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UNITED IBISH CULTUBAL CENTER

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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

May is a wonderful month. The prospect of good weather is in the air, summer is around the corner, and Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Graduations are awaiting celebration! With Mother's Day and Father's day occurring in succession, I remember asking my mother, "When is Children's Day?" Her response was, "Everyday is Children's Day!" And, in that spirit, the children of this generation and the next can begin to be sure that our beloved Irish Cultural Center will be here to carry on its mission of Irish culture thanks to the incredible response that we have received for active membership (with accompanying dues payment). By now, you have all received your particular membership information. Welcome to all members old and new. We have a wonderful set of activities planned at the Center; your Board is very excited about the new resources available to the Center. Let's keep the ball rolling. Please send in your membership dues (and current information regarding you and your family) soon if you have not already done so.

Every day brings a new feeling with it in regard to the current renewal of our Center. I had the pleasure of introducing Mary Robinson (former President of Ireland) who was signing her new book, *Everybody Matters: My Life Giving Voice*, at the Book Passages Bookstore. Since President Robinson was a bit delayed in her arrival, I was asked to fill in for the audience of 300 with some information about the UICC. After 25 minutes of Center information (accompanied by some stories and jokes – one participant asked if I could repeat one of Tom Clune's jokes) I can honestly say that all seem to be better informed about our Center's history and activities. Many approached me afterward with more focused questions and Mary Robinson herself attested to the fact that she remembered being at the UICC in the past. What a wonderful opportunity to meet such an incredible woman passionate about the inequality and poverty throughout the world!

The month of May is said to bring flowers, but, in addition to the flowers, we are pleased to have an emphasis on poetry. We are looking forward to a Poetry Workshop presented by Sean Casey, noted poet and author. There will also be a poetry reading and open microphone session facilitated by Kathy Gilbert at which Sean will read selected poems from his recently-released book, Earthrise.

The Rose of Tralee dinner was celebrated at the Center despite the challenges of timing put upon the committee. Next year, the Rose Dinner and Celebration will occur in January. Special thanks to Jack Curtin who has presented the Center with an incredible set of Rose of Tralee Programs dating from the origin of the celebration at the Center. A couple of events occurring early in June are worth noting. An incredible dinner/dance will occur June Ist with a first-rate impersonator whom many of us have seen before. Manny's show is a standout! Another event for early ticket purchase is the Mad Hatter Tea Party. This delightful afternoon will be a cherished memory for many. I have my tickets for both already!

All are invited to come to the May General Membership Meeting during which the past year will be reviewed and a critical strategic plan for Center sustainability and growth will be presented. (As always, a wonderful "Thursday Night Dinner" will precede the meeting.) Your Board is privileged to serve the Center and is making great strides to assure that it lives on and thrives for generations to come.

In Unity, Judith M. Kell, *President*, Board of Directors

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our March 28 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes at the February Dinner: Mike & Josephine McLoughlin, Mitzi Samson, Bill Luqué, Agnes Fee, Sally Mulkerrins, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Pat & Eileen Sullivan, Marie Gavney and Jack O'Keeffe and to those who donated at the March Dinner: Mitzi Samson, Dorothy & John Sorenson, Marie Gavney, Bill Luqué, Alice & Jim Mayo, Gertie Kyne, Teresa McDonagh and Barbara Reilly. The next Thursday Night Dinner will be on May 23. **The price is now \$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 Ham and 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, May 19. Invite your friends!

SILVER GAELS

Friday May 17 will be our next date for our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing at 12:30 pm. All are welcome.



Our 2013 San Francisco Rose

Fiona Colley

Fiona is 19 and a student at San Francisco State University where she is studying Apparel design and Merchandising and aspires to work in London fashion industry. She is the first in her family to be born here in the United States. Fiona grew up in Los Gatos, California and graduated from Los Gatos High School. In high school she was President of the Choir and participated in the musicals. Fiona took fashion for two years and organized a fashion show which she debuted and modeled her own line. She was the student representative on the board for her local community theater and volunteered there.

Fiona has been Irish Dancing with The Kennelly School: now Whelan - Kennelly Academy, since she was four. She is an active competitor and enjoys doing many dance performances such as the South End Rowing Club, the UICC, The Mark Hopkins Hotel and with the Chieftains. Fiona's Mother Ursula is from Dublin and she enjoys visiting her family there yearly.

