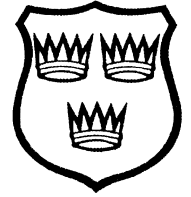




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## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members

Who would have thought that October would pass by so quickly? We had the great honor of hosting Ireland's President here at the Center and with the wonderful collaboration of the Irish Immigration and Pastoral Center folks (Thank you Celine and all!) and the superb talent of our own Teresa Moore (Hats off to you, Teresa for preparing everything at the Center for the big event!) President Higgins was welcomed in fine style.

With the November tradition of honoring those who have gone before, we will all want to be at the Center on November 22nd at 10 a.m. for our mass of remembrance for our deceased UICC members. We owe so much to those who have passed on. Their "Irish Dream" is what we are living in now. In honoring them, we take steps every day, every year to bring more memorable cultural events to the forefront and to provide our members and guests with the best in Irish hospitality. Remember to make your reservations for brunch afterward. Mary Magee has already taken some reservations.

Special thanks to all members who are enjoying the resurgence of the restaurant at the UICC. The food is delicious, the servers are the best and we are so proud to advise all that for the first time in many years, our restaurant is making some monetary progress. The UICC restaurant is not far away from making it on "Checks Please Bay Area"! Thanks to EVERYONE at the Center for moving this important Board of Directors' agenda item forward. Shea Stella has taken on a great role in helping with the new restaurant procedures and will head up a marketing push for members and valued guests as well.

Thanksgiving at the Irish Center will be celebrated in the usual superb way. I hear that reservations are coming in quickly. Although we are closed in the restaurant for the Friday after Thanksgiving, it is reported that the Saturday after (November 28) is another evening with a good number of reservations made already. We are "cooking" in the UICC restaurant!

Lastly, several holiday events are planned at the Center. Be sure and mark the dates that are listed in the calendar elsewhere in the Bulletin. Also, time is of the essence; make your holiday banquet arrangements soon!

Best Wishes for a Blessed Thanksgiving,

Judith Kell, *President*  
UCC Board of Directors

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**THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

# THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in November and December.

## SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, November 13, at 12:30 pm.  
Everyone had a great time on our River Rock Casino Trip!

## ...FROM OUR MEMBERS



*Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of  
Mary Anne Philpott and Sheila Walsh.*



**THE UI4 GIRLS** from Laune Rangers and Cromane joined forces to represent Killorglin In the Community Games UI4 ladies football championship. They won the gold medal at the Community Games National Finals in Athlone recently. The Killorglin team beat Lucan Sarsfields from Dublin in the final by 4-3 to 3-5.

Back, l-r: Hannah Joy, Roisin Hayes, Kathlynn McMahon, Fodhla Houlihan, Maggie West, Nicole Moriarty, Shannon Foley and Alanna Dolan.

Front, l-r: Laura Brennan, Claire Fealy, Lucy O'Donnell, Kayleigh McGlashan, Rachel Evans, Alanna O'Sullivan who is the granddaughter of UICC member Terry Leonard, Cora Joy and Maureen Duffy.

Many blessings to our parents, Tom and Nancy (deceased) McGarvey,  
on their 58th Wedding Anniversary, November 16, 2015.

Love,

Daughters Anne, Cathy & Helen



*Note to our subscribers: We regret the mailing mishap of the October Bulletin. This was a Post Office error.*

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

## ■ NOVEMBER 1, SATURDAY

- **Irish Literary & Historical Society**  
5:00pm - Saint Francis Room. welcomes Clare Moriarty, an Irish PhD student at King's College, London, visiting Berkeley until December, 2015. Her topic will be George Berkeley's Marvelous Mathematics.  
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors. [www.ILHSsf.org](http://www.ILHSsf.org)

## ■ NOVEMBER 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 email: [coffey.jo@gmail.com](mailto:coffey.jo@gmail.com)
- **San Francisco Junior Glens Soccer Association**  
Annual Dinner Dance ~ 6:00pm  
Guest of honor is Liverpool and Ireland Legend, Ray Houghton, with 2 very special honorees, Fr. Brendan McBride and Joe Cummings.  
Contact the Glens office for tickets (415)814-3861 or Michelle by email at [sfglensoccer@gmail.com](mailto:sfglensoccer@gmail.com)

## ■ NOVEMBER 10, TUESDAY

- **49er Goal Rushers dinner ~ All are welcome**  
Contact Sue Hoffman for information and reservations 415/665-4483

