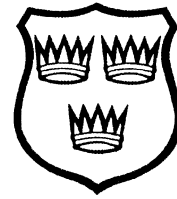




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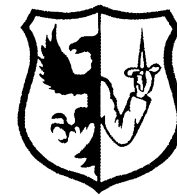
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Progress is happening at the Center!

We are looking forward to inviting you to community update meetings in the coming months. Our conversion to a 501c3 Non-Profit is already showing positive results in attracting more contributions to the Center that are fully tax-deductible. We sincerely thank all of our Members for your support and generosity.

To date, we have received over \$130,000 in 2017 Membership Dues, and additional outright donations from Members of \$14,000 in cash and another \$10,000 in pledges towards our developing long-range plan, called the Generations Fund. Again, all of these payments are now tax-deductible and we appreciate your ongoing generosity.

Recent building improvements include the new Awning out in front (lettering coming soon), through the generosity of the 32/50 Club, and we've painted the exterior of the building, and our interior hallways.

Other things to watch for:

- We will have a new Chef in May, with updates to our Menu.
- Member Donations are welcome as we evaluate various projects around the Center that we believe will attract more banquets, corporate meetings and wedding business.
- We will kick off a formal short-term fundraising campaign soon, and any tax-deductible contributions from our Members now will be most appreciated.
- Our long-term fundraising plans are still being evaluated, and we will update our Membership as we have more details to share. We have experts studying the structural components of the Center for areas of improvement and/or expansion to provide additional space for more programming.
- Proposals are also being obtained for new flooring in the St. Patrick's Room to replace the carpeted areas.
- Painting, stage upgrades, and new curtains are also on our radar for the St. Patrick's Room.
- New chairs for the St. Patrick's Room have been recommended and are also being evaluated.
- New bathrooms on the first floor appear to be a bigger project than we thought, with proposals due soon.

We appreciate your support and welcome your participation at Center events.

All the best,

Michael Barnacle, *Board President*

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY MAY 25 ~ 7:30 PM

SILVER GAELS

Regretfully the Graton Casino Trip on April 10 was cancelled
as we did not have enough paid people by the deadline date.

TRIVIA TUESDAY

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

32/50 CLUB

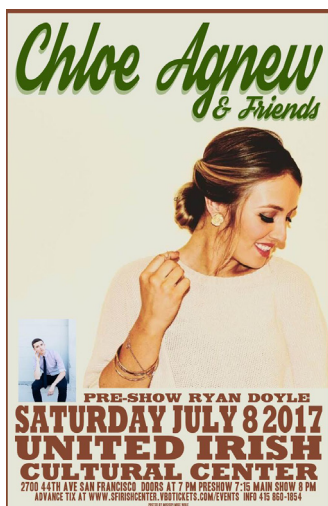
32/50 Drawings March 23, 2017

The winning combination was Maryland and Derry held by Michael Barnacle for \$550

32/50 Club	Mary Caslin	John S. O'Keeffe*	John & Rosemary O'Brien
Glynn Family	Mary Conner	Mary Teresa O'Sullivan	O'Leary/Teresa Moore*
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32/50 Club	Terry Mahoney Koop	Patricia A. West	Mr. & Mrs. Sean O'Leary Morris
32/50 Club	Michelle Zauss		
Larry Bee			

**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) 661- 2700, ext. 305.



2 GREAT CONCERTS IN JULY

Chloe Agnew, former member of Celtic Women, on Saturday July 8th at 8pm with a pre show from Ryan Doyle who wowed audiences before the Phil Coulter concert in March at the Center.

Ireland's singing priest Fr. Ray Kelly on Saturday, July 22nd at 8pm.

Make an evening of it all by coming earlier for dinner in our restaurant. Call to reserve a table at 415/661 2700 . You can purchase tickets online at: <https://sfirishcenter.vbotickets.com/events>



DEADLINE for JUNE 2017 BULLETIN is MAY 15

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MAY CALENDAR



MUSIC AT THE BAR

EVERY FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

- FRIDAY, MAY 5 ~ TONY McMAHON
- SATURDAY, MAY 6 ~ TRADITIONAL IRISH SESSION
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
- FRIDAY, MAY 12 ~ EMILY HAYES BAND
- SATURDAY, MAY 13 ~ CORCA BAISCIN
- FRIDAY, MAY 19 ~ IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, MAY 20 ~ 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING
- FRIDAY, MAY 26 ~ THE TOAST INSPECTORS
- SATURDAY, MAY 27 ~ RHYTHM RIDERS



■ MAY 6, SATURDAY

- Celtic Culture at the UICC ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
The works of AE George Russell

