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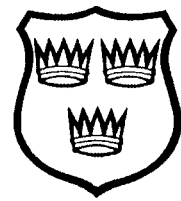
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BOARD MESSAGE

Build it and they will come!



Liam Reidy

PROJECT 2025

We continue to make progress in the planning of our new Irish Cultural Center. In July the architects completed their conceptual drawings for the city planning department and will present those updated plans to interested neighbors and UICC members at a meeting on August 4th. As part of our due diligence, we have engaged the services of a site surveyor, soil engineers, an environmental consultant and a land use attorney for preliminary help and advice.

The UICC Board, led by Mark Burke, is currently undertaking a feasibility study to objectively uncover the strength and weaknesses of our proposed new building, its opportunities and threats, and ultimately the prospects for its success.

We had a very worthwhile tour of the Jewish Community Center and believe this was time well spent in our research. Mark and I, along with members of the rebuilding Committee, visited the Jewish Community Center (JCC) at 3200 California Street last month for a very informative behind-the-scenes tour led by Craig Salgado, Chief Operating Officer, and a 27-year JCC employee. Much of the motivation for our visit was to help us assess the practicality and sustainability of our own new 2025 building since the JCC has all the components of what we plan to incorporate and provide in the new Irish Center (cultural programming, hospitality and office spaces, gym, and aquatics facility). During the tour we got to explore the history of the JCC and learned more about the motivation to rebuild the Jewish Community Center from the ground up between 2001-2004. The "old JCC" building was opened to the public in 1933 and demolished in 2001 to make way for the new building. By the early 1990s, the old JCC building was showing its age, had antiquated building systems, a roof that was constantly leaking, along with declining membership and community interest. The organization fell on hard times, and everybody who had a connection to the place agreed that something should be done.

Does that sound at all familiar? ... We have dealt with these same issues in the very recent past at the Irish Center; hence our motivation to ensure the UICC and its supporters and stakeholders in the community will always have a place to gather together.

Having heard Craig outline the reasons why there is a "new JCC" today, I asked him if there was any truth to the old adage "Build it and they will come." Without hesitation, he responded with just one word: "Absolutely." Prior to the new building being installed, the JCC had several hundred members, and after the new building opened its membership exploded to 8,000.

"Look around," he said, "the place is constantly busy with people coming and going all day long." While the daily number of visitors to the JCC has not yet reached its pre-pandemic levels of an average of 4,000-5,000 people, they are slowly coming back. The sports gym at the JCC is one of its more popular programs. On average 1,800 members use the gym on a regular basis. While on the tour we could see many people arriving to drop off and pick up kids at camps, checking in to use the gym and pool, while support staff was busy in the administration offices, the security desk, and building maintenance. The JCC has a ground-floor restaurant that is leased out to an independent concessionaire.

There is a wonderful aquatics facility at the JCC (currently undergoing a renovation), with a 5-lane lap pool and a kiddie pool. The swim program is very successful and drives a large number of annual family member-

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ship plans and swim lessons. It was certainly an informative visit and I would like to thank Craig Salgado for sharing his time with us. We are certainly more aware of how a facility like this one operates and it will be useful to incorporate all this new information into our own feasibility study.

At our July Board meeting, we passed a resolution "supporting the use of union labor in the construction of the new multi-storied United Irish Cultural Center known as the Irish Center 2025 Project, save where community volunteers or members of the 501c3 Corporation are also able to provide their time and talents to do the development and construction work in support of the Irish Center 2025."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00 pm

Public meeting open to all neighbors and UICC members. The purpose of this meeting is to present the latest conceptual designs for the proposed new Irish Center.

Saturday August 28th, 5:30-7:30 pm

"Project 2025 Building and Capital Campaign Launch Party" where we hope to have San Francisco Mayor London Breed present along with several other prominent local dignitaries. The evening will get underway at 5.30 pm and run until approximately 7.30 pm. Save the date - all are welcome.

AROUND THE CENTER

We had some changes in personnel at the Center recently; after 16 years of wonderful and faithful service we said goodbye to Ligia Torres, our longtime Controller. We wish Ligia the best of luck

in her future endeavors. We have appointed Aileen Duloherly, a native of Mallow, Co. Cork, to help out with event planning and we welcome her on board.

July was another month of bustling activity around the Center. Camp Edmo continues its weekly educational camps with upwards of 50 school kids and camp leaders migrating throughout the building each day. We hosted several parties and memorials during the month, and we have also started to get bookings for weddings.

Wawona Gates had another great month and continues to attract members on Saturdays. We hosted San Francisco GAA on July 17th. Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to be so generous with their time.

We wish our Irish Shoppe keeper and Board member Josephine Brogan a wonderful and well-deserved holiday in Ireland. Just a few days before her departure, we were informed by the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society that Josephine was nominated for the Citizen of the Year award for her work as a board member for the UICC and as the Public Relations Officer for the local Cooley-Keegan branch of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Congratulations, Josephine! Other Emerald Society nominees this year include Officer Andrew Clifford (Officer of the Year), and Sgt. Joe McCloskey (Retired) who is being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Stay safe and healthy if you are traveling or on vacation – or even here at home!

