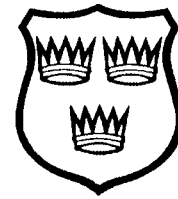




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

In the past few weeks, our incredible volunteer Building Committee (Martin Falvey, Jerry Cassidy, and John Manning) has worked to replace the heavy "waiting for an accident to happen" doors to the Members Room at the Center. Through the careful craftsmanship and expert skills of these men, we have a beautiful pair of lighter doors, carefully installed to last for years to come. I find these doors to be a symbol for all of us who are privileged to be a part of what has been called the "Godsend" that is the United Irish Cultural Center. As these Members' Room doors make for needed change and improvement, so are other "doors" opening for us all.

To begin, the incredible front page story about the Center, its history, and its needs highlighted on the front page of the February edition of the Irish Herald told the Center's story to the wide Irish community. Editor Seán Caniniffe's words in the comment section of the article, "If we act now and do our part we can honor the work of literally thousands of our own people over the last four decades and ensure that the Center can thrive and support us for generations to come" are essentially the heartfelt thrust of the feeling behind the dues drive and the maintenance and updating of the Center for all members. Many of you have responded and even though the dues drive officially opens on April 1st, we have received countless dues payments for the April 2013-April 2014 initial year. That door is open!

During the past months, your Board of Directors has found that there is a serious need for updating the UICC Bylaws. This letter in the March Bulletin (which is mailed to all members) is intended to serve notice to all members of the proposed bylaws updates. The bylaws (with indicated updates) will be available to those interested beginning on March 1st in the UICC Library and in the Office. Your Board has spent many sessions fine-tuning the bylaws and we will be spending the whole of our March General Membership Meeting (March 28th) going over the proposed updates. The April 25th General Membership Meeting is designated for the vote on bylaws amendments. Another door is opening!

Lastly, we look at the festivities surrounding the Saint Patrick's Day celebration. UICC member, and San Francisco Fire Department Chief, Joanne Hayes White will be honored as the Saint Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal. Margaret Keohane and Louis Roche who have gone before and contributed mightily to the UICC and the Irish community are the Parade's designated Honorary Grand Marshals. What a beautiful way to mark both the present and the past as we look to the future of the Irish community in the Bay Area. Opening this "door" is significant for our community's past, present and future!

The Board of Directors and I are blessed to be working with you at this very important time. There are only a small number of cities anywhere in the United States that have a place like our Center. We will honor the dedication and incredible efforts of those who have gone before, maintain and treasure what we have, and together will build an even stronger Center for our future.

In respect for the past, appreciation of the present, and in unity for the future,

Judith M. Kell, *President*

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2013 ~ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on March 28. 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 Corned Beef or Parmesan Crusted Filet of Sole. 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, March 24. Invite your friends!

REMEMBER: General Meeting will be after dinner.

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

SILVER GAELS

There will be no Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing in March due to the St. Patrick Day events.

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.



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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The 54th Annual San Francisco Rose Selection and Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 13th, 2013
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Applications for Rose of Tralee candidates and Rosebuds
are available on the UICC website, the office and at the bar.



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MARCH CALENDAR

■ MARCH 1, FRIDAY

- Grand Marshal Dinner

■ MARCH 2, SATURDAY

- Comedy Night with Ardal O'Hanlon

For info call the Center 415/661-2700

Doors open at 7 pm

■ MARCH 10, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society Banquet ~ 6 pm

Paul Whitworth, actor and UC Santa Cruz Professor of Theater Arts will deliver a dramatic presentation from Irish literature. Entertainment by provided by Pamela Alexander, Celtic Harpist, and acclaimed singers Esther Mulligan and John Ilyin accompanied by harpist Diana Rowan. \$55 per perso
Call for reservations Eileen Kivlehan 415/681-2078 or Brian Whitty 415/925-9015

■ MARCH 14, THURSDAY

- Irish Immigration Pastoral Center - Outreach Mass @ Noon followed by Tony Bucher, President of Irish Literary & Historical Society presentation on the history of the St. Patricks' Day Parade in San Francisco. *See Ad*

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

■ MARCH 15, FRIDAY

- Irish Celebration in honor of St. Patirck's Day with Kathy Holly and the gang. Live music! Great food!
Contact Kathy for reservations 415/269-8699

■ MARCH 16, SATURDAY

- St. Patrick's Mass - 9 am
- Parade Day!

