

#### Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

## United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.





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#### **BOARD MESSAGE**

Dear Members.

This is one of the most difficult Bulletin messages that I have written in the last four years. Essentially, it is one of thanks and grateful thoughts as we move onto new leadership for our United Irish Cultural Center Board of Directors.

It has been my pleasure to be the President of YOUR UICC Board of Directors. There have been so many issues of significance that have been brought to the attention of our very special members in recent years, and it is with a great deal of satisfaction that the Board that served during that time is able to look back and celebrate.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin, Michael Bowler, an incredible UICC "mover and shaker", is stepping back from Board membership as is Megan Cummins who has served with a strong voice of reason and support during the years of my Presidency. Both of them have been instrumental in putting down the groundwork for moving forward. Special thanks to both of them for their steady caring and dedicated work on behalf of the UICC.

June is a month of celebration at the Center. Graduations, Fathers' Day, Weddings and other family celebrations to be dearly remembered are ongoing even as you read these words. We are open for your enjoyment and cultural experiences all through the coming summer. We so look forward to seeing one and all during those special months at the Center.

Thank you for your critical support during the immediate years past and for the ongoing support as we move forward. I look forward to continuing to see and greet all of you at our United Irish Cultural Center.

With unity and caring, Judith Kell President, UICC Board of Directors

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#### THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER

The Thursday Night Dinner will be held June 16 providing at least 10 people make reservations by June 13. The price is now \$30. 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 baked ham.

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, June 10 at 12:30 pm. River Rock Trip June 7 @ 9am!

#### **MEMBERS**



Ryan Ricupero, grandson of Marie Rawson received the rank of Eagle Scout April 17. He is a member of Troop 127. The Eagle Court of Honor was held at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula in Carmel, California. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

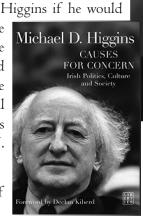
His Eagle Project was to improve the Carmel Valley Community Center and pool overall. In order to improve the Community Center, I refurbished the picnic tables, added new straps to the Pool's lounge chairs, added wood chips to the playground area, refurbished the pool's bistro chairs, repainted the umbrella stands, refurbished the playground benches and de-stapled the Carmel Valley Park's benches. All of these little improvements help the community center and pool look better ascetically and helped fix the wear and tear upon these amenities.

#### PRESIDENT OF IRELAND, MICHAEL D. HIGGINS, DONATES BOOKS TO THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY AT THE UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

Michael D. Higgins, ninth President of Ireland, has donated 6 books to the United Irish Cultural Center's Patrick J. Dowling Library. President Higgins and his wife, Sabina Coyne Higgins, visited the United Irish Cultural Center, in October 2015. At a reception in their honor, Jo Coffey, Board President of the Irish Cultural Centre of California (ICCC), asked President Higgins if he would

sign some of his books she had in her collection, which would be donated to the Library. President Higgins graciously signed the books and this April, through the Counsel General of Ireland, Philip Grant and Vice Consul Kevin Byrne, donated 6 books for the Library. The books listed below, were formally presented to the Library at the Annual General Membership Meeting of the United Irish Cultural Center meeting on May 26, 2016. The books will be made available to members and visitors who are welcome to review them when they visit the Patrick J. Dowling Library.

Books donated, by President Higgins, April 2016 to the Irish Cultural Centre of California's Patrick J. Dowling Library within the United Irish Cultural Center.



RENEWING

the REPUBLIC

An Arid Season: New Poems, 2004, signed by Michael D. Higgins Renewing the Republic, 2011, signed by Michael D. Higgins Aras an Uachtaráin: A History of the President's House, 2013. Bilingual edition with a foreword by President Higgins.