Liam Reidy, *President*

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AUGUST CALENDAR

■ AUGUST 4, WEDNESDAY

- Irish Center Project 2025 Public Meeting
7:00pm ~ St. Patrick's Room

■ AUGUST 7, SATURDAY

- Wawona Gates ~ 1:00-8:00pm
- 4-6pm ~ MUSIC TBD

■ AUGUST 14, SATURDAY

- Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm
See information on Patrick J. Dowling Library page
- Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm
See information on Patrick J. Dowling Library page
- Wawona Gates ~ 1:00-8:00pm
- Boys of Malin ~ 4:00-6:00pm

■ AUGUST 21, SATURDAY

- Wawona Gates ~ 1:00-8:00pm
- Anthony Presti ~ 4:00-6:00pm

■ AUGUST 26, THURSDAY

- Biscuits & Books ~ 4:00-5:00pm
Live Zoom chat with Anne & Jennifer
See information on Patrick J. Dowling Library page

■ AUGUST 28, SATURDAY

- Mad Hatter Tea Party ~ 1:00-3:00pm
- Wawona Gates ~ 1:00-8:00pm
- The Gas Men ~ 4:00-6:00pm
- Project 2025 Launch Event ~ 5:30-7:30pm
Mayor London Breed visits the UICC
All are Welcome!

ULSTER SOCIAL CLUB GET TOGETHER DINNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 — 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 4, 2021

Happy Labor Day! - Closed

Sunday September 12, 2021

San Patricio Battalion Event

Saturday September 18, 2021

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day

Saturday-Sunday September 18-19, 2021

Save the Earth Irish Dance Feis (Dillon School)

Friday October 8, 2021

JigJam ~ Live in Concert

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from the heart of the midlands in Ireland.*

Saturday October 9, 2021

Connaught Club Dinner

Saturday October 16, 2021

Octoberfest

Saturday October 23, 2021

Emerald Society Annual Dinner

Saturday November 13, 2021

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones

Sunday November 14, 2021

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones,
Unplugged

Saturday December 4 & 18, 2021

The Great Irish & American Sing-Along

Saturday December 11, 2021

Rebel Cork Club Dinner

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Saturday February 5, 2022

Phil Coulter in Concert

Friday March 11, 2022

Eileen Ivers in Concert

PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library of Welcomes!

Our Welcome, Fáilte mat remains out! While the librarian's away, volunteers are coming in to play. Several new titles have been added to our shelves and to the Book Sale cart. When our doors are open, come in to say hello and see them all. The library's current capacity is two [2] guests at a time, for an hour, to read, research and relax.

Reading room times are Thursdays and Saturdays, 2:00 - 3:00pm or 3:15 - 4:15pm ; volunteers' schedules permitting:

- Make an appointment through Facebook or Email your appointment request to library@irishcentersf.org.
- Coming in: Are you double vaccinated? Or, have a negative covid test result within the last 3 days?

Bring your docs and welcome!

Irish Genealogy Club - Celebrating its 1st year - Zoom Meeting

Saturday, August 14 — 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

SA Social Meeting, focusing on names. How was your name selected? Unusual first names in your tree? Most popular name in your tree? The number of Marys or Johns? Are any of your kids named after relatives and why? If, and how and/or why, you or your family's last name changed over time?

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

Irish Marvels Past & Present Zoom

Saturday, August 14 — 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Lisa Hilmoe presents "Lughnasa, The ancient Celtic Harvest Festival"

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

Biscuits & Books - Live Zoom Chat with Anne & Jennifer

Thursday, August 26 — 4:00 - 5:00 pm Pacific time.

Our next episode of Biscuits & Books. Grab a cuppa and join in while we explore the Library's Book Sale antiquarian and rare book opportunities. See a title you're interested in?

Please reach out: library@irishcentersf.org.

Mad Hatter Tea Party Returns!

Saturday, August 28 — 1:00 - 3:00 pm

The Ninth annual! Thank you to our Anne Cassidy Carew and her volunteers for reviving this favourite event. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, link also on our Facebook page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-uicc-patrick-j-dowling-library-mad-hatter-tea-party-tickets-160831592623?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>

Want to join in on the Zoom fun? Fáilte! Welcome!

Pre-register from anywhere the links are published. Having troubles day of? Email library@irishcentersf.org.

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

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You Tube: Librarian P.J. Dowling Library

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Keep well. Sláinte!

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th, 2021 1PM-3PM

Tickets go on sale July 28th

\$30 for Adults/\$15 for Children 12 and under

Guests must be either vaccinated
or receive a negative covid test within 72 hours.

WELCOME TO AILEEN DULOHERY!