Parade starts at 2nd and Market and winds its way down Market Street to City Hall. The UICC/ICCC will have a booth so please stop by and check it out! After the parade, come back to the UICC for the annual Ladies Auxiliary Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. Dancers, pipers, music! Come and join the fun!

■ MARCH 17, SUNDAY

- Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone!
UICC and Java Beach at the Zoo present:
Green Fest Block Party! on 45th Avenue at Sloat Sunday, March 17th - 11am - 4pm
Celebrate with Irish Bands & Irish Dancing, Face Painting and lots more!
Come out and join us for this great family event!

■ MARCH 21, THURSDAY

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

MUSIC IN MARCH



Saturday March 2 Pat Hamilton

Saturday March 16 Christy O'Connell ~ 3 pm - 7 pm
Shards of Green ~ 7:30 pm - 12:30 am

Sunday March 17 Pat Hamilton ~ 11 am - 3 pm
Kevin Roche ~ 3 pm - 7 pm
Shards of Green ~ 8 pm - 12 am

■ MARCH 24, SUNDAY

- St. Patrick's Ceili ~ 7:00 pm -10:00 pm

Live traditional Irish music
Adults \$10 and Children FREE

- Hillary Flynn and the Cross Roads ~ 1 pm-5 pm
Continue their oral history and storytelling event
- Calling all Roses & Rosebuds!
Rose of Tralee Orientation

■ MARCH 28 , THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 6 pm
No-host cocktails 5:30 pm and dinner 6 pm
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

■ MARCH 29, FRIDAY

- The UICC will be closed in observance of Good Friday

■ MARCH 31, SUNDAY

- Happy Easter to one and all!
Come out and join us for our Annual Easter Brunch.
Reservations encouraged. Please call the center 415/661-2700 for reservations. Brunch starts at 10 am.

Mark Your Calendar! June 2



A magical afternoon to support our Library
It's a mad hatter and tea party.
Bring your daughter, granddaughter, yourself!

DEADLINE for APRIL 2013 BULLETIN is MARCH 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700.
If you have specific questions contact Adrienne Verreos
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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh

Welcome to NEW Members: *Michael Anderer* and *Karin McClelland*

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: *Catherine Lynch-Gray* and *Alanna O'Sullivan*

Heartfelt condolences to the families of: *Catherine Murphy, John Reidy*
and *James Thomas Sweeney RIP*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On February 10, members of the UICC and friends gathered together in the members' room for a very enjoyable afternoon to read poetry - *Kathy Gilbert, the featured poet, & Sean Casey* each read their original works while several of us including *Christine Creighton, Tom Cummins, Maureen Dowling, Patty Dowling, Valerie McGrew, Caitie O'Shea* read excerpts from our favorite poets followed by more poetry reading and conversation in the bar. Kathy & Sean are planning on organizing a series of readings—you won't want to miss them!

Thank you to member, *RoseMary Kennedy*, for the outstanding presentation during the first Genealogy class at UICC. RoseMary is not only a member but a tech with the National Archives. Her personalized touch made the class that much more entertaining and educational. The National Archives offers a range of Genealogy classes and if you're interested, please go to: www.nara.gov/regional

And a big Thank You to *Valerie McGrew* for her tireless efforts organizing and coordinating the Genealogy class.

