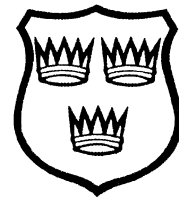




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members

The holiday season is upon us! Special warm wishes to you and yours for a delightful December.

We are pleased to enter into this special month with some interesting and important news. Michael Barnacle, the newest member of your Board of Directors, organized a meeting to raise awareness of a need for a capital campaign to support our United Irish Cultural Center. On Thursday, November 12th our Consul General, Philip Grant and Vice Consul, Kevin Byrne, came to the Center to talk with a group of representatives of various Irish organizations. Consul General Grant announced that the United Irish Cultural Center was in line to receive a grant from the Irish government to provide "scoping/seed" money for the purpose of outlining plans for the future of the Irish Community in the Bay Area. We are, of course, very excited about the possibility of conducting long-range planning for the future of the Bay Area's Irish community. Another meeting will take place soon. I will keep you informed with updates on this important undertaking. All will be asked at some point for input into future plans and activities.

Meanwhile, December activities are plentiful. We will close the Center for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Other than that, the Center will be buzzing with activities to celebrate the holidays. New ideas include an early New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31st at the bar to raise a glass to the New Year in Ireland at 4 pm! Stay for dinner afterward, and, if you are like me, you can get into bed early and enjoy New Year's Day! (Did I say that?)

Saint Stephen's Day is another Irish holiday to be enjoyed. Let's toast the Wren, King of Birds, on December 26th. We are working on an appropriate celebration, hoping to get some help from regular celebrators!

The Board and I are thankful to have you wonderful members as friends, neighbors and colleagues at the Center. I personally invite each and all of you to come out to the Center and enjoy the renewed restaurant (Our Host, Donagh, will welcome you in style.) and enjoy a delicious meal. (I have several favorites.) Don't forget the "bottomless mimosas" featured during Sunday brunch either. And, if you still need to book a holiday party, call the Center to reserve!

Best Wishes for a Wondrous Christmas and Best-Ever New Year!

Judith Kell, *President*
UCC Board of Directors

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THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, December 4, at 12:30 pm.
There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in December.

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

Treasurers of the Patrick J. Dowling Library *Irish Fair-Official Programme*



Recently a copy of the official program of the Irish Fair of 1898 was donated to the Patrick J. Dowling Library by Gloria Casey of San Mateo, CA. The program is truly a gem for anyone interested in the Irish community of San Francisco in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The Irish Fair took place at the Mechanics' Pavilion, San Francisco, August 20 through September 10, 1898. The Mechanic's Pavilion, build in 1882 and located at Grove & Larkin, could hold up to 11,000 people for fairs, concerts and the like. Along with most of the buildings in the Civic Center area, it was destroyed in the 1906 Earthquake and Fire.

Organized by the Celtic Union, the stated purpose of the Fair was to raise funds with "The Funds to be Devoted towards Building a Hall for United Irish Societies". Perhaps modeled after a similar effort in New York in 1897, the fair showcased everything Irish-history, cultural, geography, language. A complete copy of Robert Emmet's Speech from the Dock is featured in the program.

Organizers and/or sponsors of the Fair read like a Who's Who of the San Francisco Irish including Hon Mayor James D. Phelan and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy. The booths at the Fair included the Lemonade Booth-Cong Abbey, Lakes of Killarney Booth, Blarney Castle Booth, Limerick Race Track Booth as well as the Dewey Victory Booth.

Throughout the program, articles about prominent Irish people, like Sheriff Richard Whelan, are interspersed with the many ads for businesses and institutions. Some of the businesses & institutions are long gone, like Studebaker's at Market & Tenth Streets and the Olympic Club Stable. Although perhaps in a different form or at a different location, you will recognize others that are still thriving after over 100 years surviving the big earthquake and urban development -St Mary's Hospital, Santa Clara College, Carew & English, St. Ignatius College, to name a few. The people of 1898 San Francisco come alive through the articles and the pictures. We get a brief glimpse into their lives-their fashions, what they bought, where they went to school, what their social life was like. We wonder what was in store for the handsome people who look out at us from the page.

