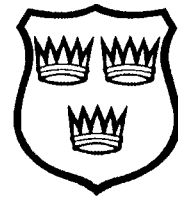




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Happy end of 2019! What a year? It's more of rhetorical question, but seriously what a year! We have had our milestones and challenges this year and I am grateful to the support of those that believed in this board to render what needed to be fixed. We cannot continue this journey without your donation and/or renewed dues. In addition, there are many ways for you to support the center at the year end. Generations Fund/Capital Campaign, raffle tickets for the library, scholarship donation, year end giving, and/or attend events. Remember ATTEND- DONATE-RENEW- VOLUNTEER and 2020 will be an amazing year!

We had goals at the beginning of the year that were presented and discussed at the January 10th meeting. One of the biggest discussions was increasing our venue rentals.

- Fundraise for this transitional year and create a next phase plan.
- Determine the value of membership and promote and recruit members
- Establish Irish cultural programming- create a collaborative plan with Irish clubs and Irish businesses
- Promote cultural space supporting the cultural programming
- Create cultural member events
- Non profit outreach- promoting Irish culture and community and **increase cross cultural partnerships**
- Create a team to help rethink- revitalize and redesign the space to support members and cultural programming- like extending the library, genealogy, San Francisco Irish history center

For the last 11 months, we have touched each one of these goals in some capacity. In some areas, we are not where we would like to be but in other areas we are more advanced. And as we move into 2020, 45 years on 45th Ave., we will continue to explore and evaluate. The above goals fall into one of our 5 strategic priorities that we will use to move the center to be the best event venue on the west side of the City.

PRIORITY #1 ~ Increase revenue and decrease expenses.

PRIORITY #2 ~ Create membership benefits, increase dues paying members & increase number of new members

PRIORITY #3 ~ Promote Irish cultural programs and expand cross cultural programming

PRIORITY #4 ~ Create and execute fundraising plan for a state of the art Irish Center

PRIORITY #5 ~ Be the best event venue on the west side of the City

To end this whirlwind year we have several events that we hope you will attend.

NO members meeting for December. We will be having a meeting with clubs and organizations on December 18th from 6pm- 7pm to discuss 2020. Following the meeting we will have the library raffle pull.

Here's to a Happy New Year - 2020 - 45 years on 45th Ave. I am so excited about our next phase of this journey- hope to see you at the celebration honoring our jubilee of 45 years on APRIL 25th, 2020. Details to follow.

"Here's to eyes in your heads and none in your spuds. May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far."

Sláinte

Anne Cassidy Carew, *President of the UICC*

Purpose ~ Respect ~ Organization ~ Unity ~ Determination

DECEMBER CALENDAR



■ DECEMBER 1, SUNDAY

- Comhaltas Christmas Ceili
St. Patrick's Room ~ 6:30pm - 9:30pm
For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ DECEMBER 6, FRIDAY

- The Noble Call Christmas Show ~ *See Ad*

■ DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY

- Rebel Cork Dinner Dance ~ *See Ad*
Honoring Fr. Michael Healy

■ DECEMBER 7, SUNDAY

- Members Mingle & Jingle ~ *See Ad*
with John Doyle & Mike McAuley

■ DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY

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

■ DECEMBER 15, SUNDAY

- 2019 Irish Christmas Show ~ *See Ad*

■ DECEMBER 19, THURSDAY

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

■ DECEMBER 21, SATURDAY

- Ugly Christmas Sweater, Supper with Santa ~ 5:30pm
Call the Center for tickets

■ DECEMBER 31, TUESDAY

- Irish New Year's Eve ~ Call the Center for information

2020 MEMBERS MEETING DATES

February 27th

May 28th

September 24th

October 22nd

DEADLINE for JANUARY 2020 BULLETIN is DECEMBER 15

Questions? Contact: Adrienne Verreos
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Contact: Sliabh Luachra Terriers, slterriers@gmail.com, 415-516-8045

