

#### Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

## United Irish Cultural Center, Inc.





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#### **BOARD MESSAGE**

Dear Members,

The Center, survived a very busy March and I just wanted to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard working board, employees, volunteers and Knights Catering staff for an amazing month! Every single one of you made the Center shine and sparkle! We had events at the Center that took many volunteers to run-Our board member, Rebecca Moran and The Rose of Tralee team planned and executed an amazing Rose of Tralee event- a big thank you goes out to all of them: Shiela Ashtiani, Emer Braddock, Róisín Hunt, Patricia Keehan, Rosie Keehan, Fiona Tolley and Marie Woods, Committee Chairwoman. I also want to say a huge "Thank You" to Mark and Molly Burke and all the volunteers they helped coordinate- please see list below. Thank you to the hardworking folks that helped with the fixing of the heater and the dishwasher, installing a water heater, changing our locks, and helping with the audit. It takes a team- a strong, focused and determined team to accomplish great things!

On March 3rd, the Center lost another amazing and instrumental charter member, John Brosnan. He was no ordinary charter member - he gave many hours and years to the center. According to the book "Irish Dream Accomplished", he served on the board from 1972-1974 and returned 1988-1990. As I continued to flip through the pages of the book, the photos show John standing atop of a steel beam and lifting walls and heavier beams with a team of men. He was significant in developing the idea and seeing it through with a team that would create the Center and also accomplish a dream that would be recognized as a testament to the Irish legacy in San Francisco.

So, let's continue that dream. Diarmuid Philpott stated it best, also found in the book when he was President, January 2000, "As we continue into the 21st century, there is an emphatic need for an Irish Cultural Center...but we must realize that the center cannot exist on wishes alone. The sacrifice of those who built and maintained the Center must not be forgotten. The younger generation must step forward and continue the work begun by their predecessors. Through their efforts and support, the Irish Center will march confidently through the new century." These words, almost 20 years later, still echo the truth.

I am honored to follow in the footsteps of incredible contributors to the Center and keeping the dream alive. Let's learn from the past mistakes and challenges and move this forward to the next chapter. The Center is a story and it has a story to be told. Be a part of the storytelling. Be a part of the Center's future. Let's turn the page and begin our new chapter.

Slainte Anne Cassidy Carew, *President* 

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#### We have attempted to gather the names of all volunteers that have supported the Center in March.

If we miss anyone, we will acknowledge them in April. If we misspelled a name, we will correct it in April.

Ann Aherne

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#### APRIL CALENDAR

#### ■ APRIL 11, THURSDAY

• IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ See Ad Filoli Estate - Spring Outing Contact Joan at the IIPC for reservations and information 415/752-6006 - Space is Limited

• Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm ~ Main Bar area For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

#### ■ APRIL 13, SATURDAY

• 1906 San Francisco Earthquake ~ 2:30pm Reception opening an exhibition of photographs by photographer and police officer, Charles Fennell. For info call Valerie McGrew 650/991-3129

• Frank O'Connor, piano legend from Lefty O'Douls Call for details and information or look on our UICC website or Facebook

#### ■ APRIL 18, THURSDAY

• Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm ~ Main Bar area For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

#### ■ APRIL 21, SUNDAY

 $\bullet$  Easter Brunch  $\sim 10{:}00 am$  -  $1{:}00 pm$  Call for details and information or look on our UICC website or Facebook

#### ■ APRIL 23, TUESDAY

• Cairde Café/Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am - 12:30pm ~ See Ad

#### ■ APRIL 24, WEDNESDAY

• 7:00pm ~ Join us for a Guinness Brewery beer tasting and enjoy an evening of delicious food, paired and served with some of the finest and award-winning beers from the Guinness Brewery. A great evening event to meet the Guinness Brewery Ambassador, Mr Eoghain Clavin, who will be giving an informative talk about the history of Guinness and welcomes all questions. \$70 per person. Call for details and information or look on our UICC website or Facebook

#### ■ APRIL 25, THURSDAY

• Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm ~ Main Bar area For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

#### ■ APRIL 27, SATURDAY

• Spring Fling Dinner Dance JOIN US! 6:00pm ~ downstairs bar and restaurant \$75 per person. Reservations required. Please call Shannon Durkan at 415/36I-046I

#### ■ APRIL 28, SUNDAY

• Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ St. Francis Room ~ 5pm ILHS presents Professor Emeritus David Emmons, University of Montana talking about 'A hippopotamus got up as a swallow': Peter Yorke's 1918 faction fight with Garrett McEnerney and other Shoneen Irish. ILHS members free, visitors \$5 Reception with soda bread, tea and coffee



"DUST off your hat and MARK your calendar for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 3pm

Questions? Contact: Adrienne Verreos at 415/468-4130 or email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

#### PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

On April 18th, 1906, a massive earthquake rattled the San Francisco Bay Area for nearly an entire minute followed by fires which left the City in ruins and thousands dead.



