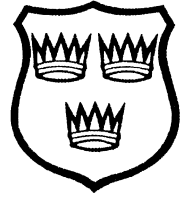




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## **BOARD MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

I want to thank the many individuals on the Board who have warmly welcomed me with open arms to the Center and also to those individuals who have stepped into my office to give me a hearty handshake. Incidentally my office is just inside the front door where Mary's office used to be. Mary is now in the back office with Teresa.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Teresa, Ligia, and Mary who have devoted their time to inform me on all operations of the club, the history of the Center and those who have made it what it is, and most importantly...where to turn on the lights!

I would like to acknowledge and thank Ryan Gonzales, the sales representative from Kelly Moore Paints who donated the paint for the St. Patrick's banquet room ceiling.

I realize the task of understanding all of the groups who utilize the Center on either a daily, weekly, monthly and annual participation and their influence on the development and support of the Center. I also invite some of the newer members who perhaps haven't had the opportunity to assist the Center by participating in the committee system to contact me at [rsparks@irishcentersf.org](mailto:rsparks@irishcentersf.org). We would appreciate your input.

In the next few weeks and months, you will start to see a few subtle changes around the Center. I am currently reviewing all contracts, agreements and modes of operation to assure that the Center is being run both economically, safely, and legally. Some of what is being looked at will be behind the scenes and some will be more noticeable.

The UICC is a facility with a great history which should be embraced. It also sits in a neighborhood that is quickly changing with younger families that as a group we should target to use the Center with programs and offerings that will encourage them to join and enjoy what can be made available to their needs and likes.

We will be making different presentations shortly in all aspects of food offerings to appeal to different groups with special nights for families, unique choices and reasonable pricing.

One of those opportunities is a Holiday Wine Tasting on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 p.m. We will have vendors supplying dozens of wines for you and your guests (who are most welcome) to taste and then purchase by the case at a discounted price. Perfect for holiday gifts for family and friends or just to enjoy during the holiday season. Along with the wines, we will have hors d'oeuvres available to accompany the wines. The cost of the evening is \$25.00++ per person. Call the Center at 415-661-2700 to make your reservation. Reservations are required by Saturday, November 4, 2017. A 24- hour cancellation Policy will be in Place.

Thank you.

Robert Sparks,  
*Executive Director of Operations*

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**THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

## *SILVER GAELS*

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, November 10, 2017 at 12:30 pm.  
All card Players welcome! Come for the craic!!

## *TRIVIA TUESDAY*

Trivia Tuesdays in the main bar at 8pm

Info: 415/661-2700

## *PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY*

### LIBRARY UPDATE

#### **DIGITAL HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS**

Thanks to the generosity of our many supporters including two grants from the Carl Gellert and Celia Berta Gellert Foundation, the Friends of the Library and the many people who attend our annual Tea Party fundraiser, the Dowling Library has completed its conversion of our microfilm copies of several historical newspapers to a digital format. The Leader newspaper, the Irish New (1872-73, 1892-4), the Irish Nationalist (1863, 1873-4), WASP (1876-79), the Richmond Banner (1894-1929), SF Fireman's Journal & Military Gazette (1855-1859), People's Press & Cork Weekly Register (1834-1836) and the Irish Ancestor Journal (1969-1977) are now viewable and searchable from a PC in the library. Once our online cataloging system is up and running, the newspapers and the catalog will be viewable from our website. These newspapers are a great resource for people researching SF Irish history. Currently two researchers are using our resources including the author of a book on an Irish nationalist and a descendent of Hanna Sheehy Skiffington who is researching Hanna's trip to San Francisco in the early 1900s.

#### **ONLINE CATALOG SYSTEM**

The conversion of the catalog system from Excel and a card catalog to an online system is progressing slow but sure. We have completed the shelf check and are about to start entering 5000 plus books into the new system.



### **CHECK OUT THE NEW IRISH HERITAGE WALL IN THE HALLWAY LEADING TO THE ST. FRANCES ROOM**

On a rotating basis, the new History Committee at the Center will be displaying exhibits highlighting Irish history and cultural with a focus on San Francisco.

#### **DEADLINE for DECEMBER 2017 BULLETIN is NOVEMBER 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 • email: [falconassoc@earthlink.net](mailto:falconassoc@earthlink.net)

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR



## MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
CORMAC GANNON AND FRIENDS
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 EMILY HAYES
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 CELTIC SCANDAL
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 CORCA BAISCIN
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
THE TOAST INSPECTORS
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THE UICC IS CLOSED
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 TONY McMAHON

THERE WILL BE NO  
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING  
IN THE MONTHS OF  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017.

