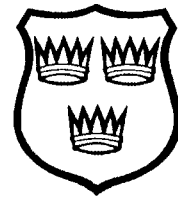




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

August 1 Members Meeting. We are very grateful to those members who came out to our August 1 members meeting. We covered important financials and the Irish Center's positive accomplishments this year. We discussed that it would take involvement of more members to rejuvenate **YOUR Center**. The audit has confirmed that **OUR Center** operated at a substantial loss in 2018 because fewer members took advantage of the bar restaurant and banquet facilities we offered. Because members have expressed interest in the Centers daily operations, I am happy to share more details in the bulletin and at our meetings.

At the August 7th UICC Board meeting, the Board reviewed members' comments at the August 1 meeting and plans for **OUR Center** going forward. Based on this, for the September 25th member's meeting the Board plans to provide an agenda on our website 3 days in advance, provide UICC committee reports to the membership, board member nominations and present the Auditor's report. We also are working on a Youth Advisory Committee application and program.

On August 4th, we had our volunteer clean up day. Board members Josephine Brogan, Michael Barnacle, Shannon Durkan and her lovely mom Mary, and myself were joined by Mark and Molly Burke, Redmond Lyons, Carmelle Reiser and Maureen Murphy. A BIG thank you to all!! Closets and the galley way adjacent to the restaurant were cleaned. We found the binder with all the recipes- hopefully one day we could have Irish bread baking in our ovens once again. We still have many more places in the building that need to be organized. Please stay tuned for our next volunteer clean up day at **YOUR Center**.

On August 14, Valerie McGrew submitted a grant to the Gellert Foundation on behalf of the Library. We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed that they will honor our application. Decision in December.

The UICC sent out a membership charitable donation letter on August 14th. Please consider donating generously to **YOUR Center**.

Make your Legacy an Irish one for generations to enjoy! 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.

On August 10th, we had an amazing SEISIUN, an evening filled with fiddle, tin whistles, bagpipes, and bodhrans. I was only planning on staying for a quick visit and left three hours later. There are talks about making this a once a month event and if so I do hope you will all come out- **it is music for the soul**. We also had the GAA All Ireland games showing on our new screen in the Saint Patrick's room.

For the next several months we have Irish Supper Club dinners planned. The one in August 23rd had beef and salmon. We are planning on corn beef on September 20th and something yummy in October- call the Center if you would like to meet with friends and family and eat dinner at the center, just like the good ole days! Call **YOUR Center** for the menu and make your reservation.

(President's message continued next page)

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

■ SEPTEMBER 1, SUNDAY

- All-Ireland Football Final - Live TV ~ 5:00 am & 7:30 am

■ SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY

- AC/DC Experience ~ 7:00pm ~ *See Ad*

■ SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY

- Children's Music, Dance & Irish Language Workshop
3:00 - 6:00 pm

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ SEPTEMBER 12, 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

■ SEPTEMBER 14, SATURDAY

- Halfway to St. Patrick's Day ~ *See Ad*

- Seisiún ~ UICC ~ 7:30pm

Join a variety of performers in an informal setting playing inspired Traditional Irish Music at the home of all things Irish in San Francisco. Paid UICC Member - No Charge with reservation but \$10 cover at door if you do not RSVP with FREE guest list ticket. Doors open 7pm for best seats.

■ SEPTEMBER 14, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 3:00pm

Will be attending the lecture by: Ruan O'Donnell, Irish historian and author of "Robert Emmett & the Rising of 1803. Questions? Contact Lisa at: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

■ SEPTEMBER 19, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30 pm ~ Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ SEPTEMBER 20, FRIDAY

- Irish Supper Club ~ for reservations call the Center

■ SEPTEMBER 24, TUESDAY

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

■ SEPTEMBER 25, WEDNESDAY

- MEMBER'S MEETING ~ 7:30pm

■ SEPTEMBER 26, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm ~ Main Bar area

For info call Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856

■ SEPTEMBER 27, FRIDAY — 29, SUNDAY

- 21st Annual Irish Immersion Weekend

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta

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Contact John Larkin 415/299-0850 or

arkinmaps@gmail.com or

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RSVP ASAP — pay in September

Scholarship info avail mid September.

■ SEPTEMBER 28, SATURDAY

- Jig Jam ~ *See Ad*

Call the Center for more information

(President's message continued)

We are working on our **Strategic plan**- this is a big part of our future. We hope to have a draft plan for the October Members meeting. We will then need members that want to be a part of the committee to move the plan along things along.

There is no other place like **OUR Center** and we all need to continue to stand by it. **YOUR Center** has begun an exciting new chapter and we need you to be a part of our growth. So, please book your next gathering, celebrations or events at the UICC, provide a charitable donation, renew your membership dues at just \$13/month or buy a membership for someone who has everything.

YOUR Center cannot continue to thrive without you! **We NEED YOU!** Call the Center today to volunteer. We could use help answering the phones, cleaning out areas of the Center, being a part of planning committees for upcoming events, being a part of the strategic plan. So put down this bulletin and take action.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." — Helen Keller

"It takes two flints to make a fire." — Louisa May Alcott

Kindly,

Anne Cassidy Carew, *President*

ROBERT EMMET, IRISH PATRIOT



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Join the United Irish Societies of San Francisco in
Honoring the Irish Patriot, **Robert Emmet** on the
100th Anniversary of the Dedication of his Statue

September 14, 3:00 pm
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2700-45th Avenue, San
Francisco

Ruan O'Donnell, noted Irish historian and author of **Robert Emmet and the Rising of 1803**, will share with us his unique insights on Robert Emmet at his presentation at the United Irish Cultural Center.

Ruan will be joined by local musician, Cormac Gannon.

September 15, 12:15 pm
Band Concourse
Golden Gate Park

Join us for a lovely day in the Park to remember Robert Emmet on the 100th anniversary of the dedication of his statue in Golden Gate Park with a laying of the wreath at his statue followed by music by the Golden Gate Park Band, Irish dancing by Comhaltas and other local dancers, performances by the San Francisco Irish Pipers and the Pearse & Connolly Fife & Drum Band, and a recitation of Robert Emmet's speech from the dock.

“Half Way to
St. Patrick's Day”

“Robert Emmet is arguably the most popular and least understood Irish patriot of his generation. Far more significant within the leadership of the revolutionary United Irishmen than generally acknowledged, Emmet's heroic legacy extended to the USA where he has been memorialized to an extent unmatched in his native country.” Ruan O'Donnell

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, September 12, 2019

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

12.15 p.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride

followed by lunch and special guest

Elizabeth Wong - California Telephone Access Program

Our guest speaker this month is Elizabeth Wong, Outreach Specialist with the California Telephone Access Program (CAPT). Learn more about how they can help provide free specialized phones and accessories for mobile phone to all qualified Californians. Their devices make it easier to hear, dial, and call.

Tickets - \$25

ALL WELCOME

RSVP to Joan at 415.752.6006

Payment must be made in advance

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFÉ

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday, September 24, 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.

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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OCTOBER 18 - FRIDAY

CONNAUGHT CLUB DINNER

OCTOBER 19 - SATURDAY

EMERALD SOCIETY DINNER

OCTOBER 22 - TUESDAY

IIPC CAIRDE CAFÉ

OCTOBER 24 - THURSDAY

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NOVEMBER 16 - SATURDAY

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& THE YOUNG WOLFETONES

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