### JUNE CALENDAR

#### ■ JUNE 9, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ See Ad Call Joan 415/752-6006
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

#### ■ JUNE 11, 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

#### ■ JUNE 16, THURSDAY

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

#### ■ JUNE 17, FRIDAY

• Irish Tenor Emmet Cahill Concert See Ad

#### ■ JUNE 19, SUNDAY

• Father's Day at the Center
Brunch starting at I0am ~ Dinner 5pm

#### ■ JUNE 23, THURSDAY

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

#### ■ JUNE 24, FRIDAY

Member Appreciation Night ~ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
 Stop by for light hors d'oeuvres and a free drink on us!
 Meet our newly elected Board of Directors!

#### ■ JUNE 26, SUNDAY

• ICCC Annual Mad Hatter;s Tea Party
All proceeds to benefit the Patrick J. Dowling Library.
For info and reservations contact
Anne Carew 650/359-5268 or
Sally Cassidy 415/665-0689.
Adults \$25 and \$15 for children 12 and under.

#### ■ JUNE 28, TUESDAY

• IIPC Cairde Café ~ 10:30am ~ All are welcome! Contact Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

#### ■ JUNE 30, THURSDAY

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



#### Music at the Bar

• Saturday, June 4

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC WITH CORMAC GANNON

• Saturday, June 18 Comhaltas - Traditional Irish Set Dancing

## 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 Diarmuid Philpott at 415-586-4826

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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 JULY 2016 BULLETIN is June 15**

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

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## 32/50 CLUB

### The 32/50 Drawing for May 15, 2016 Final Drawing for 2015

The winning combination was Idaho & Monaghan held by the 32/50 Club for \$3,250

32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Jerry Peralta	Patrick & Eileen O'Sullivan
32/50 Club	32/50 Club	Joan Spaargaren	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore
32/50 Club	John S. O'Keeffe	Julia A. Shea	Verling - Julia Fitzgerald
32/50 Club	Bernard Shanley	Lawrence M. Kellly	Sean Moriarty c/o Barbara Callaghan
32/50 Club	Claire Hackett	Margaret Gavney	Kevin & Carmele Reiser
<b>'</b>		Mary C. Fitzgerald	Katherine Scanlon/Michael Culhane
32/50 Club	Ida C. Conlon	Morgon McCarthy	Agnes Fee/Monica Duffy
32/50 Club	Jack Hart	Steve O'Connor/Phyllis	Teresa/Joe Hurley
32/50 Club			



#### First Drawing for 2016

The winning combination was Oregon & Kilkenny held by the Teresa M. McHugh for \$3,250

32/50 Club	Valerie McGrew	Natalie Marie O'Sullivan	Kevin Gavney/Margaret Gavney
Anna Brady Silva	Tom/Barbara O'Brien	Kerstin Scherman	Jeremiah & Julia Fitzgerald
Monica Duffy	Thomas J. O'Callaghan	Gary Sommerfeld	Julia Fitzgerald
Mary C. Fitzgerald	Joseph & Kate Callan	John/Jeanette Egan	Jeremiah & Julia Fitzgerald
Karen Fitzgerald	Mary R. O'Connor	Joseph O'Leary/Teresa Moore	Jeremiah & Julia Fitzgerald
Rosaleen Flynn	John S. O'Keeffe	Meaghan & Kathleen Manning	Christopher Reilly & Megan Doyle
John J. Kearney	John S. O'Keeffe	John & Kathleen Manning	Riordan, Emmett, Travis
Danny McEllistrim	Mary M. O'Leary	Helena Keane/John O'Keeffe	& Lily (Singleton)

## 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) 66I-2700, ext. 305.

#### **UPCOMING UICC EVENTS**

**JULY** We will introduce our new Chef with a wine and food pairing event **AUGUST** A parking lot garage sale!

#### ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



## Thursday, June 9, 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 guests:

#### Rita Kelly & Sr. Mary Kilgariff, St. Mary's Hospital

We will be joined by Rita Kelly, R.N. and Sr. Mary Kilgariff from St. Mary's Hospital Community Health and Senior Programs. The discussion will spotlight the array of senior services which are available to the community through St. Mary's Hospital.

