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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members

Your UICC Board of Directors is proud to announce the implementation of a new menu in our restaurant. Our newly-hired Chef, Erik Kamprud has put together a exceptional new menu for our Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday dinners. While the new menu has been available since Thursday, September 10th, we are aiming to have a "Grand Menu Opening Celebration" on Friday, October 16th. Mark your calendars and join your Board of Directors at dinner time at the Center. We guarantee an exceptional dining experience. The appetizers, the entrées and the desserts are, as they say, "superb". Special thanks to the UICC restaurant committee which included Michael Bowler, Ligia Torres, Shea Stella and yours truly.

Also new at the Center is our restaurant host, Donagh McKeown. Donagh is our genial presence in the restaurant hosting, greeting, and making all of us feel well served! Positive comments are coming in about Donagh as well as the wait staff and bussers too. Donagh also supported the "Parting Glass Session" at the UICC on September 16th. There was lots of positive feedback on the program. Hopefully, there will be more to come, Donagh.

I am pleased to announce that the Irish Cultural Centre of California, our sister non-profit organization, has expanded the size of its Board of Directors and now has a full component of wonderful folk who are committed to the mission of the Centre and its work within the Irish Cultural scene. Jo Coffey, Board President will have a further report at the General Membership meeting in October.

Time to remind all that it is not too early to reserve banquet dining space for those holiday parties. We encourage all to avoid the "last minute rush" as our St. Patrick's Room is the ideal place for a memorable holiday event. Families might be interested in the Members' Room or the St. Francis Room for something smaller. With our great Chefs for banquets and in the restaurant, we are indeed blessed and proud of the fine food available at this time.

Lastly, don't forget to purchase tickets for the High Kings who are coming to the Center on October 18th. This is an exceptional event and I am pleased to announce that tickets are selling VERY well!

See all of you soon at the Center. I can honestly say, the UICC is my "home away from home."

With Respect, Caring, and In Unity,

Judith Kell, *President* UCC Board of Directors

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THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held October 15 providing at least 10 people make reservations by Tuesday, October 13 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. Please call Mary McGee at 415/661-2700 for reservations.

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

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, October 23, at 12:30 pm. River Rock Casino Trip ~ Monday October 19. See Ad All are welcome.

...FROM OUR MEMBERS



Condolences to the Rose Kelly family on her unexpected passing July 20, 2015, especially to her children and grandchildren.

Reflections from Olivia Browne

Council on International Educational Exchange – CIEE J1 – Intern with the United Irish Cultural Center



I am a recent Graduate of Art and Design from Galway /Mayo Institute of Technology. I came to San Francisco in November with the hopes of putting the skills I acquired in college in the areas of Photography, Digital Media and Art to use in the real world outside of school. I was lucky enough to be offered an internship at the United Irish Cultural Centre where my role was to help organize an event that could bring both members of the Center and the public together to appreciate the creative skills of the Irish community here in the San Francisco Bay Area. My goals were to learn how a non-profit organization like the UICC runs events by researching community resources and working with various groups on events. We began brainstorming ideas and finally agreed that an Art Exhibition featuring live Irish music would be a great event for all ages. This special event with the UICC was daunting but also exciting. With help from Jo Coffey, President of the Irish Cultural Centre of California (ICCC), we decided on the theme of

Lúnasa which is Irish for the month of August as well as an ancient Celtic celebration. The response we had from artists both professional and amateur who wished to participate was fantastic and in no time at all we had over 80 pieces of art to exhibit. The group of artists ranged from the distinguished Harry Powers to Belfast-born Michael Madden to the San Bruno Senior Art Group, whose works brought rave reviews. With the help of some brilliant live Irish music and delicious food and wine supplied by General Manager, Teresa Moore, and her UICC staff, the exhibition on August 21st was a complete success by anyone's standard. People of all ages came to view the Art Work and judging by the atmosphere they all enjoyed it very much. All in all I think Lúnasa was a great event and no doubt will have to be done again next year even bigger and better! I gained valuable experience on how to organize an event and the planning process that leads up to it. On a personal note I'd like to thank Caitie O'Shea, Teresa Moore, Judith Kell, UICC President and everyone at the UICC who gave me this opportunity. I send out another big thank you to all who participated and came to see the Exhibition. Go raibh mile maith agat!