THE 1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE The Day Before and The Day After

> Saturday April 13 at 2:30 pm United Irish Cultural Center 2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco

Join us for a reception opening an exhibition of photographs of the aftermath of 1906 Earthquake taken by Irish American photographer & police officer, Charles Fennell. Charles' numerous photographs were displayed during the 1906 Earthquake & Fire centennial com-

memoration exhibit at the Atrium Gallery at 901 Market St.

Program includes a screening of a video of Market Street two days before the Earthquake and an opportunity to meet members of the Fennel family. Members of the community are invited to share their earthquake stories as told to them by family and friends who survived the Quake.

Presented by the United Irish Cultural Center-History/Heritage Committee and the Irish Marvels Past & Present.



#### Rose of Tralee San Francisco 2019 Brooklynn Quinn

She was lovely and fair as the rose of the summer Yet, 'twas not her beauty alone that won me
Oh no! 'Twas the the truth in her eyes ever dawning
That made me love Mary, the Rose of Tralee.



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#### **ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM**



#### \*\*\*Special Spring Outing!\*\*\*

#### Swing into Spring at Filoli Estate!

#### Thursday, April 11, 2019

Join us for this lovely spring outing to Filoli Estate located in Woodside, CA. Afterwards, we will enjoy an afternoon tea generously hosted by Ollie and Rose McElhone at Fiddler's Green in Millbrae.

**12.00 p.m.** Bus leaves from UICC, 2700 45th Ave.

12.45 p.m. Arrive at Filoli House and gardens.

1.00 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Self-guided tour of the house and gardens

2.30 p.m. Bus departs Filoli

3.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Afternoon tea at Fiddler's Green, Millbrae

**5.00 p.m.** Bus arrives at UICC.

Reservations and advance payment required \*\*SPACE IS LIMITED\*\*
Call Joan on 415-752-6006 Cost: \$40

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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, April 23, 2019

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

St. Francis Room - 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco



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

CARDS: Try your luck and enjoy a game of 25

**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.

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** 



## WINNERS – 168<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16, 2019

BEST CIVILIAN BAND

1st - Tian Guo Marching Band

**BEST HIGH SCHOOL BAND** 

1st - Anaheim High School

2nd - ArchBishop Riordan High School

3rd - Legacy High School

BEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BAND

1st - Catholic Schools Elementary

2nd - M.U.S. E. Band

BEST COLLEGE BAND

1st - Humboldt State University

BEST FLOAT (OPEN CLASS)

1st - San Francisco Zoo

2nd - Carpenters Local 22

3rd - Fire in the Ring - Boxing

BEST JR. DRUM & BELL/BUGLE CORPS

1st - Troop 12 Boy Scouts of America

2nd - George Washington High School

BEST JR. BATON CORPS

1st - Redwood City Twirlers

BEST JR. BOYS DRILL TEAM

1st - George Washington High School

BEST GIRLS DRILL TEAM

1st - Lowell High School JROTC

2nd - George Washington High School

BEST SR. DRUM MAJOR

1st - Archbishop Riordan High School

2nd - Los Trancos Woods

Best Sr. Marching Unit

1st - Irish Immigration & Pastoral Center

2nd - District Council 16, Painters & Allied Trades

BEST JR. MARCHING UNIT

1st - Coastal Reps Theater & Dance

2nd - Girl Scouts of America

BEST FIFE BAND

1st - Pearse and Connolly

BEST PIPE BAND

1st - Irish Pipers Band of SF

2nd -Silicon Valley Pipe Band

BEST FLAG TEAM

1st - Archbishop Riordan High School

2nd George Washington High School

BEST ANTIQUE CAR

1st - Northern California Delorean Motor Club

2nd - San Francisco Old Car Picnic

BEST CABLE CAR

1st - Carpenters Local 22

2nd - Int'l Brotherhood of Sheet Metal Workers

**BEST IRISH FLOAT** 

1st - Comhaltas Ceoltoire Eireann

2nd - East Bay Fleadchaeol

3rd - Casey-Boyott-Murray

BEST IRISH MARCHING UNIT

1st - Irish Football Youth League

BEST IRISH DANCE GROUP

1st - Whelan Academy of Irish Dance

2nd - Murphy School of Irish Dance

3rd - Dillon Magh Adhair Academy of Irish Dance

BEST IRISH UNIT (OTHER)

1st - Northern California Irish Wolfhounds

2nd - United Irish Societies of San Francisco

3rd - Murphy School of Irish Dance

BEST IRISH DECORATED CABLE CAR

1st - Rebel Cork's Associations

2nd - Whelan Academy of Irish Dance

BEST NOVELTY UNIT

1st - Kerry Blue Terrier Club

2nd - Irish Country Relish

3rd - Asiya Shriners

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1st - San Francisco Horseman's Association

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