



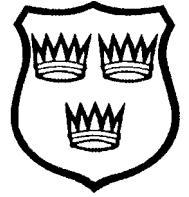
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Look Forward

Before, I jump into business, I would like to take a moment of silence and recognize Bill Luque who recently passed away. He dedicated many years of service on the United Irish Cultural Center Board and he was an example of a dedicated member who never gave up on the Center. May he rest in peace.

I also want to share my gratitude and appreciation to the 800+ members who have renewed their memberships and/or who have sent a donation. The continued enthusiasm and zeal of our members will be what gets OUR CENTER through this transitional period.

On January 10th, 2019, the United Irish Cultural Center, had its first Members meeting of the new year. The board shared what's been done the last two months, the beginning plan of our strategic planning, our goals, the 2019 budget, and what we can all do to support OUR IRISH CENTER. If you were unable to join us, the powerpoint can be found on our webpage.

At the last meeting, we covered a lot because, there was a lot to cover. There are many, many moving parts, as we transition our business structure. During the meeting we were still asked how did we get here? How could we have allowed the business to get here? As I have said in the last couple of articles that I have written, the UICC was a members only social club business in San Francisco that has lost over 2100 charter members, has an aging building sitting by the fog, and has faced increasing operational costs and increases in cost of sales. It's not one reason. It's layers of business challenges, and before we really had to close the doors and shut the building down, we made a drastic and fiscal decision to save OUR CENTER because its "THE CENTER."

So we here are - it's February 2019 and I would like to ask a favor, as the new President of the United Irish Cultural Center, if we could look forward. Forward with excitement and anticipation, like it was the night before Christmas and you were waiting to open your present. Look forward to a new and improved CENTER that promotes Irish Culture and event space that will support the overhead of the Irish CENTER.

Let us close our eyes for just a few moments - imagine what could be; imagine what you have seen in other Heritage or Cultural Centers; imagine Irish dance classes, knitting classes, Irish plays or an opportunity to bring your grandchild to reading circle time of the tale of Finn McCool. A center that is bustling with classes, meetings, events seven days a week with patrons that went to reel in Irish heritage and culture. Imagine a center that we are all proud of. We now have the opportunity to evaluate

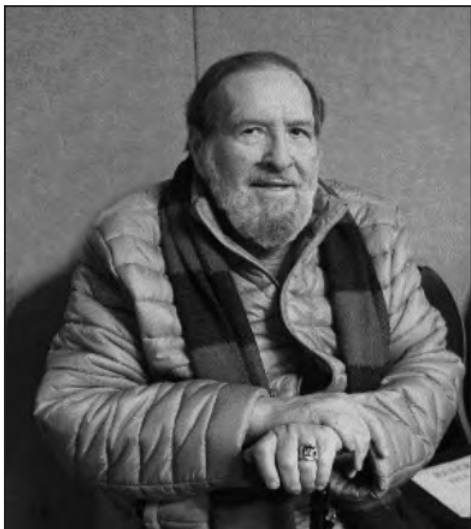
and determine what is truly important to us. We can now strategize, plan and take OUR CENTER into its next chapter. We have only just begun this adventure and we cannot do it without you: the patron, the member, the Irish American, the proud Irishman and/or the San Franciscan.

All successful people have one thing in common and that is a "to do list." Since we want our CENTER to be successful, here is how you can add to the success of "THE CENTER."

1. Check our website or Facebook for an upcoming meeting where our members will be invited to discuss a strategic plan and work on a S.W.O.T. Analysis: Start thinking about -What are our STRENGTHS? What are our WEAKNESSES? What are our OPPORTUNITIES? What are our THREATS?
2. Mark your calendar for our upcoming events. Have you bought your Phil Coulter tickets yet? He is a brilliant musician, song writer and record producer from Ireland.
3. Renew your membership. \$150 per person that's equal to \$12.50 a month.
4. Make a donation supporting our transitional phase.
5. Create a scholarship in honor of your parents or grandparents.
6. Stop by UICC Irish library. You never know what book you might stumble upon. My favorite has been, "The Irish Rebellion of 1916 and Its Martyrs: Erins Tragic Easter." Copyright 1916
7. Book your next meeting at the Irish Center. Imagine sitting with coworkers working on a project in a space that is familiar and walking distance to the beach.
8. Book your next event at the Center with Knights Catering- Local 2 as your Caterer. The food is amazing!
9. Learn Irish Set dancing on Thursday nights with Comhaltas. Get your dance shoes dusted off.
10. Learn the incredible Irish Language.
11. Become a member of the Center- be a part of the exciting future that lays ahead.
12. Volunteer an hour or two. We will be posting on the website what we will be needing.
13. Be a part of writing a Grant.
14. Help create the Strategic plan.
15. Have an idea for an event- contact us.

An Irish saying - *You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.*

Anne Cassidy Carew, *President*



RIP to our amazing friend, Bill Luqué, a man who touched the lives of so many and gave his all to make everyone feel respected and appreciated. His quiet demeanor and love for others was apparent to everyone who knew him.

