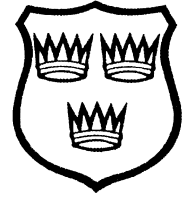




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## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members

February is a longer month than usual this year (29 days!) and, it is only fitting that your United Irish Cultural Center has a good array of events, celebrations and wonderful dining and banquet opportunities on the calendar for the month.

January saw the institution of a renewed New Year celebration at the Center. The New Year in Ireland was celebrated at 4pm (New Year time in Ireland) with a wonderful crowd that included several families with children and a good share of other members who enjoyed exceptional hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Following that, the traditional New Year was celebrated in the Emerald Room and Bar with music and a very special dinner. Donagh McKeown contributed mightily with his talent at the 4 pm and at the traditional New Year celebration. Yours truly enjoyed both festivities! Although the recorded music was wonderful, your Board is determined to have live music for our next New Year celebration!

February is going to be another fun-filled, active month. On Saturday, February 6th, we will welcome back Cormac Gannon with his traditional Irish music group. This wonderful group who entertained us on St. Stephen's Day will return and we are proud to have them with us in the bar area the first Saturday of each month from now on! Come and enjoy dinner and Cormac's group!

On Super Bowl Sunday (February 7th) come out to the Center and cheer on your favorite team with our food and drink specials! As of this date, the writer isn't sure of the teams, but we do know that it's not the 49ers! (Next year?)

Three other super-important celebrations at the Center lie in wait for us in February as well. See all of you at the special Valentines Dinner (Sunday, February 14th), the Rose of Tralee Celebration (Saturday, February 20th) and the United Irish Society's Grand Marshal Dinner (Friday, February 26th).

I close with a brief reminder to renew your UICC membership for the 2016 year. The life of our Center depends on your membership dues. Your Board of Directors has faith in your implied approval of the improvements that have been made at the Center in terms of upgrades and maintenance. We appreciate your input and ask that you let us know of any places where you can see the need for "something different". We have always listened and so appreciate your caring comments.

Happy February to all! Enjoy the extra day!

In Unity,

Judith Kell, *President*  
UCC Board of Directors

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THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25

## THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held February 18 providing at least 10 people make reservations by Tuesday, February 12. 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 lamb shanks. 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, February 12, at 12:30 pm.

Reminder; Graton Casino Trip, Tuesday February 9.

For information call Mitzi Samson 415/681-0876 or Maureen Hickey at 650/375-0277

## ROSE OF TRALEE



### *The 2016 San Francisco Roses for the 57th San Francisco Rose of Tralee Selection*

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## 32/50 CLUB

The 32/50 Memberships were mailed out.

Thank you to those who have already renewed.

Those who have not renewed please do so by **February 15**.

Questions? Please call Bill Luqué 415/552-9620

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# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

## ■ FEBRUARY 7, SUNDAY

- Come & Watch the Super Bowl on our 60 inch screens! A sampling of Moylan brews and bites to eat, served at the main bar.

## ■ FEBRUARY 11, THURSDAY

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

## ■ FEBRUARY 13, 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: coffeyjo@gmail.com

## ■ FEBRUARY 14, SUNDAY

- Celebrate Valentin's Day at the Center

## ■ FEBRUARY 18, THURSDAY

- IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon ~ 12:15pm  
Please RSVP to Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006
- Thursday Night Dinner ~ 5:30 pm  
Call Mary Magee for reservations 415/661-2700
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

## ■ FEBRUARY 19, FRIDAY

- Connaught Night in the Restaurant!  
Come and enjoy dinner & the music of Kevin Roche  
Call the Center for reservation 415/661-2700

## ■ FEBRUARY 20, SATURDAY

- Rose of Tralee Selection ~ *See Ad*  
Contact the Center

## ■ FEBRUARY 21, SUNDAY

- Columban Fathers Luncheon  
Contact Colleen Durkin at 415/731-3046

## ■ FEBRUARY 23, TUESDAY

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

## ■ FEBRUARY 25, THURSDAY

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

## ■ FEBRUARY 26, FRIDAY

- Grand Marshal Dinner ~ *See Invitation*  
Honoring Jerry Boyle  
6:00pm - no-host cocktail 7:00pm Dinner  
Reservations: Cathy Mibach 415/753-0234 or Bill Luqué at 415/552-9620

## ■ FEBRUARY 28, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society  
5:00pm - Saint Francis Room.  
Welcomes author Ethel Rohan  
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors.  
For more information - [www.ILHSsf.org](http://www.ILHSsf.org)



