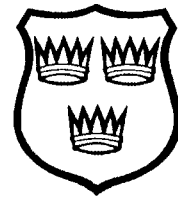




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I wrote an article for the Herald and it was titled "The Irish Center: the seanchaí (storyteller) of San Francisco Irish." I do hope you get a chance to read it. The final paragraph says:

How do we make the Irish Center the seanchaí of the San Francisco Irish story AND continue to promote Irish Culture? The answer is very simple: with your help. IF you believe that there is an opportunity for the Irish Center to be the seanchaí join us? We will be embarking on a massive capital campaign starting in 2020 and we will need your help. Reach out to irishcentersf.org and check back in the Irish Herald or our Facebook page.

I attended the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society's Award dinner where three wonderful community members were honored: Sue Rollovich, Sean Canniffe and Marty Halloran. They are a pure example of dedication to our community.

For the month of October, Oktoberfest was our big event and what an amazing evening. It was hosted by Mark and Molly Burke and board member Josephine Brogan. We had many many volunteers and board members that supported the evening - A big thank you to all! We have it on the books for October 17th, 2020 and we will get the Internationals Band to return. They played polkas and the Chicken dance and people danced all night long!

Irish language classes sponsored by Comhaltas have started once again on Saturday mornings. I met the new teacher Fintan, a nice young fellow. I believe the first class had 16 students.

We hired Peter Macomber - I hope I am spelling his name correctly, to assist with setting up and operational support. If you see a new face please give him a warm Irish member welcome.

The Connaught dinner dance was on the 18th of October. Ben, Kevin and Steve played a fun night of music and got the waltzers out on the dance floor. Have you ever done the Seige of Ennis? It is a great line dance and you start with rows of four people in each row. You move forward a couple of times and then you move to the side and then the person in front of you grabs your hands and waist and you swing in circles multiple times until you feel you are going to fall over like a three year old dizzy child. Great fun!

We are already planning events for 2020 but our big one will be honoring 45 years on 45th Avenue! The date of the event is April 25th, 2020. Mark your calendars- we hope to have a big crowd to celebrate and honor people and the Center. We will need volunteers for the 45th Jubilee. We hope to reach out and invite all past board members. If we don't have your updated information or would like to volunteer please email acarew@irishcentersf.org

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(President's Message continued)

Lots of things to do here at the UICC in November and December. Hope you can attend a couple of events. A big thank you to those members who have made a contribution and or paid their dues. Every cent counts - big or small. Just a reminder as a 501c3 nonprofit your donation is tax deductible. It allows the Center to continue to thrive with the support of members. If you have not renewed your membership- please do. It is only \$13 a month - best deal in town!

Happy Fall - Remember to check out the Library - there are always new treasures being showcased. We have an amazing library volunteer team and Jennifer is our official librarian.

Sláinte

Anne Cassidy Carew

President of the UICC

"The older the fiddle the sweeter the tune" —Irish Saying

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9, SATURDAY

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

"Remembering Our Ancestors", share a short family story

Optional: bring memorabilia and a snack to share

All welcome. \$5 donation appreciated.

Questions? Contact Lisa at: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

- Céili - St. Patrick's Room ~ 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Music by the Golden Gate Céili Band.

Admission \$15.00

Children FREE when accompanied by an adult.

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

NOVEMBER 14, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ See Ad

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

- Planned Giving Seminar ~ 6:30-8pm ~ See Ad

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm

Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

NOVEMBER 15, FRIDAY

- Supper Club Dinner ~ 6:00pm

NOVEMBER 16, SATURDAY

- Wolfe Tones Concert

NOVEMBER 17, SUNDAY

- Genealogy Presentation by Sean Conley ~ 2pm See Ad

- Irish Literary & Historical Society

St. Francis Room ~ 5pm

Presents UC Berkeley Anthropologist Nancy Scheper-Hughes, author of *Saints, Scholars and Schizophrenics: Mental Illness in Rural Ireland* Visit ILHSsf.org

