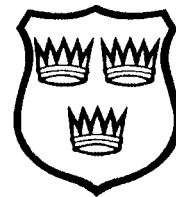




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## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Although February is the shortest month in the calendar year, it will be one of the busiest months at your United Irish Cultural Center.

After an event-filled January (Member quote: "It is like old times with the dining room crowded on weekend nights and Sunday brunches,") with a renewal in the number of members and friends in the dining room and at banquets, we move into a fast-paced, wonderful February full of fun and memorable times as an Irish Community.

To begin, the fabulous new entryway fashioned after the December rains precipitated some urgent needs, we must all personally and as a community thank the incredible members of our building committee and various others giving their all for the Center. Formal thank you commendations will be presented later this month, with a full report in the March bulletin as it is sent to all members.

By now many of you have received membership renewal letters. Be sure that you send back your renewal in quick time. Members' caring and dues have made so much of the Center's maintenance and improvement projects a reality! Ask a friend to join and get a special bonus!

I will be pleased to be with everyone at the Rose of Tralee Celebration on Saturday, February 7th. Get your tickets right away (if you don't have them already) so that you can be on hand to hear KGO TV personality and UICC member, Michael Finney introduce the Rose contestants and then stay for the exciting "crowning" of the 2015 Rose!

The Colomnan Fathers Luncheon on the 8th is a tradition at the Center. I will see many of you there. The United Irish Societies promises a shining highlight of February with the annual Grand Marshal Dinner on February 27th. Get your tickets and come out to the Center to enjoy being a part of the great Bay Area Irish community, and greet this year's Grand Marshal! Be sure and save the date for the big parade on March 14th and our annual Block Party here on 45th Avenue on Sunday, March 15th.

In closing, we are pleased that some of the events held in March by Irish Crossroads will be held at the Center. More information on all March events will be coming your way soon. For now, Crossroads invites all of us to share our Irish family history by scouring our photo albums and attics for family snapshots taken at the 100th Anniversary of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition (PPIE) in 1915. The photos will be displayed at the March 17th Crossroads Event "The Shamrock Isle: Images of Ireland at the Panama-Pacific Exposition." On Tuesday, March 17th at the California Historical Society.

In Unity and Pride in Being Irish,

Judith Kell, *President*  
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THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

## ***THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB***

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held February 19,  
providing at least 10 people make reservations by Friday, February 13.

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 Lamb Stew 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 and card playing will be Friday, February 20, 2015.

## ***PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS***

### ***TREASURES OF THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY***

ANNALS OF BEARA by Riobard O'Dwyer, NT

*Recently donated to the library by John Jones, a regular patron of the library.*

The Annals of Beara, written by Riobard O'Dwyer, NT, is a three volume genealogical work on the families of the Beara peninsula from the parishes of Adrigole, Allihies, Bere Island, Castletownbere, Eyeries, and Glengariff. The Annals are considered by many to be the most important genealogical study of the O'Sullivan family and other families in the area. Written over a period of 40 years, it is a compilation of church records and stories related to the author by members of the various families. Spanning a period of over 200 years, the volumes tell the stories of three to four generations, including many who emigrated to places in the United States, such as the Bay Area and Butte, Montana, which was a popular destination for residents of Allihies. O'Dwyer, himself born in Detroit, was raised in Ardgroom, where his father owned a dance hall and was commandant of the 3rd West Cork Brigade of the IRA. A man of many talents, O'Dwyer was a well-known athlete, musician and teacher.

The volumes are an easy read and would be enjoyed by anyone interested in the families of the Beara peninsula.

***Library hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm***

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

Sending a **BIG THANK YOU!** to all our Members who have sent in their Membership dues in January. The envelopes have been coming in at great speed. We will be updating the files with your information and plan on providing a **40th Anniversary Membership** card for all Active Members. A very special **Thank You** to **Mary O'Sullivan**, who has taken care of our Members and our Membership files for over 10 years. She continues to teach and guide us and has been ably assisted by **Sinead Campbell**. Come out and see your Center this month. If you didn't get your dues letter, please give us a call so we can track it down. **THANK YOU**

### **DEADLINE for MARCH 2015 BULLETIN is FEBRUARY 15**

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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

### ■ FEBRUARY 7, 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

### ■ FEBRUARY 7, SATURDAY

- Rose of Tralee San Francisco Selection  
Contact Rosie Keehan at 415/596-2421  
or email : sfroseoftralee@gmail.com  
or call the UICC 415/661-2700

