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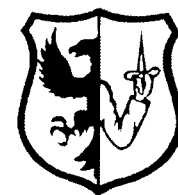
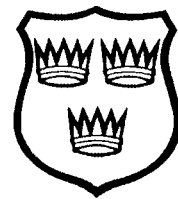
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BOARD MESSAGE

Dear UICC Members,

"Little By Little The Castles Are Built"

The old Irish Proverb "i ndiaidh a chéile a déantar na caisleáin" (little by little the castles are built) is several centuries old and traces its origin to the late 12th century following the Norman invasion of Ireland. The Normans were great castle builders and became as Irish as the Irish themselves such was their assimilation into the local population.

The saying is as true now in the vernacular as it was then—it takes time to build something really strong and long lasting. When I think of the major fiscal transition underway at the Irish Center—going from a members only social club to a fully nonprofit entity—I realize that it's a slow but steady movement forward as we ponder and decide on what goes into the foundations of the Irish Center now, so that it will become a self-sustaining entity for decades to come.

The central principles of a successful enterprise at the corner of 45th Avenue and Wawona are the sustaining members of the UICC and the Irish Community. They are essentially the "keystone" on which all else depends. Without the support of the members and the Irish Community there would be no Irish Center. I personally want to thank the 45 years of board members, volunteers and contributors that laid the groundwork for the Center.

Through the last 45 years, there have been multiple efforts to raise large parcels of money independent of the ordinary day to day operations. The elevator installation back in the late 1980s was the most expensive upgrade the Center has incurred since it opened back in 1975. The downstairs bar was remodeled in the 1980s but that was a cosmetic change within the envelope of the building. In the not too distant future, our roof needs to be replaced and additional upgrades need to be completed. In addition, we would like to add a solar power generating system on the rooftop, potentially shaving \$1,000 off our current monthly utility cost. These major capital improvements are above and beyond our ability right now to fund such upgrades.

And so as a board, we launched the St Patrick's Appeal—the first Board driven fundraiser in three decades—on May 18, with the goal to raise \$90,000 by September 17, 'Halfway to St Patrick's Day.' Past revenue generating operations like the 32/50 club fundraiser and large banquets are no longer options currently available to the Center to pay for the ordinary expenses incurred in operating a 20,000 square foot facility.

The response from our membership and community has been heart warming and overwhelmingly positive. I am very pleased to report that the campaign at the time of writing has surpassed 66% of our goal with \$59,085 pledged by 260 individual contributors. Many thanks to all those who have given to date. If you have not contributed yet, please consider doing so. While much of the fundraising is being driven online—you can participate by filling out the donation page in this month's newsletter and mail in a check.

We look forward to seeing you at the Irish Center soon. Until then continue to wear your mask, maintain your 6 feet social distance and stay safe!

Anne Cassidy-Carew, *President*



ST. PATRICK'S APPEAL

**OUR ST. PATRICK'S APPEAL
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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 under-way.

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

Name _____

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Membership # _____ Email _____

Please make your check payable to: **UICC**

Add Note/Memo: St. Patrick's Appeal

Mail this form with your payment to:

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Donations are Tax Deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please consult your tax advisor.
The United Irish Cultural Center Federal Tax ID # is 26-0610341

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings all,

I'm happy to say that there hasn't been quite so much solitude near, if not actually in, the library during the merry month of May; on the weekends the Center's Irish Shoppe pick up is booming. Thank you to everyone who is making the Shoppe what it is and to all who are supporting it. Meanwhile in the library Seamus is silently supervising my cataloguing progress, which is moving forward, and research requests are being followed up on.

Did you know?

The oldest book currently in the Dowling's Online Catalogue dates from 1842 - Poetical Works of Thomas Moore w/ memoir; published in Philadelphia.

And in connection with our broader community the Zooms are Zooming.

Irish Genealogy Club Zoom Meeting

Saturday, June 13 ~ 11:00am – 1:00pm

Monthly on the second Saturday

The Irish Genealogy Club will have a chat with a cuppa to catch up on their various projects and their plans.

Email Library@irishcentersf.org if you'd like to be on their email list and join the fun.

Irish Marvels Zoom Meeting

Saturday, June 13 ~ 2:30 – 4:30pm

Monthly on the second Saturday

Valerie McGrew will be presenting this month: "Nellie's Story, One Intrepid Woman from West Cork, and her emigration to San Francisco." Email Library@irishcentersf.org if you'd like to be on the Marvels email list and join the fun.