## MUSIC AT THE BAR

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 ~ CORMAC GANNON
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
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## SAVE THE DATE

### 1916 Centenary Art Exhibit March 19, 2016

Features work of  
Irish photographer & artist, Annie Holland  
Celebrating the 1916 Easter Rising

*Sponsored by the Patrick J. Dowling Library*

## Trivia Tuesdays in the main bar, 8pm

Hosted by: Donagh McKeown

## DEADLINE for MARCH 2016 BULLETIN is February 15

Please call the UICC with questions 415/661-2700.  
If you have specific artwork questions contact:  
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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

**United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco**

**12.15 p.m. Mass** celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride  
followed by lunch and guest speakers

## **Ciaran & Orlaith Staunton - Rory Staunton Foundation**

Ciaran and Orlaith established the Rory Staunton Foundation in 2012, following the death of their 12-year-old son, Rory, from sepsis. Sepsis is a common and deadly complication from infection. Though treatable, it kills more than 250,000 Americans each year. The Foundation works to improve awareness, diagnosis and treatment of sepsis through public education and improved hospital procedures.

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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



## **CAIRDE CAFÉ** **COFFEE MORNING**

**Tuesday, February 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. - 11.00 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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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016**

**GRAND MARSHAL DINNER**  
**6 PM No Host Cocktails - 7 PM Dinner**  
 \$80 per person  
*United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue*

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

**2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**  
*300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016**

**10:00 AM FLAG RAISING**  
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**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016**

**HONORING COMMODORE JOHN BARRY**  
**10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME**  
*4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**

**9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL**  
**10:00 AM MASS**  
*Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive*  
**2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME**  
*1 Thomas More Way*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016**

**9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS**  
**Reception in Parish Hall**  
*St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street*  
**11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL**  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016**

**45TH AVENUE BLOCK PARTY**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016**

**FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY**  
**10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM**  
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**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**ROBERT EMMET DAY**

## *PATRICK J. DOWLING* *LIBRARY NEWS*

### *Treasures of the* *Patrick J. Dowling Library*

A big thanks to Lyz Roberts, one of the library volunteers, who constructed and installed new shelves in the library's rare book cabinet. Come by the check it out-not only is it well done and aesthetically pleasing but now we can actually see most of the books!

One wonderful book I came across was the *Sinn Fein Rebellion Handbook*, Easter, 1916. Printed and published on August 8, 1916, it was compiled by the "Weekly Irish Times" Dublin and cost Sixpence with an additional charge for postage, home and foreign, of three pence. What is really incredible is that the publishers were able to achieve such a level of detail only a few months after the Rising

The handbook bills itself as "a complete and connected narrative of the Rising". It relates detailed stories of the fighting in Dublin and in the countryside including the fighting at the Royal College of Surgeons-one of the last forts in Dublin to surrender and "an affray in the Fermoy district" in Co. Cork and gives accounts of skirmishes following the Rising itself like the story of the officers and civilians shot at Guinness' and the subsequent trial and punishment of the shooters. There are lists, street by street, of the houses that were destroyed by fire during the Rising, such as the house of Patrick Grey, wine agent at Middle Abbey Street.

A copy of the proclamation gets prominent billing along with pictures of the signatories and other notable leaders like Eamon DeValera and the Countess Markievicz as well as pictures of prominent British officials and soldiers

The official list of British casualties shows 300 were killed and 997 injured. The list includes the city of residence and the company of the soldiers, such as AG Elliott of Nottingham of the Sherwood Foresters. There are also lists of the rebels and their pictures including details such as their punishment-execution and imprisonment and deportation. One compelling story is that of Mr. Sheehy-Skeffington who was arrested and shot even though he was a pacifist and did not take up arms.

The handbook concludes with a WHO WHO's of the Rising-people like Colonel Sir Neville Francis Fitzgerald Chamberlain KCB, Robert Dillon who died trying to rescue his family from a burning building, and Edward DeValera, later known as Eamon DeValera, described as commander of the rebels in Ringsend area and a professor of Mathematics.

