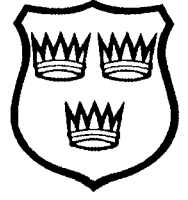




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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Welcome 2020! A year to be THANKFUL.

This year marks our 45 YEARS on 45th AVENUE. Please mark your calendar - April 25th, 2020 to honor the celebration.

THANK YOU to our amazing team at the CENTER- Ligia, Angela, Marvin, Mina. We are grateful to your dedication.

THANK YOU to Maureen and Adrian Kelly and their team with Knights Catering for our incredible partnership in 2019 and our continued alliance in 2020.

THANK YOU to our instrumental volunteers who continue to amaze me with their wholeheartedness and commitment to the Center. YOU know who you are and I hope you know the importance of all that you do!

THANK YOU to our entertainment team - Mark and Molly Burke, Liam Reidy and Josephine Brogan- we are excited about what 2020 will bring to the Center.

THANK YOU to our board: to the members that will be departing our board - Michael Barnacle, Michael Bowler, Peggy Nevin and Rebecca Moran and to those that will remain and continue to support the Center. As we know, it is a labor of love.

THANK YOU to our patrons - we learned a lot this year and hope that we will be given a 2nd chance to wow you more in 2020!

The board would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who supported the Center by attending events, paying membership dues and making donations. Donations big or small -every dollar counts.

I especially would like to take a moment to THANK Joanne Hayes White, who had her retirement party at the UICC. In doing so, the UICC received \$30,000 in donations. We were able to add cameras, begin our IT updating, restore minor issues and create a much needed wish list.

This year, the Center received two checks from the Irish Government, ESP \$12,000 for cultural programming and \$5,000 for IT support. This is the first time the Center received grant money to aid projects in the Center. We are grateful to Robert O'Driscoll, Michael Treacy, Elizabeth Creely and Noleen Pattison for their unwavering encouragement to the Center.

On December 14th, Kathleen Dowling McDonagh and Kevin McDonagh donated over 200 bottles of their delicious olive oil and 100% of the proceeds went to the library. All bottles were sold out in 1 hour and 15 minutes. Her amazing sisters, family, friends and library team sold raffle tickets and duplicate library books. The one day event brought in \$9k to support the library. A huge **THANK YOU** to Kathleen and team!

In addition, a big **THANK YOU** to Valerie, Jennifer and the library team for acquiring a \$10,000 check from the Gellert Foundation to support modernization in the library. AND they raised over \$12k from their raffle to support our new librarian Jennifer Drennan.

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Message continued

The Emerald Society made a donation to support IT as well, to help with our meeting/gathering venue upgrades. We are THANKFUL for their kindness and generosity.

THANK YOU to the clubs, organizations and Irish partners that continue to collaborate with the Irish Center.

“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.” – Ryunosuke Satoro

Kind regards and here's to a happy, healthy and robust 2020!

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

■ JANUARY 9, THURSDAY

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

■ JANUARY 10, FRIDAY

- Eamonn Flynn New CD “Black Coddle” Launch
Doors open 7:00pm and show starts at 8:00pm
Tickets? IrishCenterSF.org or at door

■ JANUARY 11, SATURDAY

- Irish Marvels, Past & Present ~ 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Mary O'Sullivan presents “MISCHIEF and MAYHEM, Leprechaun's and other Mythical Mischief Makers”
3rd floor. Boardroom, All are welcome,
\$5 donation appreciated
Questions? Contact Lisa at Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

- Seisiún at The Center ~ 7:00 - 11:00pm
(20+ Traditional Irish Musicians on Emerald Floor)
Stop in for Guinness, a chat with friends, and support the Center and local musicians
Tickets? IrishCenterSF.org or at door

■ JANUARY 14, TUESDAY

- Irish Night At the Warriors at the new Chase Center in SF. Free Irish Heritage Night T-shirt with tickets.
Tickets? IrishCenterSF.org in advance only

■ JANUARY 16, 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
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■ JANUARY 18, SATURDAY

- Sunset City Zoo #2 ~ 7:00 - 11:30pm
Bands from The Sunset For The Sunset
Music + Art downstairs.
Let the young adults in your life know about this fun night at the Center! Tickets? IrishCenterSF.org or at door

■ JANUARY 23, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm
Main Bar area
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■ JANUARY 24, FRIDAY

- The Paperboys
BC Canadian Grammy award winners
Doors open 7:00pm and show starts at 8:00pm
Tickets? IrishCenterSF.org or at door

■ JANUARY 26, SUNDAY

- Irish Literary & Historical Society St. Francis Room ~ 5pm
Galway University Scholar Chris McCann will discuss *Revealing Social Hierarchy Through Music in Irish Literature*, a project supported by the Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postgraduate Award. This discussion addresses Irish musical-literary responses to the challenges posed by social and spatial hierarchies across the last century. It surveys music as a device in the works of diverse authors, from Joyce and Seán Ó Faoláin to Breandán Ó hEithir and Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, and assesses how music functions between text and community in Ireland and the diaspora. ILHS members are free with guest; others \$5 donation. Tea, coffee and soda bread reception to follow. Visit ILHSsf.org

■ JANUARY 26, SUNDAY

- Supper Club Dinner ~ 6:00pm
For information: IrishCenterSf.org

■ JANUARY 28, TUESDAY

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

■ JANUARY 30, THURSDAY

- Comhaltas Set Dancing Class ~ 7:30pm
Main Bar area
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**DEADLINE for FEBRUARY 2020 BULLETIN
is JANUARY 15**

Questions? Contact: Adrienne Verreos
415/468-4130 or email: falconassoc@earthlink.net

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

UICC DOWLING LIBRARY GENEALOGY CLUB



Under the sponsorship of the Dowling Library, Pati Traktman & Kevin Dineen are organizing a new informal club for people who are interested in family history research. All skill levels are welcome as we share ideas on resources, tips, and commiserate over those stubborn “brick walls”.

Meetings will be every 2nd Saturday of the month from 11:00 -1:00.

Inaugural Meeting will be January 11th in the Members Room at the UICC.



LIBRARY FUNDRAISERS

We are very appreciative of the outpouring of support from the community for our wonderful library during our recent fundraising efforts with the olive oil sale and the raffle.

Not only was the olive oil sale a financial success-with over \$8000 donated but also a lovely afternoon of comradery. Set up looked great thanks to Kathleen McDonough, Angela Tickler (events manager) & Jennifer Drennan (librarian) and music by the Gasmen - enjoyable as always. A huge thanks to Kevin & Kathleen McDonough and the entire McDonough-Dowling family for all their hard work and generosity in making it such a success including donating the olive oil and wine.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE RAFFLE:

Lori White Rolovich - \$1,500

John J. McArdle - \$250

Kevin Costello - \$150

Mary O'Sullivan - \$100

Thank you to our sponsors, Duggan's Serra Mortuary and the Cuchulain foundation and to Valerie McGrew, library committee chair, for organizing the raffle. **Proceeds from the raffle exceeded \$11,000.**



Maureen Hickey and the Hickey family wish to thank everyone who attended Denis' memorial mass and for the outpouring of sympathy, comforting messages, prayers, masses to be said and expressions of love during this difficult time.

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May 28th

September 24th

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Thursday, January 16, 2020

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

Tickets - \$30

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, January 28, 2020

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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