"Speak softly and own a Kerry Blue" — anonymous





2019 REBEL CORK ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY DEC 7TH, 2019

At the United Irish Cultural Center

2700 45th Ave, San Francisco

NO HOST COCKTAILS 6.30 PM DINNER 7.30 PM

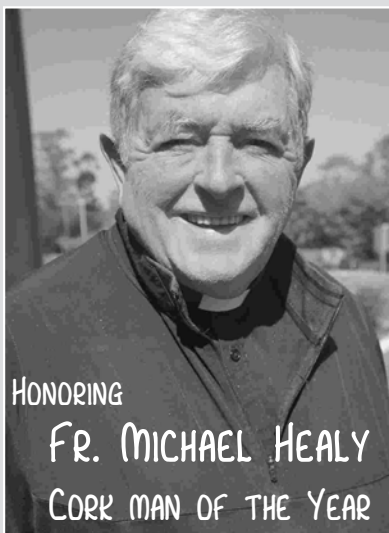
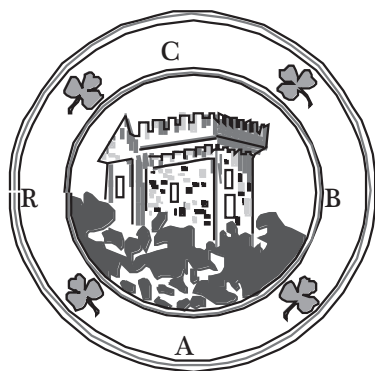
MUSIC BY: Celtic Scandal

Special Appearance

by Paddy Homan (Chicago)

*Filet Mignon/Salmon or
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Tickets \$90.00 Per Person



For Tickets Please Call

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In honor of the 10th Anniversary of the Celtic Voices Christmas Concert, Celtic Voices Choirs, with local artists, present a special selection of the best in Irish music from the past 20 years, including all your Christmas favorites!



DIRECTED BY MARY MCKEEVER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019



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NO HOST REFRESHMENTS
CONCERT

3.15 PM
4.00 PM SHARP

ADULTS: \$25
SENIORS: \$15

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DECEMBER 6

NOBLE CALL

The Noble Call Christmas show takes audiences back to the 'hearth' of an Irish Christmas, filled with songs, stories, rousing music and traditional Irish dancing. Lead by one of Ireland's foremost traditional Irish Tenors Paddy Homan, musicians Mick Broderick on Bozouki and Dave Curley on Guitar, Banjo and Vocals, from the Band, SLIDE. With Homan hailing from Cork City, Broderick from Dublin and Curley from Galway, the 'banter' and fun is always high! There will be many special guests and dancers for what promises to be an incredible night of music, song and dance.

DECEMBER 8

MEMBERS MINGLE & JINGLE WITH JOHN DOYLE AND MICK MCAULEY

One of the founding members of the groundbreaking band Solas, John Doyle is considered one of the greatest guitarists in Irish music today. He is also a superb singer and songwriter who has collaborated and produced albums for countless musicians including Eileen Ivers, Liz Carroll, Joan Baez, Martin Hayes and Mary Chapin Carpenter. Multi-instrumentalist Mick McAuley (button accordion, tin whistle, singer) has also been a long-standing member of Solas and has performed and recorded with countless other artists.

two giants of the tradition

John Doyle & Mick McAuley



An Irish Christmas 2019



Brought to you in association with **Aer Lingus** 

DECEMBER 15

IRISH CHRISTMAS SHOW

An Irish Christmas, features an award-winning cast of Irish dancers led by Riverdance Principal Dancer Caterina Coyne, World Champion Dancer Tyler Schwartz and Connor Reider (Principal dancer Celtic Wings, 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.

Purchase tickets at <https://uiccevents.vbotickets.com/events>

PLEASE SUPPORT THE DOWLING LIBRARY AT THE UICC

Our library, the heart of the UICC, is largely funded by donations from our community. In order to modernize and preserve the collection, the Library Committee is embarking on a fundraising campaign including this raffle and olive oil event.

