



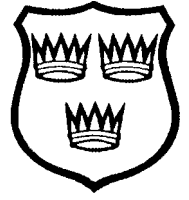
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Robert Sparks  
*Executive Director*

## BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Happy New Year!

December was a busy time at the Center with so many beautiful holiday parties and events. Thanks to our entire Staff for your hard work and dedication to the Center and making every single event so special for our Members.

December was also the culmination of incredible work by our Board Member Colleagues, our Staff, and Tom Trombadore, our Attorney who's been working incredibly hard for the Center on a Pro-Bono basis to assist in our conversion to a full 501c3 Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation. This group has reason to smile in the photo included here, a job well done with only a few statutory filings yet to be completed on behalf of our Members.



Some other 2017 accomplishments:

- Our first Executive Director at the Center joined in August, Robert Sparks.
- We elected our new Board in December, in accordance with our new ByLaws, a copy of which can be found on our website, [IrishCenterSF.org](http://IrishCenterSF.org). See our List of Board Members below and read about our Board Members on our website.

- A \$1,500,000 Line of Credit has also been approved by our new Bank, First National Bank of

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**THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY**

Northern California, specialists in Non-Profits. This will be used for facility enhancements that will increase revenues in Banquets, Events, and the Restaurant/Bar, while also making some improvements for Accessibility for all our Members. A Fundraising Capital Campaign will be expanded in 2018 for our Generations Fund to finance longer-term building improvements and expansion. We will look to foundations, philanthropies, Members, and other constituents for donations and grants.

- Menus have been updated for the Restaurant, and for Events and Banquets. Our Wine and Whiskey selections have been expanded, and the Bar has introduced a “Drink of the Month”.
- Chef Paul has been a wonderful addition for our culinary services.
- New Member special events started in recent months under Executive Director, Robert Sparks supervision, including a wine event featuring 12 Vineyards, and a Pasta Night in December, which welcomed families with children, and catered to all appetites.
- We are planning a President’s Ball for February, a new annual event, to recognize all our current and past Board Members and founders. See our website for more details about this event.
- We’ve developed a Job Description and interviewing has started for a new Marketing & Media Director, to enhance our outreach to Members, publicize new Cultural activities, and to attract more Events and Banquets.
- Our Nominating Committee will begin outreach to identify Committee volunteers and potential new Board candidates. If you have any recommendations, please reach out to Jo Coffey.

### **Our 2018 Board of Directors & Officers:**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Term/Years</b>
Michael Barnacle	President	3
Bill Luque	Vice President	1
James Sweeney	Treasurer	1
Maggie Overbay	Secretary	3
Jo Coffey	Board Member	1
Valerie McGrew	Board Member	1
Caitie O’Shea	Board Member	1
Michael Bowler	Board Member	2
Josephine Brogan	Board Member	2
James McFadden	Board Member	2
Rebeca Moran	Board Member	2
Peggy Nevin	Board Member	2
Anne Carew	Board Member	3
Patricia Hayes	Board Member	3
Juan Sibila	Board Member	3

I hope to see you at the Center soon!

Sincerely,  
Michael Barnacle  
*For the Board*

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# JANUARY CALENDAR



## MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 5 IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 CORMAC GANNON
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 EMILY HAYES
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 TBA
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 TBA
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

COMHALTAS ~ TRADITIONAL IRISH SET DANCING

7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 CORCA BAISCIN
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 TONY ESPINOZA

## SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon & card playing  
Friday, January 19, 2018 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

## SAVE the DATE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Guinness Brewery Dinner with Presentation by Guinness Brewery Ambassador Eoghain Clavin. Followed by a four course dinner by Chef Paul, \$66 per person, tax and gratuity included. Reservations required. Call the office to make your reservation (415) 661-2700.

### ■ JANUARY 2, TUESDAY

- The UICC is closed today.

### ■ JANUARY 11, 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

### ■ JANUARY 13, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
Valerie McGrew will share the story of Nellie Leahy and her immigration to Sf in the late 1800's.  
Please join us, all are welcome welcome.  
We ask for a small donation of \$2-\$5.  
Email Lisa: [Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com](mailto:Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

### ■ JANUARY 18, THURSDAY

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

### ■ JANUARY 19, FRIDAY

- GAA Dinner Tonight  
7:00pm No host cocktails ~ 7:30pm Dinner  
For info call Bertie Penny 415/ 244-5531

### ■ JANUARY 23, TUESDAY

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

### ■ JANUARY 25, THURSDAY

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

### ■ JANUARY 28, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society  
St. Francis Room ~ 5:00pm  
ILHS welcomes independent scholar Tom Clancy who will explore the recent history of Ireland in his lecture titled "Go, move, shift: Exploring Irish cultural changes through ten songs".  
ILHS members free, \$5 visitors.  
For info: [www.ILHSsf.org](http://www.ILHSsf.org) or call 415/350-6025

*We want to wish all our Members and Friends a very Happy New Year!*

### DEADLINE for FEBRUARY 2018 BULLETIN is JANUARY 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)

# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

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

**12.15 p.m. Mass** celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride  
followed by lunch to mark a

**Happy New Year!**

We look forward to seeing you all to celebrate the beginning of a New Year and exciting times ahead in our Active Retirement Club!!