## ■ NOVEMBER 12, THURSDAY

- **IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon**  
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

## ■ NOVEMBER 15, SUNDAY

- **Ceili ~ 7pm to 10pm ~ in the Ballroom**  
Adults \$10 Children Free when with an adult  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

## ■ NOVEMBER 19, THURSDAY

- There will be no Thursday Night Dinner
- **Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm**  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

## ■ NOVEMBER 22, SUNDAY

- **UICC Deceased Members Mass ~ 10am**  
St. Patrick's Room  
Restaurant open for Sunday Brunch starting at 10am until 2pm
- **Dr. Mick will be administering flu shots**  
11am - 1pm in the Boardroom  
Contact Dr. Mick 415/571-8881
- **Irish Literary & Historical Society**  
5:00pm - Saint Francis Room.  
ILHS welcomes Kathleen Walkup, Professor of Book Art, Mills College, Oakland "Press came in pours of rain": Cuala Press and the Legacy of Elizabeth Corbet Yeats. ILHS members free, \$5 visitors.  
For more information - [www.ILHSsf.org](http://www.ILHSsf.org)  
JOIN the ILHS - [www.ILHSsf.org/membership](http://www.ILHSsf.org/membership)

## ■ NOVEMBER 24, TUESDAY

- **Cairde Café /Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am ~ See Ad**

## ■ NOVEMBER 26, THURSDAY

- **Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving dinner**  
Dinner served from 3:30- 6pm  
Reservations encouraged.  
Call the office 415/661-2700

## Save the Date!

**December 5**

Rebel Cork Dinner Dance

**December 20**

Children's Christmas Party

**January 30, 2016**

Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Ború  
54<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance

There will be no General Meeting in November and December 2015

### DEADLINE for DECEMBER BULLETIN is November 15

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## 32/50 CLUB

### The 32/50 Drawing for September 2015

The winning combination was Maryland & Carlow held by the Julia Fitzgerald for \$550

32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Larry Bee	Patricia A. West
32/50 Club	Agnes Fee/Monica Duffy*	Marie Comer	Ronan Ryan
32/50 Club	Bishop Francis Quinn	Mary Caslin	Scott Gavney/Margaret Gavney*
32/50 Club	Brietta J. Marken	Mary Teresa O'Sullivan	Terri Leonard
32/50 Club	Christine Smith	Michael & Peggy Cooney	Tom & ELizabeth O'Connor
32/50 Club	David J. Sullivan	Michael Griffin	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore
32/50 Club	John S. O'Keeffe*	Michelle Zauss	Hannah O'Connell/Mary Fergus
32/50 Club	John/Rosemary O'Brien	P.L. Kiska/William Luqué*	

*\*Congratulations to all the \$50 Winners!!!!*

## PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

### Treasures of the Patrick J. Dowling Library

In the library collection, there are more than two shelves of books relating to the legends, myths, fairy tales and folklore of Ireland. As with most stories from the pre-history period, it is difficult to determine what is fact and what is fiction or a combination thereof, like the goddess Brigid and St. Brigid or the Arthurian stories in Britain. Nonetheless, these stories reflect the core ideals and values of the Irish people.

We have several books which relate the story of the legendary hero of the Ulster Cycle, Cuchulainn. Known as the Hound of Ulster, Cuchulainn was famous for his superhuman strength and brave deeds on the battlefield.

In September, a statue of Cuchulainn, which was donated by Seamus Whitney, was formally dedicated at a ceremony at the United Irish Cultural Center. It is located in the small lobby of the stairwell next to the Patrick J. Dowling Library and can be seen by bystanders. On a clear evening with the light in the background shining on it, the statue is an amazing sight.

Located in the Dublin GPO building, a similar statue by Oliver Sheppard was dedicated by Eamon De Valera memorializing the martyrs of the 1916 uprising. Leading up to the 1916 uprising, Cuchulainn was an important figure to the Republicans representing Irish culture. Conversely, he was also an important figure to Ulster unionist, who saw him as a hero who defended Ulster against invaders from the South. (Source of information: Wikipedia, 5/22/2008 and [www.Ireland-information.com](http://www.Ireland-information.com))

The following are some books in the collection about Cuchulainn that you might enjoy looking at:

***The Cuchulain Plays of WB Yeats, A Study***  
by Reg Skene

***The Hound of Ulster*** by Rosemary Sutcliff  
(a history targeting teenagers)

***Legends of Ireland*** by JJ Campbell

### Amazon Wish List

As you probably know, the entire collection has been donated by our many generous supporters. The library is slowly moving into the 21st century with an Amazon Wish List created by one of our volunteer librarians, Jessica Neaves.

