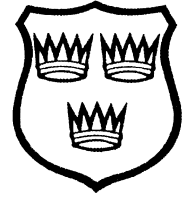




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

On June 15th I was more than ready to meet the deadline for the Bulletin Message for our July Bulletin. The events of early-morning June 16th in which several Irish JI students in Berkeley were involved in a balcony collapse which resulted in six fatalities and seven serious injuries put everyone in our Irish community and beyond into a state of shock, great concern and profound sadness. Needless to say, my original light-hearted message was put aside.

If there is any type of "silver lining" to this great tragedy, it is in the Irish community in the Bay Area's response that has been overwhelmingly positive. The support in the Irish community's outreach during such a dark time has been noted by all in the Bay Area and across the country and across the Atlantic in Ireland.

Your United Irish Cultural Center and its sister foundation, the Irish Cultural Centre of California, have donated \$1,000 in the name of its members to the fund designated by the Consul General for active donations. **I share this site should any of you wish to contribute individually or in groups at this time <http://www.gofundme.com/JItragedy> fund Should you wish to write a check, make it out to the 'JI Berkeley Tragedy Fund' and mail your contribution to the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center, 5340 Geary Boulevard, Suite 206, San Francisco, 94121.**

We hope to be together with many of you at our July General Membership Meeting on Thursday, July 23rd at 7:30. More news about upcoming events will be forthcoming at that time.

God bless all those families and friends who are directly affected by the terrible tragedy of June 16th and God bless us all.

Judith Kell, *President*

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THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY JULY 23

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held July 16
providing at least 10 people make reservations by Tuesday, July 14.

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 Corned Beef 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, July 10 at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

from the Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ JI Berkeley Tragedy Fund

AN OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT FROM THE IRISH COMMUNITY

Over 1,000 attended Sunday's Mass, June 21, at Saint Mary's Cathedral honoring the Berkeley JI students. In attendance was Irish Ambassador Anne Anderson, Irish Government Minister for Diaspora Affairs Jimmy Deenihan and Cork Lord Mayor Chris O'Leary. Father Brendan McBride's poignant homily touched everyone. Much gratitude has been expressed to the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center and the Consulate General of San Francisco for their compassionate and swift response to this tragic event. The injured students are being treated in East Bay hospitals, our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

LÚNASA

COME & ENJOY AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION
BEFORE THE HARVEST BEGINS!

SEE ART FROM IRISH ARTISTS, OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS
AT THE UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

AUGUST 21, 2015 5:30 – 9:00 ST. FRANCIS ROOM



If you are an artist, budding or fully bloomed, or know someone who is an Irish artist and would be interested in displaying your work for an evening exhibit at the UICC, St. Francis Room, let us know by contacting us before July 31st.

Contact: Olivia Browne at olivia_browne119@hotmail.com, or 415-341-7710
(Olivia is a UICC Intern as part of the Council on International Educational Exchange CIEE);
or Caitie O'Shea at caitieoshi@sbcglobal.net

We will send you a Participation Form so we know what type of work, size and number of displays.
We will be displaying the work on easels or tables.

Come out and have dinner and celebrate the art & the artists!

JULY CALENDAR

■ JULY 4, SATURDAY & JULY 5, SUNDAY
THE UICC WILL BE CLOSED

■ JULY 9, THURSDAY

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

■ JULY 10, FRIDAY

- Silver Gael Card Playing ~ 12:30pm

■ JULY 11, 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

■ JULY 16, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 5:30pm
Make reservations with Mary McGee 415/661-2700
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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■ JULY 23, THURSDAY

- GENERAL MEETING
7:30pm ~ St. Francis Room
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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■ JULY 30, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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MUSIC AT THE BAR

SATURDAY JULY 18

COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

Save the Date!

August 14

Finbar Furey in Concert

August 21

ICCC/UICC art Show

September 10

Irish Mex Dinner

September 19

Come celebrate with us the
return of Seamus Whitney
who will be visiting San Francisco

September 20

UICC Fundraiser for
Building Repairs & Projects

September 25-27

Irish Immersion Weekend

Irish Immigration Pastoral Center

During July

there will be no Tuesday Cairde Café /Coffee Morning or IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon.

Tuesday, August 18 will be a trip to the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos

Tuesday, August 25 will be the next Tuesday Cairde Café /Coffee Morning

DEADLINE for AUGUST BULLETIN is JULY 15

Please call the UICC with questions 415/661-2700. If you have specific artwork questions contact:

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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

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The walls of the library are lined with wonderful pictures and maps, including one of Father Peter Yorke parish priest, proponent of education, and supporter of the labor movement and of Irish nationalist. Although born and raised in Galway, Fr. Yorke had a great impact on the life and times of San Francisco in the late 1800's and early 1900's. In 1901, he was an advocate for the workers during the famous Teamster's strike in San Francisco. Founder of the *Leader* newspaper, which chronicles the life of the Irish Catholics in San Francisco as well as the events unfolding in Ireland, he used this platform to passionately advocate for his causes. At one point according to legend, his advocacy irritated Archbishop Riordan so much that he was "exiled" to a parish in Oakland, which turned out to be a most fortunate event as he was able to provide support to the victims of the 1906 earthquake by giving shelter to elderly patients from St. Mary's Hospital and cutting through red tape to get the supplies he needed. Finally he was forgiven by the archbishop and allowed to return to St. Peter's Parish where he served as a much beloved pastor. He died on Palm Sunday in 1925 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. Each Palm Sunday the United Irish Societies and Carpenters' Local 22 celebrate his life with a mass at Holy Cross. After mass with bagpipes playing, the celebrants march up to his grave for speeches honoring him and his support of the labor movement.