Please consider supporting our efforts!

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

Please support the library by purchasing raffle tickets.

The raffle tickets are one for \$25 and three for \$50.

Drawing to be held at the UICC on December 18th at 7pm. Need not be present to win!

Grand Prize \$1500.00 CASH! Donated by a generous Library patron

Donated by The Cúchulain Foundation:

First prize is \$250.00

Second prize is \$150.00

Third prize is \$100.00

For additional tickets, email library@irishcentersf.org, call 650-991-3129 or visit the library.

We would like to thank our generous raffle sponsors: Duggan Serra Mortuary and The Cúchulain Foundation

BUY OLIVE OIL

The McDonough Family is donating a portion of their Estate Grown Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Please come by, pick up a bottle or two and support the great work of the Library. **Bottles are \$20 each and your donation is tax deductible!** It's going to be a fun afternoon!

Olive Oil Pick-Up Party

Open House featuring Olive Oil Comparison Tasting, Food, Wine and Live Music by the Gasmen.

Saturday, December 14

1:30 to 4:30pm (Stop by -- or stay all day!)

The St. Francis Room – enter through the Library

We are hoping to get a general headcount so please let us know if you'll be coming by
RSVPing to Kathleen@LittleCableCars.com. Come Early *While Supplies Last!!*

About the Olive Oil: Picked and pressed on the same day: November 15, 2019, 100% estate grown on their Kenwood property in Sonoma County, 100% organically grown, 100% extra virgin and it makes a great gift!

We would like to thank our generous sponsors: The Dowling Family and The McDonough Family,

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

The Patrick J. Dowling Library which is located at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco was the first all Irish library in the United States. Our special collection contains more than 5,000 titles on a number of subjects regarding Ireland and Irish America as well as newspapers, journals, magazines, books in the Irish language, books for children (in Irish and English), genealogy resources, sheet music, and multimedia in addition to the amazing memorabilia. Some of the books are unique and true treasures-of great value to people researching Irish history, genealogy and culture.

~ NEW ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB PROGRAM! ~

ARC Ramblers

Walking Group



Monday, December 2, 2019

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Lake Merced

Penguin Prayer Statue

Monday, January 6, 2020

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

Stonestown Mall

meet inside the mall - outside of

Boudin Bakery

The ARC Ramblers group provides an opportunity for seniors to engage in regular exercise in a safe and easily accessible environment in the company of their friends and neighbors. It is inspired by Sli na Slainte (Path of Health) in Ireland which promotes wellness and health by encouraging people to walk more.

We will meet the first Monday of the month. This is a great opportunity to put on your sneakers, get out of the house and enjoy a walk and chat with friends.

For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006

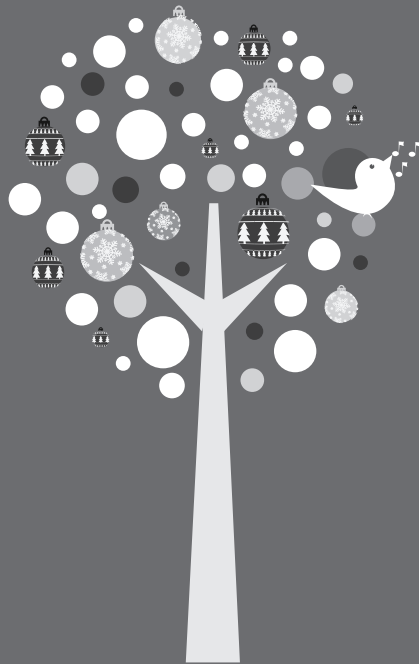
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, December 12, 2019

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

12.15 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride
followed by lunch and special guest Christy O'Connell

A Festive Afternoon Seisiún

Bring your party piece and join us for an afternoon of music, song, recitation, storytelling, and a joke or two as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season with a gathering reminiscent of nights around the fire in Ireland. There may even be a surprise guest appearance!!

Tickets - \$30

ALL WELCOME

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

Payment must be made in advance

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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
2020!