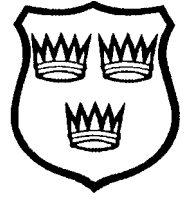




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## BOARD MESSAGE

### THE IRISH CENTER IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS ALL SUMMER!

Dear Members of the Irish Center:

In our last message we reported we were undertaking some internal restructuring of both our finances and our operational workflow, all of which is intended to move the Center further along to a path of growth and vibrancy.

We are making wonderful progress in expanding the breadth and regularity of our cultural events and programing, with many more events planned for the coming months. However, we continue to be challenged by the required attention over our Food and Beverage operations which have been unprofitable for years. The Board is working very closely with our Staff this Summer to reinvigorate these operations and see if they might stand on their own by the end of 2018. We've made reductions in staff hours and staff, including the elimination of the Executive Director position. We are following progress very carefully and we will keep you well informed as we proceed.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to support the Center by taking advantage of our excellent meeting and event facilities, and by enjoying our restaurant, bar, and weekend music. Come in and enjoy the beers flowing from our brand new beer tap system, with all new distribution lines and refrigeration. Join us for 3 Beer Garden events scheduled in August, September and October, and an upcoming whiskey tasting event as well.

Some other dates to remember:

General Membership & Board Nominations Meeting: September 27th at 7:30 p.m.

General Membership & Elections to the Board Meeting: October 25th at 7:30 p.m.

We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Michael Barnacle  
*President, Board of Directors*

## A FAMILY THANK YOU

*The McEllistrim Family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to those who have shown their support during the passing of Danny. Your calls, visits, cards and prayers are much appreciated.*

## PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

### UICC HISTORY-HERITAGE COMMITTEE

**Join us for the Opening Night Reception of our New Historical Exhibit**

**AUGUST 16, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM, ST. FRANCIS ROOM**



Hope you all had an opportunity to check out the Murals of Belfast exhibit that has been displayed on the Walkway to the St. Francis room over the last few months. A very compelling exhibit, wasn't it! Sadly the photographer, John Harrington, picked the work up on his trip to San Francisco last week. We are looking forward to another exhibit by John sometime next year.

The good news is that we have another very interesting exhibit to display. Our next exhibit chronicles the efforts of Irish San Franciscans to build an Irish Hall in 1898 including a huge Irish Fair in the Mechanic's Pavilion which was located on present day Bill Graham auditorium. The research on this topic started when the Dowling library received a copy of the program. The first page which said Funds to be Devoted towards Building a Hall for United Irish Societies was intriguing so we started to research old historical newspapers and came up with this story.

The exhibit will run from August 16 to December 31, 2018. Opening night reception is on August 16 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm where Valerie Mc Grew will introduce and briefly explain the display.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

...to everyone who supported the Tea Party last June. As usual, Anne Carew did an outstanding job. The very generous donations will go to continuing efforts to complete our online cataloging system.

## UICC MEMBER AWARD

*"I am honored to work with such a great group of dedicated volunteers."*

—Valerie McGrew

On April 27, Valerie McGrew was awarded one of the "Irish Community Champion Awards" by the *Irish Echo*, one of the largest Irish newspapers in the United States headquartered in New York. This third annual event was held at Rose O'Grady's, a famous Irish pub and restaurant in Manhattan.

She and her sister Liz had a wonderful time on their first trip to Manhattan, starting with the party at Rosie O'Grady's and the hospitality of the folks at the *Irish Echo*.

Valerie's activities in the San Francisco Irish community include being Vice President of the United Irish Societies, volunteer librarian at the UICC library, the first all Irish library in the U.S., UICC board member and facilitator of the UICC History committee. She enjoys the opportunity to promote San Francisco Irish history and culture whether it is by helping to organize the St. Patrick's Day parade or through presentations with the Irish Marvels, articles in *The Irish Herald* and events at the UICC.



Photo credit: Nuala Pirelli

Rep. Mike Fitzpatrick, NY, presenting Valerie her award

# AUGUST CALENDAR



## MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, AUGUST 3 IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 4  
CORMAC GANNON & FRIENDS
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 EMILY HAYES
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 PAUL ESPINOZA
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 17 TBD
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 18  
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 CELTIC SCANDAL
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 THE CHIME TRAVELERS
- FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 TBD

## SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing  
Friday, August 10 at 12:30 pm

All card Players welcome!  
Come for the craic!!

### DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER 2018 BULLETIN is AUGUST 15

Please call the UICC with questions  
415/661-2700 or  
email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

#### ■ AUGUST 9, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

#### ■ AUGUST 11, SATURDAY

- BBQ and Beer Party ~ 11:00am till 4:00pm.  
Come out and join us for a mid-summer parking lot Party! Fun in the sun ...or Fog!  
Contact the office at 415/661-2700 and let us know you will be attending.

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
Lisa Hilmoe presents Part II of "The Brady family: Irish immigrants go west to seek their fortune in California" Please join us, all are welcome.  
\$5 donation appreciated.  
Questions? contact Lisa: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

#### ■ AUGUST 16, THURSDAY

- "A Place for All Things Irish" ~ 6:00pm  
Opening night reception of the new exhibit, a series of posters, which tells the story of the San Francisco Irish Societies at the turn of the 20th Century and their dream of building an Irish Hall. Starts at 6pm.  
Contact Valerie McGrew for details at 415/672-0375.

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

#### ■ AUGUST 23, THURSDAY

- IIPC Special Summer Outing ~ See Ad  
Day Trip to Graton Casino  
Contact the IIPC for reservations and information  
415/752-6006 — Space is limited.

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

#### ■ AUGUST 28, TUESDAY

- Cairde Café/Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Come and join in on this informal gathering of friends, old and new and enjoy your morning coffee or tea!  
Let Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006 know you'll be there.

#### ■ AUGUST 30, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm  
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TWO IMPORTANT SPECIAL MEETINGS

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# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

**\*\*\*Special Summer Outing!\*\*\***

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**

**Day Trip to Graton Casino**

10:30 a.m. - Bus leaves UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12:00 p.m. - Arrive at Graton Casino

3:15 p.m. - Bus departs from Graton Casino

5:00 p.m. - Arrive at UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

**Cost - \$20 INCLUDES \$15 FREE play on arrival!**

Lunch not included - Visitors get \$5 credit for casino restaurants

By reservation only as space is limited. Call Joan at 415.752.6006

\*\*\* Payment with check or credit card required upon RSVP\*\*\*



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## ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

**~ SAVE THE DATE ~**

### Cairde Café

**Coffee Morning**

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018**

Join us for our monthly coffee morning!  
Cairde Café is a chance to gather with  
friends old and new for a relaxed morning  
of cards, BINGO and chats. All are welcome!

**Suggested Donation: \$5**



### Monthly Mass

**& Luncheon**

12.15 p.m.

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

Join us for our monthly mass and luncheon  
and post-summer catch up with friends!

Guest Speaker: Katy Tang, San Francisco  
District 4 Supervisor

**Event Cost: \$20**

**United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave, San Francisco**

For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006

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*...from Anne Cassidy Carew*

*The Seventh Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party in support of the Dowling Irish Library was a huge hit on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Tea partyers arrived with hats on and ready for an amazing menu filled with chicken puff pastry, lemon bar surprises and many more delights. Harp music serenaded in the back ground as tea was sipped and stories were shared. In addition, our bartenders supplied the Cheshire Cat Cocktail that catered to the theme of the celebration.*

*The Mad Hatter Tea Party was created for two purposes: to raise funds for the all volunteer and donation supported Irish Library and to have a gathering that promotes and honors three generations of Irish Center members and friends.*

*Please share with me in THANKING our amazing sponsors and supporters for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party event!*



Orla O'Malley Daly at the online Irish Castle Shop

Annie Galvin at 3 Fish Studio's in San Francisco

Kathleen Dowling McDonough and her families wonderful olive oil

Maureen Dowling

Cecilia Marania

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— DINNER —

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**5PM TO 9:00PM**

— **SUNDAY BRUNCH** —  
**10AM TO 2PM**

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

IIPC MASS AND LUNCH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NOON TO 4:00PM. ~ HALF WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT! IN THE PARKING LOT.

4:30PM ~ THE UNITED IRISH SOCIETIES WILL HOST RUAN O'DONNELL, NOTED IRISH HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR OF "ROBERT EMMET AND THE RISING OF 1803". HE WILL SHARE WITH US HIS UNIQUE INSIGHTS ON ROBERT EMMET.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:15PM ~ BAND CONCOURSE, GOLDEN GATE PARK

REMEMBERING ROBERT EMMET ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EXECUTION  
WITH THE 99<sup>TH</sup> LAYING OF THE WREATH AT HIS STATUE, FOLLOWED BY MUSIC.







