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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

"March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb." The old adage refers to the weather, but, if one were to apply the lion and lamb imagery to the United Irish Cultural Center, one would have to say that March came in like an energetic lion and remained for the whole month! The cornerstone of the month of March for our Irish community was the Irish heritage celebrations surrounding Saint Patrick's Day. In true form, the Center was packed on both days of the holiday weekend. The library book sale was a great success thanks to the work of a dedicated group of volunteers. The Irish Cultural Centre of California, the UICC's sister foundation, benefited from the sale and also added to its coffers with the ticket proceeds of the very well attended comedy night at the Center on March 2nd. March was highlighted with a record-setting number served by our restaurant and banquet facilities. The crowning glory of the month was on March 21st when our United Irish Cultural Center was honored to be designated as the site for a grand reception for the Irish Prime Minister, Taoiseach Enda Kenny.

An incredible, meaningful gift has been presented to the UICC which will be used with respect and significance for generations to come. The Ladies Auxiliary's final donation to the UICC is a beautiful, very special chalice to be used when mass is celebrated at the Center. Now a lasting reminder of the Ladies Auxiliary's good works will reoccur with each mass.

The present month of April has been designated as "Membership Month" by your Board of Directors. Every member will receive a letter in the mail regarding membership. At the present time there are close to 250 members who have paid dues for the 2013-2014 year. We have set a goal of 1000 dues-paying members by the end of April. While our dedicated membership committee (Mary O'Sullivan and Orlaigh Campbell) continues to contact present members, all present UICC members are asked to help spread the word to potential new members. There are no initiation dues for those joining the UICC during this month. By simply paying the small dues and verifying their eligibility as members of the Irish community, there is the goal gaining well over 150 new members.

This month's general membership meeting will be held Thursday, April 25. There will be a vote taken on bylaws updates and changes. The changes were discussed at the March general membership meeting and copies of the bylaws are available to all in the library and the UICC office.

There has been an incredible surge of interest in the United Irish Cultural Center. The unity of purpose felt among all (volunteers, staff, Board of Directors and the general membership) combined with the improvements made at the Center during the past year, along with some carefully-planned changes in the dining room menu, as well some outstanding new events for all, point to the fact that we have a Center of which we can truly be very proud. Things will continue to improve with time and the renewed unity of purpose which is felt in every Center activity. It is fitting to end this message pointing out that together, we are truly the <u>UNITED</u> Irish Cultural Center.

Judith M. Kell, President

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

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on April 25. The price is \$22. Beginning in May, due to rising costs, the price of the dinner will be \$25. 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 Shanks or Cod. Please make your reservations early with Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo at 415/584-6334 or the Center at 415/661-2700 Reservations close on Sunday, April 20. Invite your friends!

SILVER GAELS

Our March 6 trip to Cache Creek Casino was wonderful. We left on time, had great weather and were home before dark! Already making plans for another trip.

April 5 and April 19 will be our next dates for our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing at 12:30 pm.

All are welcome.

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for February 28, 2013

The winning combination was Georgia & Cork held by the Judith Holm for \$550

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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.

A Special Thank You

Fr. T. P. Reynolds and the Columban Fathers Committee would like to thank everyone who supported our annual luncheon and raffle. It was a truly joyful occasion and a great success, thanks to your generosity.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR UICC MEMBERS

The UICC Nominating Committee (whose purpose is to nominate candidates to fill an opening on the Board of Directors) will convene at the April General Membership Meeting. Additionally, all members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting in May will cover an agenda that includes election for one new Board of Directors member and a full discussion of the annual financials for the Center.

APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 4, THURSDAY

• Public Meeting ~ 'Great Hunger' Memorial 7pm ~ United Irish Cultural Center See Ad Everyone welcome to attend and participate in a lively debate. To register go to: hungermemorialsanfrancisco.eventbrite.com

APRIL 6, 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

APRIL 11, THURSDAY

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

APRIL 12, FRIDAY

• IIPC - Movie Afternoon on Treasure Island For info call Natasha 415/752-6006

APRIL 13, SATURDAY

• Rose of Tralee - Dinner & Selection ~ See Ad For info call the Center 415/661-2700

APRIL 18. THURSDAY

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

APRIL 19, FRIDAY

• Kerry Night in the Dining Room Call the Center for reservations 415/661-2700 Good Food and Great Music!