Olivia is completing her Internship at the end of October. Her visa allows her to stay an additional month to travel within the United State before returning to Ireland. She was able to travel to Chicago recently as a member of one of the teams participating in the GAA sponsored tournament. We wish Olivia the best as she continues to develop her skills in art and design and hope she finds a place where her talents can continue to grow and flourish. God Bless!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

■ OCTOBER 8, THURSDAY

- IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon ~ 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

■ OCTOBER 9, FRIDAY

• Kerry Night in the Dining Room All are welcome. Make reservations: 415/661-2700

■ OCTOBER 10, 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

■ OCTOBER 15, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 5:30pm
 Make reservations with Mary McGee 415/661-2700
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm
 For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ OCTOBER 16, FRIDAY

New Menu Celebration!
 Come out to the Center and try our superb menu prepared by Chef Erik Kamprud.

■ OCTOBER 17, SATURDAY

Connaught Annual Dinner Dance
 For tickets and information call:
 Peter Naughton 415/999-9210
 Peter & Josephine Moore 415/845-9886
 John Joyce 650/954-4141

■ OCTOBER 18, SUNDAY

The High Kings ~ See Ad

■ OCTOBER 22, THURSDAY

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



Music at the Bar

- Friday, October 9 ~ Kerry Night
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
 COMHALTAS TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

Save the Date!

November 17 Irish Thanksgiving

November 22
UICC Deceased Members Mass

November 26
Thanksgiving at the UICC

December 5Rebel Cork Dinner Dance

December 20 Children's Christmas Party

■ OCTOBER 25, SUNDAY

• 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
Mathmatics.
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors. www.ILHSsf.org

■ OCTOBER 27. TUESDAY

- Cairde Café /Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am ~ See Ad
- OCTOBER 29, THURSDAY
 - Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm

DEADLINE for NOVEMBER BULLETIN is October 15

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

Adrienne Verreos Falcon Associates Inc.

tel: 415/468-4130
 fax: 415/468-3549
 email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Drawing for August 2015

The winning combination was Arizona & Antrim held by the Stephen J. Sullivan for \$550

32/50 Club	John Gallagher	Agnes Fee/Monica Duffy	Rosemary Valenta/Valerie McGrew	
32/50 Club	John S. O'Keeffe	Mary Murphy	Mya Mickelson/C. Reiser*	
Brian Flynn	Julia Fitzgerald	Patrick R. Kelly	Megan Gavney/Margaret Gavney	
Caitie O'Shea	Kathleen O'Connell	Russell Sweeney	Frances V. Jones/Steven W. Jones	
Colleen McHugh*	Laurie Sullivan *	Sally/Jerry Cassidy	Daniel Kevin O'Sullivan*	
Eileen Loftus	Mark McKenna	Shawn Singleton	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore	
Frances Murphy	Martin Howard	Sondra L. Johnson	Caitie O'Shea/Joan O'Shea Dupnik	
Jessy Ward	Mary Costello-Kozuch	Sarah Nicole McEllistrim*		



The 32/50 Drawing for September 2015

The winning combination was Kentucky & Laois held by the Lauren O'Sullivan for \$550

32/50 Club	Agnes Fee/Monica Duffy	John S. O'Keeffe	Thomas C. Aspell*/Joe N. Aspell
32/50 Club	Barbara Lyons	Kent W. Snyder	Stephen McEntee & Mary McNally*
32/50 Club	Bridget Shanley	Margaret Gavney	Sean Heath & Maureen Hickey
32/50 Club	Grace Loftus*	Marge Hagan	Peggy Nevin/John Walsh
32/50 Club	Jim & Cathie Mullan*	Nancy McGarvey	Peggy Nevin/Janet Ruffoni Lucey*
32/50 Club	Joan Finucane	Steve & Kathy Delahunty	Mr. & Mrs. William Hagan
32/50 Club	John Brennan	Thomas & Patricia Malone	Elizabeth Hull/Valerie McGrew
32/50 Club	John McEllistrim*	Tim & Kate Leehane*	

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

For more information about the 32/50 Club please leave a message for the 32/50 Committee at (415) 661-2700, ext. 305.

