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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

It is a pleasure to "talk" with you through the UICC Bulletin and wish each of you the best holiday season ever.

Your Center is glowing with holiday spirit and your Board of Directors is working diligently to maintain and improve the Center for all of our members while watching the monetary "bottom line". In the last Bulletin, I put out the call for more volunteers and wish to reiterate it at this time. We are in particular need of a host/hostess to help us with seating for Friday lunch and Sunday brunch in the dining room. Just a couple of hours a week to "meet/greet and seat" for either (or both days) would be helpful for our Center's ambiance and can be of untold benefit to the volunteer, too.

Mr. John Buckley has come forward to chair the Brick Campaign and we will be "up and operating" on bricks very soon. They do make a wonderful gift item for the holidays as well. Call the Center for details. The United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) and the Irish Cultural Center of Californian (ICCC) (our beloved Foundation) are combining forces to raise funds for scholarships, the library and the general fund of the Foundation as we move into December and the New Year. The United Irish Cultural Center Board of Directors has voted to give the two roundtrip tickets to Ireland (so generously given to the Center by Aer Lingus) to the ICCC for fund-raising. We are thrilled to have these round trip tickets as a centerpiece for a future event and raffle by the ICCC. New ICCC Officers, John Gallagher and James Dierke along with the critical scholarship focus of Peggy Nevin continue to work on behalf of our community.

I brought my family to celebrate Thanksgiving at the Center's dining room this year. All 20 of us enjoyed the incredible food, drink (!), and ambiance that is so home-like in the UICC's dining room. I wish you could all have joined us. There was a good crowd in attendance for both Thanksgiving seatings.

Here is an open invitation to all for the Christmas holiday. Our holiday centerpiece at the Center will be our "Christmas in Ireland" presentation to benefit the ICCC on the evening of December 21st. The show is directly from rave reviews in Ireland and will warm the hearts of all who attend. All who come to the show will receive complementary raffle tickets for one-of-a-kind prizes. Tickets will be available at the Center Tuesday through Sunday or, you can reserve your tickets by emailing me (judithkell@aol.com). This is our marvelous opportunity to get together as an Irish community and celebrate our wonderful Irish heritage at holiday time.

An Irish Christmas tradition is the placing of a lighted candle in the window of a house. The candle, originally a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph as they traveled looking for shelter, has come to symbolize a warm welcome within. Please know that a lit candle is figuratively in ALL of our Center windows. Let's celebrate this wonderful season as an Irish community together. See you all for an Irish Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 21st.

With Every Good Wish for a Wonderful Christmas Holiday,

Judith Kell, President

UICC Board of Directors

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

2012–2013 OFFICERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Judith Kell President

Caitie O'Shea Vice President

Michael Bowler Secretary

Megan Cummins Treasurer

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

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our November 21 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes at the Dinner: Donnajean Carter-McCarthy, Patricia O'Connor, Bill Luqué, Jim & Alice Mayo, Pat & Eileen O'Sullivan and Barbara O'Reilly. There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in December. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be January 17, 2014. *Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!*

- Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

SILVER GAELS

Friday, December 6 is the date for our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. The Annual Christmas Dinner Party will be held on December 8. No-host cocktails 5:30pm and Dinner 6pm.

The Silver Gaels will now be the sponsor of this annual Christmas Party originally sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Call Maureen Hickey at 650/375-0277 or Phyllis O'Connor at 650/878-5986

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for October 24, 2013

The winning combination was Utah & Armagh held by Bethel Rogers for \$550

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- John & Mary Baireuther John Callan* Shirley Fitzgerald Leo Mullin Irish Piper* Jack Kavanagh RoseMary Kennedy John Kerrigan

Nicole & Karen Kinahan John & Leone King Tim & Kathleen Manning* Joan McClain* Christian Mibach* Margaret Gavney Frances Murphy Margaret Nevin* Nicky O'Brien John S. O'Keeffe* Nora O'Sullivan Fintan & Shane Reidy Thomas Stewart Mary C. Taylor Kathleen Hurley/Mary Cummins

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.