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



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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013

GRAND MARSHAL DINNER

7 PM No Host Cocktails 8 PM Dinner \$75 per person

United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013

HONORING COMMODORE JOHN BARRY

10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME

4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2013

2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

10:00 AM FLAG RAISING

City Hall Rotunda

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013

9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

10:00 AM MASS

Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013

2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME

1 Thomas More Way

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Auxiliary Bishop W. Justice

Reception in Parish Hall

St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM IRISH FESTIVAL

Civic Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2013

FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY

10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM

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Questions and information call Margaret McAuliffe 415/334-7212

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for December 2012

The winning combination was West Virginia & Sligo held by Patricia Jenkins for \$550

32/50 Club	Thomas (Ted) Hayes	Patricia Rames
James Ahern	Dave Kehoe	Betty Shanahan*
Maura Baglin	Michael Keohane	Matthew Shanley
Jane Brady	Margaret McDonald	Tony Sheehan
P & R Buran	Michael McHugh	Joseph Sullivan
R.W./Evelyn Burkart	Margaret McLaughlin	Sarah Sweeney
Molly/Anne Burke	McLoughlin Family	Sarah Sweeney
Dermot Casey	Noreen Murphy	Sarah Sweeney
Jeremiah Cronin	John S. O'Keeffe*	William/Alana Wakefield
Thomas J. Cunnane	Joseph O'Leary*	
Gerard/Margaret Gavney*	Julia Purcell	

The 32/50 Drawing for January 24, 2013

The winning combination was New Jersey & Monaghan held by Margaret Gavney for \$550

32/50 Club	Brenda Hickey	Joe & Karen Slane
32/50 Club	Donald Isaacs	Daniel & Maire Spiers
32/50 Club	Jenna Rose Keohane	Geraldine Stayart
32/50 Club	Martin Kiernan King	Denise Sullivan
Mark & Anne Burke	James/Margaret McAuliffe	Patricia A. Welsh
Frances Callan	Kathleen Mooney	Katherine Scanlon/Nicholas Culhane
Div. #2 LAOH, SF	Kathleen & Peggy Mylett*	Stephen Murphy/William Luqué*
John Egan	Frank & Lois Noonan	Jeremiah & Margaret Cronin
Meghan Elsbernd	Catherine O'Grady	John & Arnette Craig/Joan McClain
Mark & Eileen Foti	John S. O'Keeffe*	
Richard Gogan	Elizabeth M. Price	

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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, March 14, 2013



United Irish Cultural Center
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass

celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

The History of St. Patrick's Day Parade

Tony Bucher, President of the Irish Literary and Historical Society will give us a wonderful presentation on the history of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco!

Tony will also have a slide show of past parades - will your photograph be on the screen?!

Tickets - \$20 RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910 Email: info@sfiipc.org

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IRISH-AMERICAN STORIES WORKSHOP: Creating Narratives from Family Records

The Friends of the Patrick J. Dowling Library is partnering with Irish Crossroads to explore Irish American stories with this facilitated workshop by Margaret Cooley, author and educator. Sometimes all we have left of our ancestors is a photograph, a marriage record or a Mass card. Margaret Cooley will give a talk and teach a workshop on how she began without any records, stories or photographs and found enough information to recreate a family story and write a book, *The McQueenys: From Ireland to America*. Participants may bring a family photograph or record and will have an opportunity to access ancestry records at the workshop. Margaret will assist participants in using vital records and photographs to begin to tell their family stories and make their own books.

Cost: \$20 for workshop materials including the book (no one turned away for lack of funds)

Date: March 23, 2013 Time: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Location: Patrick J. Dowling Library

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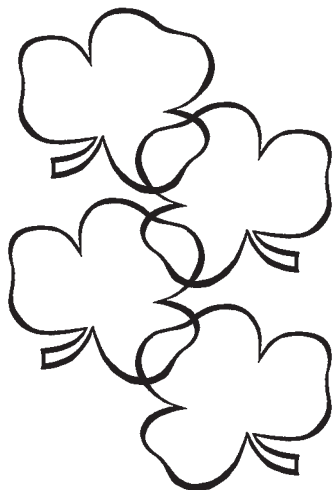


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