

### Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

## United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.





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2015-2016 OFFICERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## **BOARD MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

With the first of April, it is time to look ahead and to also look back. April showers arrived early and were a threat during the St. Patrick's Day Parade and very much a reality on the day of the annual Block Party! In spite of all of the much-needed wet weather, the spirit of St. Patrick's Day at the UICC wasn't dampened a bit. More folks enjoyed the corned beef and cabbage dinner after the Parade than last year and it was absolutely wonderful to welcome seasoned UICC members and also the great influx of young folks and young families. Also, Easter arrived early this year and once again, we had a record number of people enjoying the Easter brunch (and dinner) at the Center. The spirit of Irish-America is definitely alive and well at the UICC!

Looking ahead to our present month of April, I want to remind everyone of the incredible Irish music we have at the Center on two of the four Saturdays. Cormac Gannon will be with us on the first Saturday of April (as he is on the first Saturday of every month) to fill the UICC bar and restaurant area with wonderful traditional Irish music. Comhaltas will be with us to bring more Irish melody on April 16th. Why not celebrate being done with your income tax at the Center on that Saturday?

The highlight of the month of April will be on Sunday, April 24th when we join together as an Irish community in commemorating the Heroes and Heroines of the I916 Rising. The contribution of the Irish in San Francisco at the time will also be remembered. The commemoration will begin at 4 pm and continue through until 5:30pm. A hard-working, knowledgeable and inclusive committee has been working with dedication on this very special program. The Rising is a part of the history of all of us and the commemoration is a time to renew our Irish respect for those who have gone before to bring us reality of the Irish Republic.

After all of the special events in April, I would like to remind you of the very important General Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 28th.

With Respect, In Unity and Irish Pride,

Judith Kell, President, Board of Directors

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

It is not too early to mark your calendars for Friday, June 17th. Thanks to Liam Reidy we have the incredible Irish tenor, Emmet Cahill performing at the UICC at 8 pm. Tickets are available online or at the bar in the UICC. Make your plans for the evening early. A special dinner will be available in our dining room as well!

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

## NOTICE TO UICC MEMBERS

#### PLEASE SAVE THE DATE for Nominating Meeting

A nominating meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on April 28, 2016 to nominate candidates to fill 3 openings on the Board of Directors. Also all proposed changes to the bylaws will be read by the Secretary at this meeting, and any proposed bylaw changes will be discussed. Any proposed bylaw changes will be on the UICC website and in the Library 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (aka AGM). The AGM will be held on Thursday, May 26th, at 7:30, to elect 3 directors and to vote on any bylaw changes.

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held April 28 providing at least 10 people make reservations by Tuesday, April 21. 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 filet of sole or roasted chicken and cabbage.

Please call Mary McGee at 415/661-2700 for reservations. Come and have dinner before the General Meeting which starts at 7:30pm!

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

## SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, April 8 at 12:30 pm.

## 32/50 CLUB

## Three 32/50 Drawings were held in February 25, 2016

The winning combination was Florida & Waterford held by the Jack Hefferman for \$550

32/50 Club	John S. O'Keeffe*	Marion Broeker	Katherine Scanlon/Jennifer Culhane*
32/50 Club	Josephine Healy	Maura & Monica Duffy	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore*
32/50 Club	Kathleen O'Connell	McAuliffe Family	James & Catherine Mullan
32/50 Club	Kieran Woods	Libby & Carmelle Reiser	Gerald & Ciara Cassidy/Jerry Cassidy*
Alice & James Mayo	Leim Reidy	Nuala Rege	Dennis & Maureen Powell
Carolyn Cayabyab	Ligia Maria Torres*	Roseleen Flynn	Bridget & Ben Shanley
Elaine Shaw	M/M Jack Jordan	RoseMary Kennedy	Agnes Fee/Monica Duffy*
John Gallagher	Margaret Gavney*	William Luqué	

## 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.

## APRIL CALENDAR

#### ■ APRIL 2, SATURDAY

• 8 week Irish Language Class begins
10:30am~ UICC Board Room
Sponsored by Comhaltas For info and registration call
Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803
or email josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

#### ■ APRIL 3, SUNDAY

 Irish Crossroads Festival - Oral History Archives 2:00pm ~ St. Patrick's III Room Afternoon of Storytelling of the Irish Oral History Archive of the San Francisco Bay Area

#### ■ APRIL 9, 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

#### ■ APRIL 14, THURSDAY

- IIPC Special Spring Outing ~ See Ad
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

