



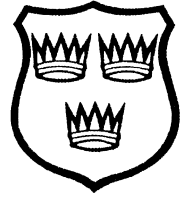
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear UICC Members,

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to announce the hiring of Robert Sparks as the UICC's first Executive Director, following an extensive recruitment and selection process. In this new role at the Center, Robert will direct all of the Center's Operations, and will report to the President of the UICC Board.

Robert comes to the Center with an extensive background in private country club management. Born and raised in Orange County, Robert majored in Broadcast Journalism intending to spend a career writing in news departments in both radio and television. He took a job working at a private golf country club in Newport Beach and ended up choosing a different direction in his career by working in the hospitality field. His first club was Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach where he worked at different levels of food and beverage management. His career advancement placed him next as the Food and Beverage Manager at Rolling Hills Country Club in Rolling Hills Estates where he had a major influence in the design and operation of a new clubhouse with new kitchen, banquet room, bar, and member dining, along with a new golf shop and underground parking structure.

Robert and his wife Lee, moved to the Bay area in 1990 when Robert became the Clubhouse Manager/Food and Beverage Manager at Orinda Country Club for eleven years. He then moved on to become the General Manager at Mira Vista Country Club in the Berkeley Hills where he oversaw a major clubhouse project. Robert's next career move was as the General Manager at Almaden Country Club in San Jose, where he developed a plan to identify the need for a complete demolition of an declining clubhouse, clarify the funding for the project and select the architect, general contractor and project manager to build a 34,000 square foot clubhouse with banquet facilities, private member dining, state of the art pub area, fitness center, pro shop and locker rooms.

Robert is excited to apply his experience in food and beverage management, facility project coordination, employee training and support, financial management, membership retention and recruitment, community outreach/involvement, towards the continuing development of the United Irish Cultural Center.

Robert and his wife, Lee live in Walnut Creek with their 20 year old son, Aidan. Lee works in Customer Service for Crate & Barrel in Walnut Creek and Aidan is working on a Journalism Major at Diablo Valley College. Robert in his spare time enjoys hiking with his family, kayaking, reading, fine dining, traveling, movies and a good pint of Guinness.

Michael Barnacle, *Board President* and the Board of Directors

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

THIS MONTH'S GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 ~ 7:30

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing ~ Friday, September 8, 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

The New 2017 Connaught Club Board invites you to...

Connaught Athletic & Social Club Annual Dinner Dance

Honoring Our Retired Board Members

Peter Naughton, Julia Howard
& Josephine Moore

Saturday, October 14th, 2017
United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116

No-Host Cocktail Reception 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:30 pm

Followed by Music & Dancing

Tickets & Info:

Shannon Durkin 415-361-0461

Noreen Byrne 415-823-3752

Rosie Keehan 415-596-2421

Tickets & Info:

Peter Naughton 415-999-9210

Peter Moore 415-845-9886

Sally Cassidy 415-665-0689

AUGUST CALENDAR



MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 TONY McMAHON
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
FIRST SATURDAY TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 PAUL ESPINOZA
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 TBA
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 EMILY HAYES BAND
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 THE TOAST INSPECTORS
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 TBA
- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 CORCA BAISCIN
- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 SIN SILVER

■ SEPTEMBER 3, SUNDAY

- GAA Hurling Finals ~ 5:30am
Everyone welcome. Come and cheer on your team!

■ SEPTEMBER 9, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
"Early Irish Pop and Rock & Roll",
with Anthony Manzella. Everyone welcome.
Lisa Hilmoie 707/364-5484 or
Hilmoie.gleason@gmail.com

■ SEPTEMBER 14, THURSDAY

- IIPC Monthly Mass & Luncheon ~ See Ad
Call Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ SEPTEMBER 17, SUNDAY

- ELECTRIC- Ireland GAA Football All Ireland Minor
Championship Final starting at 5:15am is Derry vs
Kerry | GAA All Ireland Senior Football Championship
Finals starting at 7:30am is Dublin vs Mayo

DEADLINE for OCTOBER 2017 BULLETIN is SEPTEMBER 15

Please call the UICC with questions 415/661-2700.
If you have specific artwork questions contact:
Adrienne Verreos, Falcon Associates Inc.

■ SEPTEMBER 21, THURSDAY

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

■ SEPTEMBER 22, 23 AND 24 FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- Join Nikki Ragsdale for a weekend of Irish!
San Francisco's Annual Gaeltacht Irish Gaelic
Immersion weekend. Four levels, intensive tutorials
that focus on the spoken language and increasing
fluency. Top caliber, native Irish speakers will be
leading the classes. Contact Sean Seamus for further
information and to register: by phone 415/299-0850
or email Sean: LarkinMaps@gmail.com

■ SEPTEMBER 24, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society
St. Francis Room ~ 5:00pm
GAA History Event Lecture and panel discussion
The history and thriving Irish sport leagues of the
Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA), featuring
incoming Irish Consul General Robert O'Driscoll
and San Francisco GAA Chairman Bertie Penny,
and scholar and league official Liam Reidy.
ILHS members free, \$5 guests
For more information - www.ILHSsf.org

■ SEPTEMBER 26, TUESDAY

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

■ SEPTEMBER 28, THURSDAY

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

SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday, October 12

IIPC Mass and Luncheon

Saturday, October 14

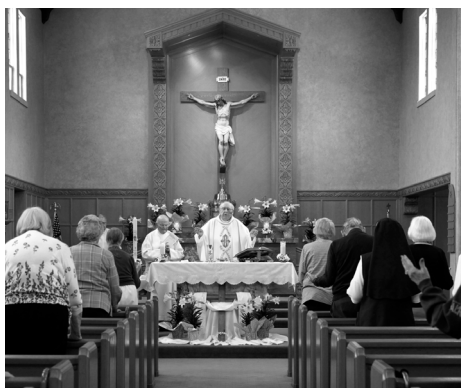
Connaught Club Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 28

United for Life Annual Luncheon

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, September 14, 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

Consul General of Ireland, Robert O'Driscoll

We will be joined by the new Consul General to San Francisco and the Western States, Robert O'Driscoll. A native of Dublin, Robert has been with the Department of Foreign Affairs since 2007. We look forward to welcoming him to San Francisco and hearing more about his career to date.

*****Bring along your books for our Book Swop!*****

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

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A Community Outreach Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, September 26, 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, read the Irish newspapers or just have a chat. Our Inter-County quiz has fast become a favorite among our members.

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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DINING ROOM

— LUNCH —

**THURSDAY - FRIDAY
11:30AM TO 2PM**

— DINNER —

**THURSDAY & SUNDAY
5PM TO 8:30PM**

**Friday & Saturday
5PM TO 9:00PM**

— **SUNDAY BRUNCH** —
10AM TO 2PM

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This month's General Meeting is September 28

ROBERT EMMET REMEMBRANCE

September 17, 2017 12:00 pm
Band Concourse Golden Gate Park



Trial of Robert Emmet

"...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

Join the United Irish Societies of San Francisco 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 17. 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. The remembrance ceremony includes Irish music, Irish dance, a procession of flags to the statue and a reenactment of his speech.

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