Irish Fair-Official Programme, 1898 is on display in the curio cabinet of the library. Please ask the librarian to see it. We are very grateful to Gloria Casey for her generosity in sharing the program with us-this is indeed one of the treasures of the Patrick J. Dowling Library.

Patrick J. Dowling Library Hours of operation: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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- **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 email: coffey.jo@gmail.com
- **Rebel Cork Dinner Dance**
For Reservations call:
Valerie McGrew(415) 672-0375 or
Jimmy Daly at (415) 515-4989

■ DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY

- **IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon ~ 12:15pm**
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

■ DECEMBER 13, SUNDAY

- **Christmas Ceili ~ 7pm - 10pm ~ St. Patrick's Room**
Adults \$10 Children Free when with an adult
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ DECEMBER 17, THURSDAY

- Come out and enjoy the **Wilde Irish Productions** of
"A Joycean Christmas", a dramatized staged reading
of James Joyce's Masterpiece *The Dead*, from his short
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Friends. Admission is \$25 – group discounts of 10 or
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tickets or call 415/760-8962 or 510/841-7287.
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803
- There is no Thursday Night Dinner in December

■ DECEMBER 20, SUNDAY

- **Children's Christmas Party**
The UICC and Irish Immigration and Pastoral Center
& The GAA Youth Group for the 3rd Annual Community
Christmas Party, starting at noon, in the St. Patrick's
Room. A fun, festive and magical afternoon for kids and
their families. Contact the Irish Immigration and Pastoral
Center for further information 415/752-6006.

■ DECEMBER 22, TUESDAY

- **Cairde Café /Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am**
For info call Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

■ DECEMBER 23, WEDNESDAY

- **Networking at the Bar! Wear your networking hat.**

■ DECEMBER 24-25, THURSDAY-FRIDAY

- The UICC will be closed

*The United Irish Cultural Center,
Staff and Board of Directors wish
all our members and friends a
very Merry Christmas!*



■ DECEMBER 26, SATURDAY

- **St. Stephens Day at the Center**

■ DECEMBER 30, WEDNESDAY

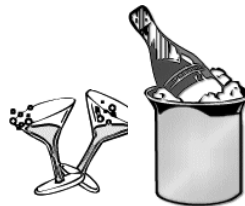
- **Pre-New Year's Eve Celebration at the Bar! ~ 4pm**

■ DECEMBER 31, THURSDAY

- **Irish New Year's will be celebrated**
in the Restaurant starting at 4pm
Special New Year's Eve Celebration
in the Restaurant
Call the Center for reservations 415/661-2700

■ JANUARY 1, 2016, FRIDAY

- The UICC will be closed



*All the Best of the New Year
to all out Members and Friends!*

Save the Date!

January 30, 2016

**Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Ború
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Honoring man of the Year Brian Reilly**

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If you would like more information, please call Bill Luqué at (415) 552-9620. See application within this bulletin.



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It is possible to win more than once a year —and each member's chances only increase with the number of combinations they purchase!

The **2016/2017** membership year is now open. Mail requests to the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116. Requests will be filled as soon as possible.

Members of the **2016/2017** Club will receive a renewal notice in the mail. The renewal period for current memberships runs through **April 2016**.

If you would like more information, please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 552-9620.

I would like to participate in the 32/50 Club this year.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$32.50 **per combination**.