**Guest Speaker - TBC**

We are waiting on final confirmation for a guest speaker at our January luncheon. We will write to you with the speaker details shortly!

**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, January 23, 2018**

**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.** Inter-County Table Quiz  
*Quiz master Joan will test your knowledge of 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.*

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 play cards or BINGO, read the Irish newspapers or just have a chat.

Each month we will have a different conversation topic or guest who will join us for a cup of tea/coffee.

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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Emigrant Support Programme of the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



# Guinness Brewery Dinner

## Wednesday, February 7, 2018



### Hors d'oeuvre Reception

Presentation by Guinness Brewery  
Ambassador Eoghain Clavin

Followed by a Four Course Dinner

Prepared by Chef Paul.

\$66 includes tax and gratuity

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December 1, 2017

Dear Members,  
Happy Upcoming Holidays!

I know that many of you are wondering what's been going on since our vote to become a 501c3 Non-Profit Corporation, so I'd like to update you on things that have been happening here at the Center.

As we all know, Rome wasn't built in a day, and we wish we could snap our fingers and demonstrate all kinds of progress and change at the Center immediately. Important and major changes at the Center will take patience and perseverance on the part of our Board, our dedicated personnel, and our Membership.

So, here's what's been happening:

1. We have an excellent and dedicated board working collaboratively to make our Center a wonderful home for all our members. The ICC and UICC Boards have been working as one, all year, and we are almost ready for the full transition to our new corporate structure. By-laws are now ready for member viewing and have been uploaded to our website. Robert Sparks was hired as Executive Director in August and is focusing on identifying our strengths and weaknesses, including improving our organizational structure, and our systems for providing customer service to our membership. Our next employee hire will be a full-time Marketing/Social Media professional to allow us to better communicate with our members, and reach out to the entire Bay Area Irish community to build awareness of the Center and build excitement for our plans.
3. Robert has also been interviewing architectural/design professionals to help us determine appropriate investments in our facilities that will enhance our revenues and our member experience in 2018, and over the coming 5 years. This insight will better inform us on our strategic planning and fundraising goals.
4. We have so many needs, simply to bring our facilities up to current city codes. Longer-term investment could reach \$10,000,000 to modernize our facilities. Our goal is to solidify the Center as an exceptional gathering place that welcomes everyone in our community, to learn and experience Irish culture and history, with an authentic and current Irish experience in dining and celebration.
5. Our plan for 2018 is to allocate up to \$1.5 million toward immediate improvements, once we learn from our architectural/design team which components of our facility can be improved now, without compromising a longer-term
6. Funding for the improvements will come from a \$1.5 million Line of Credit with a local Bank. Because of a positive and strong financial position in 2017, this Line of Credit has become possible and will enable us to pay for identifiable improvements that come from our meetings with architectural/design professionals. Not a penny will be spent without a plan, or without Board approval. If you'd like to be more involved in the process, please consider joining one of our Committees or our Board.
- 7 We wish we could simply raise the funds through an immediate Capital Campaign, or generous donation from our community. However, your Board has determined that we need to spend money to demonstrate progress to our members and constituents and to gain access to the generosity of our Members and the broader Irish community for our longer-term fundraising objectives.
8. We will be updating the entire membership through our Website, Email Newsletters, US Mail, and other vehicles of communication. Making that flow of information possible will be within the role of the Marketing Professional we will be hiring shortly. Dues for 2018 will remain set at \$150 per Membership, with discounts available for immediate payment (details attached). We also ask you to consider a donation towards our Generations Fund Capital Campaign, through which our Center improvements will be funded. All donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your patience and I hope that you will be delighted as things change for the betterment of the Center in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

*Michael Barnacle*  
President of the Board





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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Dues for Calendar Year 2018 (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2018)

**Dues are Tax Deductible** (To the extent permitted by law. Full deductibility might be affected by members using any discounts offered by the UICC to Members from time to time. Please consult with your tax advisor)

### Please check one:

☐ **Individual Membership** Dues are \$150.00. If paid before February 1, 2018, pay only \$140.00

☐ **Couple Membership** Dues are \$250.00. If paid before February 1, 2018, pay only \$240.00

For couples, please write in names and numbers of each member you are paying for:

Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) would volunteer at the UICC for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please update your phone # and e-mail address in upper right hand corner.**

**If paying by mail, please return this form with your payment in the enclosed envelope.**

### Continued on reverse side:

The Members of the UICC voted on November 16, 2016 to convert the UICC to a 501c-3 Non-Profit Corporation, by merging with the ICC. Your dues and donations are now tax deductible and can be accepted by the ICC, doing business as the New United Irish Cultural Center. Upon finalization of documents with the Secretary of State, we will drop "New" from the name and be known thereafter as the United Irish Cultural Center, Incorporated. The New UICC Federal Tax ID # is 26-0610341.



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## Additional Donation to Help Us Reach our 2018 Fundraising Goal

☐ I (we) would like to make an additional donation for the Generations Fund Capital Campaign.

☐ \$1,000   ☐ \$500   ☐ \$250   ☐ \$100   ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mitzi Samson & Maureen Hickey*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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