WELCOME SEAMUS!

With a special "colour party" to pipe him home, Seamus Whitney joined us at the UICC to dedicate the statue of Irish hero Cu Chulain he had donated to the Center. Seamus has also founded the Cu Chulain Foundation which supports Irish cultural groups across the Bay Area. The Irish Pipers of San Francisco, led by Michael Le Bouef pipped Seamus to the site before Judith Kell, the UICC President warmly thanked him for his support over the years.







PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

ENCORE SCREENING OF SHALOM IRELAND

A Film about Ireland's Remarkable But Little Known Jewish Community



In the run up to the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Uprising, Patrick J. Dowling Library and Congregation Beth Israel Judea are teaming up to host an exciting cross cultural event: two screenings of *Shalom Ireland*, a documentary film about Ireland's remarkable, yet little known Jewish community. *Shalom Ireland* chronicles the history of Irish Jewry while celebrating the unique culture created by blending Irish and Jewish traditions.

From gun running for the Irish Republican Army during Ireland's War of Independence to smuggling fellow Jews escaping from the Holocaust into Palestine,

Shalom Ireland tells the untold story of how Irish Jews participated in the creation and development of both Ireland and Israel. The film returns to the UICC for an encore presentation after airing on RTÉ and screening at more than a hundred film festivals and community events around the world.

The screenings will be followed by a panel discussion with the Director, Valerie Lapin Ganley and representatives from both the Irish and Jewish communities

Admission: \$5

Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 pm
Beth Israel Judea
625 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco

Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm St. Francis Room, UICC

For more information visit ShalomIreland.com or Valerie McGrew at 650-991-3129, vtmcgrew@comcast.net

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, October 08, 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

Duane Vickrey - Department of Adult Services

Duane Vickrey, ACSW, began work with Adult Protective Services in 2004 and has specialized in investigating elder financial abuse cases since 2007. Duane is delighted to attend the ARC luncheon and share an overview of the DAS programs and services that will be most relevant to ARC members.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910 Email: info@sfiipc.org

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



CAIRDE CAFÉ

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

The Restaurant - 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



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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Connaught Athletic & Social Club Annual Dinner Dance



Saturday, October 17, 2015 United Irish Cultural Center

2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco

No Host Bar 7 pm ~ Dinner 8 pm

\$70.00 per person ~ Filet Mignon or Salmon

Music by Ben Hunter

Tickets and Information:

Peter Naughton 415/999-9210 or 415/661-7940

Peter & Josephine Moore 415/845-9886 or 415/407-5944

Sally Cassidy 415/665-0689

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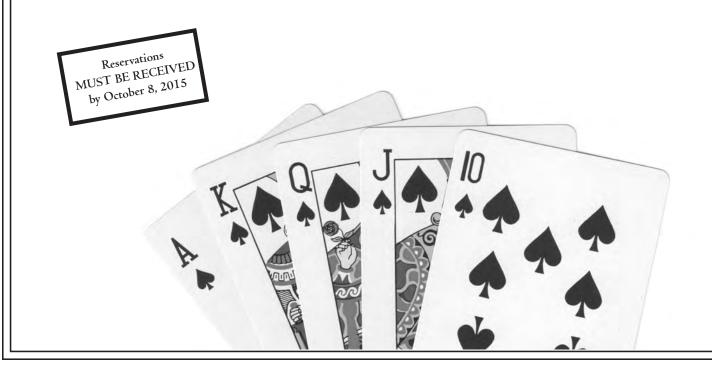
Silver Gaels River Rock Casino Trip*

Monday, October 19, 2015 \$25 per person

Includes: Round-trip transportation,
\$20 "Casino Play" and 5 hours of Las Vegas style gaming
Bus leaves from the UICC @ 9:00 am
Trip will be cancelled if we do not have 40 PAID reservations.

Make check payable to: UICC

Please bring ID and your River Rock card — especially if you are a BIG Winner!





Sunday October 18th

appearing live at the United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



Pre-Show Music: Celtic Scandal with Ben, Kevin & Steve



Tickets: in advance \$10 for kids \$40 for adults at the door \$15 for kids \$50 for adults

Tickets available at: www.sfirishcenter.votickets.com/events

Group Sales and Information call 415/860-1854



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