## SAVE the DATE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017  
Rebel Cork Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017  
Comhaltas Christmas Ceili

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017  
Community Christmas Party  
with IIPC, GAA, UICC and UIS

### ■ NOVEMBER 5, SUNDAY

- Ceili ~ St. Patrick's Room ~ 7pm - 10pm  
Admission is \$10 for Adults  
Children Free when accompanied by an adult  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

### ■ NOVEMBER 8, SATURDAY

- Holiday Wine Tasting ~ *See Ad*

### ■ NOVEMBER 9, THURSDAY

- IIPC Monthly Mass & Luncheon ~ *See Ad*  
Call Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006
- Medicare Open Enrollment  
Come out and find out all the news with Medicare. Joe D'Aura will be having an open, drop in seminar regarding Medicare options. For further information please contact Joe D'Aura at 415/999-5071. Starts at 10:30am, in the St. Francis Room and goes all day.
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

### ■ NOVEMBER 11, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:00pm  
"Day of the Dead, Celebrating Our Ancestors"  
Everyone welcome.  
Email Lisa Hilmoe: [Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com](mailto:Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

### ■ NOVEMBER 12, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society  
St. Francis Room ~ 5:00pm  
ILHS presents, NUI Galway Professor Emerita Micheline Sheehy Skeffington speaking on the US organizing activities and political legacy of her grandmother, Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, whose husband Frances was executed in the aftermath of the 1916 Easter Rising. ILHS members free, \$5 visitors. For more information [www.ILHSsf.org](http://www.ILHSsf.org) or call 415/350-6025

### ■ NOVEMBER 16, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

### ■ NOVEMBER 19, SUNDAY

- Annual Memorial Mass ~ 10:00am  
The Restaurant is open for brunch.

### ■ NOVEMBER 23, THURSDAY

- Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center ~ Join US!  
Dinner seating at 3:30pm and 6:00pm

### ■ NOVEMBER 28, TUESDAY

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

### ■ NOVEMBER 30, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

# Join Us For A Holiday Wine Tasting!



United Irish Cultural Center

**NOVEMBER 8, 2017**

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Reservations Required by Saturday, November 4, 2017

Call the UICC 415/661-2700 to make a reservation.

# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, November 9, 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

**Bishop John Kirby, Diocese of Clonfert**

We are honored to welcome Bishop John Kirby, Bishop of the Diocese of Clonfert to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Irish Chaplaincy in San Francisco. Bishop Kirby, who serves as Chairman of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants was born in Baylough, Athlone, Co. Roscommon and educated at Garbally College, Co. Galway where he later taught. He was ordained at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

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**ALL WELCOME**

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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

## CAIRDE CAFÉ COFFEE MORNING

**Tuesday, November 28, 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 25's*  
*TABLE QUIZ: Host: Joan*  
*BINGO: Hosted by Janette*

**12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m.** Wrap up and goodbyes  
*We will wrap up the afternoon's conversation and adjourn.*

The IIPC offers a monthly coffee morning get-together as part of our Active Retirement Club program. Cairde Cafe is an informal gathering of friends, old and new.

Each month we have a variety of activities to cater to all interests! Come along to play cards or Bingo, or join in our Inter-County Quiz. We will also continue the Thanksgiving tradition by expressing our gratitude for all our ARC friends!

This is a great 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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— LUNCH —

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— DINNER —

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# 2017 REBEL CORKS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY DEC 2ND 2017



At the United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45th Ave, San Francisco

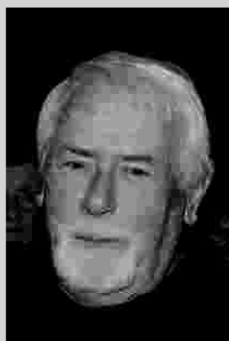
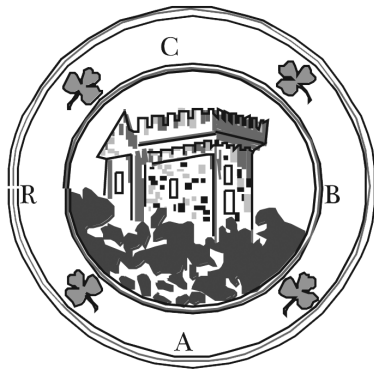


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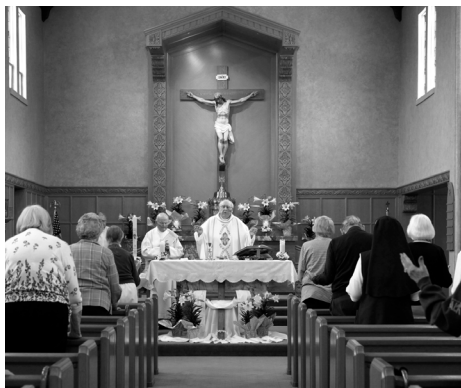
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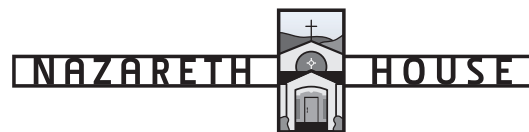


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