We wish Fiona all the best in Ireland and we know she will do us proud.

Our Rose and her mother Ursula Tolley



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MAY CALENDAR

MAY 4, 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

MAY 8, WEDNESDAY

• ICCC Scholarship Awards Night ~ 6:30pm Contact Peggy Nevin for info 415/305-2754

MAY 9, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass and Luncheon ~ See Ad For info call Natasha 415/752-6006
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

MAY 12, SUNDAY

• Mother's Day - See Ad

MAY 16, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803
- MAY 18, SATURDAY
 - Emerald Society Annual Awards Dinner Dance ~ See Ad For info call Jennifer Dixon 415/613-8360

MAY 19, SUNDAY

- Sean Casey ~ Poetry Reading & Open Mic ~ 3:00pm
- The Irish Literary & Historical Society 5pm ~ Saint Francis Room
 welcomes Professor Catherine Flynn, Assistant Professor of English at UC Berkeley. She will discuss the satirical columns of author Flann O'Brien in a lecture titled: "Put Molotoff bread-basket into Irish, please": Flann O'Brien, the Irish Times and the Blitz".
 ILHS members free, \$5 visitors For more information

visit www.ILHSsf.org or call 650-235-6862

MAY 23, 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
- MAY 26, SUNDAY
 - 32/50 Annual Drawing & Luncheon ~ See Ad
- MAY 27, MONDAY

• We wish everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day

MAY 30, THURSDAY

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

MUSIC IN MAY

Saturday May 4 Rusty Evans and the Ring of Fire Band

Saturday May 18 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Dancing

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, June 1, 2013

Elvis - Manny's Way - See Ad

Saturday, June 22, 2013

UICC Membership Appreciation Night

@ the Bar - 8pm featuring music from Irish Singer/Songwriter *Mundy* "Galway Girl" and local band *The Shams*

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• fax: 415/468-3549 • email: falconassoc@earthlink.net



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



Mothers hold their child's hand for a moment and their heart for a lifetime." Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, aunts and all women who love us as mothers do.

Welcome to NEW Members: Joseph Adams, Michael G Anderer, Michael Barnacle, Helen Carolan, Norma Dahnken, Philip Dahnken, William Edward Farnsler, Ellen Flanagan, Kathleen Gilbert, Vincent Guinnane, Che C Heron, Robert J Jenkins, Michael Loughran, Bill Magee, Trish Magee, Karin L McClelland-Anderer, Katrina McHugh, Lauren McHugh, Michael McHugh, Paulette McHugh, Mark F Mulholland, Catherine J Phillips, Claire Raftery, Marianne Strange

Welcome to TRANSFER Members: Joycelyn T Duffy, Catherine Gray, Margarite Morch, Cecilia Jennifer Pickerrell, Stephanie Siaris, Robert Wheeler

Deceased Members: Edward McEntee, Mary Murphy RIP

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

It's been great reading the memories/comments from those that have been sending in their membership dues:

Patsy Brichta wrote in saying she fondly remembers playing guitar at UICC with many groups, including Martin Lalor and Stealaway (with Margaret Dillon). Thank you all for many, many memorable evenings. Continued success...

Thank you for all your efforts to keep the UICC vital.

We support your efforts to collect dues to continue operations, maintenance and facility improvements. We are grateful for the years of memories -- UICC has been a centerpiece of our lives and we are proud to be members.



A big thanks to two published poets & members of the UICC who are offering new programming at the Center-*Kathy Gilbert* who is facilitating the May open mic poetry reading and *Sean Casey* who is conducting a series of 8 poetry workshops starting in May. Please consider sharing your talents with other members of the UICC by organizing a similar program.

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

> 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 Luncheon

The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 1:00 pm. The final drawing for 2012 and the first drawing for 2013 will be held. A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded for each drawing at the luncheon. You do not need to be present to win.

Doors open at 12 noon. Price \$25 per person

MENU Potato Leek Soup Choice of entrée: Chicken Pomodoro or Shrimp Louie Dessert Wine

All reservations must be in no later than May 15, 2013. NO reservations may be made at the door.

