

Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.





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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

At last night's General Membership Meeting our Nominating Committee introduced four wonderful candidates to fill spots being vacated by Board Members who have completed their terms. The candidates presented by our Nominating Committee include: Shannon Durkin, Brian Gaffney, Patrick Shannon, Jr. and James Sweeney. Election of the Nominees will occur at our next meeting of the Membership on October 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM. More information about each candidate is presented on our website.

I would like to thank those members of the Board that are completing their terms and recognize them for the incredible service they have given to the Center: Bill Luque, Jo Coffey, Caitie O'Shea and Valerie McGrew. They will all remain very involved on Committees.

We also discussed the ongoing challenges being faced by our food and beverage operations. Operational deficits have been worsening this year, primarily as a consequence of lagging banquet business. We discussed efforts to turn this around including marketing to gain new business. Our Operations Committee has reinstated weekly meetings and the staff and board are discussing new business opportunities weekly. The Board and Finance Committee are also actively evaluating various options to stem losses in this area and more news will be forthcoming soon.

On the Cultural side, there is more to celebrate with many successful events and we welcome you to look at our website, e-blasts and social media regularly for more information.

Please join us on October 25th for our elections.

Sincerely,

Michael Barnacle President, Board of Directors

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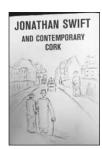
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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

LIBRARY UPDATE



On September 9, the Library volunteers met to review the goals that we set 5 years ago at a similar meeting. We were able to celebrate what we have accomplished-like the installation of new flooring, re organization of the layout of the library including new shelves, purchase of a new online cataloging system and to discuss what still needs to be accomplished like finishing the entries of our collection into the cataloging system. This has made possible by the hard work of the all the volunteers and by the generosity of our supporters. The next book to be cataloged is Jonathan Swift and Contemporary Cork by Jonathan Swift, Call No. 827.5

The Center's current historical exhibit is A PLACE FOR ALL THINGS IRISH, a series of posters which tells the story of the Irish Societies at the turn of the 20th Century and their dream of building an Irish hall including the Irish Fair of 1898, which was a major fundraiser held by the Celtic Union. On the library website, you can check out highlights of the program for the Irish Fair of 1898 which inspired the exhibit.

Would you like to find out more about your relatives who lived in San Francisco in 1898? Were they volunteers at the Irish Fair or advertisers in the fair program? Check out our database on the website, which lists the volunteers and advertisers at the Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our very own San Francisco Irish Pipers Band placed Ist and 2nd place at the Scottish Games in Pleasanton!

Combabairdeas!!

SILVER GAELS

Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing Friday, October 5 at 12:30 pm All card players welcome! Come for the craic!!



Mark your calendar! AN IRISH CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 2 PM MATINEE SHOW

https://sfirishcenter.vbotickets.com/event/An_Irish_Christmas_2018/28085

Riverdance principal dancer Caterina Coyne stars in "An Irish Christmas!" Take a journey through Christmas in Ireland with superb dancing, singing and Irish traditional music celebrating the international spirit of the holiday season. An Irish Christmas, features an award-winning cast of Irish dancers led by Caterina Coyne (Principal dancer, Riverdance), World champion dancer Tyler Schwartz and Connor Reider (Principal dancer Celtic Fyre, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, The Chieftains), as well as members of the Kerry Dance Troupe, The Kerry Voice Squad and the Kerry Traditional Orchestra in a memorable night that sparkles with the charm and magic that only this festive time of year can bring.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

■ OCTOBER 6, SATURDAY

• First ever UICC Octoberfest! Call the Center for details 415/661-2700

■ OCTOBER 11, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon \sim Noon \sim See Ad Contact Joan at the IIPC for reservations and information 415/752-6006
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:15pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

■ OCTOBER 13, SATURDAY

• Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm "San Francisco Irish History"
Presesntation by author Karen Hanning
UICC 3rd floor Boardroom
All welcome. \$5 donation appreciated.
Contact Lisa: at hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