# United Irish Societies Grand Marshal's Dinner

*Grand Marshal ~ Jerry Boyle*

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*Signatories to the Proclamation of the Irish Republic\**

*Padraig Pearce , James Connolly, Thomas Clarke, Thomas McDonagh,  
Sean McDermott, Joseph Plunkett, and Eamonn Ceant*

***Friday, February 26, 2016***

United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 - 45th Avenue, San Francisco

***Cocktails 6:00 pm ~ Dinner 7:00 pm ~ Donation \$80***

**Please submit the following information along with your payment by February 16.**

**Mail to:** United Irish Societies P. O. Box 16026 San Francisco, CA 94116

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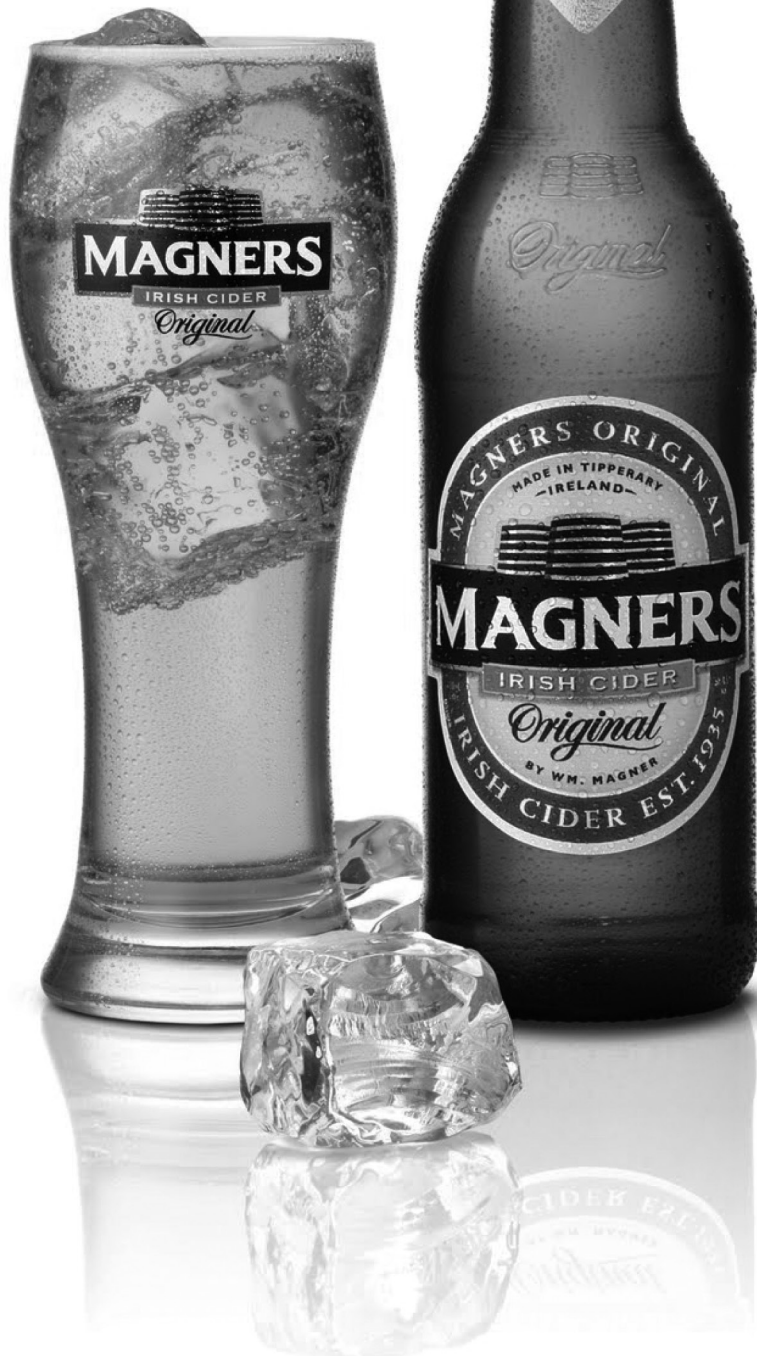
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**February 9, 2016** Silver Gaels Casino Trip

**February 20, 2016** Rose of Tralee Selection

**February 21, 2016** Columban Fathers Luncheon

**February 26** Grand Marshal Dinner

**March 12** UICC Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

**March 13** UICC, Java Beach, UIS Block Party

**March 19** 1916 Centenary Art Exhibit by Irish artist Annie Holland  
sponsored by the Patrick J. Dowling Library

**March 27** Annual Easter Brunch

**April 24** *A Terrible Beauty was Born* Celebration of the 1916 Rising  
and the Role of the San Francisco Irish sponsored by the UICC/ICCC