



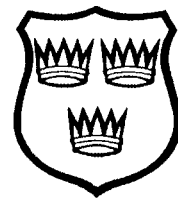
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ST. PATRICK'S APPEAL

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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As I write the August bulletin message, our first annual Saint Patrick's Appeal is just \$994 away from reaching the fantastic sum of \$100,000. The original goal we had set for the campaign was \$75,000 and when we started out on May 18th it seemed like a long way away. Now three months into the fundraising drive we have surpassed our own internal expectations and are happy in the knowledge that people in the Irish-American community want the Irish Center to survive into the future. The support you have shown us informs us that we stay focused on the preservation of the Irish Center's future and continue to plan for an expanded offering of events later on when this pandemic is in the rear view mirror. We all long for that day!

The funds raised through the Appeal (Thank you to our business donors and all the individual pledge pages and donations) in conjunction with the three new businesses we started this spring-The Irish Shoppe, Food To Go and Wawona Gates Beer Garden, will help the Center come through this incredibly difficult period. Ask anyone in hospitality industry right now and you will hear the same statements about how income, business and traffic is way down, the Irish Center is no different. But we have stemmed the tide and building towards our future again.

We have made considerable efforts at adapting and pivoting our business model to stay afloat. For that I have to tip my hat to the members of Board who have steadfastly worked what can only be described as miracles to guide us through the past four months. I am profoundly amazed at your dedication and loyalty to our Irish Center.

"Bualadh bos" (Applause) to Molly and Mark Burke and Josephine and Paddy Brogan for spending their entire weekends at the Center supporting the Wawona Gates since we opened in June! Other board members have also stepped up along with many volunteers who have supported Wawona Gates since inception-which is a wonderful and safe space tucked away from the wind blowing in off the Pacific Ocean. Thank you to Tom McKeon and John Ring for the great leadership in designing and implementing the St. Patricks Appeal, which continues right through until Thursday September 17th. There is still time to contribute!

Our hope is that we can make some additional upgrades and changes to the Center that are needed related to deferred maintenance. We recently upgraded our internal and public Wifi systems, and we have a new server in the pipeline to support our internal software updates and cloud accessibility platforms. All these necessary upgrades cost money and are part of the invisible costs people do not see. We also had a new protective metal fencing installed around the T-Mobile pad in the rear parking lot, which was made possible when T-Mobile made some recent bandwidth infrastructure upgrades.

However as a board, we are very cautious right now with regard to any major expenditure-knowing full well that the day will come when a new roof will be soon required-the present roof is 45 years old! We are also

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exploring the possibility of installing solar panels on the roof (which would reduce our PG+E bill by \$1,000/month) along with new weatherized HVAC and Heating system units on the roof. Adding these upgrades alone could reach north of \$250K. In addition, we are carefully monitoring and adhering to the City, and State guidelines and directives which relate to businesses that currently offer outside dining. We are open three days a week Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Wawona Gates is our only operating income right now, so do come out and support us this Summer.

The UICC building spans 20,000 square feet and since March, our team has been working hard and diligently to get it organized for when we will re-open later this fall. One of the big projects that we are working on, is the conception of the San Francisco Irish History Center. One plan is to open up the library into the Saint Francis room and create a place that promotes and shares the stories and the history of the Irish in San Francisco. During my recent interview with Elizabeth Creely, at the Consul General's office, I stated, "That's our history. If we don't give it meaning, it won't have any. Our history will be lost."

Do you have photos from Saint Patrick's day celebrations and parade, a brochure/flyer from an AOH/LAOH meeting/gathering, a ticket stub from a KRB dance, old dance shoes or costumes

that you would like to have honored that preserve the cultural history of the Irish in San Francisco. Maybe you have something from the "Ole Country" that you brought with you and would like to have it displayed at the Center. If you would like to donate an artifact, ephemera or photos, please contact me at acarew@irish-centersf.org or call the Center and leave a message for me.

We have been working on creating plans for the near future. Our hope is that we can have small gatherings in the Saint Patrick's room with tables spread out and entertainment on the stage or on the screen. In addition, there is discussion about San Francisco History days and Robert Emmet Remembrance in September. In addition, we are hopeful that we will be allowed to have the Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones come back and play in November. Fingers crossed. Again a lot is up on the air please check our website or Facebook for updates or call the Center 415-661-2700.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Please wear a mask, wash your hands and keep your social distance this will help to ensure that we can all go back to some sort of normalcy.

Till we meet again,
Anne Cassidy Carew, *President of the UICC*

Wawona Gates



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Gather

ALL SUMMER LONG

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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the depths of the library stacks!

More and more titles are being added to what will soon become a patron-facing online access web portal. Currently we have nearly 3,600 titles ready to browse and inspire your reading list. There's no official count yet, but many of the titles we hold in the Dowling Library are only otherwise found in libraries on the east coast or in Ireland herself.

Did you know?

The library also holds nearly 300 recordings? Yes, vinyl, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$, of traditional and contemporary Irish artists and music. A working turntable has been added to our A/V equipment.