■ MAY 7, SUNDAY

- 32/50 Fiesta Luncheon

■ MAY 10, WEDNESDAY

- Open Poetry Night ~ 7:30pm - 10:00pm
Poetry readings and discussion group

■ MAY 11, 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
- ICCS Scholarship Awards Night

■ MAY 13, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Petty Sessions Courts in Ireland with Patti Trackman
Everyone welcome. Lisa Hilmoie 707/364-5484
email: hilmoie.gleason@gmail.com

■ MAY 14, SUNDAY

- Mother's Day at the Center
Brunch is from 10:00am to 2:00pm
Dinner starts at 5:00pm

■ MAY 18, THURSDAY

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

■ MAY 20, SATURDAY

- Celtic Culture at the UICC ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
The Music of U2
- Emerald Society Dinner Dance
For reservations and information contact Rachel
Murphy at 415/794-7918
or email 1716rm@gmail.com

■ MAY 21, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society
St. Francis Room ~ 5:00pm
ILHS welcomes Scholar Elizabeth Drew on the
presence of Ireland in writings of Samuel Beckett
long after he emigrated from the country.
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors.
For more information - www.ILHSsf.org

■ MAY 23, TUESDAY

- Cairde Café /Coffee Morning ~ *See Ad*
10:00am - 12:30pm
For info call Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

■ MAY 25, THURSDAY

- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ~ 7:30pm
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm
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SUNDAY, JUNE 4
MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOP
FOR CHILDREN~ 3PM TO 6PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 25
ICCS 6TH ANNUAL MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

FYI: There will be no Irish Class on Saturday May 27.



It is with deepest sorrow to inform you that Hugh McGettigan passed away suddenly on March 20th 2017 in Carndonagh Co. Donegal, Ireland. He was born on December 28th 1941 in Carndonagh and lived an amazing life. Although cut too short, he did have plenty of wonderful stories, a lovely family and treasured friends.

Hugh was an excellent musician, singer and entertainer. He was in many showbands in his early years, most popularly known were "Paddy Wagon" and "Rhythm Boys" with his brothers Maurice and Colm McGettigan and his brother Mike McGettigan was the song writer. They toured all over Ireland including Europe, New Zealand, Canada and America. He toured along with Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison and the Carter family.

Hugh married Bernadette Nash of Carndonagh in July 1967, started a family and had 3 daughters- Sharon, Caroline and Michelle. They moved to California in 1978 and continued with the love of music being a part of the local bands "Irish Connection" and "Two's Company (Bernie and Hugh)". They played at many pubs... Irish Center, Fiddlers Green, McGovern's and many special events/weddings. He had the best of nights on all the stages. Hugh's love for music was shared by so many and he loved entertaining all of you. It made him smile to see everyone out dancing and having a good night's craic.

When his dear wife Bernie died on April 26th 1998 his heart was forever broken and music is what saved him. He continued his love for music with his daughters but then it came time for him to move back home to Ireland 15 years ago and that is where he stayed. Donegal was his home and he loved it there.

Hugh was on ICR radio station in Carndonagh every day from 11-12. He had his own show "Hugh's Country Menu". It was a very popular daytime American country music show. He still played in the pubs and special events. He loved the people he worked with but most important he loved his listeners.

He was living a great life back home, had a wonderful girlfriend Caroline who loved him dearly and his daughter Caroline and grandson Brandon came to live in Carndonagh with him. He was extremely happy and often came to the states to visit his daughters and their families in Utah and California and vice versa. Hugh has 4 grandchildren he was very fond and proud of... Connor, Brandon, Kiely and Anabella. They all loved and enjoyed being with grandpa. He leaves behind the most beautiful memories with family and friends who love him so much and will miss him dearly. Here's to Hugh McGettigan a "Legend" in our eyes. Thank you for everything you have done for everyone and you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, May 11, 2017

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

Rosa Mendez, Program Director of OMI Senior Center

Our speaker, Rosa Mendez from Catholic Charities, works with the Aging Case Management Program at the OMI Senior Center. The Center is located in the Oceanview/Merced/Ingleside area and creates personal care plans for seniors, connecting them to community resources and services. She will share her wealth of information and experience with our ARC Members.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

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. - 12.00 p.m. Activities!

CARDS: Try your luck and enjoy a game of 25s

BINGO: hosted by Janette

QUIZ: hosted by Joan

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 offer a monthly coffee morning get-together. The coffee morning is designed to be an informal gathering of friends, old and new. Come along to play cards or BINGO, read the Irish newspapers or just have a chat.

Every month, we will have a different range of activities, including cards, bingo and our newest addition - an inter-county table quiz!

This is a relaxed and enjoyable 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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