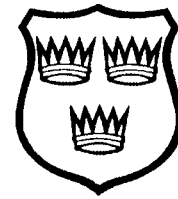




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## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

"Things look great! Wonderful changes! So proud to be a part of the Irish Community! Kudo's to the UICC! " are just a few of the exclamations heard during the month of September at the UICC. September was a whirlwind of activity with so many comments reflecting pride in the Center.

Ooooh's and Ahhh's echoed throughout the Center when the renovations accomplished during the two-week closure were revealed. Special thanks to all who helped make our new changes to the Center come true. The beautiful floors in the restaurant, the complete renovation of the Ladies' Rest Room on the first floor, the new dining room floors (thanks to the 32/50 Club contribution), the lovely trees planted through the generosity of the San Francisco Irish Pipers, the cleaned and polished tiles, and the upstairs floor, are just a few of the areas obvious to all which were targeted in the Center renewal. We even replaced the old, cumbersome paper towel and tissue dispensers in the rest rooms. Numerous pictures of the "before" and "after" are posted at the Center for all to see. All who attended the September General Membership Meeting were able to view the differences documented in the photos of what "was" and what "is".

The first annual Open House was attended by many of the Irish Clubs and Organizations in the community. We had a wonderful chance to touch base with one another, build interest in the Irish community offerings, and begin to plan for a collaborative future together.

Consul General Gerry Staunton was given a special goodbye at our Center from the larger Irish Community that he served for five years. Consul General Staunton voiced words of thanks to those in the Bay Area Irish Community, even stopping to call out our own Teresa Moore for the exceptional, welcoming and accommodating style that she has incorporated into the UICC's atmosphere.

Our friends at Irish Crossroads remind us that the fall season in the Bay Area is a showcase of the rich culture and history of the Irish community in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. There are many community events, classes, celebrations and other occasions in the Irish community to be made aware of. Be sure to check out the many opportunities for participation on their website and on the UICC website ([uicc.com](http://uicc.com))

Your Board of Directors is proud to be serving you, our members, in creating a truly great United Irish Cultural Center, a place of which you can be proud to bring your friends, enjoy good company and beautiful surroundings as well as good food and beverage. We will be upgrading our restaurant menu to include very special "prix fixe" dinners starting this month.

There is a song that Tony Bennett sings well: The Best is Yet to Come. Your Board and I have adopted this phrase as a kind of motto. Stay tuned! Wonderful things are happening. Your active memberships have resulted in incredible changes at the Center. We have great plans and, all of us, working together to support the Center will assure that the "Best" is in store for the UICC!

In Unity,

Judith Kell, *President*

Your UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2013 ~ 7:30 PM

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

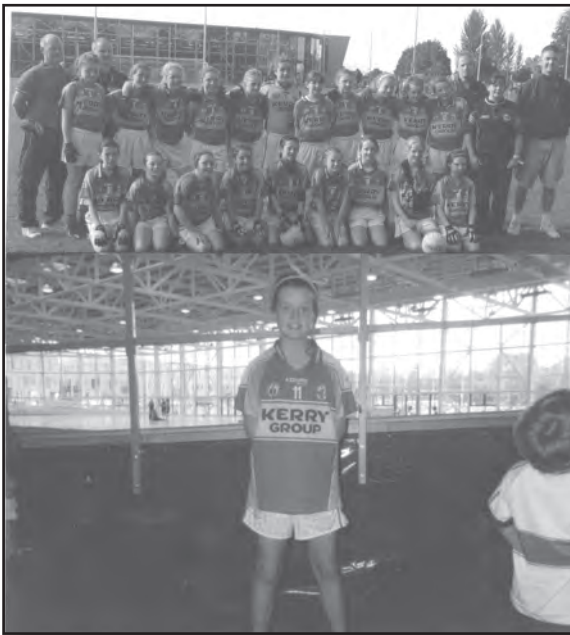
Our September 19 Thursday Night Dinner was enjoyed by all. Special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes at the Dinner: Bill Luqué, Jim & Alice Mayo, Sally Mulkerins, John & Dorothy Sorenson, Harvey & Mitzi Samson, Pat Dorsey, Laura Busby, Gertrude Coyne, and Harvey Patrick Samson. Thursday, October 17 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 Salisbury Steak 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, October 13. Invite your friends!