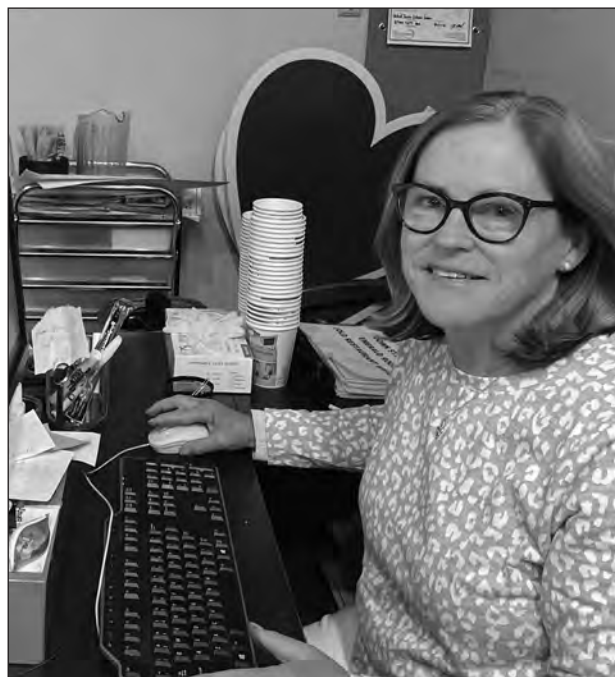
The UICC Board would like to welcome Aileen Duloherly who joined the UICC team in July as an Event Planning Manager.

In 2015, Aileen decided to take a leap of faith and moved from Mal-low, Co. Cork to San Francisco and has not looked back since. Aileen graduated from Dublin City University with a BA in Communication Studies, and her passions include working with people and creating memorable experiences for her guests. She has been a resident of the Sunset District for the last 3 years and believes it is of the utmost importance to further build and maintain our Irish community in SF. Having worked as an events coordinator in Cork, Aileen is delighted to now be working with the United Irish Cultural Center as the events manager and is looking forward to excelling in this position.



Happy Birthday to Davey Kenneally, who turned 90 years young on July 17th, 2021. Davey is a founding member of the UICC and worked on the construction of the UICC in the early 1970s.

Many thanks to Peggy Nevin, who has been volunteering at the UICC over the last few months helping with back-office administration, and also getting us ready for the Project 2025 capital campaign. If you or any you know would like to volunteer please get in touch by emailing Peggy at: pnevin@irishcentersf.org



KENNELLY MEMORIAL FEIS PHOTO GALLERY

The Center hosted the annual Kennelly Memorial Feis on June 27th and we are delighted to share some more photos from the very successful event here this month. It's hard to believe that we had to wait two decades since the last Irish Dance Feis was held at the Center.

The next Feis at the Center will be held on Friday, September 18th and Saturday 19th, entitled "Save the Earth Feis" Thank you to Anne Cassidy Carew who provided the photos.



*Mary Kate Flynn and Claire Donohue
Boyle Irish Dance Academy*



*Former President of the ICCC
Theresa Flynn Houghton
and daughter Anneka Houghton*



*Sinead Barry and Shauna Barry
arriving with their goods*



*Robyn and Caitlin McGovern
Murphy Irish Dancers School*



*Maria Zybina and Brigid Beckham
The Greene Academy of Irish Dance*



*Gemma Oh, Audrey Oh, Olive Blake, Guinevere Steeley, Gwendolyn Staublin
McBride School of Irish Dancing*



*McKenna Brown, Juna Anderson and Finola Anderson
McKeever School of Irish Dance*



*Aevlyn Toscano, Arianne Fitzgibbon, Christina Burnello and Clare Myles
Kennelly School of Irish Dance*



*Fintan Reidy, Greyson Taylor, Aidan Pecko, Shane Pecks, Seamus Stannard
with Michael Dillon*



*Teacher Lisa Brosnan, Tegan Gill
and Gwendolyn Caldwell
Brosnan School of Irish Dance*



*Patti Ann Healy, Daughter/teacher Alisa Belew
and granddaughter*



Roisin Reidy and her blue bow



Tanner Manning and his medals



Hannah and Kiera McKeown - McGrath Dance School



*Teachers/sisters Sharon Whelan MacSweeney and Sheila Whelan-Gallagher
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O'Leary and Mary Keaveney — Whelan Academy of Irish Dance*



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WAWONA GATES PHOTO GALLERY

Thomas “Mossy” Power made his debut musical appearance at Wawona Gates on Saturday, July 24th, in front of a large and appreciative crowd. Thomas’ grandmother Teresa Hallinan, a long-time Irish Center member and supporter came out for the first time in over a year to see him play. It turned out to be a great day all around for Waterford natives, as their Senior intercounty hurling team defeated Galway in the All-Ireland hurling qualifiers earlier in the day at home in Ireland.



Abbie and Con Lucey volunteered at the Food Stand.



Steve Goulding and Kevin Roche



Emerald Society Citizen of Year Award recipient, Josephine Brogan.



Teresa Hallinan, with Robert and Mary Power



Father and son, Peter Quirke



Nancy Callaghan and Marina Roche.



Cheryl and Pat Lane



Teresa Hallinan and Thomas Power

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