

Foras Cultuir Gaeil Aontuighthe

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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear UICC Members,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying the summer. Our President, Anne Cassidy Carew is enjoying some well-earned vacation in Ireland. In her absence, I am pleased to update the membership on UICC activities and upcoming events for July.

Save the Date – Members Meeting, Thursday, July 25th, 7:30 pm, St. Francis Room

The Board will present the results of the Audit which are in the final stages of completion. The Board will also brief members on the state of the Center.

Highlights from June

Boxing returned to the Center on June I, with the GAA sponsored amateur fight night. A buoyant crowd of over 550 fans filled the St. Patrick's room which was transformed into our own "Madison Square Garden" professional style boxing ring.

Pioneer champion for woman's and workers' rights Kate Kennedy was honored with a memorial event, the "Kate Kennedy Remembrance" on Sunday, June 9 at the Cypress Lawn Cemetery in Colma. Dennis Kelly, San Francisco teacher, union activist, and past president of the United Educators of San Francisco (UESF) was the featured speaker on a lovely Sunday afternoon. The procession was led by the Irish Pipers of SF and the Pearse and Connolly Fife & Drum Band. A reception was held afterward at Molloy's.

Members Mark and Molly Burke once again organized and promoted two outstanding UICC events. On June 8, guests donned cowboy hats, boots and bandana's and two stepped the night away on the Emerald room (the old dining room) to the California Cowboy band. On June 15, after an entertaining opening act of Perrish Sings Sinatra, Frank O'Conner returned to the Emerald room with a piano singa-long and dancing.

Josephine Brogan (UICC) and Comhaltas organized DeBogman storytelling and comedy act in the Emerald room and bar on June 28th. Anne Cassidy Carew, was back in time to participate in the 8th annual Mad Hatter Tea Party.

On June 18, San Francisco's Irish Consulate hosted a community consultation evening at the Irish Center with representatives from Bay Area Irish community organizations, including the UICC, to discuss Ireland's new Diaspora Policy centered on Ireland's commitment to maintaining and enhancing connections with the global Irish. 30 representatives had a robust discussion and provided valuable inputs on what the priorities should be for the new policy. Cultural engagement is at the heart of this new policy and the Irish government recognizes the importance of using the cultural infrastructure available to them globally and to help develop that infrastructure through wider support of Irish cultural centers worldwide.

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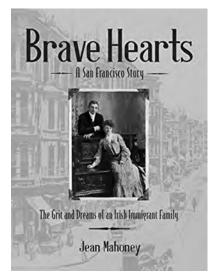
This discussion dovetails into our own internal discussions about the future of our Center and our goals for expanding cultural programs and activities to connect, promote and foster and preserve the legacy and values of Ireland in literature, genealogy, art, music, folklore, language, drama, dancing, and sports. We want to engage younger members, expand cross-cultural partnerships with an eye towards a state -of -the art cultural institution. There is much opportunity for collaboration with the Irish Government. We have the space, a 20,000 square foot building, for all things Irish. Our charter members built a great foundation. It's time for the next generations to become more involved in preserving and sharing our rich Irish culture and heritage.

In the same vein, please consider giving the gift of membership to your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends. Member benefits include, member only events, special member pricing, reduced room rental rates, to name a few. Membership dues are also tax deductible. We have flexible payment options and a new member discount when applying for membership on our website at http://irishcentersf.org/membersip/

We continue to have many opportunities to volunteer. Our staffing is limited and our volunteer roster is stretched thin. We are in immediate need of on call Event Leads to help direct the execution of events taking place at the UICC. Event leads work in tandem with the Event Manager, crew, caterer and vendors to facilitate safe set up, break down and event timeline. If interested, please email the center at https://irishcentersf.org/contact/#email

Patricia G. Hayes Vice-President UICC





You 're invited to an evening of sip and Irish storytelling

Brave Hearts - A San Francisco Story -The Grit and Dreams of an Irish Immigrant Family by Jean Mahoney

Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

All proceeds will go to support the Patrick J. Dowling Library at the UICC

Enjoy Jean Mahoney's dramatic reading from her book, *Brave Hearts. Brave Hearts* is a vivid account of the Irish immigrant experience-not only a San Francisco story but an American story.

Sample offerings of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from award winning winery, Teac Mor. A family owned winery located in the Russian River area, the name Teac Mor, "Big House", harkens back to their father's home in Galway.

Purchase ADVANCE TICKETS: \$10 at https://irishcentersf.org/event/brave-hearts/ Tickets sold AT DOOR: \$15

SECOND ANNUAL KATE KENNEDY REMEMBRANCE

CHAMPION FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND WORKERS' RIGHTS

The second annual Kate Kennedy Remembrance was held at her grave in Cypress Lawn on June 9, 2019.