DO YOU NEED A GREAT GIFT IDEA? Give a 32/50 combination for Christmas!



And you can support the UICC at the same time.

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If you would like more information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661-2700, ext.305, or Bill Luqué at (415) 552-9620. See application and available combinations within this bulletin.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

DECEMBER I, SUNDAY

• Poetry Workshop ~ Ipm ~ UICC Boardroom Contact Sean Casey 415/668-0102 or irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com

DECEMBER 6, FRIDAY

• Glens 3rd Annual Gala Dinner Call Leo Cassidy at 415/244-1202 or John McCormack at 415/706-4181

DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past and Present Study Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm ~ UICC Board Room Everyone welcome. For more information call Jo Coffey 415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com
- Rebel Cork Dinner Dance See Ad

DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY

- Silver Gaels Christmas Dinner Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm Call the Center for reservations
- Christmas Ceili ~ 7:00pm 10:00pm with Miliosa and Richard Lundy & Friends Adults \$10 - Children FREE www.sfccewest.org For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

DECEMBER 10, TUESDAY

• **49er Booster Club** Dinner and meet and greet a 49er! For info call Sue Hoffman 415/665-4483.

DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY

- IIPC Senior Mass and Lunch ~ See Ad
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY

• Join the UICC, the IIPC and the GAA for a Christmas Party with Santa 11:00am - 3:00pm RSVP communitychristmasevent.eventbrite.com or call Natasha 415/752-6006 *See Ad*

DECEMBER 19, THURSDAY

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

- DECEMBER 20, FRIDAY
- IIPC Celtic Voices ~ See Ad

DECEMBER 21, SATURDAY

• Christmastime in Ireland! Show starts at 8:00pm. Tickets available at Main Bar of UICC

DECEMBER 22, SUNDAY

• Come to the Center & Decorate Christmas cookies! We'll provide the cookies and decorations, you decorate! ~ Noon Call the Center for all the details 415/661-2700

DECEMBER 24, TUESDAY THROUGH DECEMBER 26, THURSDAY

• The UICC will be closed.

DECEMBER 27, FRIDAY

• The UICC will be open for business

MUSIC IN DECEMBER





Rusty Evans & Ring of Fire Band

Saturday December 15

Ceri Garfield and Fiddle & Tin Whistle students perform at Main Bar at 3:00pm

Saturday December 21 Shards of Green

San Francisco Rose of Tralee Selection Ball 2014 CALLING ALL YOUNG WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-24 INTERESTED IN BECOMING OUR 2014 ROSE OF TRALEE

Contact the UICC for all information.

DEADLINE for JANUARY 2014 BULLETIN is DECEMBER 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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER



may the JOY AND PEACE OF THIS HOLY SEASON BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Welcome to New Members: Patricia Aramendia, Alison Beahan, Geralyn Hayes-Forghani, Fiona Tolley, David A Vasheresse, Charles D Wedge

Heartfelt condolences to the Families of: John (Jack) Curtin, Mary Reidy RIP

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Proud Grandmother **Rose O'Connor** tells us that **Eilise O'Connor**, daughter of **Michael & Katie O'Connor**, will be playing Basketball with her team from the UMKC at USF December 18 at 7:00 pm. and December 21 at San Jose State at 2:00 pm. It will be the last chance to see her play with her team.

The family of **Carmel Chaney**, who passed away on August 25th, 2013, sent us this lovely note. "Joe and family would like to most sincerely thank all Carmel's relatives and friends for the support and help given to us during the very sad loss of our beloved wife and mother. Without a doubt, the time would have been a lot more difficult but for the generosity and support given to us by family and wonderful friends. Very big thank you to all who attended the Removal, the Funeral, sent cards or offered sympathy. Special thanks to the United Irish Cultural Center and Duggan's Serra Mortuary for providing wonderful services. There were so many, we apologize if we did not get a chance to thank you in person. —The Chaney Family."

