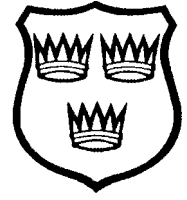




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The Thanksgiving holiday gives us all the opportunity to reflect and give thanks for the blessings that we enjoy as individuals, families, and communities. We are all thankful to be a part of America, the great country in which we live and are additionally thankful for the country of our heritage, Ireland.

A beloved Irish-American President, John F. Kennedy, once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." Thanksgiving 2013 finds UICC active members providing the resources through their dues to enable a determined Board of Directors to begin the critical work of making our United Irish Cultural Center the renewed place (both physically and in innovative events) that it is and is becoming.

Your Board of Directors is working tirelessly to implement change and improve service for you, our members, in the dining room as well as in our banquets. We are working on plans for more activities for all, and working to include all Irish clubs and organizations in our overall planning process. We are in need of help in all areas and would like to sound the call for volunteers to serve on all committees. Please know that all are welcome to come and work with us as we plan and work. We particularly need some dedicated folks to work on the Irish Cultural Centre of California's brick committee. We have interest from many to purchase the unique inscribed bricks. Please contact me (judithkell@aol.com) or leave a message for me at the Center (415-661-2700) should you be interested in working on the Brick Committee or other UICC/ICCC committees.

With the holidays coming up, I would like to remind you of the wonderful gift ideas we have at the Center for you and your families. Gift certificates are always available for meals at our dining room, and family members would be pleased with a scholarship donation as a gift. Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Peggy Nevin, would be pleased to respond to inquiries from those who would like to gift family members with a scholarship donation. Call the Center for details. Also, pending solid volunteer help, we are reviving the brick campaign. What better gift than an inscribed brick for placement outside of the Center? Scholarships and bricks are sold under the auspices of the ICCC and are completely deductible from one's income tax.

Many of you know that comedy has been a part of my life for many years. In that spirit, I would like to close with another quote from one of my favorite writers, Erma Bombeck: "Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half- times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence!"

Happy, Happy Thanksgiving.....enjoy family, friends, a wonderful repast, and, should you be so inclined, football!

In Unity,

Judith Kell, *President*

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2013 ~ 7:30 PM

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

Our October 17 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes at the Dinner: Bill Luqué, Jim & Alice Mayo, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Harvey & Mitzi Samson, Maureen Hickey, Mike & Josephine McLoughlin, Pat & Eileen O'Sullivan and Marie Gavney. Thursday, November 21 will be our next Thursday Night Dinner. 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 Roast Chicken or 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, November 17. Invite your friends!

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

SILVER GAELS

Friday, November 15 will be our next 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 5:30 and Dinner 6pm.

The Silver Gaels will now be the sponsor of this annual Christmas Party originally sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for July 25, 2013

The winning combination was West Virginia & Monaghan held by Sarah Ellen Sweeney for \$550

32/50 Club	Thomas (Ted) Hayes	Patricia Rames
James Aherne	Patricia Jenkins	Betty Shanahan
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32/50 Club	Margaret Gavney	Frank McDermott
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32/50 Club	Julia Hagan	Patrick Mulkeen
Anne Brewer/Michael Bawler*	Frances Hughes	Colleen O'Brien
Rodger Burkart	Eileen Kelly	Helen (Eileen) O'Connor
John Casserly, Jr.	Sean Keohane	Jerry O'Grady
Betty Castagnola	Christina Keohane	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore*
Julia Coffey	Gertrude Kyne	Marian O'Sullivan
James Colombo	Maureen/Terry Leonard	Keane/O'Keeffe *
Pat & Barbara Favale	Vivienne Loftus	- John, Carol, Danny, Joseph
Jack Fitzpatrick		Connie Lynch Sorenson/Cathy Mibach

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.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

■ NOVEMBER 2, 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

■ NOVEMBER 8, FRIDAY

- Kerry Night in the Dining Room
Music by Kevin Roche
All are welcome. Make your reservations 415/661-2700

■ NOVEMBER 10, SUNDAY

- Poetry Workshop ~ 1pm ~ UICC Boardroom
Contact Sean Casey 415/668-0102 or
irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com

■ NOVEMBER 12, TUESDAY

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

■ NOVEMBER 14, THURSDAY

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

■ NOVEMBER 16, SATURDAY

- Genealogy Workshop - 'Irish American Stories'
See Library section

■ NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY

- UICC Annual Deceased Member Mass ~ 10am
St. Francis Room~ *See Ad*
- CEILI ~ St. Patrick's Ballroom ~ 1-4pm

■ NOVEMBER 21, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
- Thursday Night Dinner
No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm
Reservations required. Call Phyllis O'Connor
650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo 415/584-6334
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ NOVEMBER 22, FRIDAY

- IIPC Luncheon & Games ~ *See Ad*
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm

For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY

- The Irish Literary & Historical Society
4:30pm NEW TIME ~ St Francis Room
University of Illinois Historian James Barrett,
on his book *The Irish Way: Becoming American
in the Multienthic City*
www.ILHSSf.org ILHS Members Free, Visitors \$5

■ NOVEMBER 28, THURSDAY

- It's Thanksgiving! Call the Center for reservations
Two seatings 4:00pm and 6:00pm

MUSIC IN NOVEMBER

Saturday November 2

Kevin Roche

Saturday November 16

Informal music/song session of the Comhaltas
in the bar area beginning at 5pm



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DEADLINE for DECEMBER 2013 BULLETIN is NOVEMBER 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



Thanksgiving

For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, For love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

New Members: *Patrick Alexander, James Barry, Michael Finney, Brenda Finney, Lisa Hilmoie, Jared Jamison, Valeria Jamison, Susie Lahey, Sam Lahey, Ardath McDermott, Delia McGrath, Jeanne Uzar, Timothy Warden, Holly Watts, Mary-Ellen White-Vondron*

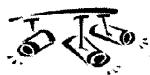
Deceased Members: *John (Jack) Curtin, Mary Reidy* **RIP**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Colleen and Ben O'Leary on the birth of their lovely daughter, Roisin Shea, a future Irish Piper perhaps...

This last month we lost a long-time volunteer, Jack Curtin, and Board member for 11 years with two stints at both President and Vice President of the Board between the years 1979 to 2000. Jack, you will be missed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Deceased Members Mass will be on November 17 at 10:00am



Spotlight on the Volunteers

A Big Thanks to the Patrick J. Dowling Library staff who volunteer so much of their time keeping the library open, providing access for all the members and visitors to a great collection of all Irish/Irish American literature and other medium.

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.

Uicc_membership@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP FILES

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 email 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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

THANKSGIVING GAMES

BINGO!!

with Claire Hackett

25 CARD DRIVE!!

with Gerry Cassidy

**CASH
PRIZES!**

Friday, November 22, 2013

United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



- 12.00 noon Join us for lunch at the UICC
- 1.30 p.m. Let the Games begin!
- 2.30 p.m. Light refreshments - tea/coffee will be served
- 3.30 p.m. Prize Giving for the winners of 25 Card Drive
and Bingo

ALL WELCOME

Tickets - \$30

includes lunch, refreshments &
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MUST RSVP to Natasha
at 415.752.6006

We wish all of our ARC Members a Happy Thanksgiving!

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REBEL CORK

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Saturday, December 7, 2013

*United Irish Cultural Center
2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco*

*Celebrating the 100th Anniversary
of the Cork Ladies*

*Filet Mignon, Salmon or Chicken Jerusalem
\$65 per person*

Music ~ Kevin Roche Band

No -Host Cocktails @ 7pm ~ Dinner @ 8pm

*Come socialize with family and friends.
Eat, Dance and Be Merry!*



For reservations and information :

Nora Daly 415/664-8966

Jimmy Daly 415/753-6804

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

Irish-American Stories Workshop

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 , 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Patrick J. Dowling Library is pleased to once again partner with author and educator *Margaret Cooley*, who will facilitate a workshop exploring Irish American stories.

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.

Reservation strongly recommended due to the limited seating and the preparation necessary by Margaret prior to the workshop. Make a reservation at marg_cooley@yahoo.com. If you do not have internet access, please contact the library at (415) 661-2798. Note: this phone is only answered 3 days a week.

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

Location: The United Irish Cultural Center, Patrick J. Dowling Library, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



Irish Language Map

Check out the library's new map of Ireland, which has all the place names in the Irish language. It is on display next to our other large map of Ireland, which represents the country as it was about 100 years ago. They are part of the library's small but interesting collection of maps of Ireland, including some modern ones which might come in handy when planning your next trip to Ireland.

GAA Memorabilia

In honor of the GAA anniversary-November 1, the library will be displaying its collection of GAA memorabilia throughout the month of November. The memorabilia will be on display Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 1:30-4:30 pm except for the Thanksgiving weekend when the library will be closed. For additional information about the library, including hours, please check our website:

library@irishcentersf.org

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 twice a month on Sunday in the boardroom at 12 pm, for two hours. 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 8 week workshop will be \$16.00 for members and \$20.00 for nonmembers.

Space is limited, so if you wish to join this group, please contact Sean Casey.

415-668-0102 or
email him at: turas.aisling@gmail.com



Annual Memorial Mass

*to Honor Our Deceased Members
of the
United Irish Cultural Center*

Sunday, November 17, 2013

St. Francis Room ~ 10 am

Brunch to follow in the main dining room.

Reservations are suggested
UICC 415/661-2700

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, December 7 ~ Cork Club Dinner Dance

Sunday, December 8 ~ Comhaltas Christmas Ceili

Saturday, December 21 ~ Christmas in Ireland Show

January 25, 2014 ~ Rose of Tralee 2014 Selection

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