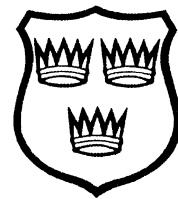




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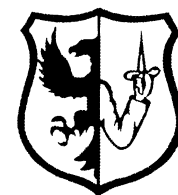
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I recently attended a wonderful collaboration between the Irish Consul General and the San Francisco Historical Society, honoring DeValera in San Francisco: 100 years of Ireland and California (1919 – 2019). It was a panel that spoke about the significance of Éamon DeValera's visit to San Francisco in 1919 and the evolution of relations between Ireland and California in the 20th century to the relationship and politics today. The panel consisted of Myles Dungan (Broadcaster, historian and author of *How the Irish Won the West*), Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Member of the Dáil (Ireland's Parliament) and grandson of Éamon DeValera, Christopher O'Sullivan, Adjunct Professor USF, Robert O'Driscoll, Consul General of Ireland to the Western US and Elizabeth Creely, San Francisco historian. It was grand evening!

Eamon DeValera was a brilliant man and he raised 5 million dollars while traveling around the United States. 5 million dollars in 1919- they say that today it's purchasing power is 75 million dollars. I am inspired by Eamon and his determination and his cause. He believed in something and went out and spoke to people about it and they believed in him.

The Irish Cultural Center has been our cause. Could we raise 5 million in 2019 like Eamon did in 1919 for the cause? For several years now, the operations of the Center was not fiscally supporting and we as the board reacted and shut down the businesses that were no longer sustainable to the future of the Center. While the business struggled, the aging building by the water has taken a beating. Think about your own home- it must be looked after or the issues pile up. Well, the issues have piled up. The roof needs replacing, the plumbing and the bathrooms need mending, electrical needs upgrading, the first floor needs better accessibility, the library needs expanding, the bar area completely needs to be revamped on both levels, the stage needs reinforcement, some doors need replacing, the elevator and kitchen have their issues and that's what we are aware as of right now. Other comments and concerns that have been shared with me: we have no windows, our stairwells take up about 600 square feet of the front of the building, we need other Irish partners, clubs and/or organizations to lease space, etc etc.

I love the Center, I mean really love the Center and I want it to thrive and we- board members- have all committed many years to make sure that the doors are open and the lights are on but it takes more than 14 board members to do this today. I need each and every one of you to renew your dues, to make a donation, to volunteer and attend an event. You might feel that you have done your time but the cause is greater now than it has been in many many years. The doors cannot stay open if you don't get 2-3 others to renew, donate, volunteer or attend an event. We have become a nonprofit so that we can reach out to our community but the heart of the Center is with the members. It is with YOU and YOUR Center that continues to need you!

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(President's Message continued)

Next year, we celebrate "45 years on 45th" - let's get there. Let's commit to the cause of the Center. We have a vision, a "2020 vision" and the word plan is a noun but we need to use it as a verb and take ACTION. Join us!

PRIORITY #1 Finances- Increase revenue and decrease expenses	PRIORITY #2 Membership- create benefits, increase dues paying members & increase number of new members	PRIORITY #3 Cultural programming - Expand, collaborate and promote	PRIORITY #4 Fundraising- Create and execute a plan for a state of the art Irish Center and programming	PRIORITY #5 Event venue- To have the best event venue building on the west side of the City
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Channel your Eamon DeVelera determination and support YOUR Center. In October, we will have four Saturdays, where I will be at the Center from 9-10 am to evaluate and review our draft copy of the strategic plan. October 5th, October 12th, October 19th and October 26th. Please join me at 9am, one of these mornings. I hope to see you there! In addition, please email me at acarew@irishcentersf.org if you have questions, comments or concerns.

Slainte and Kindly,
Anne Cassidy Carew, *President*

OCTOBER CALENDAR

■ OCTOBER 10, THURSDAY

- IIPC Mass & Luncheon ~ *See Ad*
Contact 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

■ OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
The Jews of Ireland: a Small Community with a Significant Role in the Irish Story, presented by Valerie McGrew.
All welcome. \$5 donation appreciated.
Questions? Contact Lisa at: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

- Oktoberfest 2019 ~ 5:00pm - Midnight
Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/OktoberfestByTheBeach2019>

■ OCTOBER 17, THURSDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 18, FRIDAY

- Connaught Club Dinner Dance ~ *See Ad*

■ OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY

- Emerald Society Dinner ~ 6:00pm
Call Lt. Rachel Moran, Co. D 415/794-7918

■ OCTOBER 22, TUESDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 24, THURSDAY

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

■ OCTOBER 25, FRIDAY

- Supper Club Dinner ~ 6:00pm

■ OCTOBER 27, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society ~ St. Francis Room ~ 5pm
Presents Historian Jim Fisher, author of *On the Irish Waterfront: The Crusader, the Movie, and the Soul of the Port of New York*.
ILHS members free, visitors \$5 Visit ILHSsf.org



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There will be a special appearance between musical sets of Almenrausch Schuhplattler of San Francisco, a group of individuals and families from all walks of life who are united in their desire to preserve the costumes, customs, and dances of the Bavarian mountain region of Germany.

THE UICC WILL HOLD A PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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.

Mark your calendar!

November 16, 2019



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September 26, 2019

Dear Friend of the United Irish Cultural Center,

As we head into the fall season of 2019, a year of transition and culture, I am writing this reminder that we could use your renewal of dues. As a member, **we need your financial support.** I write to share with you some of the Center's memorable events this year, and to update you on our finances and operational changes in 2019.

