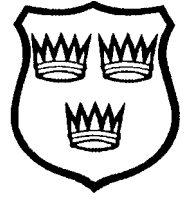




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BOARD MESSAGE

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE, AND I'M LEARNING PATIENCE.
IT'S A TOUGH LESSON.

Elon Musk

Our Center's Board and I have heard so many encouraging words from members about the new vitality at the Center, yet we certainly wish things could happen even faster.

Your Board is focused on making progress, and things that will absolutely get done in the months and years ahead.

Here's a short list of accomplishments:

- We've hired Robert Sparks, as our first Executive Director. Robert has patiently observed how the Center operates, and is now poised to introduce several positive changes.
- As of January 1, 2017 we can receive tax-deductible contributions, and some of you have generously stepped up beyond the Annual dues payments.
- A new Communications Director starts with our Center on May 1st, and you will be delighted by our new community outreach.
- We are finalizing on a choice of Architectural Advisors to help formulate a 5-year Building enhancement plan, with incremental steps along the way. We are hoping to achieve some of our enhancement goals this summer, and will strive to remain open while the work is done. Final details are not available to share at the time of this message, so watch our website for updates.
- We are finalizing plans to enhance our Technology infrastructure at the Center, including dramatically improved wifi and cell phone accessibility to attract more banquets and corporate events that rely on internet access.
- We are creating more activities to bring younger members and families to the Center, including monthly dinners/tasting events, and cultural programming that will interest all generations.
- We will be building bridges to our Irish Sports Organizations, and all other Irish Community organizations to create better coordination of activities that are so important to the greater Irish Community.

Thank you for your patience as we make progress, and please reach out to Jo Coffey, Caitie O'Shea, Bill Luqué, or me if you'd be interested in learning about Committees we are forming and Board openings that will be coming in the Fall. We respect your time, and these positions don't take a huge amount of time.

Sincerely,
Michael Barnacle & the Board

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing Friday, May 18, at 12:30 pm.
All card Players welcome! Come for the craic!!

TRIVIA TUESDAY

Trivia Tuesdays is on haitus from now through the summer.

KATE KENNEDY REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE FOR KATE KENNEDY, 1827-1890, CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

The UICC is sponsoring a Remembrance for Kate Kennedy, San Francisco pioneer born in County Meath, who during her 30 year career in San Francisco schools, made significant gains for women's and workers' rights. She was also the first woman to run for state office in California.

Born in 1827, Kennedy lived through the famine, and, though those years were not as hard on her family as they were on others, the famine gave her a vivid sense of the injustice that can exist in the world, and nurtured her determination to work against it.

In 1867, she was promoted to principal of a large school, but was paid 70% of what a male principal would have earned. She organized a campaign against this, and in 1874, the California legislature passed a law saying that men and women in comparable positions in California public schools had to receive the same pay.

It was probably her political activism that led the Board of Education, in 1887, to demote her to a smaller school at a smaller salary. She refused the transfer, and sued the Board. In 1890, the California Supreme Court decided in her favor, ruling that an educator could not be demoted or fired except for misconduct or incompetency.

The Remembrance is being organized by Irish Marvels, a historical and cultural group that meets at the UICC. Among the groups joining the UICC as sponsors are Teamsters Joint Council No. 7, the San Francisco Labor Council, the California Retired Teachers Association Division 36, Duggan's Serra Mortuary and the United Irish Societies.

Joanne Hayes-White, Chief of the San Francisco Fire Department, will be the main speaker. The San Francisco Irish Pipers Band and the Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band will lead the procession to her grave.

*The Remembrance will happen Sunday, June 3, 1:30 at her grave in the East Gardens at Cypress Lawn Cemetery in Colma.
All are welcome. For further information, contact Jo Coffey at 415-585-6506*



...A THANK YOU



Charlie Conefrey May 10, 1933 – January 9, 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Sister Ellen Mary Conefrey and the Conefrey Family, we wish to thank everyone for their support and friendship for Charlie when he was with us, and to us for your sympathy and kindness when he passed. Your attendance at the services and your fond memories and stories mean a great deal to us. We also thank you for the numerous Mass Cards, Novenas and Sympathy Cards for Charlie, and in return Sister Ellen has requested a Mass be offered for your intentions.