APRIL 25. THURSDAY

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

APRIL 27, SATURDAY

- United For Life Dinner
- APRIL 28, SUNDAY
 - The Irish Literary & Historical Society 5pm ~ Saint Francis Room

welcomes David Hirzel, local author and historian, on his book Sailor on Ice: Tom Crean with Scott in the Antarctic 1910-1913. Tom Crean, an Irish seaman and Antarctic explorer from County Kerry was a member of three major British expeditions to Antarctica. ILHS members free, \$5 visitors For more information visit www.ILHSsf.org or call 650-235-6862

MUSIC IN APRIL

Saturday April 6 Christy O'Connell Saturday April 20 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Dancing

DINING ROOM -- LUNCH --THURSDAY - FRIDAY 11:30AM TO 2PM -- DINNER from 5PM --THURSDAY- SUNDAY -- SUNDAY BRUNCH --10AM TO 2PM & *** PRIX-FIXE MENU \$19.00* SPM TO 6:30PM Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday evenings. *No Member Card discount. *not including tax and gratuity

Mark Your Calendar! Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm at the UICC

Poetry Reading & Open Mic

You are invited to come and hear poet Sean Casey read selected poems from his newly released book, Earthrise. Sean has been writing poetry for the last forty years and is the author of two previously released books, For My Friends - Alone and Earthbound. Sean's reading will be followed by an open mic session - so bring your friends and your poetry or short reading. Performers and non-performers are welcome for an afternoon of good poetry, stories and camaraderie at the United Irish Cultural Center. Sean's book, Earthrise, will be available for purchase at the event, and he will be signing copies after the readings.

Sunday, May 26

32/50 Annual Drawing & Luncheon

DEADLINE for MAY 2013 BULLETIN is APRIL 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



LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE YOUR 32/50s for 2013/2014. FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BILL LUQUE 415/552-9620

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

APRIL "The sun was warm but the wind was chill. You know how it is with an April day. When the sun is out and the wind is still, You're one month on in the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud come over the sunlit arch, And wind comes off a frozen peak, And you're two months back in the middle of March."

- Robert Frost, Two Tramps in Mud Time, 1926

Heartfelt condolences to the famiy of: *Helen Kilmurry* May she Rest in Peace.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to SF Fire Chief *Joanne Hayes-White*, Grand Marshall of the 162nd St. Patrick's Day parade in San Francisco.

Thank you to our partners at Java Beach at the Zoo, *Pat & Buffy Maguire*, for another successful Block Party/GreenFest on St. Patrick's Day – it was loads of fun-even the Sunset weather cooperated!

Mark Your Calendars Our Famed San Francisco Giants are hosting an Irish Heritage Night on April 8.

Peggy Mylett and family were closely watching the Academy Awards, cheering for the movie "Argo". Peggy's first cousin, John Chambers, portrayed by John Goodman who did a fairly accurate job at capturing the essence of the famed makeup artist. Chambers, who died in 2001, never disclosed his work with the CIA to anyone in the family. Peggy, daughter Maureen, and son Tom were invited by Warner Brothers as guests for the Mill Valley Film festival premiere of the film last October -- all were delighted that "Johnny's film" won the Oscar for best picture.

Theresa Storlie, a Genealogical Project Manager, is looking for assistance from our members with a Genealogical Project regarding the Mahoney Family. She is looking for information specifically on an *Eileen M. Mahoney*, who resided in San Francisco during the 1980's to the late 1990's, using a PO Box and an address on Cabrillo St. It is believed that she has either passed away or moved from the area (to Ireland?). If you have any information, please contact Theresa at 916-358-8877 or email tstorlie@cappacgroup.com. The family is hoping to finish the project by April 30 so your quick response is greatly appreciated.

Thank You from *Jerry Cassidy* and the Cassidy Family for all the mass cards, prayers and phone calls. It is deeply appreciated through this difficult and challenging time. He is on his way to a full recovery and will be back soon to pick up where he left off. Fortunately the prostate cancer was caught early - so please get checked or tell someone you know to get checked.

Spotlight on the Volunteers

Job well done to the United Irish Societies of San Francisco, under the leadership of *Diarmuid Philpott*, for organizing another wonderful St. Patrick's Day parade - **honoring Celtic Women**

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

> Please make any comments or corrections regarding information in this Membership Section to the UICC Membership Committee at uicc_membership@yahoo.com

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK SALE

The book sale of duplicate books on St. Patrick's Day was a huge success – thanks to the library's supporters and to a great group of volunteers who worked for months to get the books ready for sale. The profit was in excess of \$1200. If you were not able to attend the book sale but are interested in purchasing books, we are in the process of preparing a list of books still available for sale, which will be posted at the library and online.

