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BOARD MESSAGE

As I write my final letter for the bulletin, I hummed a little ditty, "Thanks for the Memory" by Bob Hope. While I am moving on from the role of President, I will not be going too far. After an incredibly challenging year for everyone-I am elated that our Center is in great hands with a strong, solid, and dedicated board. I am very confident as I pass on the baton as President that the Center will continue to rise to meet all the challenges that it has faced recently.

I am honored to join the list of Presidents that have served the UICC during the last 45 years:

Liam Spiers Peggy Mc Donald Mike Moriarty Pat Brosnan Maryjane Knoll Joan McClain Jack Scannell Kay Gulbengay Danny Boyle Bob Twomey Mary Dunleavy Cassidy Karen Kinahan Tim Murphy Terry Graham Brendan Walsh Joe O'Leary Frank Leonard Erris Cafferky John Gallagher Mike Cooney Diarmuid Philpott **Judith Kell** David Philpott Michael Barnacle Dan Kerr

I was first introduced to the United Irish Cultural Center board by my Dad, Jerry Cassidy. He and many others have spent years dedicating their free time to the Center to ensure it remains an important bastion for the Irish American community on the west side of the city.

Between 2006-2010, I worked with Karen Kinahan, John Ring, Theresa Flynn-Houghton, Karen McDonald, Margaret McAuliffe and many others. My kids were 3 and 6 years old and watched Dean "at the bar" and were fed Pasquales pizza and pumped up with Shirley Temples. Fast forward to February 2016, and I found myself back on the UICC board again. I have spent I0 out of the last I4 years on the board, and now my daughter is graduating from high school and I have a son in college.

I love the Center and I walk away proud of the good work that we have achieved in the recent past. Too many times past UICC Presidents have exited the role and for various reasons did not stay around to mentor the incoming President or new board members. I don't want to walk away and never look back - that would make me very sad. It has been an incredible labor of love and I will continue to support the UICC in every way I can.

Our board has done an amazing job in surviving all of the challenges we have faced in the last two years. While the Covid-I9 pandemic has claimed many legacy hospitality institutions and event spaces across the city-the Irish Center has survived. That in itself is a phenomenal achievement and we have also recruited more new members from the community than ever before who believe in our mission for the Irish Center.

Through our fundraising efforts spearheaded by Tom McKeon and John Ring, our Wawona Gates effort led by Mark and Molly Burke and Josephine and the hundreds of volunteers, our small ESP grant from the

(President's Message continued on page 2)

Irish Government and our membership dues, I am happy to say that the Center will end 2020 in a better financial position than when the year began. A big thank you to ALL. It is not too late for you to get in that last minute year end donation. Please check out our website www.IrishCenterSF.org

As a member of the vibrant Irish American community that loves the Center it is up to all of us to support the Center. During December, come out to see our New Outdoor Tent for outdoor dining, we will host our socially distanced Tree Lighting ceremony. Live Irish music returns each Saturday and Sunday throughout the month. Our Christmas Boutique retail extravaganza takes place on December 5th and 12th, featuring lots of local vendors. In addition, Michael Dillon and his Drama School "Bosca Beagaí" in collaboration with the UICC and the Cooley-Keegan Comhaltas branch is sponsoring a truly wonderful virtual Christmas concert called "Christmas Card from San Francisco" with live entertainment from local groups and entertainers across the world. Check our website for details about our St. Stephen's day (Dec 26th) and New Year's Eve (Dec 31st) celebrations.

Be a part of the Center as we continue this journey together where we will showcase the history of the Irish in SF, the culture of Ireland past and present and provide a space for the community.

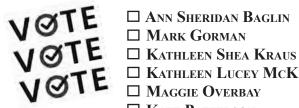
And as Bob Hope sang, "Awfully glad I met you. Cheerio and toodle-oo. Thank you. Thank you so much."

Anne Cassidy Carew, President of the UICC



UICC 2021 BOARD ELECTION TAKING PLACE NOW!

