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2020 ST. PATRICK'S APPEAL

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BOARD MESSAGE

"Gathering once again at the Center"

My Dear Irish Community,

We continue to live through a time of great societal uncertainty and who knows what tomorrow may bring. But right now there is a glimmer of hope for members and supporters of the Irish Center, as we slowly reopen after the coronavirus hiatus. Countless hours have been spent by board members and staff collaborating and developing creative ways to reopen the Center. It has taken a tremendous amount of human energy over the last three months to get us here and I am delighted to see the fruits of our efforts come good as we held a "soft opening" for casual dining and drinks over the weekend of June 18th. We are back and gathering once again on 45th Ave.

For 45 years the Irish Center has been a place for people to gather. Gather during a time of loss, gather for a wedding celebration or gathering for a birthday dinner. Down through the years, the S.F. Pipers have gathered for their weekly practice and the Comhaltas have gathered for their dancing. The Irish language students gathered so they could stay connected to their Irish roots. Researchers, historians and those curious would gather in our library and find the information they were looking for and more. Organizations like the IIPC held their masses and luncheons for the ARC, while the AOH, UIS, and ILHS held their meetings planning and discussing the past and the present. If only the walls could talk, we would hear whispers about the ways things were and the struggles that were endured and overcome by the people that gathered at the tables and the bar stools. The walls not only hold the sounds of lilt and laughter but ephemera of days gone by here in San Francisco and Ireland.

Yes, the Center could write its own story, talking about the perils of its people who came over with a bag in hand. We already have the book on the history of the Center published which details the story of how a 20,000 square foot building was erected and the first 25 years of its existence. What could be written about the chapter we are in now?

2020 started out with great hope for our cultural and community center. Since 2019 we had many transitions on the board and people were starting to roll up their sleeves and settle into their roles. In anticipation of a strong March we had a full line up of various activities. Our kitchens were cleaned, organized and sorted so that our new list of caterers could utilize the space. Lights were being put in where there was darkness. At City Hall, the Flag raising occurred on March 6th and the excitement began to build for the Saint Patrick's day festivities. AND then we were told to shut it down and given no timeline for reopening.

Over 90 days the same questions were asked: How long would we be closed? How long would the Center not be able to have people gather? What was next for the Center? How would we get through a pandemic?

Our mission is to bring people together. The current board of directors is tasked with supporting our

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history while thinking outside of the box. Thank God for John Ring and Tom McKeon who created the Saint Patrick's Appeal. Thank you to all those who have given graciously. Thank God for Mark and Molly Burke who were the mastermind of the Wawona Gates outdoor Beer Garden and Irish Shoppe. Our hope is that these enterprises will help to support our operational costs, while planning our cultural comeback.

When I was a little girl, we would spend IO weeks in Ireland on my grandparents farm. My Aunt and Uncle had a bar in Boyle, Roscommon. It was the first place that I had seen Guinness. I remember watching my uncle pour a perfect pint of Guinness, not rushing it and allowing it to settle before served. In that bar and many bars around the country, it acted as a shoppe as well. The Irish Center now has the Shoppe with crisps - three different types of cheese and onion flavored. Do a taste test and let us know what your favorite is. Stop by the Wawona Gates and get a taste of Guinness, raise a glass- Sláinte...Health!.

Please join us for a social distance gathering this summer at the Center, order from the Irish Shoppe, volunteer when you can, and support the Saint Patrick's Appeal. The Center is nothing without its community.

Stay safe

Anne Cassidy Carew, President of the UICC

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Irish Center Shoppe



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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A big thank you to the 2020 scholarship program donors. The tremendous support of both their time and treasure produced the highest number of awards in the 27 year program history. Every dollar helps. 100% of these tax deductible donations were awarded to this year's finalists. Please continue to support us!

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from around the corner from the Wawona Gates!

That first fresh from the tap pint of Guinness tasted almost as good as the fresh pint to be had inside the storied St. James' Gate itself. Here in the library we're continuing to catalogue the collection, plan, and strategize for our turn at re-opening. Look for our OPAC link to go active on the website within the month. You'll be able to see many of the titles we hold, and start planning your reading list for when we may welcome you back.

Did you know?