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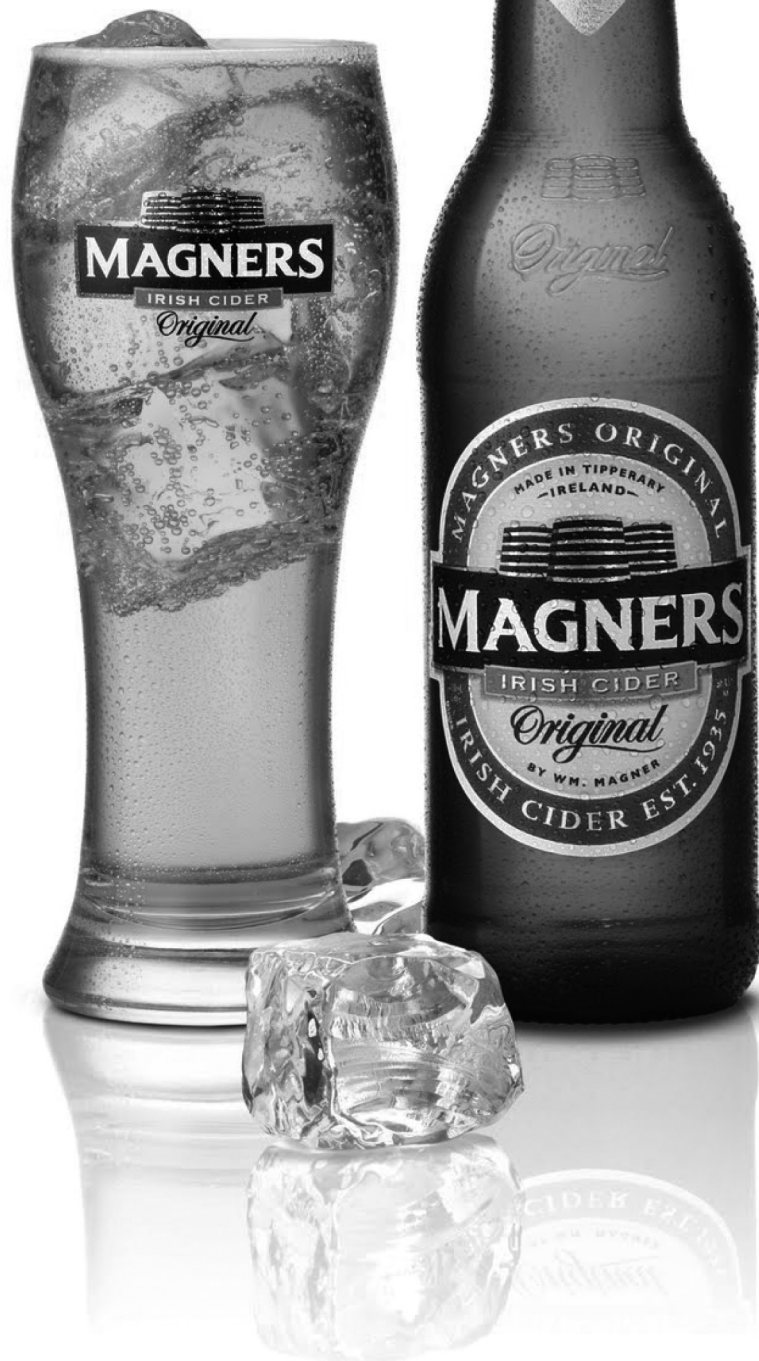
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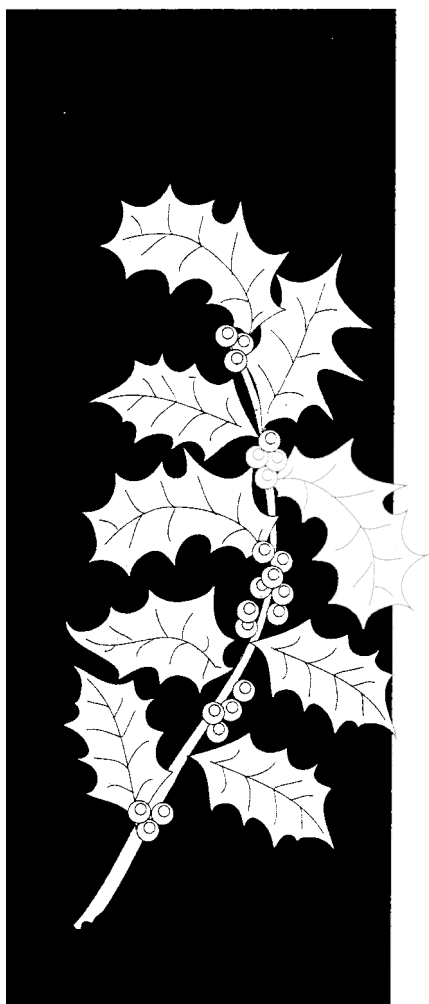
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