PICTURE OF IRISH PIPERS BAND

Patricia D'Arcy has donated a wonderful picture of the Irish Pipers Band from the mid 1930s for display in the library. We are still trying to identify all the pipers. Stop by the library and check out the picture and see if you can help us identify them.

O'Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher and Upper Blackwater in Ireland. Albert Casey (ed.) Alabama: Knocknagree Historical Fund, 1952-1967. 13 volumes.

If you or your ancestors came from north-west Cork or east Kerry, the area known as Sliabh Luachra, you might want to check out Albert Casey's huge compilation of genealogical material from the area, which is in the library's collection. There are transcriptions of parish registers, reprints of Smith's histories of Cork and Kerry, a reprint of an edition of the Annals of the Four Masters, transcriptions of gravestone inscriptions, copies of marriage and death notices from newspapers and Casey's own speculations on the origins of the Celts and on the relationship of people on the west coast of Ireland to other European peoples. Although the book has its faults, it is an extremely valuable resource for anyone doing research about the Sliabh Luchra area. Prior to using the book for genealogical research, you should be prepared by reviewing the online index. For more information, there are several online sources including:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/caseydescription.html http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/casey.html





A Mad Hatter Tea Party for all ages!

Seating limited to 100. \$35 for adults and \$25 for children under 10.

For reservations and more information call Sally Cassidy at 415-665-0689 or Anne Cassidy Carew 650-359-5268

Public Meeting 'Great Hunger' Memorial Thursday, April 4, 2013, 7:00 PM

United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave, San Francisco

In Ireland, the Great Famine was a period of mass starvation, disease and emigration between 1845 and 1852. A public meeting will be held on the 4th April at the Cultural Center to establish a committee to drive forward the creation of a Hunger memorial in San Francisco.

The format of the meeting is as follows:

- A well known Historian will discuss the historical context of the 'Great Hunger' in Ireland.
- Margaret McPeake, PhD, will speak on the impact the Famine had on Irish America and examine a number of the current famine memorials in the US.
- We will elect a representative committee to drive the project forward.
- Music and light refreshments.



We encourage everyone who is interested to attend and participate in what should be a lively debate. Chífidh muid ansin sibh! - We'll see you there!

To register your attendance, please go to http://hungermemorialsanfrancisco.eventbrite.com

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

** SPECIAL OUTING - IRISH MOVIE EVENT **

in partnership with the San Francisco Irish Film Festival



A SELECTION OF IRISH SHORTS



Friday, April 12, 2013

Páirc na nGael Treasure Island, San Francisco

1.30 p.m. Buses leave from UICC 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

2.30 p.m. Movie Screening followed by tea, coffee and snacks

2.00 p.m. Arrive at Páirc na nGael, Treasure Island



Tickets - \$20 includes bus, movie ticket & refreshments

MUST RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

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

IRISH SENIOR CITIZEN OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, May 9, 2013

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

followed by lunch and Guest Speaker - TBD

** Time for a Book Swap!!!

If you have some books that you would like to swap out, please bring them along!

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

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Saturday, May 18, 2013

United Irish Cultural Center San Francisco, Ca.

No Host cocktails 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Dinner 7:30 P.M.

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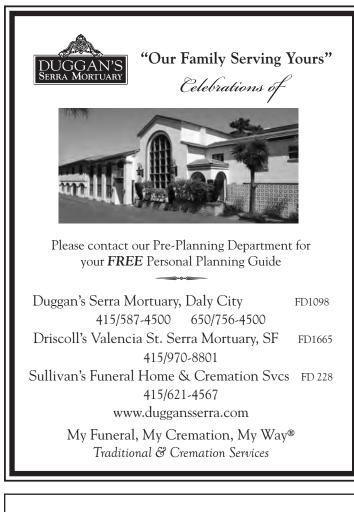
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The 54th Annual San Francisco Rose Selection and Oinner Oance Saturday, April 13th, 2013 United Irish Cultural Center **Come & Support our Rose Contestants!** 6 pm No host Cocktails ~ 7 pm Sharp! Dinner Adults \$75 ~ Children \$45



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