\*\* Please note that there will be no luncheon for July or August.

An ARC outing is planned for August. Details to follow!

Tickets - \$20
ALL WELCOME

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

## **CAIRDE CAFÉ**

#### **COFFEE MORNING**

Tuesday, June 28, 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.









## Cultural 2016 Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Finalists

Awards presented on May 12, 2016 at the UICC

#### ~ High School \$1,000 Scholarship ~

Nancy & Tom McGarvey Family Scholarship (2)

Claire Sheeran – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School – Marquette University

Hannah Lahey – Mercy, Burlingame – UC Santa Barbara

LYNCH McGuire Irish American Scholarship

Erin O'Toole - Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory - DePaul University

MARTIN & ELIZABETH HORAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Molly Orford - Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory - University of Wisconsin/Madison

Tom & Patricia Hayes Family Scholarship Colleen Vera Cruz – Mercy, SF – UCLA

LEO T. WALSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Emma Lucey – St. Ignatius College Preparatory – San Diego State University

MARY LOONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Celida Maria Moran – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory – Western WA University

JOHN "JACK" NOONAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ekaterina Lavroushina Clark - Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory - UCLA

ICCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP (6)

Liam Clancy – Sacred Heart Preparatory – USC

**Tara Henry** – Marin Catholic – Villanova University

Mark Sisk – Serra High School – Gonzaga University

Patrick Driscoll - Serra High School - Creighton University

Anne-Cecilia Byrne - St. Ignatius College Preparatory - John Carroll University

Julia Hurley - Mercy, Burlingame - Gonzaga University

IAN McGrew Memorial Scholarship

Saoirse McCormack – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory – Regis University

JOSEPH PATRICK DRISCOLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Andrew (AJ) Hamer – Sacred Heart Preparatory – USC

Cuchulainn Foundation Scholarship (2)

Mia Elena Samson – Redwood High School – Academy of Art San Francisco John Askins – Capuchino High School – University of San Francisco



Caitie O'Shea, co-Chair, Peggy Nevin, Chair



John Askins, Mia Elena Samson



Ekaterina Lavroushina Clark



High School Finalists

#### ~ 8TH Grade \$750 Scholarship ~

#### DIARMUID & MARYANNE PHILPOTT SCHOLARSHIP

Cormac Lyons - St. Gabriel School - St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School

MARGARET KEOHANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Catrina Maguire – St. Gabriel School – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

JERRY LUCEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Elizabeth Ring – St. Cecilia School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School

#### Tom & Peggy Mylett Family Scholarship

Hannah Rose O'Connell – St. Gabriel School – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

BUD & MADELINE DUGGAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP Devin Kaya – All Souls School – Archbishop Riordan High School

#### LYNCH McGuire Irish American Scholarship (2)

Hannah O'Connell – St. Gabriel School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School Molly Cahalane – St. Stephen School – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory

EILEEN KIVLEHAN SCHOLARSHIP Grace Lucey – St. Cecilia School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School

#### RITA A. O'MAHONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Michelle Dorais - St. Charles School - Notre Dame High School

#### Nancy & Tom McGarvey Family Scholarship (4)

Colman McDonough – St. Stephen School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School

Mary Cost – St. Charles School – Notre Dame High School

Maeve Kelly – St. Cecilia School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School

Aisling Cassidy – St. Isabella School – Marin Catholic

ICCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHOLARSHIP Ikaria Falvey – Our Lady of Loretto – Marin Catholic

Elizabeth Ring, Mary Lucey



Peggy Mylett, Hannah Rose O'Connell



Molly Cahalane, Hannah O'Connell, Erin O'Toole





8th Grade Finalists



Tom McGarvey, Colman McDonough

### PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

#### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Please join us for the ICCC Library 4th Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party on **Sunday, June 26th, 1pm-3pm.** Hope to see you there with your "mad" hat.