The library **Instagram** account is growing with followers now in Ireland, Sweden and Spain along with friends closer to home. Follow the Library's progress and join in the conversations on social media:

Facebook: [@dowlinglibraryattheuicc](https://www.facebook.com/dowlinglibraryattheuicc)

Instagram: [pjdowlinglibrarysf](https://www.instagram.com/pjdowlinglibrarysf)

YouTube: Librarian P.J. Dowling Library

I know it's been a slog for our entire community, but do keep up the wonderful work of staying healthy and staying safe. We want to see you all again as soon as we safely may.

Sláinte!

Jennifer Drennan, *Librarian*

EVENTS



SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH ~ IRISH GENEALOGY CLUB ~ 11:00 - 1:00 PM

The Zoom meeting of the Irish Genealogy Club will have a chat with a cuppa to catch up on their various projects and their plans. If you are interested in attending please contact library@irishcentersf.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH ~ IRISH MARVELS, PAST & PRESENT ~ 2:30 PM.

The Zoom meeting will be a presentation by Valerie McGrew of "Nellie's Story, One Intrepid Woman from West Cork, and her emigration to San Francisco." As we approach the centennial of the 19th Amendment, the presentation will reflect on how her life represented the attributes of an emancipated woman. If you are interested in attending please contact library@irishcentersf.org

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

Join our new and exciting events!



You, Me & A Cup of Tea

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

Cairde Café has gone virtual via Zoom!



You, Me, and a Cup of Tea

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 register with Joan by **noon on Wednesdays** by calling her at **415.432.2551** or emailing Joan@sfiipc.org

What is Zoom?



In order to access a majority of our online events, you should become familiar with Zoom - a program where you can video chat with others!

Your first step is to download Zoom. If you don't know how to do that, ask a 'tech savvy' family member for help or call Joan at **415.432.2551** and she can guide you through the process.

If you are using your iPhone or iPad, go to Apple App Store and search for Zoom and download.

If you are using an Android (e.g. Samsung, Sony, Motorola), go to Google Play Store and search for Zoom and download.

If you are on your laptop or computer, you do not need to download anything! You will just click on the link(s) for your online Zoom event.

If you want more information about the ARC Program or any of the events above, please contact Joan at 415.432.2551.



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COMING TO THE UICC THIS SUMMER 2020

BEER GARDEN-FOOD-COFFEE

TEA-OUTDOOR IRISH SHOPPE

21
JUNE



FATHER'S DAY

CELEBRATE

At the Irish Center

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

UICC PRESENTS

**4TH OF
JULY**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

ALL WEEKEND

FOOD - DRINK - GAMES

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★



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.

Support YOUR Irish Center NOW!

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

MUSIC HOUR WITH CHRISTY O'CONNELL

Tune in to join the well-known Cork native for an hour of your Irish music favorites.

Accompanied by his amazing daughters, Hannah and Molly, enjoy a selection of Irish songs and music, chosen by you to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or for no reason at all!

Send your song requests to Joan@sfiipc.org or call 415.432.2551 by Thursday, June 18



Sunday, June 21

4:00 p.m. PST

Join us at <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc> or call +1.669.900.6833, webinar id 82523813996



Pastoral Provisions



A pantry to support our Irish community through crisis

**Saturdays and Tuesdays
1612 Noriega Street, San Francisco
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon**

For as long as we have a community in need, we will be collecting food and non-food items for distribution to those who need a helping hand during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Pantry boxes are delivered twice a week with no contact - it is 100% discrete and confidential.

If you or someone you know may need some supplies to get through this period of time, please go to <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc> for registration details.

This program is discrete and confidential. All are welcome.

We encourage anyone who is struggling with food or financial security to please **call Celine at 415.432.2550**.

Food donations can be dropped off at **Whelan's School of Irish Dance, 1612 Noriega Street, San Francisco** on Saturdays and Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m and 12 noon.

If you prefer to drop off gift cards to grocery stores and pharmacies, please do not drop these in the food donation containers.

Gift cards can be left in the mailboxes at either:

1612 Noriega Street, San Francisco, CA 94122 or

5340 Geary Boulevard, Ste 206, San Francisco, CA 94121

Gift cards can be also be mailed to those addresses.

If you have any questions, please call Celine at 415.432.2550 or email pastoralprovisions@sfiipc.org

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Please call Bridget Kelly - Administrator to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy a complimentary lunch.

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