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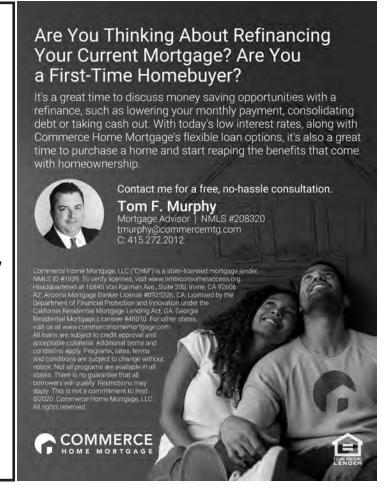
- ☐ KATHLEEN LUCEY MCKEON
- ☐ MAGGIE OVERBAY
- ☐ KATE PATTERSON

VOTING DEADLINE 12/8

THREE WAYS TO PICKUP BALLOT AND/OR VOTE!

- 1. UICC OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS Friday 10AM - Noon
- 2. Stop by UICC's Wawona Gates on:
- Friday 4-8PM SATURDAY 1-8PM SUNDAY 1-5PM
 - 3. Request a Ballot via Email Vote@IrishCenterSF.org

*Eligible voters must be over 18 years of age and BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER — DUES PAID WITHIN THE LAST YEAR. QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTION TO: VOTE@IRISHCENTERSF.ORG



PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library of Organization & Outreach

Through the impetus of the grants we've applied for, we've been extending the cataloguing and indexing of the many periodicals and memorabilia that we hold to make it more accessible on site and digitally. If you're holding ephemera, memorabilia, journals, or organizational records related to our Irish and Irish-American community here in San Francisco and the Bay Area, the library would be honoured to be the recipient of your items. Things that are often thought of by families as "what do we do with this stuff?" are great value to scholars of all ages, genealogists, historians, and those who will interpret our present as their past.

Calling all Bibliophiles!

Book Sale returns! Book Sale returns! Look for the cart outside the Library's door on 45th & Wawona on Thursdays and Fridays 2 - 4 pm, Saturdays I-3 pm, and up at Wawona Gates on Sundays, I-3 pm volunteer scheduling and weather permitting. We may not be able to have you inside yet, but treasures abound on the cart to give or keep, as part of an at home adventure. Antique, contemporary, Gaeilge, rare, vintage fiction and non-fiction titles are available. Deselected from or duplicated in our collection, sales of these titles support the Library's on-going modernization, preservation and programming efforts, allowing us to share this unique collection with our community.

Irish Genealogy Club Zoom Meeting

Saturday, December 12 — II:00am – I:00pm Monthly on the second Saturday.

Holiday Social: Share a Christmas tradition or recipe that has come down from your Irish relatives;

feel free to include superstitions too.

Irish Genealogy Club contacts: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Kevin Dineen, dineen5@att.net

Irish Marvels Zoom Meeting

Saturday, December 12 — 2:30 – 4:30pm Monthly on the second Saturday.

Ava Tyan [SI '21] presents: "How Covid-19 Rekindled a 170 year old Friendship between the Choctaw and The Irish"

Lisa Hilmoe, Irish Marvel contact: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

Zooms hosted by Jennifer Drennan of the Patrick Dowling Library.

There's still time! Get your Raffle Tickets at WG or the Library.

Benefiting the Patrick J. Dowling Library and the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Fund.

Donation amounts are \$20 for I, \$50 for 3, and \$100 for 7. Grand Drawing is \$1,500, 2nd draw \$500, and 3rd draw \$250. The drawing will be live-streamed on Sunday, December I3 at 4:00pm. The link to view will be posted in the Events Calendar on the UICC website.

Thank you to all who have already donated, and to those of you who do so by the drawing, for your generosity in supporting the Library and Scholarship programs.

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

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

Instagram: pjdowlinglibrarysf

To directly support the Library's modernization, preservation and programming efforts, please use the Library's specific Donation button on the UICC's donationpage: https://irishcentersf.org/generations-fund/

Wishing you all a happy, safe Thanksgiving. Slainte!

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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SUPPORT THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY & THE LEO T. WALSH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our library, the heart of the UICC, is largely funded by donations from our community. In order to modernize and preserve the collection, the Library Committee is embarking on a fundraising campaign, including this drawing in partnership with the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program, many of whose finalists have done their research at the library's table.

Thank you for your support. We greatly appreciate it! Go raibh maith agat as do chuid tacaíochta. Is mór againn é!