Tickets are \$25 per adult ticket and \$15 for children 12 and under. Please send your ticket payment to Anne Cassidy Carew at 1082 Rio Vista Drive, Pacifica, CA 94044 or drop your payment for tickets with Sally Cassidy at 4521 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122. For more information, please contact Anne Cassidy Carew at 650-359-5268 or Sally Cassidy at 415-665-0689.

Proceeds from the tea party support the activities of the library.



#### TREASURERS OF THE LIBRARY

Last week a newspaper reporter from a major Irish newspaper was visiting the library on his tour of the Irish Cultural Center. He quite enjoyed the library and asked to see some material focusing on the Irish in San Francisco. We opened a copy of the Leader newspaper from 1918 for him to review. As many of you know, the Leader is an Irish Catholic newspaper published in the first part of the 1900s in San Francisco. Fr. Peter Yorke, the editor and one of the founders, was an avid supporter of the Irish nationalist movement in Ireland. However, the reporter did not look at the bold headlines extolling the virtues of the heroes of the 1916 Rising or the like. Instead he checked out the columns that discussed what was happening to everyday people in the various counties in Ireland. Being of a Galway family, he looked at the Galway article and what should he see but an article about his grandfather. What a coincidence!

#### 1916 EASTER RISING COMMEMORATION EXHIBIT

On April 24, 2016 at the United Irish Cultural Center, the San Francisco Irish community commemorated the heroes and heroines of the 1916 Easter Rising at a wonderful event which included a narration of the events of 1916 Easter week read by Grania Flanagan and written by Ciaran Scally, a speech by world renowned historian, Christine Kinealy, and a display of historical posters and memorabilia loaned to us by members of the Irish community.

It was an opportunity for members of the community to share their families' stories with their younger family members and friends and to honor their memory. The contributions of the Irish in San Francisco who supported the cause of Irish nationalism-before and after the Rising and the heroism of the women of Ireland during the Rising were remembered with a series of historical posters. The Irish in San Francisco supported the cause of Irish nationalism through their donations of money and guns and by keeping the public apprised of what was happening in Ireland as well as attempting to gain support from the American government. The Rebel Cork Clubs, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of the Red Branch are some of the organizations featured in the posters.

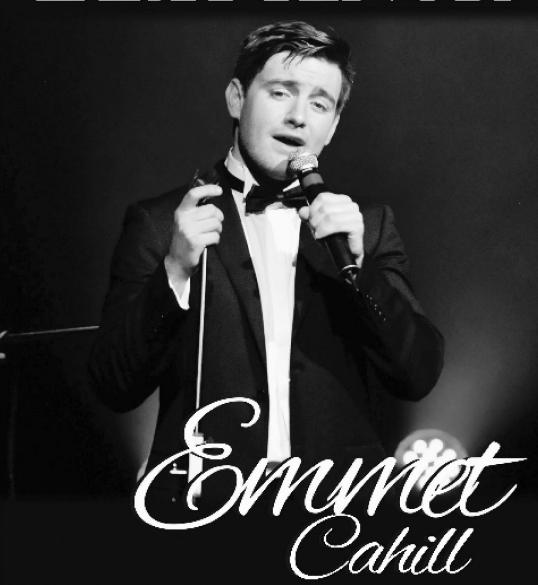
The posters are on a long term loan to the Patrick J. Dowling library by the 1916 Centenary Committee and will be displayed in the library on a rotating basis as well as in other parts of the Center.

The exhibit also includes a series of handbooks which include some great pictures from the Irish military archives and other materials relating to the 1916 Rising and to the role of the Irish in San Francisco.

Excerpt from Leader re a meeting of the San Francisco chapter of the Cumann na mBan



## IRISH TENOR



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

\$ 30 Advance for Adults \$10 For Under 16

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https://sfirishcenter.vbotickets.com/event/Emmet\_Cahill/13144

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This month's General Meeting is Thursday, June 23



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