You may already read our collection of early San Francisco newspapers which are digitized versions of the microfilm records generously donated by Thomas and Regina Wrin. Research your Irish American ancestors that settled in the City, read what was important to the community, enjoy poems, short stories and of course the adverts and editorials. Dates range from 1849 - 1942. Go to our website: https://irishcentersf.org/library/#library-tabs|2. Look for BMI's digital reel. The login information is just below.

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, July II — II:00am – I:00pm Monthly on the second Saturday. Have a chat with a cuppa. Share your research challenges, resources and successes.

Irish Marvels Zoom Meeting

Saturday, July II — 2:30 – 4:30pm Monthly on the second Saturday.

"New DNA Revelation About the Builders of Irish Temple Mounds" Lisa Hilmoe's ZOOM presentation.

If you would like to participate, please email Lisa: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

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

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

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Please continue to make those healthy and safe choices. Wear your masks correctly when out. Stay socially distant. Let's keep that curve flattened and get re-opened all the way!

Slainte! Jennifer Drennan, *Librarian*



Unized Irish Culzural Cenzer, Inc. 2020 Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Finalists

~ High School 1,000 Scholarship ~

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SEAN NOONAN MOYLAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2) Molly Cahalane – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory – University of Connecticut Molly Gorman – Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory – Chico State University

Lynch McGuire Irish American Scholarship Madeline Winter – Carondelet High School – University of Southern California

MARY LOONEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Cormac Lyons – St. Ignatius College Preparatory – Loyola Marymount University

JOSEPH P. DRISCOLL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRACE LUCEY – ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY – GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

KATHLEEN GARGANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRACE MCFADDEN – St. Ignatius College Preparatory – Fordham University

KATHLEEN "KATIE" ENGLER WINTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENYA TELLEZ – BISHOP O'DOWD HIGH SCHOOL – NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Tom & Patricia Hayes Family Scholarship Cole McDonough – St. Ignatius College Preparatory – Arizona State University

SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP HANNAH O'CONNELL – St. Ignatius College Preparatory – Santa Clara University

THOMAS J. & FELIPA CAHILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRACE FRENCH – Amador Valley High School – Montana State University

Lynn & Rodger Burkart Family Scholarship Aisling Cassidy – Terra Linda High School – Boise State University

Martin & Elizabeth Horan Family Scholarship Molly Madden – Terra Linda High School – Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

JOHN PATRICK BROSNAN JR. & DANIEL JEREMIAH BROSNAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ERIN O'MARA – WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL – CHICO STATE UNIVERSITY

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JOHN FRANCIS CORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (2) JIMMY MCKEON – St. Cecilia School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory BROOKE GAVNEY – St. Cecilia School – St. Ignatius College Preparatory

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



Cairde Café has gone virtual via Zoom!

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, we are excited to share this novel way to stay 'connected' until we all can get together again in person.

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m at https://bit.ly/2Z79nEn

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.



BINGO has also gone virtual via Zoom!

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 and enjoy an hour of tunes, ballads and popular music with an Irish feel courtesy of Co Tyrone's own native son, Ben Hunter.

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Send your song requests to Joan@sfiipc.org or call 415.432.2551 by Thursday, July 16



Sunday, July 19

4:00 p.m. PST

Join us at https://linktr.ee/sfiipc or call +1.669.900.6833, webinar id 891 9292 0406





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 \$75,000 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

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Miwadi Orange 1 Litre (33.8fl oz) - 1 bottle	\$5.00		
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O' Donnells Cheese and Onion 50g (1.8oz) - 4 pack	\$8.00		
Tayto Salt & Vinegar 45g (16oz) - 5 pack of 1.6oz	\$10.00		
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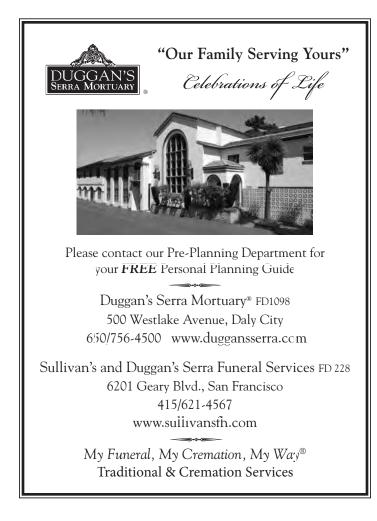
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