.

Each member is assigned a county of Ireland and one of the states of America. There are no duplicate combinations. Each combination belongs to only one member.

A drawing is held each month at which one of the 50 states and one of the 32 counties is drawn. Each member holding that state receives \$50. The member holding the state plus the county drawn receives an additional \$500, for a total of \$550. Drawings in the months of June through March are held at the monthly UICC membership meeting. (If you attend the meeting and your name is on a combination drawn, you win an additional \$50!) The first and twelfth drawings of the year are held at a special event in May, held to thank 32/50 members for their support. The combination holders for those months (April/May) receive not \$550, but \$3,250!

It is possible to win more than once a year —and each member's chances only increase with the number of combinations they purchase!

The 2013/2014 membership year is now open. Mail requests to the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Requests will be filed as soon as possible.

Members of the 2012/2013 Club will receive a renewal notice in the mail. The renewal period for current memberships runs through January 2013.

If you would like more information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 552-9620.

I would like to participate in the 32/50 Club this year.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$32.50 per combination.

Name:

Address:

Phone: UICC Membership No.

I would prefer the following states and/or counties if available:

I would like to talk to a member of the 32/50 Committee.

Please return this entire sheet with your check.

# Introduction To Genealogy

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

> Sponsored by the UICC in partnership with the 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:	
Name:	
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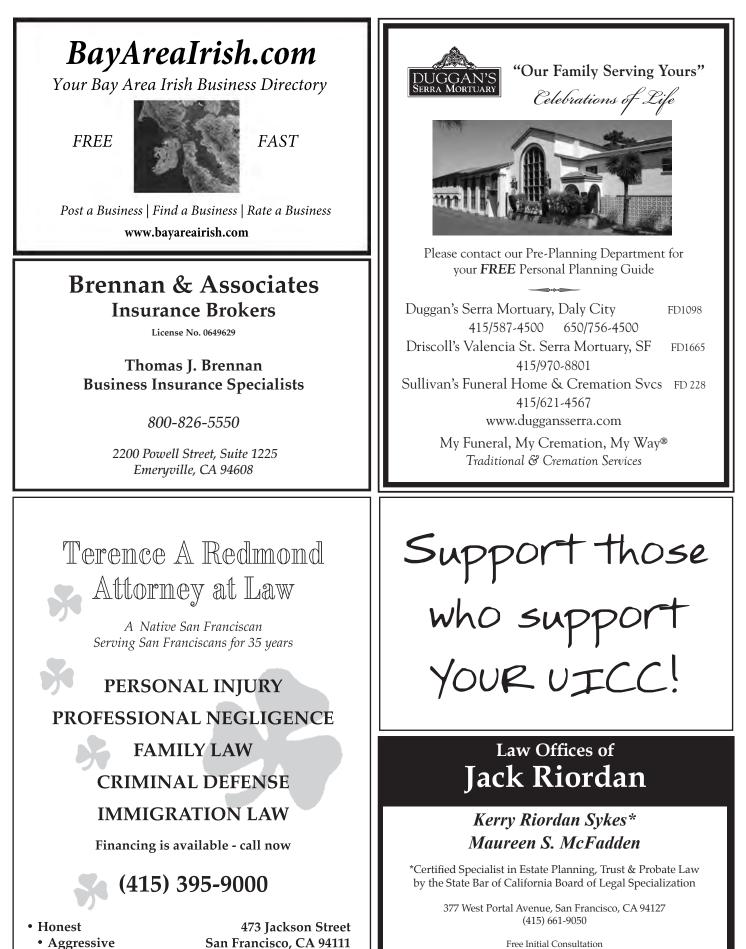
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Make check payable to United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) and send to UICC, c/o Patrick Dowling Library. 2100 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116

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

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Our monthly fees are substantially less than what you would pay elsewhere and we are just 15 minutes away from the UICC (taking Skyline Blvd or the 280 South).

Please call <u>Bernadette Kennedy - Administrator</u> to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy\_a complimentary lunch

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