November 17 we celebrated the annual mass for our Deceased Members. There are **10 extra booklets** (listing our deceased members). If you'd like us to send you a booklet, please forward <u>3 First Class US Post stamps</u>. First come, first served.



Check out the lovely new cabinets that grace the entrance hallway at the Center-thanks to the generosity of the Glens and fine work of **Martin Falvey**.

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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A FESTIVE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR KIDS & FAMILIES!

SUNDAY December 15, 2013

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AND MORE FUN ACTIVITES FOR ALL AGES

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ADVANCE EXCEPTION REQUIRED WWW.COMMONTPUCHEISTEASEVENTENTEETTE.COM





Irish Cultural Centre of California Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program

282 scholarships have been awarded since 1994!

Give a gift of Irish Culture this year by making a tax-deductible donation to the ICCC Scholarship Program, benefitting local 8th Graders and High School Seniors entering their next level of education.

Please help us continue this rewarding program. Any & All donation amounts are greatly appreciated!

All donations are: 100% tax deductible via the ICCC 501(c)3 non-profit status.

• Make checks payable to ICCC, and mail to:

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> Irish Cultural Centre of CA Attn: Scholarship Program 2700 – 45th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116

• Donations are also accepted by credit card and PayPal on our website: www.icccsf.org

For further information: call Peggy Nevin – 415.305.2754 or email: donations@icccsf.org



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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 Bernadette Kennedy - Administrator to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy_a complimentary lunch



800-826-5550

2200 Powell Street, Suite 1080 Emeryville, CA 94608



A Journey in Dreamtime

In January of 2014, the UICC will begin offering a workshop for members and non-members in the study and exploration of their dreams. The Irish have always had a long tradition of acknowledging the influence of dreams, of the insight, magic and mystery that is available to us all.

Sean Casey will facilitate this group, which will meet at 12:30pm to 2:30pm on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of each month, in the boardroom. Sean has taught dream interpretation and traditional knowledge in Europe and the USA for many years.

Over the course of 8 meetings, Sean will share his experience of the ways dreams can manifest in our (sub)conscious mind, and the different levels on which they can be understood, not only psychologically, but also from the perspective of other cultures around the world. Participants will be encouraged to explore their own dreams from a variety of angles, in a confidential environment.

The cost of this workshop for the 8 weeks will be a one time charge of \$16.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. Space is limited, so if you wish to join this group, please call Sean Casey at 415-668-0102, or email him at: turas.aisling@gmail.com



Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Boru 52nd Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 1, 2014 United Irish Cultural Center

Honoring **Tommy O'Connor** Kerry Person of the Year

Reservations

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

The UICCTHANKS THE GLENS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION!

Leo Cassidy & John McCormack, from the San Francisco Glens Soccer Club, in partnership with the United Irish Cultural Center, spearheaded a generous donation of funds to build an elegant display case in the entrance hallway of the UICC. This most welcome addition to the Center is a finely constructed display case built of mahogany and glass with lighting to illuminate the displays.

The Glens' very generous donation funded the building of the display cases along with a crew who worked with Martin Falvey, from the UICC's Building Committee. Leo Cassidy was very complimentary of the contributions of Martin Falvey, who brought his years of experience as a carpenter and contractor in designing and implementing the plans for the cases. Two of the cases, which will house the Glens' State trophy cups, Hall of Fame, memorabilia and photographs. The other two cases will display memorabilia from the UICC, its Clubs and the Patrick Dowling Library. The purpose of these displays is to honor the valuable contributions to the UICC of past & present volunteers, and to look to the bright future of the United Irish Cultural Center.

The San Francisco Glens was founded in 1961 by Dr. Michael McFadden, and is a non-profit organization with about 2000 members. A fast growing and vibrant soccer club, the Glens have 32 teams and provides young people, 6-18 years of age, with an arena in which to play the game, learn and develop their skills at all levels and at a very affordable price.