We hope that Charlie is in a happy place and that he rests in peace.

Sincerely,
Sister Ellen Mary Conefrey, Paramount, CA
The Conefrey Family, San Francisco

MAY CALENDAR



MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, MAY 4 IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, MAY 5 CORMAC GANNON & FRIENDS
- FRIDAY, MAY 11 EMILY HAYES
- SATURDAY, MAY 12 THE CHIME TRAVELERS
- FRIDAY, MAY 18 CORCA BAISCIN WITH FRIENDS
- SATURDAY, MAY 19 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM
COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING
- FRIDAY, MAY 25 JIM MOORE
- SATURDAY, MAY 26 CELTIC SCANDAL

■ MAY 3, THURSDAY

• Cinco de Mayo Early Buffet in the Restaurant tonight.
\$18.50* for adults, \$9.50* for children 8 to 12. Starts at 5pm.
Reservations required. Please call the office 415/661-2700 to
reserve your place.

*DOES NOT INCLUDE TAX OR GRATUITY

■ MAY 10, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass and Lunch ~ Noon

Contact the IIPC for reservations and information
415/752-6006

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

■ MAY 12, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Irish 49ers in California Gold Country
Please join us, all are welcome.
Small donation appreciated.
Email Lisa: Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

■ MAY 13, SUNDAY

- Take Mom out for Brunch for Mother's Day!
Join us for our Annual Mother's Day Brunch, starting at 10am.
Adults \$37, children \$16. Call the office for reservations
(415) 661-2700. If you can't make Brunch take Mom
out to dinner, starting at 5pm
- The Black Donnelly's Concert in the St. Francisco Room

■ MAY 17, THURSDAY

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

■ MAY 18, FRIDAY

- Helena Byrne, Irish Storyteller and Singer
St. Francis Room ~ 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the
UICC office or online at <https://irishcentersf.org/events/byrne/>.
You don't want to miss this!

■ MAY 20, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 5:00pm
will present a talk by ILHS President Tony Bucher titled
"Archie Bunker's Chair – Media Images and Social Realities
of Irish America in the 1970s". This talk will attempt to
define and encompass a fuller range of Irish Americana in the
spectrum of study of mid-20th Century America. St. Francis
Room. ILHS members free, Guests \$5,

■ MAY 22, TUESDAY

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

■ MAY 24, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
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■ MAY 31, THURSDAY

- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:15pm
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SUNDAY, JUNE 3: KATE KENNEDY REMEMBRANCE
AT CYPRESS LAWN CEMETERY

FRIDAY, JUNE 22: MEET & GREET WITH ANNIE POWERS,
OUR NEWLY RETURNED ROSE OF TRALEE, AT THE MAIN BAR.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24: MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

PLEASE NOTE — CORRECTION:

WHILE WE ARE DOING REPAIRS FROM MONDAY, JULY 23 TO
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, THE UICC WILL NOT BE CLOSED
DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. DINING ROOM SERVICE WILL
BE MOVED TO THE ST. PATRICK'S ROOM.

DEADLINE for JUNE 2018 BULLETIN is MAY 15
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, May 10, 2018

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

Annie Powers, 2018 San Francisco Rose

Our speaker, Annie Powers is our 2018 San Francisco Rose. Annie will travel to Co. Kerry, Ireland in August for the International Rose of Tralee Festival. She will represent the Bay Area Irish and Irish-American community. A native of Aptos, California, Annie lives in the city and currently works for Salesforce. She is excited to meet you all!

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, May 22, 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. - 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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Please check one:

☐ **Individual Membership** Dues are \$150.00.

☐ **Couple Membership** Dues are \$250.00.

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

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☐ 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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