The Remembrance began with a procession to the gravesite from the East Side Gardens entrance led by the Irish Pipers of San Francisco and the Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band, who laid a wreath at the grave. Dennis Kelly, former president of the United Educators of San Francisco, was the keynotespeaker. There were Resolutions endorsing the commemoration of Kate Kennedy from the San Francisco Labor Council and the United Educators of San Francisco. Irish Consul General Robert O'Driscoll made closing comments.

The Remembrance was sponsored by a number of Irish, education and labor groups including the United Irish Cultural Center, the United Irish Societies, the Consulate General of Ireland, Irish Culture Bay Area, San Francisco Labor Council, Teamsters Joint Council #7, United Educators of San Francisco, California Retired Teachers Association, and Carpenters Local 22. The ceremony was followed by a reception at Molloy's.



In front of Kate Kennedy's Grave Stone L to R: Margaret Baxter, Robert O'Driscoll, Lisa Hilmoe, Jo Coffey, Dennis Kelly

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



*** Special Summer Outing! ***
 Thursday, August 22, 2019
 Day trip to Graton Casino
 10.00 a.m. - Bus leaves UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco
 11:00 a.m. - Arrive at Graton Casino

4:00 p.m. - Leave Graton Casino

5:00 p.m. - Arrive at UICC, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Cost - \$20 Includes \$15 FREE PLAY on arrival Lunch not included - Visitors get \$5 credit for casino restaurants

By reservation only as space is limited. Call Joan at 415.752.6006

*** Payment with check or credit card required upon RSVP *** All payments must be received no later than Monday, August 12

A <u>Community Outrea</u>ch Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco



ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

~ SAVE THE DATES ~

Cairde Café

Coffee Mornings 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Suggested Donation: \$5



& Luncheon 12.15 p.m.

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Thursday, October 10, 2019 Mass & BBQ in Oakland: Cost TBD Thursday, November 14, 2019

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Event Cost: \$25

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

For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006

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The Irish Literary & Historical Society will resume in September. For information visit - www.ILHSsf.org

DEADLINE for AUGUST 2019 BULLETIN is JULY 15

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



THE TURNOUTS

"The Turnouts are an Alternative/Indie Rock Band from San Francisco, California. Meeting in the dorms of San Francisco State University, the boys began to write and record original music in the basement of a church in the Castro district. The Turnouts released their debut EP titled "Not a Chance" in March of 2018 and are in the works of creating their first full album.

Music sample: https://open.spotify.com/album/6zY3r4JQg 23MP1trRSV3ZE?si=Te7xDJ-rStarV7s0QszO7w

OUTER DISTRICT

"OUTER DISTRICT IS A POST-GARBAGE ALTERNATIVE DUMP ROCK BAND BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA. ORIGINALLY FORMING THEIR MUSICAL BOND IN THE SHADOW OF CANDLE-STICK PARK, THE MEMBERS OF OUTER DISTRICT ARE LONG-TIME FRIENDS WHO COME FROM A VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS TO CREATE A BRACING AND THOUGHTFUL ROCK SOUND."

Music sample: https://outerdistrict.bandcamp.com/releases

Spurts

Spurts wear plain color t-shirts and make bed-room indie rock.

Music sample: https://spurts.bandcamp.com/album/id-rather-it-exists-than-it-didnt



The IRISH CENTER presents...



The Young Dubliners will play for the first time Downstairs at the Center on July 20 in our concert layout with the 240 square foot stage. Celtic Rock in a venue ready for it!

> Tickets ON SALE NOW Paid UICC Members get a discount.

Lucky Fiasco will be the opening act starting at 7:30pm https://www.facebook.com/LuckyFiascoBand/

The Young Dubliners are: Keith Roberts — Vocals / Acoustic guitar; Chas Waltz — Violin, Mandolin, Harmonica, vocals; Brendan Holmes — Bass guitar / vocals; Justin Pecot — Lead guitar / acoustic guitar/ mandolin/ vocals; Dave Ingraham — Drums / percussion

Although the Young Dubliners sound is most commonly called 'Celtic Rock', that label, as labels can often be, is misleading. The Irish influence is there, certainly, but it's not the only influence that rears its head on their albums, or in live shows. After all, several of the band members have no Irish roots of any kind. "That was always the idea", explains Keith. "The sound was always intended to be a hybrid because we all come from such different backgrounds. Even though two of us are from Ireland, a lot of the music we listened to growing up wasn't Irish at all. When we got here we got homesick and developed a new appreciation for Irish Music. In truth the Celtic riffs can just as easily come from the American band members.

These July 13 and July 20 events are fundraisers. ALL PROCEEDS go to the UICC Generations Fund

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