To read area newspapers from 1849 - 1942, go to our website: <https://irishcentersf.org/library/#library-tabs> | 2. Look for BMI's digital reel: <https://dr6.bmiimaging.com/login.aspx> The login information is just below.

Follow the Library's progress and join in the conversations on social media:

Facebook: @dowlinglibraryattheuicc **YouTube:** Librarian P.J. Dowling Library

Instagram: pjdowlinglibrarysf

And the Club Zooms are Zoom, zoom, zooming along. Speaker information will be posted on Instagram and Facebook as it becomes available. Email Library@irishcentersf.org if you'd like to receive the links and join the fun.

Irish Genealogy Club Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 8 — 11:00am – 1:00pm Monthly on the second Saturday.

August topic: Writing your family's story with Valerie McGrew.

Irish Marvels Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 8 — 2:30 – 4:30pm Monthly on the second Saturday.

August's topic: Kate Brock presents "Ireland's controversial Direct Provision System for Asylum Seekers"

For information please email Lisa: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

And as always, please continue to make those healthy and safe choices. Wear your masks always and correctly when out. Stay socially distant. Let's make progress and get reopened!

Slainte!

Jennifer Drennan, *Librarian*



The United Irish Cultural Center is a reseller for Irish goods! Shop for Barry's Tea, other Irish delights, and Irish Bread. The Shoppe is also selling Dinners To-Go on designated pick-up dates, T-Shirts, Beer, Wine, Liquor (for a limited time only), and more. Open 24/7 with an opportunity to pick up goods at The Irish Center on scheduled days. Enjoy shopping at home for all your favorites - with pickup at The Irish Center.

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For an questions or suggestions of items we should carry contact: store@IrishCenterSF.org

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You, Me & A Cup of Tea

Tuesdays from 10.30 a.m. - 11.30a.m.

On Tuesday mornings, put the kettle on, make a cup of tea, sit down and relax in the company of friends as we chat, share stories, and generally have a bit of craic to get the week off to a good start.

Hosted by Joan, each week we will have a discussion topic or a guest speaker so there will always be something different to chat about - do join us!

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m at <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc>

If you would like to join by phone, call Joan at 415.432.2551 for dial in details.



You, Me, and a Cup of Tea

BINGO with Janette & Friends

Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

To join Bingo with Janette & Friends, please contact Joan by **noon on Wednesdays** by calling her at **415.432.2551** or emailing Joan@sfiipc.org to get your bingo cards.

Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m at <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc>

Participants will be entered into a draw for a gift card from a local small business!



MUSIC HOUR WITH IVOR COLLINS

Tune in for an afternoon of music and song with the talented Ivor Collins who hails from the beautiful seaside town of Tramore in Co. Waterford

Ivor has been on the SF Irish music scene since 2008, and is a member of Celtic Voices Choir. Ivor's songbook includes favorite Irish Ballads and the music of legends such as Elvis, Dire Straits and Neil Young!

Send your song requests to Joan@sfiipc.org or call 415.432.2551 by Thursday, August 13



Sunday, August 16

4:00 p.m. PST

Join us at <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc>
or call +1.669.900.6833, webinar id 857 5176 8201



ST. PATRICK'S APPEAL

St. Patrick's Appeal 2020

As we have reported in our recent communications, we have fully complied with "Shelter In Place" orders issued the week of March 15 by shutting down our facility and it will remain closed for the duration of this COVID-19 health crisis. As such, we have had to cancel all events and meetings and we are anxiously awaiting news about the summer months.

Please help us weather this storm and keep the momentum we built last year by making a donation to our St. Patrick's Appeal. The campaign goal is \$100,000 and we are well underway.

Visit irishcentersf.org/appeal to view our St. Patrick's Appeal 2020 video and to see the fundraising stories from Board Members and Appeal supporters alike.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and community partners – you make our work possible.

John Ring, 2020 St Patrick's Appeal Chairperson
UICC 2020 Board of Directors

To donate online: irishcentersf.org/appeal For further information email: give@irishcentersf.org

- Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ towards the St. Patrick's Appeal

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Please make your check payable to: UICC — Add Note/Memo: St. Patrick's Appeal

Mail this form with payment to: United Irish Cultural Center
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

ORGANIZATION:

The UICC Inc. is a California nonprofit corporation which was organized for the purpose of providing its members with social, recreational, athletic and cultural facilities. The Corporation is authorized to offer memberships to qualified individuals.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

Event Discounts

Members-Only Events

Board Eligibility

Room Rental Discounts

Voting Privileges

MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE (Check One):

☐ Single Membership Renewal (Dues) \$150

☐ Couple Membership Renewal (Dues) \$250

The term for annual dues is 365 days from the date your dues are recorded. Dues are regulated by the UICC Board of Directors.

Note: Membership Renewals with flexible payment options are available on our website, <http://irishcentersf.com/membership>

Name #1 _____ Member # _____

Name #2 (Couple) _____ Member #2 (Couple) _____

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES: Fees can be paid by **Check** or **Credit Card** or online at irishcentersf.org

- Please make **Checks** payable to: **UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER**
- To pay by **Credit Card**, Name on Credit Card: _____ **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

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Can you volunteer your time and/or talents? _____

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