For further information about this remarkable man, drop by the library to read his biography, *Consecrated Thunderbolt* by Joseph Brusher or peruse his speeches in our copies of the *Leader*.

BLOOMSDAY AT THE CENTER

Although greatly overshadowed by the tragic events in Berkeley, our Bloomsday event turned out to be a lovely evening of good fellowship and a celebration of Irish literature. The young people, who so tragically lost their lives, were remembered in speech and by a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace. Jo Coffey and Valerie McGrew, the organizers of the event, would like to thank all of the participants-the readers and the audience including one of the library's biggest supporters, Caitie O'Shea, and the Warrior fans from the bar who wandered in to listen during breaks from the game. It was a rather unusual Bloomsday event in that, while there were some readings from *Ulysses* by Jo Coffey, Valerie McGrew and Carol Thornton, other readers picked their favorite Irish writers to read including some of Yeats' lovely poems. It all worked wonderfully. Our own president, Judith Kell, read portions from Oscar Wilde's children's book, the *Selfish Giant*. Donagh McKweon concluded the program with an excerpt from Becket. We also had the opportunity to listen to a lovely collection of songs mentioned in *Ulysses* that Jo put together. Gorgonzola sandwiches, celebrated in Episode 8 of *Ulysses*, were served.

All our best to Chris Creighton who has moved on to new endeavors. Thank you so much for all your many years of dedication and hard work as a volunteer at the library.

Help keep YOUR library open on Saturdays!

Please consider volunteering once or twice a month for three hours. With Chris leaving, we have two vacate volunteer slots from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. No library experience needed-just a friendly face to greet the visitors and a love of Irish culture. Please call Valerie at 650-991-3129 if you are interested.



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August 14, 2015

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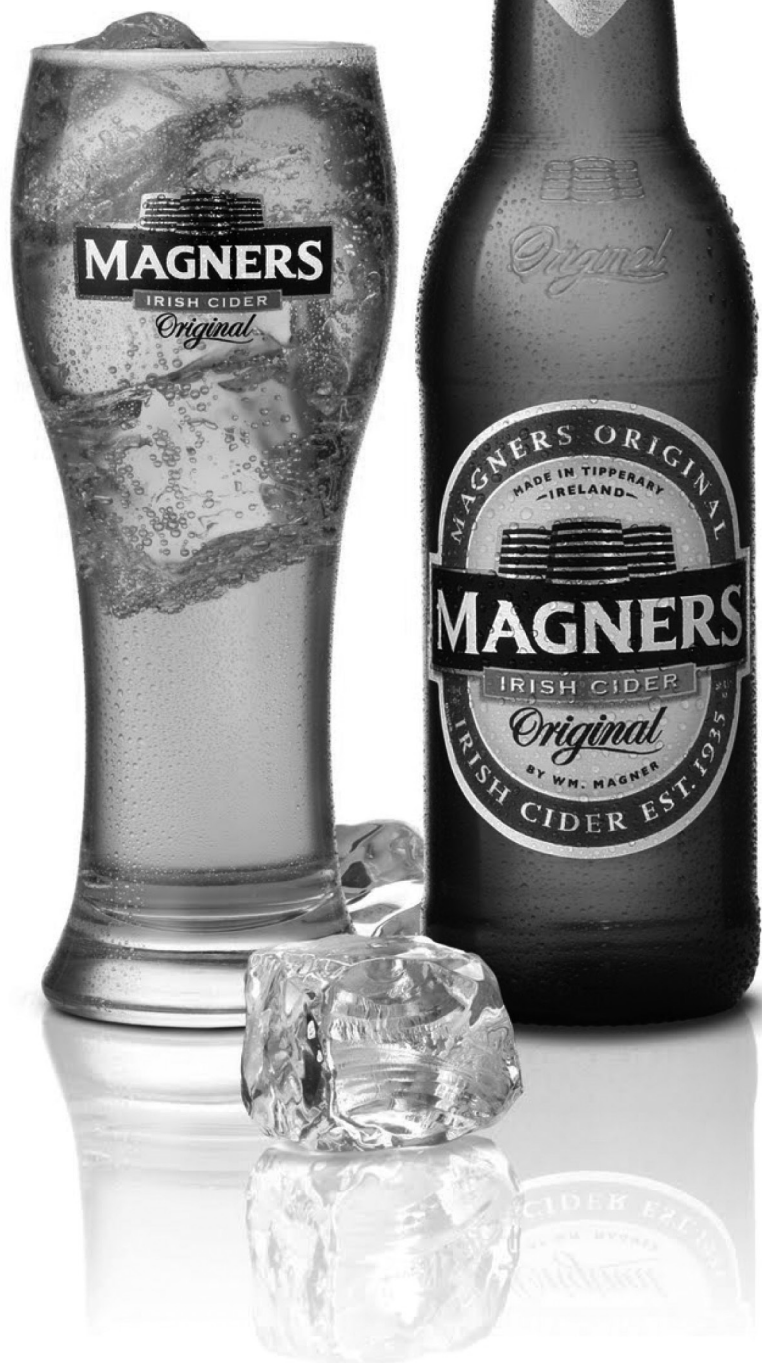
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