For any questions please call Bill Luqué at (415) 552-9620.

No reserved seating. All tickets must be paid in advance. No Exceptions!

Reservation Form:

Make check payable to: 32/50 Club and mail to:

> 32/50 Club 2700 - 45th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116

Name: _

Number of reservations: _____ @\$25.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Number of Pomodoro _____ Number of Shrimp Louie _____

PICK UP TICKETS AT ENTRANCE

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for March 28, 2013

The winning combination was Colorado and Westmeath held by the William Luqué for \$550

32/50 Club 32/50 Club Thom/Barbara Anderson Michael Breen Carla Bromfield Caroline Cooper Julieanne Cooper Paul Engler Julia Fitzgerald* John Gallagher Margaret Gavney*

- Patrick Greene Claire Hackett **Robert** Jenkins Dan Leehane Maureen Loftus Mary A. Magee/Bobby Eppley John F./Kathleen Manning Nick/Kathleen Manning Dan McCarthy Margaret McDonald
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Congratulations to all the \$100 Winners

For more information about the 32/50 Club please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661- 2700, ext. 305.

Support those who support YOUR **VICC!**



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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

Poetry Reading & Open Mic - Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 3:00pm, UICC Facilitated by Poet Kathy Gilbert

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.

NOTE: The poetry reading will be proceeded by the first workshop of a series of poetry workshops that Sean is leading. These are separate events but you might be interested in attending both. See the notice elsewhere in the bulletin.

Mary Robinson's Everybody Matters: My Life Giving Voice

Former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson has very generously donated a signed copy of her latest book, *Everybody Matters: My Life Giving Voice*, to the library. Come and have a look at this fascinating book – it is currently part of this month's special exhibit.



Save the Date ICCC Tea Party Fundraiser for the Irish Library June 2, 2013 1:00 – 3:00 pm Please contact Anne at <u>annecarew@yahoo.com</u> for tickets

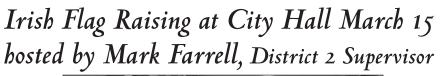
A Mad Hatter Tea Party for all ages!

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

For additional information about the library, including hours, please check out the library website:www.irishcentersf.org or our Facebook page.















UIS Grand Marshal Dinner

Mayor Ed Lee, Grand Marshal Joanne Hayes-White, and Diarmuid Philpott, President of the UIS



Grand Marshal Joanne Hayes-White leading the parade



ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, May 9, 2013

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

Special Guest - Rev. Tom Allender, S.J.

Rev. Tom Allender, S.J., has conducting parish missions and spoken to groups across the United States. Father Tom has helped light the spiritual path for thousands of people, sharing his own story with those seeking to discover a more personal God.

We look forward to hearing him speak!

Tickets - \$20 RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006



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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, June 13, 2013

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12 noon Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

Hillary Flynn, Crossroads Oral History

Hillary returns to give us an update on the The Crossroads Irish Oral and Video History Archive of the San Francisco Bay Area.

This valuable project will preserve the history of the Irish in San Francisco for generations to come!

** Time for a Book Swap!!! Bring one, take one!

 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 San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society Annual Dinner Dance

Saturday, May 18, 2013 No Host Cocktails 6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm (Chicken Pomodoro) United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Ave., San Francisco

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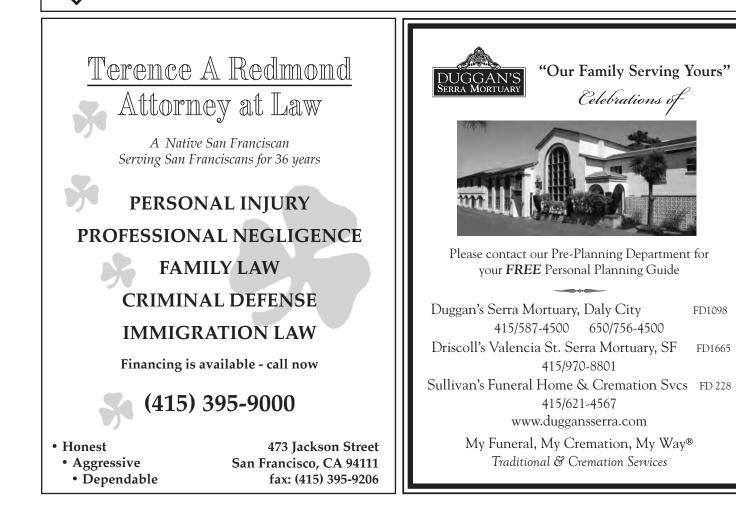
POETRY WORKSHOP SERIES