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

## SILVER GAELS

Friday, October 11 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.



Congratulations to the Killorglin Co. Kerry under 12 girls football team who won the All Ireland Silver Medal in the final match held in Athlone.

Nannie, Terry Leonard, Aunt Maureen and cousin Sean are so proud of you Alanna O'Sullivan and your team!

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## On the Passing of Seamus Heaney

By Judith Kell, UICC President



As one who studied poetry and literature in college, it was my delight to discover the work of Seamus Heaney who won the Nobel Prize in literature. Heaney is thought of by many as the greatest Irish poet since William Butler Yeats. Seamus Heaney passed away on Friday, August 23rd in Dublin.

Some of his most quoted lines came from "The Cure of Troy" a 1991 adaptation of a Greek play. His version is rooted in Ireland.

"History says, Don't hope on this side of the grave.  
But then, once in a life-time  
the longed for tidal wave of justice can rise up,  
and hope and history rhyme."

I often think of this offer of hope on this side of the grave. Rest in Peace, Seamus Heaney.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

## ■ OCTOBER 5, 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

## ■ OCTOBER 8, TUESDAY

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

## ■ OCTOBER 10, THURSDAY

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

## ■ OCTOBER 13, SUNDAY

- **Poetry Workshop ~ 1pm ~ UICC Boardroom**  
Contact Sean Casey 415/668-0102 or  
irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com
- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Learners Session**  
Dining room/bar area of the UICC 3pm - 5pm  
Includes teaching music session and set dancing for  
youth; Ceri Garfield and friends continue with session  
until 6:30. Bring the family.

## ■ OCTOBER 17, THURSDAY

- **Thursday Night Dinner**  
No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm  
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650/878-5986 or Alice Mayo 415/584-6334
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**  
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## ■ OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY

- **Connaught Dinner Dance ~ See Ad**

## ■ OCTOBER 24, THURSDAY

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

## ■ OCTOBER 27, SUNDAY

- **The Irish Literary & Historical Society**  
4:30pm NEW TIME ~ St Francis Room  
UC Berkeley lecturer and author Eddie Stack will speak  
on "The Storytelling Tradition of Doolin, County Clare".  
www.ILHSsf.org ILHS Members Free, Visitors \$5  
Reception to follow

## ■ OCTOBER 31, THURSDAY

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

## MUSIC IN OCTOBER

Saturday October 5  
Kevin Roche

Saturday October 19  
Comhaltas Traditional Irish Dancing



- **CHILDREN'S Fiddle CLASSES**  
for Beginners to start in October
- **ADULT Tin Whistle CLASSES**  
Wednesday Night at 7:00pm for Beginners
- **YOUTH Tin Whistle CLASSES**  
AND
- **INTERMEDIATE Fiddle CLASSES**  
Continue
- **NEW - YOUTH Banjo LESSONS**
- **IRISH Language CLASSES**  
Saturday FOR ADULTS will resume in October
- **NEW - Youth IRISH Language CLASSES**  
starting in October
- **NEW - Youth Set Dancing CLASSES**  
Wednesday Night at 6:00pm  
Minimum age is 8 years, Classes start October 2



For more information contact Josephine Brogan at  
415/681-4803 or email josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

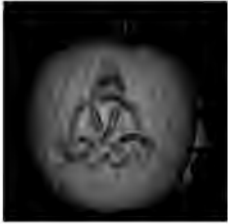
Please note these are NOT drop-in classes.  
Pre-registration and pre-payment required for all classes.  
Classes are sponsored by Comhaltas

## DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2013 BULLETIN is OCTOBER 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



To find the origin of Halloween, you have to look to the festival of Samhain (pronounced "Sow' en") in Ireland's Celtic past. It was an important fire festival, celebrated over the evening of 31 October and throughout the following day. The flames of old fires had to be extinguished and ceremonially re-lit by druids.

<http://www.irelandforvisitors.com/articles/samhain.htm>

Welcome to **NEW** members: **Jared Ladd Jameson, Susie Lahey** and **Timothy Warden**

Condolences to families of **DECEASED** members: **Carmel Chaney, Anne McEntee Darcy** and **Patrick Joy** Rest in Peace.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The **Open House** was a great day for all. The Board of Directors did an outstanding job organizing and hosting the day.