Tickets are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, and 7 for \$100.

Drawing to be Live Streamed from the UICC on December 13th at 4:00pm.

Watch the drawing live!

~ **1**st DRAW \$1,500 ~

~ **2**nd DRAW \$500 ~

~3rd DRAW \$250 ~

For additional tickets email: library@irishcentersf.org
Winner will be notified by phone or email.
Free ticket available upon request.

Thank you to our ticket printing sponsor Duggan Serra Mortuary

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About the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program

The UICC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program was established in 1994 to benefit students of the Irish Community by providing financial assistance toward their next level of education. To date, over 500 scholarships have been awarded to students graduating 8th grade and high school seniors. All students in these two grade levels are encouraged to apply.

More information at https://irishcentersf.org/scholarships/oremail:scholarship@irishcentersf.org

About the Patrick J. Dowling Library

The Patrick J. Dowling Library, located at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco, was the first all Irish library in the United States. Our special collection contains more than 5,000 titles on a number of subjects regarding Ireland and Irish America as well as newspapers, journals, magazines, books in the Irish language, books for children (in Irish and English), genealogy resources, sheet music, and multimedia in addition to the amazing memorabilia. Some of the books are unique and true treasures of great value to people researching Irish history, genealogy and culture.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



A Community Outreach Service of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center of San Francisco supported, in part, by the Emigrant Support Programme of the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



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You, Me & A Cup of Tea

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

Each Tuesday mornings, we come together over a cup of tea to chat, share stories, and generally have a bit of craic to get the week off to a good start. Join Joan and our guest speakers for some great conversation!

Tuesday, December 1 - Lucy Duffy, Director Surgical Services, CMPC

Tuesday, December 8 - Pastoral Provisions Pantry update

Tuesday, December 15 - Consul General, Robert O'Driscoll

Tuesday, December 22 - A special visitor from the North Pole!

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.

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. You can now also play online! Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m at https://inktr.ee/sfiipc

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



WELCOME TO THE READING ROOM

We hope you can join our newest Community Outreach program, The Reading Room, a book club for the Irish community.

Our next Reading Room will take place on **Thursday, December 10** at **7:00 p.m.**, discussing **Milkman: A Novel** by **Anna Burns**

Our first Reading Room of 2021 will be on **Thursday**, **January 28** at **7:00 p.m**. when we will discuss **Collected Stories** by **Frank O'Connor**.

Our February gathering will be on **Thursday**, **February 25** & our book shall be **The Secret Scripture** by **Sebastian Barry**.

Some titles to include on your Christmas list?! Go to linktr.ee/sfiipc to get the Zoom link.

SHOP LOCAL!

We encourage you to purchase your books from local independent bookstores including:

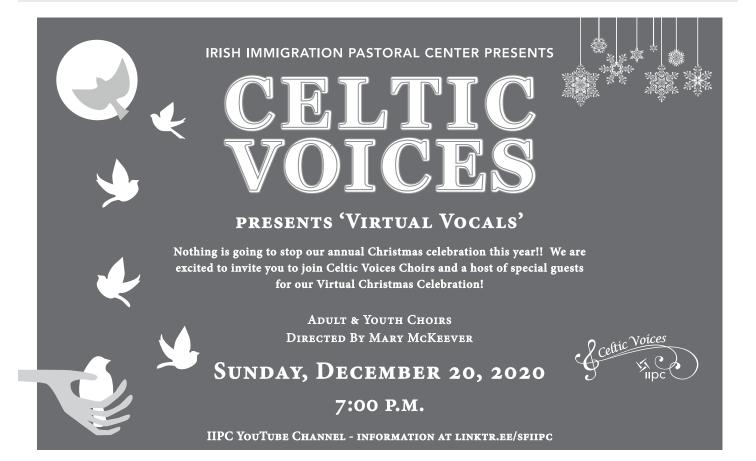
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Questions? Call Joan at 415.432.2551 or email joan@sfiipc.org

The Reading Room

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Zoom Link at linktr.ee/sfiipc



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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 \$150,000 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

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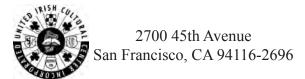
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