Tea, coffee and soda bread reception to follow

ILHS members free, visitors \$5 donation

NOVEMBER 21, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm

Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

NOVEMBER 26, TUESDAY

- IIPC Cairde Cafe ~ 10:00am ~ See Ad

SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER 1 ~ COMHALTAS CHRISTMAS CEILI

DECEMBER 6 ~ IRISH SUPPER CLUB
NOBLE CALL CHRISTMAS SHOW

DECEMBER 7 ~ REBEL CORK DINNER DANCE
HONORING FR. MICHAEL HEALY

DECEMBER 8 ~ MEMBERS MINGLE & JINGLE
JOHN DOYLE & MICK MCAULEY

DECEMBER 15 ~ IRISH CHRISTMAS SHOW

DECEMBER 21 ~ UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER,
SUPPER WITH SANTA DINNER

DECEMBER 31 ~ IRISH NEW YEAR'S EVE

**DEADLINE for DECEMBER 2019 BULLETIN
is NOVEMBER 15**

Questions? Contact: Adrienne Verreos
415/468-4130

or email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE.

We are very pleased to announce that our new librarian, Jennifer Drennan, came on board September 23rd. In addition to having been a volunteer at the library for 18 months, Jennifer graduated with an AS in Library and Information Technology from City College of San Francisco in May. She will bring her expertise to the task of further modernizing and preserving our wonderful collection.

Come by and meet her from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Thursday & Friday, and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Saturday when the library is open to the public. She will also work additional hours doing administrative, cataloguing and programming work for our library.

Valerie McGrew will continue to work as a volunteer and chair the UICC library committee. One of the main responsibilities of the library committee is fundraising since we are largely funded by donations. Join us in supporting our community library at future fundraising events and activities.



Greetings members and friends,

I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received here at the Library and the Center. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all in the course of my days here in the Dowling Library. I've loved coming to the center for various programs over the years. Having the chance to volunteer in the library with its amazing women while attending school definitely was a highlight of my new coursework. I am honored to now be a formal part of the library's development and growth going forward and look forward to continuing to work closely with Valerie and the library volunteers to that end.

A little about me: I have a wonderful husband, delightful grade-school aged son and two young cats. In addition to my recent LIT degree, magna cum laude, I hold a BA in History from the University of the Pacific, in medieval and renaissance art and literature, a Graduate Gemologist diploma from Gemological Institute of America, and am currently working toward my MLIS. I am in my second year as Library Technician for a middle school in Daly City. I have worked in import, wholesale and retail with high end antiques, fine gemstones and custom-crafted jewelry for most of my professional life.

I look forward to using my experience in acquisitions, classification, evaluation, exhibit development for the good of the Dowling Library.

Sláinte! (*My one word of Irish, for now.*)

Jennifer

BUY OLIVE OIL and SUPPORT the DOWLING LIBRARY at the UICC

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 100% tax deductible!

It's going to be a fun afternoon!

Olive Oil Pick-Up Party

Open House featuring Olive Oil Comparison Tasting, Food & Live Music

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 in November 2019, 100% estate grown on their Kenwood property in Sonoma County, 100% organically grown, 100% extra virgin and it makes a great gift!



ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Thursday, November 14, 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

Tracy Moore - Director of Business Development, Institute on Aging

Tracy will talk about the Institute's mission, what programs it offers, and how our senior community members can access them.

Tickets - \$25

ALL WELCOME

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

Payment must be made in advance

For checks, make payable to IIPC

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

St. Francis 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. - 12.00 p.m. Activities!

CARDS: Enjoy a game of 25s with Jerry Cassidy

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.

Did you know that Cairde is Irish for friend??

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.

Come celebrate Thanksgiving surrounded by friends!

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. All are welcome!