### ■ FEBRUARY 8, SUNDAY

- Columban Fathers Luncheon  
Contact the UICC 415/661-2700

### ■ FEBRUARY 12, THURSDAY

- IIPC Active Retirees  
Mass & Luncheon ~ 12:15pm *See Ad*
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

### ■ FEBRUARY 19, THURSDAY

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

### ■ FEBRUARY 22, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society  
5pm ~ St Francis Room  
Guest speaker Catherine Duggan will discuss her  
book *The Lost Laws of Ireland*.  
For more info contact Tony Bucher 415/350-6025  
ILHS Members free - Visitors \$5 [www.ILHSSF.org](http://www.ILHSSF.org)

### ■ FEBRUARY 26, THURSDAY

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

### ■ FEBRUARY 27, FRIDAY

- Grand Marshal Dinner  
Honoring Bill Duggan as Grand Marshal  
Contact Cathy Miback at 415/753-0234



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Click on the **Scholarship Program** tab  
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Applications may also be picked up at the UICC  
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## 32/50 CLUB

### The 32/50 Drawing January 22, 2015 for December 2014

The winning combination was Ohio & Offaly held by James Horan for \$550

32/50 Club	Steve & Kathy Delahunty	Kathleen Leehane	Madi Reiser
32/50 Club	John Donohue	Patrick J. Moran	LeeAnn Stewart
32/50 Club	Jan Driscoll	Frances Murphy	Mark Shank/Bill Luqué*
32/50 Club	Pat Fergus	Katherine O'Shea	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore*
32/50 Club	Margaret Gavney*	Patrick O'Shea	Sarah James/John O'Keefe*
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Joseph Callan	Theresa Flynn Houghton	Tom O'Brien	Christopher Reilly/Doyle
John Driscoll	Kevin/Margaret Gavney*	Thomas O'Callaghan	Riordan, Emmett, Travis & Lily
Agnes Fee*	John J. Kearney	Mary Rose O'Connor	Singleton
Karen Fitzgerald	Helen Kelly	John S. O'Keefe*	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore*
Jeremiah/Julia Fitzgerald	Megan Langford	Mary M. O'Leary	Meaghan/Kathleen Manning*
Jeremiah/Julia Fitzgerald	Danny McEllistrim	Kerstin Scherman	Patricia Fitzgerald/James Lewis
Julia Fitzgerald*	Teresa McHugh	Maury Wolohan	
Jeremiah/Julia Fitzgerald	Nora Mullane		

### *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.

# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, February 12, 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

**Seamus Murphy (Caltrain, SamTrans, SMCTA)**  
**Director, Government & Community Affairs**

We are delighted to welcome Seamus Murphy, a key legislative advocate on behalf of the three transport agencies he serves. Seamus will talk about the challenges facing Caltrain and provide insight into why the state is planning to construct a high-speed rail system. He will also explain how these plans benefit the Bay Area's regional transportation network.

**Tickets - \$20**

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

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Author Byddi Lee, from Co. Armagh, will join us to read an extract from her published novel 'March to November' which navigates the entangled points of view of Tracey Duggan and her circle of friends and foes in modern-day Belfast, Ireland as they struggle with bereavement, broken marriages, broken dreams and broken minds.

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### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

GRAND MARSHAL DINNER  
6:00 PM NO HOST COCKTAILS - 7:00 PM DINNER  
\$75 per person  
*United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

HONORING COMMODORE JOHN BARRY  
10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME  
*4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue*  
  
2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
*300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

10:00 AM FLAG RAISING  
CO-HOSTED BY THE HONORABLE MAYOR EDWIN M. LEE  
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*City Hall Rotunda*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2015

9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL  
10:00 AM MASS  
*Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive*

2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME  
*1 Thomas More Way*

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS  
RECEPTION IN PARISH HALL  
*St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street*

11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE  
*2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center*

11:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM FESTIVAL  
*Civic Center*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015

FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY ~ 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM  
*HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, 1500 MISSION RD., COLMA*

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# *United Irish Societies Grand Marshal's Dinner*

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*Cocktails 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 7:00 pm ~ Donation \$75*

**Please submit the following information along with your payment by February 14.**

**Mail to:** United Irish Societies P. O. Box 16026 San Francisco, CA 94116

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone and/or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will attend \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$75 per person \$\_\_\_\_\_ Tables of 10 available

Indicate number of dinner entrees: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon

I/We are unable to attend the Dinner.