*As soon as we have more details to share
with our community you will hear from us.*

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

■ FEBRUARY 3, SUNDAY

- Super Bowl Viewing Party ~ *See Ad*

■ FEBRUARY 9, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Annual celebration of Bridget's Day. We'll be making Bridget's Crosses out of California native plants.



Instructions and materials provided.

UICC, 3rd floor Boardroom

All welcome. \$5 donation appreciated.

Contact Lisa at: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

■ FEBRUARY 14, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ 12:15pm ~ *See Ad*

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

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class

7:30pm ~ Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ FEBRUARY 16, SATURDAY

- Irish in the California Gold Rush ~ *See Ad*

2:00pm - 4:00pm

■ FEBRUARY 21, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class

7:30pm ~ Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ FEBRUARY 24, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society presents Evelyn Rose on Pioneering Aviator Daniel Maloney.



Evelyn Rose, Project Director and Founder of the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project, will share the amazing life story of Irish American San Francisco aviation pioneer Daniel John Maloney, ancestor of a well-known family in Noe Valley, who began his career as an aeronaut performing at the pleasuring grounds known as Glen Park and the Mission Zoo.

UICC St. Francis Room ~ 5:00pm

ILHS members free, visitors \$5

■ FEBRUARY 26, TUESDAY

- Cairde Café/Coffee Morning ~ 10:00am - 12:30pm ~ *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

■ FEBRUARY 28, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class

7:30pm ~ Main Bar area

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Online at UICC website

<https://irishcentersf.org>

Click on the **Scholarships** tab
to download an application.

Applications may also be picked up at the UICC

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: MARCH 17, 2019



Sunday, February 3rd 2-9 PM at the UICC Bar

• \$10 a head • Children Free

Watch Super Bowl Sunday at the UICC.
Bring your family and friends.

Finger foods, games for kids and more.

Call us at 415-661-2700
to let us know you are coming!

For more information contact:
Josephine Brogan: 415-264-8856
Shannon Durkan: 415-361-0461



Irish 49ers

Irish in the California Gold Rush

An Exhibit Highlighting the Experience of the Irish
in the California Gold Rush with a focus on San Francisco

EXHIBIT OPENING

FEBRUARY 16, 2019 2PM-4PM

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700-45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO

FEATURED GUEST
LOLA MONTEZ, COUNTESS OF LANDSFELD*

\$10 Donation to the UICC History Committee Appreciated
Exhibit will be on display from 2/16/19 through 4/1/19

Join us for a fun filled afternoon where we will take a unique look at the history of the Gold Rush. Our featured guest will be the Irish entertainer, "Spanish dancer" & Mistress to Kings, Marie Dolores Eliza Rosanna Gilbert of County Limerick. Better known as the Countess Lola Montez*, she will share her experiences as an Irish 49er and entertain us with her famous Spider Dance.

*aka tour guide & San Francisco resident Rick Shelton of Drag Me Along Tours. Rick has a love of San Francisco, history, art, music, and teaching. He is a historian, tour guide, artist and performer. As the Countess he delivers history with a twist.



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Josephine Brennan 415-305-1409-Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

Joannie O'Leary 415 279-7359

Online at <https://comhaltasfundraiser.eventbrite.com>

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2020 in San Francisco

**Valentine Dance
St Thomas More Hall
February 16th 2019
Doors Open 7:30pm**





PHIL COULTER CONCERT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2019

Phil Coulter is up in that Pantheon inhabited by the biggest selling recording artistes of all time in Ireland, rubbing shoulders with Bono and the Boys. From Derry, Northern Ireland, Phil has performed with everyone from James Galway and the London Symphony Orchestra to Nanci Griffith and The Blue Moon Orchestra, not to mention Henry Mancini, Elmer Bernstein and Quincy Jones.

He has contributed at least four titles to the list of Great Irish Songs - the anthems The Town I Loved So Well and Irelands Call and the haunting Scorn Not His Simplicity and Steal Away.

<https://sfirishcenter.vbotickets.com/events>



THE HEART OF AN IRISHWOMAN SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2019

2:00 PM

The passion of it all: love, loss, longing, courage, victory, hilarity, Mother Ireland, the emigrant mother, the fiercely strong, courageous women who have inspired some of Ireland's greatest writers. Irish actor Sheelagh Cullen in a tour de force performance along with Katherine Trimble (Mezzo Soprano), Bella Issakova (Violin), Chris-

ta Burch (Bodhrán/Vocals) and Beth Balmer (Piano/Fidill/Vocals), take us home to the heart of great Irish women in a wonderful afternoon of literature, song and music! From the producer of An Irish Christmas. Not to be missed!

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DERVISH SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH, 2019

2:00 PM

The hauntingly charismatic vocals of Cathy Jordan and the dazzling virtuosity of award-winning instrumentalists Tom Morrow on fiddle, Liam Kelly on flute, and Shane Mitchell on accordion, Dervish is a solid structure of a band, its foundation in legendary pub sessions, have shaped the result of years of international touring.