For more info contact Joan at 415.752.6006

Event Donation: \$5

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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



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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>



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

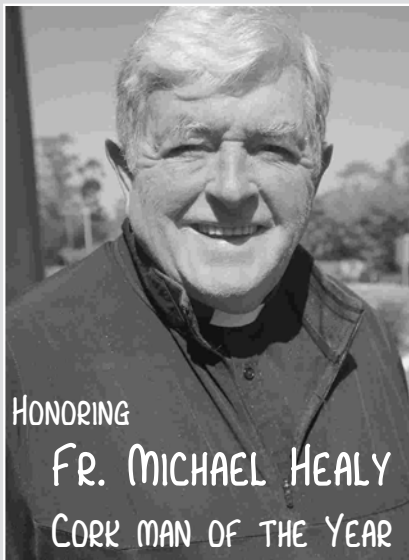
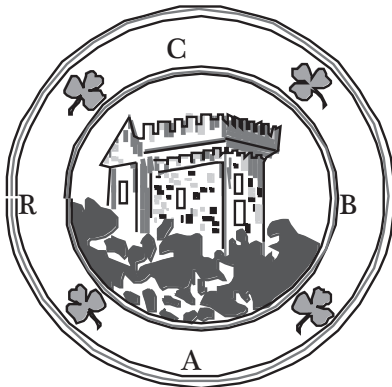
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An Irish Genealogy Lecture
Sponsored by the Patrick J Dowling Library

Cost: \$5



Sunday, November 17, 2019

2PM – 3:30PM

Guest Speaker: Seán Conley

Finding the Bump in the Boreen

This presentation will cover available online resources for Irish Genealogy both free and paid for sites. There will be tips for how to find for the ancestral place of birth/residence of your Irish ancestors in addition to resources for researching San Francisco Irish and beyond. Sean will discuss DNA for genealogy, special resources, which are available at the Patrick J. Dowling library at the UICC, as well as other resources within the City, state and beyond. He will provide some colorful 19th

century stories of his San Francisco Irish family going back 8 generations in the City back to Roscommon County.

Specific SF resources will include, the Wrindex which covers 580,000 San Francisco Irish and Irish Societies, Calvary and Holy Cross Church Records, early San Francisco Newspapers.

Internet resources for 19th and 20th century Irish Records including Griffith's Valuation and locating mid-19th century farms and residences of ancestors. Irish Census, Civil Registration, and Church Records. He will cover common pitfalls in finding place names in Ireland and provide tips on what resources to use find the county or even the house of origin of your ancestors.

Sean Conley is Vice President Genealogical Society of Santa Cruz County. He is a member of the Santa Cruz Old Timers, Native Sons of the Golden West, has an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University and a B.S. in Economics from Santa Clara University. His mother's family emigrated from Ireland to San Francisco from the gold-rush era up into the early 20th Century. He began genealogical research over 35 years ago and has researched thousands of Irish relations in his family and others. He has traced his family to Counties Antrim ,Cork, Derry, Donegal, Down, Galway, Longford, Mayo, Roscommon, and Tipperary, although most roads lead to Cork (BLD).

Oktoberfest By the Beach 2019

The Center celebrated Oktoberfest By The Beach in the St. Patrick's room on October 12, 2019. Over 430 guests enjoyed an evening of singing, dancing, and great Bavarian fun in our decorated Bier Hall. The evening started at 5 pm with a beer garden in the Wawona Parking Lot. At 6 pm, The Internationals, the most popular Oktoberfest band in Northern California, started a 5-hour live music set, including music from all around the world. The Golden Gate Bavarian Club entertained guests with German dances and traditions. Thank you to all volunteers, staff, and Knight's Catering. The Center looks forward to hosting The Internationals once again on October 17, 2020, for Oktoberfest By The Beach 2020.



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A panel discussion by CPAs and estate planning attorneys will discuss opportunities for charitable giving to the UICC and the tax benefits - IRA Required Minimum distributions, donations of stocks, and inclusion of the UICC in your will & trust.

Complimentary appetizers and beverages at 6pm. Panel discussion 6:30pm to 8pm.