Please take a moment to pay your dues, so that we may continue to expand our activities and improve OUR Center. Renewal of dues by check or credit card now will be good through December 2020. I hope we can count on you.

2019 Events & Celebrations - The Center has hosted a Superbowl gathering; the Grand Marshall Dinner; Irish in the California Gold Rush; Beto O'Rourke town hall meeting; Joanne Hayes-White Retirement Party; Kate Kennedy memorial, Easter brunch; concerts by the U2 cover band Zoo Station, Phil Coulter, Frank O'Connor, Dervish, and celtic rock bands from the Sunset; GAA Amateur Fight Night, a Country/Western Dance Party, de Bogman storyteller, Mad Hatter Tea Party, Brave Heart bookreading, wine tasting by Teac Mor Winery, the Irish Consulate's meeting on its Irish Diaspora Policy, the Rose of Tralee selection, and the Saint Patrick's Day weekend block party.

These events - attended by thousands - have inspired our membership and the broader San Francisco community. *We have polished the Center's room rental package to provide attractive space for meetings and events, at competitive rates.* **Paid members enjoy discounts on room rentals.** Please spread the word that the Center is a great space for your family and business to book events and meetings.

Supporting the Next Generation - This year the Center's 26th Annual Leo T. Walsh scholarship program awarded \$40,250.00 to 42 high school & college-bound scholars. Since 1984 this program has disbursed 481 scholarships - supporting our educational achievements and instilling a solid connection to the Center.

Improved Operations - Knights Catering has been working closely with the Center to provide impeccable customer service in 2019! We have improved our Comcast internet service, replaced the water heaters, fixed the St. Francis room heating, lowered our insurance and utility bills, rekeyed the building, replaced outdated circuit breakers with the generous support of the Electrical Union, hired a new janitorial service, and installed new security cameras. Lisa Michellis joined the Center in April as our Event Manager. Soon, we will be hiring another part-time staff member for increased cultural programming and event support.

Finances -The Center retained accounting firm PB Mares to perform a detailed audit of our finances. While a necessary step in assuring ourselves that everything was "above board," this audit has cost over \$25,000 to date. Our controller Ligia Torres, treasurer Michael Barnacle and Kathy Grogan have worked tirelessly to complete this audit. The Audit confirmed that the Center's 2018 revenue losses resulted from a significant decline in member use of the bar & restaurant, drops in banquets, increased staffing costs, and needed repairs to our aging facility.

The Future - I am proud of what the Center has accomplished this year. We will continue our vision by expanding our Irish cultural programming, engaging younger members, increasing the number of Center members, providing additional membership benefits, and improving the building by replacing the roof, improving our meeting and room spaces with audio-visual capacity, upgrading our electrical system, and making our facility more accessible.

Please take a moment to pay your dues, so that we may continue to expand our activities and improve our facility in 2019. With your support, we can make our dreams for the Center a reality.

Yours,
Anne Cassidy Carew
President of the United Irish Cultural Center



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Address _____ Email _____

_____ Member # (if known) _____

Tax Deductible Membership Dues* September 2019 to December 31, 2020

Please check one:

- ☐ Individual Membership. Dues are \$150.00
☐ Couple Membership. Dues are \$250.00

Members support UICC charitable activities promoting Irish culture. Membership benefits include discounts at the UICC room discounts. Members with Irish ancestry have voting rights and can be nominated to the UICC Board.

Membership Renewal September 2019 to December 31, 2020 Payment Options

1) **Payment by Check** made payable to: UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER, INC. See enclosed return envelope.

Total Amount: \$ _____

2) **Payment by Credit Card Authorization**

Total Charge Amount: \$ _____

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

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Thanks for your efforts, but I will not be paying dues because _____

*To the extent provided by law; Please consult with your tax advisor. Federal Tax ID # is 26-0610341.



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UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH 2019

NO-HOST COCKTAILS AT 6:30 & DINNER AT 7:30

\$80 PER PERSON / NY STRIP OR SALMON

MUSIC BY BEN HUNTER & CELTIC SCANDAL

TICKETS & INFO:

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NOVEMBER 14

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR - 6:30-8PM

NOVEMBER 15

IRISH SUPPER CLUB - 6PM DINNER

NOVEMBER 16

DEREK WARFIELD & YOUNG WOLFETONES

NOVEMBER 17

GENEALOGY PRESENTATION BY SEAN CONLEY - 2PM

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, October 10, 2019

Mass at St. Columba's Church, Oakland

Join us to celebrate Mass with ARC friend, Fr. Aidan McAleenan, as he welcomes us to his parish of St. Columba's, across the bridge in the sunny East Bay. Bus and BBQ lunch included.

10.00 a.m. Bus departs UICC 2700 45th Ave, San Francisco

11.00 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Aidan McAleenan
St. Columba's Church, 6401 San Pablo Ave, Oakland
followed by BBQ lunch

4.00 p.m. Bus returns to UICC

*****Advance booking & payment required!*****

Tickets - \$40

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

United Irish Cultural Center

The Restaurant - 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 25's hosted by Jerry Cassidy

TABLE QUIZ: Host: Joan

BINGO: Hosted by Janette Masterson

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

The IIPC offers a monthly coffee morning get-together as part of our Active Retirement Club program. Cairde Cafe is an informal gathering of friends, old and new.

Each month we have a variety of activities to cater to all interests! Come along to play cards or Bingo, or join in our Inter-County Quiz. This month we will also have Barm Braic in honor of a traditional Irish Halloween!

This is a great 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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