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DEADLINE for MARCH 2019 BULLETIN is FEBRUARY 15

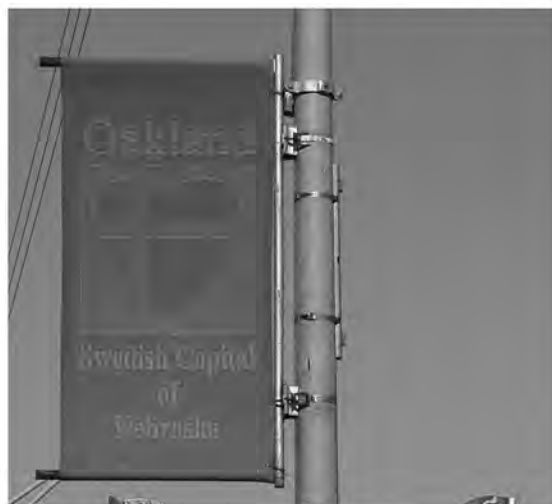
Questions? Contact: Adrienne Verreos at 415/468-4130 or email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

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Grand Marshal

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Honorary Grand Marshals

Mary I. Callanan Julia Fitzgerald**

*Bernard "Barney" Crotty**

John "Jack" Jordan Martin McGuinness M.P.**

Friday, March 1, 2019

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

No Host Cocktails 6:00 pm – Dinner 7:00 pm \$100 per Person

**Deceased*

Please submit the following information along with your payment by February 19.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone and/or e-mail _____

I/We will attend _____@ \$100 per person \$_____ Tables of 10 available

Indicate number of entrees: _____Filet Mignon _____Salmon _____Vegetarian

I/We are unable to attend the Dinner. Enclosed please find my/our contribution in the amount of \$_____payable to the United Irish Societies. Tax deductible as allowed by law.

We regret that tables cannot be confirmed until payment is received.

No reservations or payment will be accepted at the door.

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Tickets will be held at the door.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

GRAND MARSHAL DINNER

6 PM No Host Cocktails - 7 PM Dinner

United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Avenue

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

10:00 AM VETERANS RETIREMENT HOME

4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue

2:00 PM ST. ANNE'S LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

300 Lake Street

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

11:00 AM FLAG RAISING At City Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

9:00 AM LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL

Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive

2:00 PM ALMA VIA RETIREMENT HOME

1 Thomas More Way

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS & RECEPTION

St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street

11:30 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL

2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

12:00 PM BLOCK PARTY @ UICC

2700 - 45th Avenue

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

FR. PETER C. YORKE DAY

10:00 AM MASS - ALL SAINTS MAUSOLEUM

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

KATE KENNEDY DAY

11:30 AM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

ROBERT EMMET DAY

12:15 PM

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, February 14, 2019

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

12.15 p.m. Mass Celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride
followed by luncheon

St. Valentine's Day Luncheon

Join us at the UICC to celebrate the beginning of longer days and the feast of St. Valentine! Did you know that a relic of St. Valentine is held at Whitefriar St. Church, Dublin, Ireland? At the Mass and Luncheon this month, we will hold those we cherish in our hearts - family, friends, community and all our ARC members!

Tickets - \$25
ALL WELCOME

*****RSVP MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE*****
by February 6, 2019 to Joan at 415.752.6006

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

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

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ COFFEE MORNING



Tuesday, February 26, 2019

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

Members Room - 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. Cards
Join us for a hand of 25's with Jerry Camdy!

11.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. BINGO
Janetie will be calling numbers for a full house!

12.00 p.m. - 12.30 p.m. Wrap up and goodbyes
We will wrap up the afternoon's conversation and adjourn.

The IPC 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 variety of activities to enjoy. Our newest addition of the Inter-County Quiz is a firm favorite!

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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RCBA Honored Nohoval, Co Cork Native, Con Lyons

The Rebel Cork Benevolent Association (RCBA) honored Nohoval, Co Cork native, Con Lyons here in San Francisco as the 2018 Corkman of the Year. Con and his family have been active in the local Youth Gaelic Athletic Association program for the past two decades. Con is a 23 Year member of the RCBA is also a past President of the organization.

Congratulations to Con and his wife Brenda and family!



*Con Lyons, with his family;
Eoin, Cormac, mother Margaret,
Caoimbe, Padraig and Brenda Lyons*

*Liam Reidy, President RCBA, San Francisco presents
Con Lyons with his 2018 Corkman of the Year
Award*



RCBA President Liam Reidy San Francisco with RCBA members Jimmy Daly, Kilcrobane, Michael Gowen, Glenville, 2018 Corkman of the Year Con Lyons, Nohoval, John Singleton, Millstreet, and Timmy Murphy, Dromtariffe.



*Jimmy Daly, Kilcrobane, Peggy Nevin, and 65
Year member of the Rebel Cork Ladies Group
Mary Lucey, originally from Drinagh, Co.Cork at
the Rebel Cork Dinner in San Francisco.*

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Saturday, March 16 ~ UICC Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sunday, March 17 ~ UICC Block Party

Sunday, March 24 ~ Dervish ~ *Irish Traditional Folk Band*

Sunday, March 31 ~ Irish Mother's Day
and St. Patrick's Ceili