The Glens hope to make their home at the Center and will be celebrating their 3rd Annual Gala dinner on December 6th. They will officially unveil the cases at the Gala, which is being held at the United Irish Cultural Center and invite UICC members and friends to join in the celebration.

Collaborating with the Irish clubs and other organizations in the community-whether it is with projects like this, providing music on a Saturday night, supporting the dining room, etc., the Center can preserve its wonderful past and look to a bright future.

32/50 COMBINATIONS

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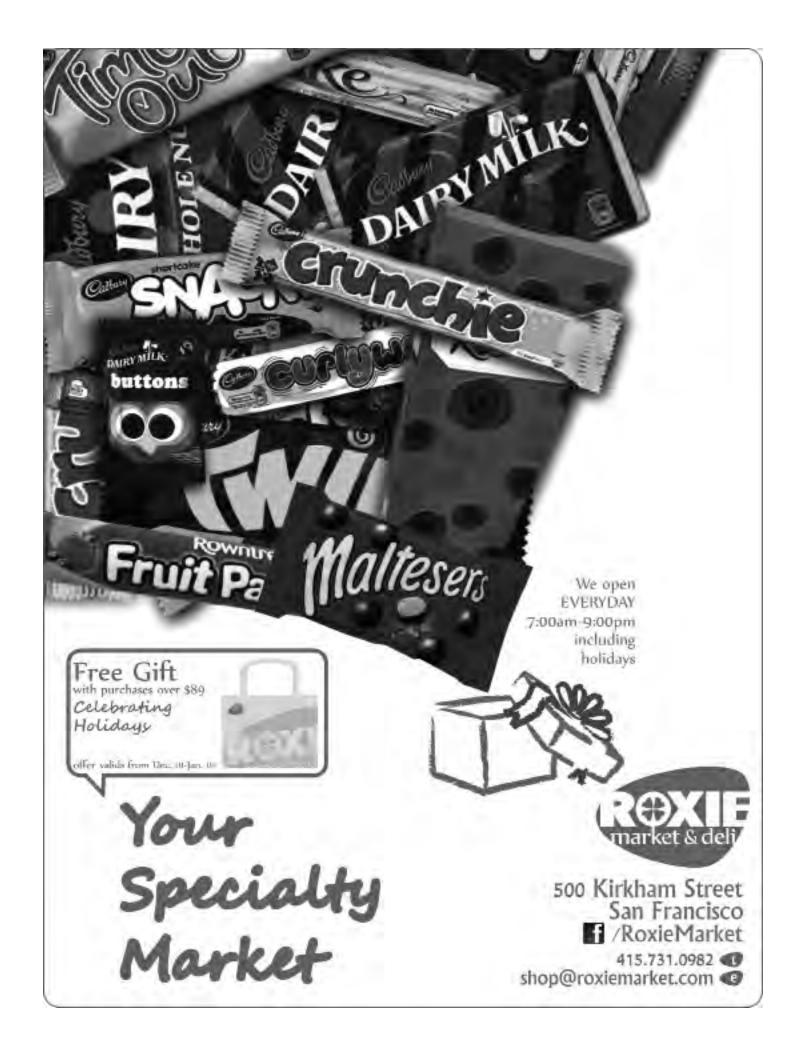
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United Irish Cultural Center, Inc. 32/50 Application

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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 **2014/2015** membership year is now open. Mail requests to the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Requests will be filled as soon as possible.

Members of the **2013/2014** Club will receive a renewal notice in the mail. The renewal period for current memberships runs through **April 2014**.

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.

United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.



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There is no General Meeting this month.

Mark Your Calendar!

December 31, 2013 ~ Ring in the New Year at the Center Call the Center for reservations
January 12, 2014 ~ Columban Fathers Dinner
January 25, 2014 ~ Rose of Tralee 2014 Selection
February 1, 2014 ~ Kerry Dinner Dance
February 28, 2014 ~ Grand Marshal Dinner
March 15, 2014 ~ St. Patrick's Day Parade followed by the UICC Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner