

#### Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

## United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.





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#### **BOARD MESSAGE**

#### A Special Thanks to Our 1,200 Active Members

Our membership in the Center represents a commitment to maintaining the dream of our founders, and your Board realizes that we need to do a better job of re-engaging our 3,000 Charter Members and countless others who contributed to life at the Center for over 4 decades.

Today, only about 600 Charter Members continue to support the vision of our founders with Active Membership, among our entire Active roster of 1,200. The numbers and dues are inadequate to address pressing capital improvement issues, and provide more Cultural programming.

So, how do we get our members back? How do we preserve the role of UICC as the de facto Center of all things Irish in San Francisco and the Bay Area?

This is the challenge of Board after Board here at the UICC, and this Board will be relentless in seeking your advice. We will have a Forum at the Center this November to present a vision for the future to the entire Irish Community that we hope you will embrace. The Irish Government and our San Francisco Consulate are squarely behind us, so we hope you will participate when the Forum is announced.

In the meantime, we are taking steps to enhance our programming, including music and other events at the bar and restaurant. Take time to visit! You might be pleasantly surprised.

Tell your Board what you think! We can be reached at: Board@IrishCenterSF.org

Sincerely,

Michael Barnacle
President, UICC Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

Thank you for your support for the Thursday Night Dinners. There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in August.

Hope everyone has a happy and safe summer.

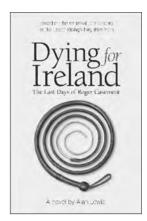
— Maureen and Mitzi

#### SILVER GAELS

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

#### PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

#### ROGER CASEMENT: 1916 RISING'S MOST ENIGMATIC HERO COMES INTO FOCUS



# SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2016 3:00 PM UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

Join us for an afternoon of conversation and reflections on the life of one of the great heroes of the 1916 Rising by Diarmuid Philpott and Alan Lewis, song by Erin Thompson, readings by Josephine Coffey, Donagh McKeown and Valerie McGrew and a video presentation AND celebrate the launch of *Dying for Ireland: The Last Days of Roger Casement* by San Francisco writer Alan Lewis. Mr. Lewis, the grandson of an Irish Jew, has been researching Casement's life for more than a decade in hopes of bringing this remarkable story to American audiences. He will give a short reading and will be available for sales and signing. www.amazon.com/author/alan lewis

#### ALL WELCOME – DONATIONS TO OUR WONDERFUL LIBRARY APPRECIATED



#### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

What a fun day we had! The tea party keeps getting better and better each year. The hats certainly did. Thanks to Anne Carew and Sally Cassidy for all your hard work!



Bill Luqué



Dianne Hull with her daughter Erin Geary and granddaughter Evelyn.

#### AUGUST CALENDAR

#### ■ AUGUST 11, THURSDAY

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

#### ■ AUGUST 13, SATURDAY

• Irish Marvels, Past and Present Study Group Join Jo Coffey at 2pm, in the Boardroom, for an interesting discussion. Everyone welcome. Jo Coffey 415/585-6506 email: coffey.jo@gmail.com

#### ■ AUGUST 18, THURSDAY

- No GENERAL MEETING this month
- No Thursday Night Dinner this month
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

#### ■ AUGUST 21, SUNDAY

Patrick Dowling Library - 3:00pm
 An afternoon of conversation and reflections on the Life of Roger Casement, a hero of the 1916 Rising See Library Section of this bulletin

#### ■ AUGUST 23, TUESDAY

Cairde Café / Coffee Morning ~ 10:30am See Ad
 For info call Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

#### ■ AUGUST 25, THURSDAY

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

#### ■ AUGUST 27, SATURDAY

• UICC Parking Lot Sale - 10:00am

If you have wares to sell, call the office and reserve a table for \$10.415/661-2700

Stay for the BBQ after the Sale!



EVERY SUNDAY! GAA GAMES BROADCAST LIVE

#### HERE AT THE UICC!

Come out and watch your favorite teams compete in the games. Every Sunday in the St. Patrick's Room. Call 415/661-2700 for start times and more info.



#### MUSIC AT THE BAR

- Saturday, August  $6 \sim 7.30 \; \text{pm}$   $11 \; \text{pm}$ Traditional Irish music with Cormac Gannon
- Saturday, August  $20 \sim 7.30 \text{ pm}$  11 pm Comhaltas Traditional Irish Set Dancing

Trivia Tuesdays in the main bar, 8pm

Hosted by: Donagh McKeown

# ROBERT EMMET REMEMBRANCE

September 18, 2016 12:30 pm Band Concourse Golden Gate Park

Join the United Irish Societies of San Francisco (UIS) in honoring Robert Emmet, Irish Nationalist and Leader of the 1803 Rebellion, at the site of his statue near the Band Concourse in the Golden Gate Park on September 18. Over 200 years after his death Emmet is still honored on the anniversary of his execution for his struggle for Irish independence and the civil rights of the disenfranchised Irish Catholics. Robert Emmet served as an inspiration to the Irish republicans in the years leading up to 1916 Rising, whose 100th anniversary is being celebrated this year. The remembrance ceremony includes Irish music, Irish dance and a procession of flags to the statue.

"...when my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then, let my epitaph be written. I have done."

—Excerpt from Robert Emmet's Speech from the Dock

The UIS is looking for people to carry flags in the procession on September 18 for the Robert Emmet Remembrance Day. If you would like to participate please contact Valerie McGrew at 650-991-3129.

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THE IRISH LITERARY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Speakers Series reconvenes on September 25th. Join the ILHS and attend the 2016-2017 speakers series for free. Dues are only \$25, \$30 for partners. The ILHS is a 501c3 non-profit. Details at www.ILHSsf.org/membership.

#### **DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER 2016 BULLETIN is August 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



#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

## Niall O'Sullivan

United Irish Cultural Center 7:30 pm

Advance Purchase Tickets Now Available
Call the UICC 415-661-2700 or Liam Reidy 415-860-1854
or go online to:

http://www.irishcentersf.org/event/niall-osullivan-uicc/

Tickets in Advance \$30 — Tickets at the Door \$35

#### ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



### **CAIRDE CAFÉ**

COFFEE MORNING
Tuesday, August 23, 2016



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. - 11.30 a.m. Cards and Bingo Come play 25's or shout B-I-N-G-O!

11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Wrap up
Wrap up the morning's conversation and settle in
to watch the Final Selection Night of the 2016 Rose of Tralee
International Festival LIVE from the Dome in Kerry, Ireland.

Watch the Rose of Tralee
Final Selection Night
LIVE from Ireland!

12.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Join the IIPC, UICC & SF Rose to support our San Francisco Rose, Margaret Harkin!

**ALL WELCOME!** 

A Community Outreach Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco supported, in part, by the Emigrant Support Programme of the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



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



#### Thursday, September 8, 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:

San Francisco Sheriff, Vicki Hennessy

We will be joined by San Francisco's first female Sheriff, Vicki Hennessy. Sheriff Hennessy joined the Sheriff's Department in 1975 and was elected California's youngest captain in 1983. Sheriff Hennessy will discuss the changes she has made to the Sheriff's Department since she took office.

ALL WELCOME Please RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

Tickets - \$20

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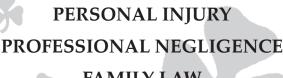
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— SUNDAY BRUNCH —

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Our monthly fees are substantially less than what you would pay elsewhere and we are just 15 minutes away from the UICC (taking Skyline Blvd or the 280 South).

Please call <u>Bernadette Kennedy - Administrator</u> to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy a complimentary lunch



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There will be no General Meeting this month

**SAVE** 

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DATE!

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Annual Irish Mexican Dinner

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

19th Annual Irish Immersion weekend. Contact Nikki Ragsdale 510/881-0285

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 15**

Connaught Athletic & Social Club Dinner Dance

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 20**

Paul Byrom Concert - Star of Celtic Thunder

#### **SATURDAY OCTOBER 29**

Tommy Fleming - Direct from Mayo, Ireland

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER II

I Am Ireland show with Paddy Homan

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**UICC Members Memorial Mass** 

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**

Tony Kenny Christmas Show.