Keep **Maguire** family in your prayers for their recent loss of son, brother, nephew and cousin – Kevin.

**\*\*Reminder\*\*** The Annual **Deceased Members Mass** is in **November**. Read the email blasts, website and upcoming November bulletin for the exact date.



### 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 record is accurate -- send 'Change of Address' (via e-mail address 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.** **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***



# Connaught Athletic & Social Club

## Annual Dinner Dance



***HONORING JIM BYRNE***

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**

**United Irish Cultural Center ~ Grand Ballroom**

*2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco*

*No Host Bar 7pm ~ Dinner 8pm*

*\$65.00 per person ~ Filet Mignon or Salmon*

***Music ~ Ben Hunter***

***Tickets & Information:***

*Peter Naughton 415.999.9210 or 415.661.7940*

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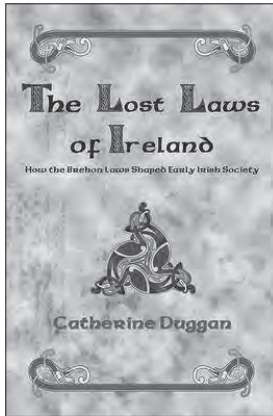
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### **Presentation and Book Party – Sunday, October 20, 3pm** ***“The Lost Laws of Ireland” by Catherine Duggan***

**Join Bay Area attorney, Catherine Duggan, for a discussion on Brehon Law at the United Irish Cultural Center. This discussion will be of interest to those who enjoy Irish history and culture as well as to those who are interested in the legal field.**

Her book, *The Lost Laws of Ireland*, was recently published in Dublin. It introduces the general audience to the surprisingly modern legal system that governed Irish society for over 1000 years. It focuses on certain themes that are important to the modern reader, such as fair and transparent legal process, women’s rights, and social mobility. The Brehon laws provide a window on early Ireland and reveal the complex sophisticated society that had developed by the seventh century.

Catherine has practiced law in San Francisco and Oakland since 1978. Her parents were from Co. Cork and she has regularly visited Ireland since she was a child. She and her husband live in Oakland and have one son.



### **Film Screening – Sunday, October 27, 3pm** ***“Ireland, the Celtic Way”*** ***a Film Produced by Elfenworks Productions, LLC***

Elfenworks Productions, LLC, whose philosophy “...is based on the idea that you can ‘do well’ while doing good”, has graciously allowed us to screen their new film.

Using vivid CGI animation, the film explores the lands and legends of Ireland touching on Celtic spirituality, culture and history. The images of Irish landscape beautifully illustrate these themes. Members of the production team are very excited about the screening at the United Irish Cultural Center and will be joining us on October 27. The film has previously been shown at St. Mary’s College.

*Presented in partnership with the Irish Marvels Study Group who brought us the lovely Carved in Stone program this summer with the Festival of Lughnasa.*

**LOCATION: United Irish Cultural Center, 45th & Sloat, San Francisco, CA**

For additional information about the library, including hours, please check our website:

**[library@irishcentersf.org](mailto:library@irishcentersf.org)**

# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, October 10, 2013**

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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

## THANKSGIVING GAMES

**BINGO!!**

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with Gerry Cassidy

**CASH  
PRIZES!**

**Friday, November 22, 2013**

**United Irish Cultural Center**

2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



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| 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<br>and Bingo |

**ALL WELCOME**

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*We wish all of our ARC Members a Happy Thanksgiving!*

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## Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, November 8 ~ Kerry Night in the Dining Room**

**Saturday, November 16 ~ CCE West Region**

*traditional Irish music & singing session with local and visiting musicians*

**Sunday, November 17 ~ Members Mass**

**~ West Region Ceili**

**Saturday, December 7 ~ Cork Club Dinner Dance**

**Sunday, December 8 ~ Comhaltas Christmas Ceili**

*Christmas Time in Ireland direct from Dublin!*

**Saturday, December 21 ~ Christmas in Ireland Show**

**January 25, 2014 ~ Rose of Tralee**