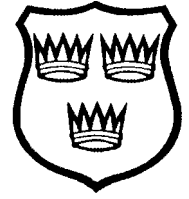




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members

Happy New Year! 2016 has arrived and with it an incredible opportunity to celebrate our Irish heritage and move forward into our 41st year at the UICC. Sincere wishes from your UICC Board of Directors for good health and happiness and a year of celebration, hope and good will in 2016.

In 2016, it is the intent of the UICC to embark on an ambitious project to secure the future of the Center and its activities for at least 40 more years. Our Consul General of Ireland, Philip Grant, has pledged to stand by our community organizations and leaders as the course ahead is charted for our all-important future. There have been two meetings with community leaders and, under the capable direction of UICC Board member, Michael Barnacle, we will move forward. I have asked Michael to give you much more information regarding this important undertaking in our February Bulletin message.

Meanwhile, please be reminded of the very-important "immediate future" in our beloved UICC. Whether you are interested in Tuesday night trivia at the bar or hearing about the fascinating historical series on Irish Marvels on the afternoon of January 9th, or learning the nuances of the Irish language on the morning of January 9th, we are here and operating "full speed" on cultural and entertainment events at your UICC. I encourage you to access the dates and times of events at the Center elsewhere in the Bulletin or perhaps on the inside page of the Irish Herald. Bring your friends for some fine cuisine at our wonderful restaurant and, don't forget to book early for late-winter or early-spring events in our banquet facilities. I can't begin to tell you how many compliments we have received on our fine banquet and restaurant offerings during the holiday season!

Although the Rose of Tralee celebration event is scheduled for February 20th, the final date for candidate information submission is January 10th. Come on young ladies, this is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your abilities and Irish heritage. (Yours truly is running for the "Last Rose of Summer"! Anyone want to join that one?)

It is a delight to be your UICC President, but, as we begin the New Year, I have to inform all that this will be the last year of my presidency. Four years as your president have been wonderful. I will remain on the Board for two more years, but I look forward to leading from within the Board come May of 2016.

Once again, best wishes for a best year ever to all of you and your families and friends.

Judith Kell, *President*

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THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY JANUARY 28

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held January 21 providing at least 10 people make reservations by Tuesday, January 19. 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 corned beef and cabbage. 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, January 8, at 12:30 pm.

Graton Casino Trip Tuesday, February 9, 2016. *See ad*

32/50 CLUB

There will be THREE drawings — November, December 2015 and for January 2016

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY NEWS

Treasures of the Patrick J. Dowling Library

The Patrick J. Dowling library has an extensive collection of Irish history books including several relating to the 1916 Easter Week Rising. Some are on display in the dining room at the UICC. Others you can find in the library. In the months leading up to the April celebration of the Rising at the Center, the Treasures of the Patrick J. Dowling library corner will feature books relating to the Rising.

One of the books in the collection, *Howth Gun-running* by F.X. Martin chronicles events that took place in 1914. However, they had a significant impact on the Rising—in fact, the author theorizes that they made the Rising possible since many of the guns carried by the Volunteers in Dublin were smuggled into Ireland at Howth Harbour in July of 1914. On that day, a hostile but unarmed crowd was fired on by the British killing 4 people and injuring 38. This tragedy increased support for the Volunteers. The *Howth Gun-Running* relates the events leading up to the landing of the guns and the landing itself through recollections, diary excerpts, letters, pictures and newspaper articles. The publication of the book coincided with the 50th anniversary of the landing and contains a foreword by President Eamon De Valera.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

■ JANUARY 1, 2016, FRIDAY

- The UICC will be closed

*Happy New Year
to all our Members and Friends!*



■ JANUARY 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: coffeyjo@gmail.com

■ JANUARY 14, THURSDAY

- IIPC Active Retirees Mass & Luncheon ~ 12:15pm
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

■ JANUARY 16, FRIDAY

- GAA Dinner - Contact Bertie Penny 415/244-5531

■ JANUARY 21, THURSDAY

- 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

■ JANUARY 26, TUESDAY

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

■ JANUARY 28, THURSDAY

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

■ JANUARY 30, SATURDAY

- Kerry Athletic Club & Sons of Ború
54th Annual Dinner Dance *See Ad*
Honoring "Man of the Year" Brian Reilly

■ JANUARY 31, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society
5:00pm - Saint Francis Room.
Tony Bucher, President of the Irish Literary &
Historical Society, will discuss "Old Saint Mary's
- San Francisco's Irish Monument".
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors.
For more information - www.ILHSsf.org



MUSIC AT THE BAR

• SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

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—Maureen Hickey & Mitzi Samson



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Selection Ball*

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

CONTACT THE UICC FOR ALL INFORMATION.

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 10, 2016

CALL 415/596-2421

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, January 14, 2016

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

12.15 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride
followed by lunch to mark a

Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate the beginning of a New Year and exciting times ahead in our Active Retirement Club!!

Guest Speaker - TBC

We are waiting on final confirmation for a guest speaker at our January luncheon. We will write to you with the speaker details shortly!

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, January 26, 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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Silver Gaels Graton Casino Trip

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 ~ \$30 per person

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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 27 Easter Brunch

April 24, 2016 1916 Rising Celebration