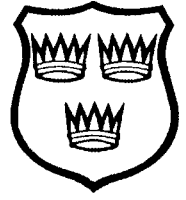




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

What a whirl of "Irish High Season" events in March! The St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 14th (hats off to the United Irish Societies – Liam Frost, President and Kathleen Manning) was an incredible beginning. The Parade was televised for the first time, hosted by our own UICC member, Michael Finney. On the day after the Parade, there was an incredible block party (sponsored by the United Irish Cultural Center, Java Beach and the United Irish Societies) that was the subject of a featured article in the next day's Chronicle thanks to John King, Chronicle columnist who was very impressed with the enthusiasm, dedication and passion for life of our Irish community. A final highlight was featured at the UICC on the 22nd – the Women of Ireland production was greatly enjoyed by all. I am so sorry for those who missed this exceptional exhibition of Irish song, dance and music presented by an enthusiastic young Irish company of performers. It was the best!

It is now time to turn our full attention to the 40th Anniversary Ball celebrating the UICC's 40th year on Saturday, April 18th. Chairperson Bill Luqué is planning an exceptional evening filled with opportunities to look back to our founders and charter members, celebrate the memorable events and occasions on the past forty years, and look forward to what is in the future for our Center. This formal event will also give us the opportunity to dance the night away in tribute to the wonderful 40-year life our Center has enjoyed.

God bless all of our incredible Irish Community as we join one another in caring continuity and heartfelt celebration.

In Unity and Caring,

Judith Kell, *President*
UICC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY APRIL 23

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held April 16,
providing at least 10 people make reservations by Friday, April 10.

Please call Mary McGee at 415/661-2700 for reservations.

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 Baked Ham or Filet of Sole.

If there are less than 10 people responding the Thursday Night Dinner Club will be discontinued.

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, April 24

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for February 2015

The winning combination was Rhode Island & Meath held by the 32/50 Club for \$550

32/50 Club	32/50 Club	William L. Luqué*	Ulster Social Club*
32/50 Club	Joseph & Bridget Byrne	Claire McBride	Cashel Talbert
32/50 Club	William & Susan Collins	Joan McClain*	Maureen Torres/Peggy Mylett*
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32/50 Club	Margaret Gavney*	John S. O'Keeffe*	Daniel Forchione/Tom Deserio
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32/50 Club	Ray & Maggie John	Patricia Shea Diner	Barton/Melody/Ian Fitzpatrick
32/50 Club	John & Nora Kelly	Rebecca Ward	

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.

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK SALE

Thank you to all of you who supported the library by volunteering at the book sale and/or purchasing books at the annual Block Party on March 15. It was a lovely day with lots of good energy and camaraderie. Visitors had an opportunity to check out the newly remodeled library as well. This year we added a coloring station which was very popular. If you were not able to attend the book sale but are interested in purchasing books, stop by the library to check our section of rare books for sale or our equally lovely but less expensive books on the sale cart.

Congratulations to Ciara Kyne for a wonderful performance as Cinderella in Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School's production of "Cinderella" on March 13, 2015. Ciara is the daughter of Ann & Brian Kyne and grandmothers Judy Needham and Gertrude Kyne.

APRIL CALENDAR

■ APRIL 3, FRIDAY

- UICC closed for Good Friday.

■ APRIL 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

■ APRIL 5, SUNDAY

- **HAPPY EASTER!** Join us for Easter Brunch Buffet
Adults \$30, Children \$15
Please call the Center for reservations 415/661-2700

■ APRIL 9, THURSDAY

- **IIPC Active Retirees Special Spring outing to the National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi ~ See Ad**
Please RSVP to Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006.
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ APRIL 16, THURSDAY

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

■ APRIL 18, SATURDAY

- 40th Anniversary Celebration - See Ad

■ APRIL 23, THURSDAY

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

■ APRIL 26, SUNDAY

- **Irish Literary & Historical Society**
5:00pm - Saint Francis Room.
Professor Sarah Townsend; "Miracles of Development: From Irish Pigs to Celtic Tigers", a lighthearted and erudite exploration of representations of the animals applied to the Irish from the 19th century through the recent economic crisis.
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors. www.ILHSsf.org

■ APRIL 30, THURSDAY

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



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SATURDAY APRIL 4

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SATURDAY APRIL 18

COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

THE MAD HATTER TEA PARTY



Grab your mad hat and join us on **Sunday, June 28, 2015** for our annual tea party — it is always loads of fun as well as being a fundraiser for the Patrick J.