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We regret that tables cannot be confirmed until payment is received.  
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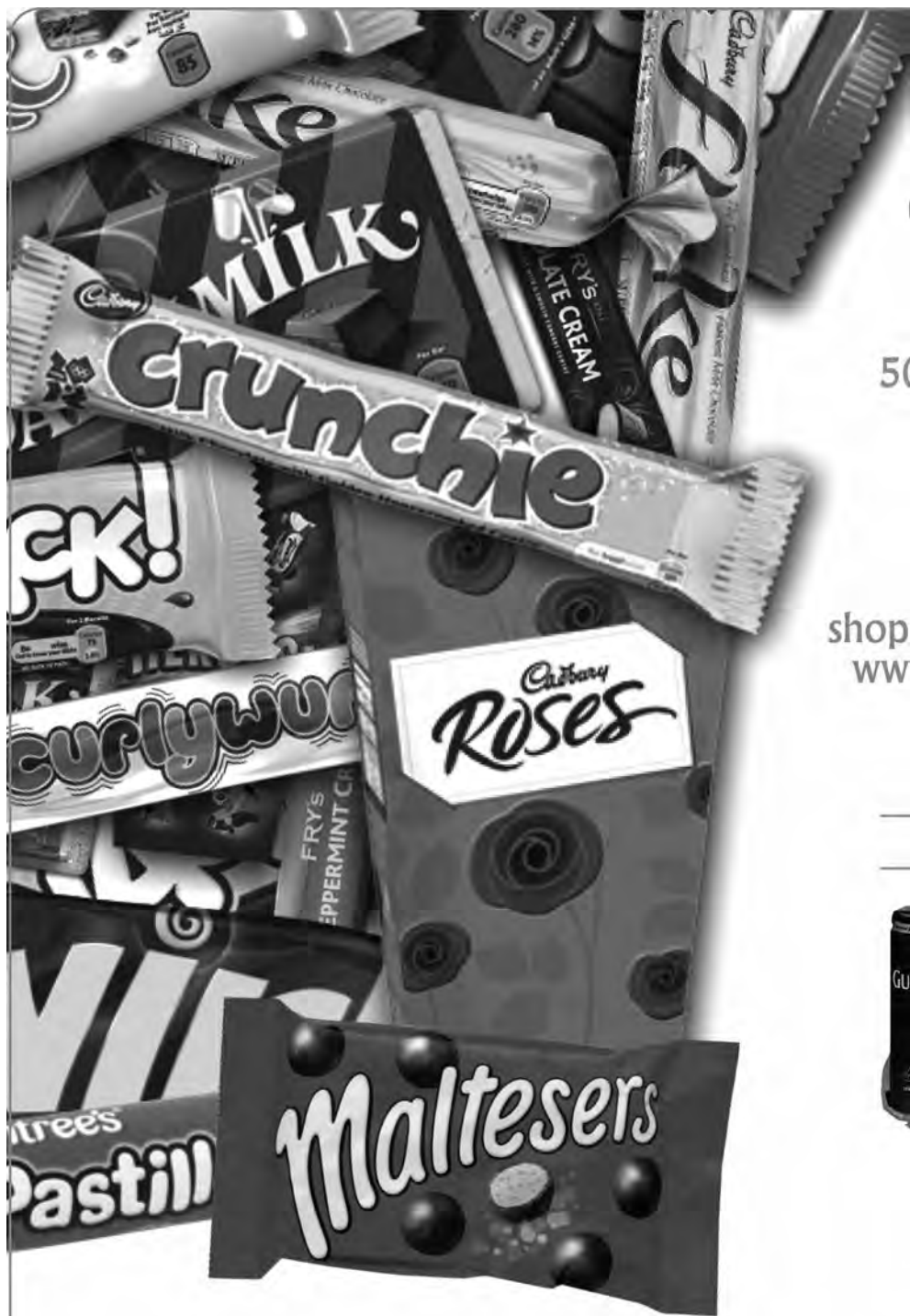
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**March 14, 2015 ~ St. Patrick's Day Parade**

**March 15, 2015 ~ Annual Greenfest Block Party with Java Beach**

**March 22, 2015 ~ Women of Ireland Concert at the UICC**

**April 18, 2015 ~ UICC 40th Anniversary Ball**

**May 28, 2015 ~ UICC Annual Members Meeting**

**November 19, 2015 ~ Irish Thanksgiving**

**November 22, 2015 ~ UICC Memorial Mass**