You can find it at  
<http://amazon.com/w/2M6UY4C65F3QD> or  
under the name of Patrick J. Dowling Library.

### Shalom Ireland

In October, the library partnered with Congregation Beth Israel Judea in the two screenings of this charming film.

Thank you to Pat D'Arcy who introduced me to Valerie Lapin the director and suggested we sponsor a return appearance of the film at the Center, to Valerie Lapin Ganley for all her support, to Johanna Gendelman from BIJ and to all of you who attended the screenings.

A copy of the film has been added to our collection of DVDs.



*President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina visited the United Irish Cultural Center on Sunday, October 25 on his official visit to the US West Coast.*



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Reservations must be received by November 28.

# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, November 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

## **SF Fire Chief, Joanne Hayes-White**

We are honored and delighted to welcome Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White to our Active Retirement Club! Joanne follows in the steps of her parents Patricia and the late Tom Hayes, as a community leader, a great friend and a proud Irish woman. Joanne will give us some good advice on being fire safe in our homes.

**Tickets - \$20**

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

## **CAIRDE CAFÉ** **COFFEE MORNING**



**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

**10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**United Irish Cultural Center**

**The Restaurant - 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco**



**10.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.** Tea/Coffee & Chat  
*Grab a cup of tea/coffee, relax and get acquainted.*

**10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.** RTÉ Programming  
*Screening of RTÉ News or other programming from Ireland.*

**11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.** Activity  
*A different activity will be offered each month.*

**12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.** Wrap up and goodbyes  
*We will wrap up the afternoon's conversation and adjourn.*

The IIPC is delighted to expand our Active Retirement Club program to offer a monthly coffee morning get-together. The coffee morning is designed to be an informal gathering of friends, old and new. Come along play cards, read the Irish newspapers or just have a chat.

Each month we will have a different conversation topic or guest who will join us for a cup of tea/coffee.

This will be a new and exciting social opportunity to get out of the house for a few hours and spend it in the company of friends.

**For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006**

**Event Donation: \$5**

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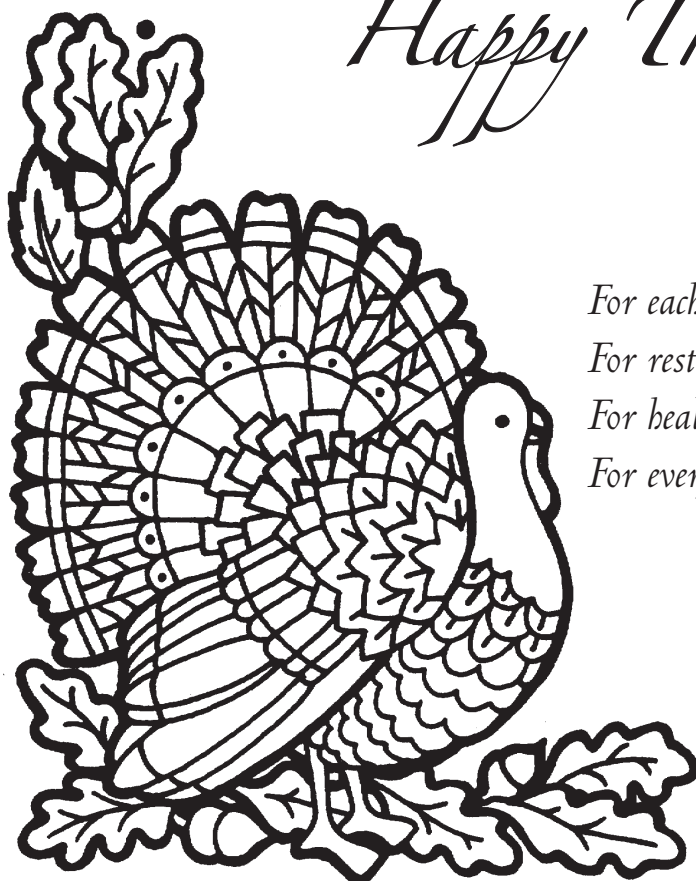


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## *Happy Thanksgiving*



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For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

*~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