Dowling Library, which is under the auspices of the ICC. Don't miss all the delicious food and the outstanding decor.

Save the Date!

May 9 ~

Emerald Society Dinner Dance

May 17 ~

32/50 Club Roundup Luncheon

May 28 ~

UICC Annual Members Meeting

June 28 ~

Mad Hatter Tea Party

DEADLINE for MAY 2015 BULLETIN is APRIL 15

Please call the UICC with questions 415/661-2700.

If you have specific artwork questions contact:

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KEEPING ALL THE TRADITIONS ALIVE

Irish Culture is abound this time of year. In Comhaltas, we enjoy and promote music, song, storytelling, Irish language and dance. Another wonderful facet of Irish Culture is our Gaelic Games – football and hurling. We attended an event in February entitled “Celtic Idol”, **benefiting the Irish Youth Hurling and Football League**. We were blown away by the talent, organization and support of this benefit. Family and friends of the young boys and girls who play hurling, camogie and football came out to cheer on local singers who drew from the repertoire of Elvis, Christy Moore, Bruce Springsteen, and many more.

The participants were mentored and coached by IFHYL-parent and musician, Christy O’Connell, to an amazing level of entertainment. Hannah and Molly O’Connell and Caoimhe Lyons, (tin whistle and fiddle students of Comhaltas) joined with Molly Gorman, Emily Quinn and Lily Rogers to form their own band “MissFunktion!”. Previously having opened for Phil Coulter at the Irish Center in January, these young ladies proved to be well able to entertain the “Celtic Idol” fans. Keep this event on your radar...we hope it will be an annual event.

The Irish Football and Hurling Youth League are preparing for what promises to be the busiest year in its twenty-two year history. The IFHYL, started in 1994, is dedicated to promoting Gaelic Games for Bay Area children age 6 years to 18 years old. Many dedicated local volunteers teach our kids about the great games of Gaelic Football and Hurling. It has created a youthful Irish Community that brings young boys and girls together at a young age that allows them to celebrate their Irish Heritage and form friendships - from youth to adulthood.

In April the youth will be registering for the IFHYL sports league, which will give our kids the opportunity to learn and play Gaelic games. Our under 14’s will be traveling to Ireland to participate in games with other under 14’s from across the globe. One of the team members is Cormac Lyons, a fine Comhaltas tin whistle and fiddle student.

On July 30-31 – August 1-2, the San Francisco IFHYL will proudly host the Continental Youth Championships. Our youth will be playing football, hurling and camogie with kids from all over the United States and Canada! *You can look forward to seeing over 600 youth playing in the beautiful GAA fields at Treasure Island.*

It is rewarding to see these ‘young ones’ celebrating all facets of their Irish culture. Many have been coming to the United Irish Cultural Center Gaelic Games on Sunday mornings since they were little boys and girls. They have grown up with these games at the Center, and they deserve our support. Keep an eye out for details of the continental Youth Championships coming to San Francisco and do volunteer and/or support however you can.

This is how we Keep ALL the Traditions Alive!!

— Joannie O’Leary – Secretary, SF Cooley-Keegan, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann
— Mike Moriarty – PRO-IFHYL



40th Anniversary Ball

**Come out and celebrate
40 years
of our wonderful Irish Center!**

Saturday, April 18, 2015

\$60 per person

Cocktails at 6 pm ~ Dinner at 7 pm

**Tickets on sale now at the UICC.
Contact the UICC office 415/661-2700
RSVP by April 10, 2015**



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*San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society
17th Annual Awards Dinner Dance Honoring:*

*Sergeant Dan Manning
Officer of the Year
and*

*Celine Kennelly
Citizen of the Year*



*Saturday, May 9th, 2015
United Irish Cultural Center*

*Cocktail Hour 6pm-7pm
Dinner at 7pm
\$85 per person/\$800 per table*

Contact Rachel Murphy at 415/794-7918 or by email 1716rm@gmail.com

EMERALD SOCIETY

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32/50 Roundup Luncheon May 17, 2015

The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday May 17, 2015, at 1:00pm. The final drawing of 2014 and first drawing of 2015 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

Soup

Choice of entree:

Barbeque Chicken or Pineapple Boat

Dessert

Wine

All reservations must be in no later than May 11, 2015.

No reservations may be made at the door.