The United Irish Cultural Center is pleased to announce that beginning the 19th of May, a workshop on poetry writing will be offered to all who have a desire to expand their poetic writing skills. This will be a supportive environment where participants can explore their inner potential for poetic expression through the use of a number of exercises that are both fun and challenging. This workshop will be facilitated by Sean Casey, MS - a long time member of UICC, who has helped many people discover their poetic potential both here in the US and abroad. He has written poetry for forty years, is the author of three books of poetry, and is widely traveled. He believes that writing poetry is a wonderful way of expressing the beauty in our lives, an outlet for our frustrations and a voice for our hearts.

This workshop will meet over eight weeks and is open to all who wish to attend for a moderate amount to cover use of the room and beverage service and perhaps a small donation to the Center. This amount will be determined at the first meeting of the series.

LOCATION: United Irish Cultural Center

DATE & TIME: The first & third Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm —starting May 19 For more information please email to: irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com or call Sean at 415-668-0102



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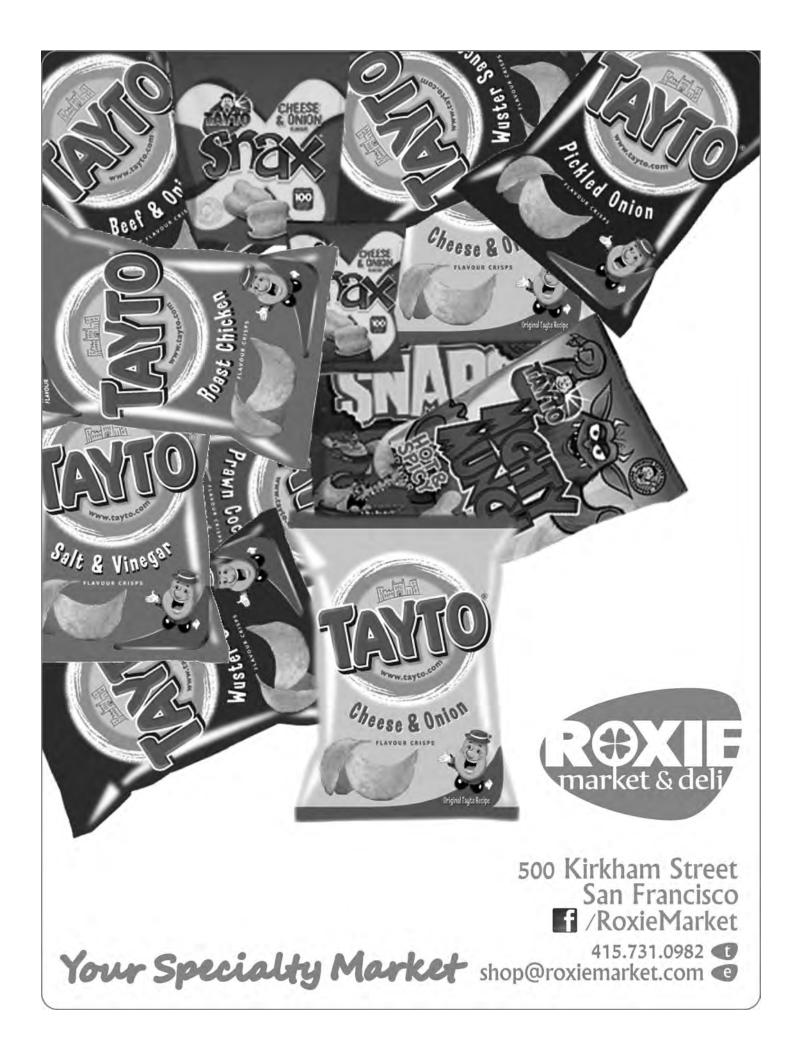




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This Month's Meeting Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 pm