• Connaught Club Dinner Dance ~ See Ad

■ OCTOBER 19, FRIDAY

Emerald Society Dinner Dance ~ St. Patrick's Room
 6:00pm cocktails — 7:00pm dinner
 For info and reservations call Rachel Murphy
 415/794-7918

■ OCTOBER 18, THURSDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 23, TUESDAY

• Cairde Café/Coffee Morning $\sim 10:00$ am - 12:30pm $\sim See Ad$ Come and join in on this informal gathering of friends, old and new and enjoy your morning coffee or tea! RSVP Joan at the IIPC 415/752-6006

■ OCTOBER 25, THURSDAY

- \bullet General Membership & General Elections Meeting $\sim 7.30 \, \mathrm{pm}$
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:15pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856.

■ OCTOBER 26, FRIDAY

• The Byrne Family Concert ~ 8:00pm ~ See Ad

■ OCTOBER 28, SUNDAY

• Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ 5:00pm Dan McGovern on "Eugene O'Neill and Ireland" Dan McGovern, the president of the Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House will explore O'Neill's Irish heritage, the influence of the Irish Players of the Abbey Theatre on the young playwright, and the reception in Ireland of O'Neill's work during his lifetime and today.

UICC St. Francis Room ILHS members free, visitors \$5



MUSIC AT THE BAR

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

- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

 IVOR COLLINS
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 CORMAC GANNON & FRIENDS
 - Friday, October 12 Emily Hayes
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
 THE CHIME TRAVELERS
 - Friday, October 19 TBD
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

COMHALTAS - TRADITIONAL IRISH DANCING

- Friday, October 26
 Paul Espinosa
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 CELTIC SCANDAL

DEADLINE for NOVEMBER 2018 BULLETIN is OCTOBER 15

Please call the UICC with questions 415/661-2700 or email: falconassoc@earthlink.net or call 415/468-4130

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, October 11, 2018

Mass at St. Columba's Church, Oakland

Join us to celebrate Mass with ARC friend, Fr. Aidan McAleenan, as he welcomes us to his parish of St. Columba's, across the bridge in the sunny East Bay. Bus and BBQ lunch included.

10.00 a.m. Bus departs UICC 2700 45th Ave, San Francisco

11.00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Aidan McAleenan St. Columba's Church, 6401 San Pablo Ave, Oakland followed by BBQ lunch

4.00 p.m. Bus returns to UICC

Advance booking & payment required!

Tickets - \$30

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

Tel: 415.752.6006 Fax: 415.752.6910 Email: info@sfiipc.org

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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



CAIRDE CAFÉ

Coffee Morning
Tuesday, October 23, 2018

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. United Irish Cultural Center

The Restaurant - 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Activities!

CARDS: Enjoy a game of 25's hosted by Jerry Cassidy

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. This month we will also have Barm Braic in honor of a traditional Irish Halloween!

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





WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE CONNAUGHT ATHLETIC & SOCIAL CLUB'S 2018 DINNER DANCE

Saturday, October 13th, 2018

GRAND BALLROOM, THE UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

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

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC & DANCING



\$75 PER PERSON/FILET MIGNON OR SALMON

~ Tickets & Info ~

SHANNON DURKAN 415.361.0461
PETER MOORE 415.845.9886
Peter Moore 415.000.0210

Pete Naughton 415.999.9210

Sally Cassidy 415.665.0689

The Duggan Welch Family

Sincerely Thanks

The United Irish Societies

Officers, Board of Directors, Event Chairs, Member Societies and dedicated volunteers for an outstanding 167th celebration of St. Patrick's Day, associated events, Fr. Peter York Day, and Robert Emmet Day



All are invited to attend
the Centennial observance and reception for Duggan's Funeral Service on
Saturday, October 20th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
at the funeral home, 3434 – 17th Street San Francisco, CA



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Invites you to Support our Raffle Six Prizes – Six tickets for \$10

Drawing to be held: October 21 at UICC Brunch @ 11.30am Need NOT be present to Win

- \$ 100 Certificate to Val's Restaurant
- \$ 100 Certificate to Original Joe's of Westlake
- \$ 100 Cash Prize
- \$ 75 Honora Pearl Necklace and Bracelet
- \$ 50 Certificate to Safeway
- \$ 50 Certificate to Safeway

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^{* &}lt;u>Send completed tickets to</u> Kathy Flanders, 1328 Clayton St, San Francisco 94114 Make checks payable to: LAOH Inc., St. Francis Division.