For information or questions 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
Bill Luqué
2700 45th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

Number of Barbeque Chicken _____ Number of Pineapple Boat _____

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

**** SPECIAL SPRING OUTING ****

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

610 Vallejo Street, San Francisco

Thursday, April 09, 2015



10.00 a.m. Bus leaves from UICC, 2700 45th Avenue

10.45 a.m. Arrive at The National Shrine of St. Francis

11.00 a.m. - 11.45 a.m. Docent lead tour
The tour will include both the church and the
New Portiuncula chapel

12.00 p.m. - 1.00 p.m. Ring and recite the Angelus
followed by Mass celebrated by Father John DeLaRiva

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. Lunch at Johnny Foley's

3.00 p.m. Bus Departs from Johnny Foley's Irish House

3.40 p.m. Bus arrives at UICC, 2700 45th Avenue

We are delighted to take you on a docent led tour of the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi and its beautiful Porziuncola Nuova. You will experience something of the reverence, tranquility and blessings that people find here when they enter the doors. After the tour we will celebrate Mass followed by a delicious lunch at Johnny Foley's Irish House.

SPACE IS LIMITED **MUST PAY WITH RSVP**

Contact Joan at 415.752.6006

Tickets - \$30

includes bus, lunch and docent lead tour



ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, May 14, 2015

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

12.15 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride
followed by lunch and special guest

Jessica Castro (LIFELINE - Community Awareness)

We will be joined by Jessica Castro, Community Awareness Coordinator for Lifeline, the #1 medical alert service. The presentation will provide information and education on Lifeline and how it has helped more than 6 million people to have the peace of mind and confidence to live independently at home.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

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Float Open

- #58 Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 6
- #92 San Francisco Glens Soccer Club
- #63 Sacred Heart Cathedral High School

Irish Float

- #74 San Francisco Zoological Gardens
- #81 Irish Football/Hurling Youth League
- #29 Carpenters Local Union #22

Pipe and Fife

- #67 Stewart Tartans Pipes and Dancers
- #2 Irish Pipers Band of San Francisco
- #33 Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum

Decorated Car

- #72 Star One Art Car
- #39 Dean Clark w/Chihuahuas

Band - Open

- #49 Navy Band Northwest - Silverdale, Washington
- #100 Humboldt State University Lumberjacks
- #70 Deutscher Musik Verein of San Francisco

Band Jr.

- #30 M.U.S.E. Elementary School - Tigard, Oregon
- #22 Catholic Schools Elementary

Band Sr.

- #73 Sanyo Girls High School - Hiroshima, Japan
- #64 Sacred Heart Cathedral High School

Drum & Bugle, JROTC, Sr.

- #108 Lowell High School
- #88 Galileo High School

Drum & Bugle, JROTC, Jr.

- #110 Troop 12 Boy Scouts of America

JROTC Marching Unit

- #117 George Washington High School
- #88 Galileo High School

Best JROTC Color Guard

- #116 George Washington High School
- #85 Galileo High School
- #51 Abraham Lincoln High School

Irish Marching Unit

- #42 Irish Immigration Pastoral Center
- #43 Irish Network Bay Area
- #66 Irish American Crossroads

Best Irish Dancers

- #75 Murphy Irish School of Dance
- #65 Whelan/Kennelly Irish Dance Academy
- #56 Dillon Magh Adhair Academy of Irish Dance

Best Irish Unit - Other

- #80 Irish Football/Hurling Youth League
- #50 Northern California Irish Wolfhounds
- #3 United Irish Societies of San Francisco

Best Decorated Cable Car

- #37 Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 104
- #47 United Irish Cultural Center
- #90 UA Local 38 Plumbers and Steamfitters Union

Best Antique Cars

- #99 Kingmo - 1939 Mercury
- #107 San Francisco Old Car Picnic
- #95 Blarney Fire Department - St. Helena

Best Sr. Marching Unit

- #58 Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 6
- #16 San Francisco Emerald Society and Police
- #19 San Francisco Firefighters, Local 798

Best Sr. Drum Major

- #83 Los Trancos Woods Community Band

Best Sr. Baton

- #73 Sanyo Girls High School - Japan
- #59 Napa Pepperettes

Best Jr. Baton

- #60 Napa Pepperettes
- #48 Redwood City Twirlers

Best JROTC Boys Drill Team

- #119 George Washington High School
- #86 Galileo High School
- #53 Abraham Lincoln High School

Best JROTC Girls Drill Team

- #109 Lowell High School
- #118 George Washington High School
- #54 Abraham Lincoln High School

Best Novelty

- #79 Vintage Baseball - Old Timers Group
- #106 Diamond John
- #104 ASIYA Shriners - Clown Unit

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