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Dear Members,

We are having a busy summer and the activities ahead for fall seem to be following in the same fashion. July saw a significant group of Irish cultural events sponsored by the solid partnership between the United Irish Cultural Center and the Irish Cultural Centre of California. A very popular Irish comedian, Brendan Grace made an appearance at the Center and the Festival of Lughnasa provided an incredible, enriching cultural experience for those who attended toward the end of the month. Your UICC and ICCC sponsored Irish Marvels Past and Present in bringing Irish artists Martin Byrne and Padraig Conway to northern California this summer to allow people to engage directly with their art. On July 27 and 28 the festivities included art workshops as well as lectures and traditional Irish music at the bar. Toward the very end of July, a mural walk in the Mission District of San Francisco was specially planned by Jo Coffey and Valerie McGrew to include San Francisco Irish history as well as the traditional Mission District murals. While non-UICC members paid a fee for participation, all events at the Irish Center and the mural walk were free of charge to UICC members.

**BOARD MESSAGE** 

Committee work has been critical to the effective functioning of our Center. Your Board of Directors will serve as mentors/guides to UICC Committees as follows: Caitie O'Shea - Communications Committee; Megan Cummins - Audit Committee; Bill Luque - Operations Committee; Mike Bowler - Building Committee; and John Tucker and Michael Leboeuf - Special Events and Promotions Committee.

All are invited to the UICC Members' Open House on September 8th from I-5 pm. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to see the Center with some new renovations, meet your Board of Directors, talk with representatives of Bay Area Irish Clubs and organizations, hear a variety of Irish music and enjoy the company of other Center members and some wonderful complementary food and beverage. Mark your calendars!

Your Board of Directors salutes all of our members who care so much about the Center and the future that we are all working together to assure for ourselves, our families and our Irish community in the Bay Area. Your Board considers it a privilege to be working with and for you!

In Unity,

Judith Kell, President

Your UICC Board of Directors

2012-2013 OFFICERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Caitie O'Shea Vice President

Michael Bowler Secretary

Megan Cummins Treasurer

Michael Leboeuf Bill Luqué Maria Shea (on leave) John Tucker

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#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our June 27 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes: Manny Cantana, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin, Pat & Eileen Sullivan, Barbara Reilly, Agnes Fee, Phyllis O'Connor, Jim & Alice Mayo, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Bill Luqué, Marie Gavney, DonnaJean McCarthy, Patricia O'Connor and for the May 23 Dinner: Harvey & Harvey Patrick Samson, Jim & Alice Mayo and Marie Gavney. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be September 26. The price is \$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 entree to be listed in September bulletin. 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, September 22. Invite your friends!

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

#### SILVER GAELS

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

#### 32/50 CLUB

#### The 32/50 Drawing for June 27, 2013

The winning combination was Michigan & Monaghan held by Peter Kierans for \$550

32/50 Club John/Joanne Buckley\* Terri Leonard 32/50 Club Tom/Anne Burke Marilyn/Alfred McCarthy 32/50 Club Cassidy/McAuliffe Bridget Mullen Tim/Christine/Heather Falvey 32/50 Club Edward/Mary Murphy 32/50 Club Jennifer Frost/John O'Keeffe Jen O'Connell Paoloa O'Riordan 32/50 Club Wm. Roger Gargano Larry Aherne/Joan McClain\* Margaret Gavney\* Patricia Quinn Edmond Hartnett Eric/Carmelle Reiser Thomas /Joe Aspell Eileen Kehoe Pat Birmingham James Robertson Lou Bronfeld Helen Kelly Clare M. Ryan Edmond Browne

#### 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) 66I-2700, ext. 305.

### The Center will be closed for clean-up!

From Tuesday, August 13 through Monday, August 26th

Come and volunteer to spruce up YOUR Center!

The Center will be open for business as usual on Tuesday, August 27th

The office will remain open while the Center is closed.



#### AUGUST CALENDAR

- AUGUST 4, SUNDAY
  - Poetry Workshop ~ Ipm ~ UICC Boardroom Contact Sean Casey 415/668-0102 or irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com
- AUGUST 8, THURSDAY
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/68I-4803
- AUGUST 13, TUESDAY AUGUST 26, MONDAY
  - UICC CLOSED for Annual Cleaning
- AUGUST 18, SUNDAY
  - Poetry Workshop ~ Field Trip
     Contact Sean Casey 415/668-0102 or irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com
- AUGUST 29, THURSDAY
  - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

RESUMING IN SEPTEMBER
CHILDREN'S Music Classes & Adult
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RESUMING IN OCTOBER

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

For more information contact Josephine Brogan at 415/681-4803
or email josephinebrogan@yahoo.com
\*Pre-registration AND Payment are required to secure a place in class.
Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas

49ER BOOSTER CLUB will be having their dinners at the UICC in September, October and November and always have a player join them! For info call Sue Hoffman 415/665-4483.

### DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER 2013 BULLETIN is AUGUST 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

THERE WILL BE NO MUSIC AT THE

BAR IN AUGUST. MUSIC RESUMES ON THE FIRST

AND THIRD SATURDAYS'S STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

#### Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, September 8
Members Day for all UICC Members

Thursday, September 12
Irish Mex Dinner

Friday, September 13
Connaught Night in the Dining Room
Music - Kevin Roche

Friday, September 20
Cork Night in the Dining Room
Music - Christy O'Connell

Friday-Sunday, September 27 – 29
Irish Immersion Weekend

Sunday, September 29
The Irish Literary & Historical Society

Sunday, October 13 ICCC hosting a Book Review

Saturday, October 19 Connaught Dinner Dance

Sunday, November 17 Members Mass

Saturday December 7
Cork Club Dinner Dance

Sunday December 8
Comhaltas Christmas Ceili
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#### MEMBERSHIP CORNER



#### Festival of Lughnasa

An ancient Gaelic festival celebrating the beginning of the Harvest season, it is still celebrated in parts of *Ireland in early August with dancing & bonfires* 

NEW: James Michael Deignan, Mary Ellen Deignan, Mary Ellen Magee

TRANSFER: Sabrina Barr, Martin Halloran

DECEASED: Peter Ryan RIP

Congratulations to the SF Irish Pipers Band for taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at the Scottish Games in Monterey! Well Done!

Don't forget member appreciation day at the UICC on September 8!



## Spotlight on the Volunteers

Very well done to *Jo Coffey* and her Irish Marvels Group who did such a great job organizing the Carved In Stone Program, including the Festival of Lughnasa at the UICC.

#### \*\*NOTICE TO DUES PAYING MEMBERS\*\*

By August 1, all members that paid membership dues received a formal letter of receipt. This letter is meant to confirm that payment was applied to your membership record. Please review the upper right side of letter for accuracy:

Payment received: \$	*Payment that UICC received for your membership record.
Payment applied to 2013/14: \$_	*Payment applied based on your dues statement.
Balance applied to 2014/15: \$	*If you overpaid, this is the amount applied to
next vear's dues.	

If you did not receive a letter confirming receipt of payment, please send copy of canceled check or copy of credit card statement to Membership so that we may investigate.

Calling on all members-old & new- to send in your comments and suggestions for making the Center an even better place at <u>UICCcomments@gmail.com</u> email. It is a great member resource. And don't forget to check out the UICC Facebook page and website for up to date information.

Please tell us what you and your family are doing. Send your news for inclusion in next month's newsletter 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.

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

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#### United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.



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There is no General Meeting this month.

## United Irish Cultural Center Invites you to our

## Open House Cultural Centre of California

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(415) 661-2700

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