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-LUNCH-

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— DINNER —

THURSDAY & SUNDAY 5PM TO 9PM

— SUNDAY BRUNCH —

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Byrne Brothers Family Show

Friday, October 26 ~ 8PM United Irish Cultural Center

"Possibly the best night of music I 've watched/listened to in my life" —Grainne McCool Irish Music Magazine

This incredibly talented family from Dublin/Donegal have left Ireland for America. They are Luca (14) Button Accordion, Finn (12) Banjo, Mandolin, Whistle and Dempsey (8) Whistle and Bodhran and their dad Tommy a highly acomplished multi-instrumentalist musician and Irish Show Director on Guitar, Uilleann Pipes, Fiddle, Whistles, Bagpipes (ex Grade 1) and Bodhran with Julie the Mammy on Sound. As well as being Donegal Champions on each of their instruments the lads are also Ulster Irish Dancing Champions in their grades. They have been approved and received US Green Card through Extraordinary Ability in the Arts.

Their Show combines explosive foot stomping Jigs & Reels with world class Irish Dancing and they sing too. The boys will have you in stitches all night long with stories and antics and in tears before the night is out with beautiful songs like Amazing Grace into a grand finale with Bagpipes and the three brothers dancing together.

Tickets for sale online and at the Door on the Nite of the Show Advance ticket purchase: Kids under 16 years - \$8 Adult - \$28

For tickets and information go to:

https://sfirishcenter.vbotickets.com/event/The_Byrne_Brothers/28086 or call 415/860-1854

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Please call <u>Bridget Kelly - Administrator</u> to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy a complimentary lunch.





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September 20, 2018

To Members of the Bay Area Irish Community Clubs and Organizations:

The Board of Directors and Staff of the United Irish Cultural Center would like to thank you for your continued support of our Irish Heritage through your Irish Clubs and Organizations. Your efforts have helped to enrich the lives of the Irish Community who are able to participate in your events and activities.

The Board, in dealing with financial issues, recommended closing the Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the summer months as a means to reduce expenses and evaluate the financial implications of being open on those days. It was decided that UICC will continue to support your organization by providing space within the Center and as of September, the Center is again open for meetings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

It is important, however, to know which groups need space and when, so we ask that you provide the information listed below. We will also collect additional information, such as whether clubs hold banquets or other events at the Center or can provide monetary or other kinds of support. This will give the Board a much better picture and help us to organize the use of the Center's facilities. The Center will maintain a database as we move forward to support our Members, Clubs and Organizations and the Irish Community as a whole.

Please provide the following information back to us. You may email it, mail it through the US Postal service, drop it off at the Center or call and leave the information with Mary Magee. Please email it to Mary Magee at mmagee@irishcentersf.org. Mail it to UICC at 2700 45th Avenue, SF CA 94116 or call (415)661-2700 and ask for Mary.

Sincerely,

Operations Committee

Please fill in and return:

Club Organization Name:	
UICC Member Sponsor Name and Number:	
Contact Person: Contact Email:	Contact Cell Phone:
Number of People at your Meeting:	
Specify Day you would like to hold your mee	etings on: (circle one): Tuesday Wednesday
How Often: ONCE A WEEK, ONCE A MONTH, OTHER	R, PLEASE SPECIFY

We welcome any comments or questions you would like to share with us and invite you to attend our Information meeting for Irish Clubs and Organization on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, starting at 7:30pm.

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Sunday, November 4 — Comhaltas Ceili Saturday, December I — Cork Club Dinner Dance Sunday, December 9 — An Irish Christmas

Friday, December 14 — Ulster Club Christmas Dinner Dance