#### ■ APRIL 21, THURSDAY

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

#### ■ APRIL 24, SUNDAY

- The Irish Literary and Historical Society
  3:00pm (please note time change) ~ St. Francis Room
  The IHLS welcomes Matt Horton, a doctoral candidate
  in Social & Cultural Studies at UC Berkeley will present
  "The Gravesite of Thomas Desmond, legendary Fenian
  and veteran of the Fremantle Mission"
  ILHS members free, \$5 visitors www.ILHSsf.org
- A Terrible Beauty was Born ~ 4pm ~ St. Patrick's room Celebration of the Heroes and Heroines of the 1916 Easter Rising. Sponsored by the UICC/ICC For information call Jo Coffey 415/585-6506

#### ■ APRIL 26, TUESDAY

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

#### APRIL 28. THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 5:30 pm
   Call Mary McGee for reservations 415/661-2700
- GENERAL MEETING
   7:30pm ~ St. Francis Room
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803



• Saturday, April 2 @ 8pm

Traditional Irish music

With Cormac Gannon & Friends

• Saturday, April 16 @ 8pm Comhaltas - Traditional Irish Dancing

# Trivia Tuesdays in the main bar, 8pm Hosted by: Donagh McKeown



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#### **DEADLINE for MAY 2016 BULLETIN is April 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

# Winners - 165<sup>TH</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 12, 2016

#### Best Float - Open

#1 San Francisco Glens Soccer Club

#2 Ironworkers Local 377

#3 Irish Football/Hurling Youth League

#### Best Float - Irish

#1 East Bay Fleadchaeol

#2 Rose of Tralee - United Irish Cultural Center

#3 International Carpenters Union Local - #22

#### Pipe and Fife Bands

#1 Stewart Tartans Pipes, Drums and Dancers

#2 Irish Pipers Band of San Francisco

#3 Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band

#### **Decorated Car/Truck**

#1 Murphy School of Irish Dance

#2 Star One Art Car

#3 Blarney Fire Department - St. Helena

#### Civilian Band

#1 Falun Dafa Divine Land

#2 Los Trancos Woods Community Band

#### College Band

#1 Humboldt State University Lumberjacks

#### **High School Band**

#1 Archbishop Riordan Crusaders of San Francisco

#### **Elementary School Bands**

#1 Catholic Schools Elementary San Francisco #2 M.U.S.E. Elementary - Tigard, OR

#### Drum & Bugle Jr.

#1 Troop 12 Boy Scouts of America

#### Drum & Bell High Schools

#1 Galileo High School JROTC

#2 George Washington High School JROTC

#### **Color Guard JROTC**

#1 George Washington High School JROTC

#### Irish Marching Unit

#1 Irish Football/Hurling Youth League

#2 SF Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society

#3 San Francisco Firefighters Local #798

#### **Irish Dancers**

#1 Murphy Irish School of Dance

#2 Whelan/Kennelly Irish Dance Academy

#3 Healy Irish Dancers

#### Irish Unit - Other

#1 Northern California Irish Wolfhounds

#2 Rebel Cork's Association

#3 United Irish Societies of San Francico

#### **Decorated Cable Car**

#1 IUOE Stationary Engineers - Local 39

#2 Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

#3 International Sheet Metal Workers - Local 104

#### **Antique Car**

#1 Blarney Fire Department - St. Helena

#2 Sheedy Crane, San Francisco

#3 Veterans for Peace

#### Senior Marching Unit

#1 Int'l Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 6

#2 Int'l Alliance of Theatrical Stage - Local 16

#3 Native Sons of the Golden West

#### **Drum Major**

#1 Archbishop Riordan Crusaders of San Francisco

#2 Los Trancos Woods Community Band

#### **Senior Baton Corps**

**#1 Napa Pepperettes** 

#### **Junior Baton Corps**

**#1 Napa Pepperettes** 

#2 Redwood City Twirlers

#### **Boys Drill Team**

#1 George Washington High School JROTC

#2 Galileo High School JROTC

#### Girls Drill Team

#1 Galileo High School JROTC

#2 George Washington High School JROTC

#### Novelty

#1 BART Mobile

#2 NERT - Neighborhood of Emergency Services

#3 Girl Scouts of Northern California Council

Grand Marshal Dinner February 26, 2016























## 32/50 LUAU LUNCHEON May 15, 2016

The annual drawing will be held at a luncheon on Sunday May 15, 2016, at 1:00pm. The final drawing of 2015 and first drawing of 2016 will be held. A total of \$4,800 in prize money will be awarded for each drawing at the luncheon. You do not need to be present to win.

Doors open at 12 noon. Price \$25/per person. Lunch served at 1pm. No reserved seating.

> Menu Soup

Choice of entree: Chicken Pomodoro or Shrimp Louie
Dessert Wine

All reservations must be in no later than May 9, 2016. No reservations may be made at the door.

For information or questions call Bill Luqué at (415) 552-9620.

No Reserved Seating. All tickets must be paid in advance. No Exceptions!

Reservation Form:	-

Make check payable to 32/50 Club and mail to:

32/50 Club Bill Luqué 2700 45th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116

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Name:	Phone:	
Number of reservations:	_@\$25.00 each for a total of \$	
Number of Chicken Pomodoro	Number of Shrimp Louie	

PICK UP TICKETS AT DOOR

## A TERRIBLE BEAUTY WAS BORN

San Francisco and the Easter 1916 Rising

DRAMATIC NARRATION BY GRANIA FLANAGAN
KEYNOTE SPEAKER CHRISTINE KINEALY,
RENOWNED HISTORIAN FROM QUINNIPAC UNIVERSITY



Join the San Francisco Irish Community
In Commemorating the Heroes and Heroines of the 1916 Easter Rising and
Remembering the Contributions of the Irish in San Francisco

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

4:00 pm-5:30 pm-Viewing of Exhibits 5:30 pm-Main Event United Irish Cultural Center-2700 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco

ALL WELCOME-SUGGESTED DONATION \$10







Call for Badges and other Memorabilia from the 1916 Easter Rising

Does your family have a badge or other artifact used by a relative in 1916 or in the support for it in America?

Such objects will be the focal point of the exhibits at the Centennial Commemoration

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#### **ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM**

\*\* SPECIAL SPRING OUTING \*\*

## **OLD ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

660 California Street, San Francisco

## Thursday, April 14, 2016



**12.00 p.m.** Arrive at Old St. Mary's Cathedral for Mass

**12.50 p.m. - 1.45 p.m.** Fr. Tom Tevalla leads a tour of the Cathedral and discusses history

**2.00 p.m. - 3.15 p.m.** Lunch at the Patriot House, an American gastrostyle pub, at 2 Embaradero Center

**3.15 p.m.** Bus departs from the Patriot House

4.00 p.m. Bus arrives at UICC, 2700 45th Avenue

We are delighted to take you on a tour of Old St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco. You will experience something of the reverence, tranquility and blessings that people find here when they enter the doors. After celebrating Mass at the Cathedral, Fr. Tom Tevalla will lead a tour and recount the history of Old St. Mary's and its connection to the Irish community. After the tour, we will enjoy a hearty lunch at the Patriot House.

SPACE IS LIMITED \*\*MUST PAY WITH RSVP\*\*
Contact Joan at 415.752.6006

Tickets - \$30 includes bus, lunch and tour

## **ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM**



## Thursday, May 12, 2016

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

## Elizabeth Creely, Irish-American History Author

We will be joined by Elizabeth Creely, historian, writer and well-known speaker on Irish-American history in the Bay Area. She will speak about her recent research on the contribution of the Irish diaspora in San Francisco to the 1916 Easter Rising and the establishment of the Irish Free State.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

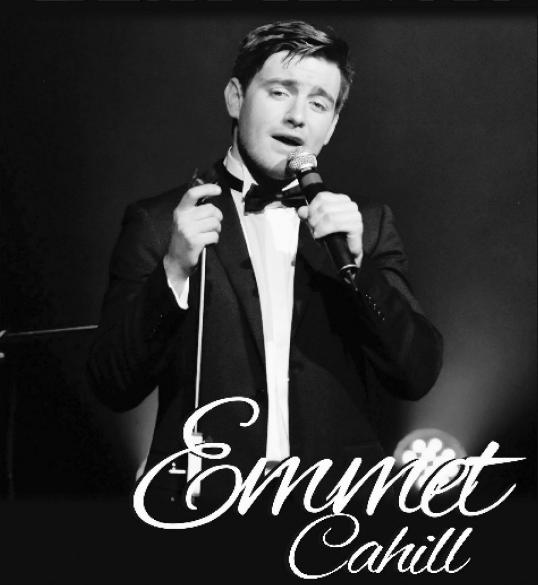
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A Community Outreach Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco

# IRISH TENOR



Coming to the United Irish Cultural Center Friday, June 17th

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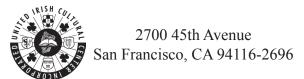


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This month's General Meeting is Thursday, April 28

"No country in the world, in the history of the world, has endured the haemorrhage which this island endured over a period of a few years for so many of its sons and daughters. These sons and daughters are scattered throughout the world and they give this small island a family of millions upon millions...in a sense, all of them who visit Ireland come home."

—John F. Kennedy