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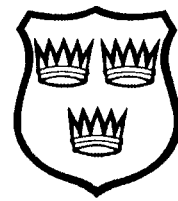
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## BOARD MESSAGE

### Connecting the Dots.....



*Liam Reidy*

In 2005 Steve Jobs gave the commencement address at Stanford University. During his oration he outlined several stories from his life – one of those stories was entitled “Connecting the Dots.”

The story was a retrospective of his early life, from his fortuitous adoption by a family that never expected the call from the adoption agency when it came, to his truncated college career and his early days developing personal computers at Apple.

The first family that was offered Steve as a newborn passed him up, as they decided at the last minute they really wanted a girl. His parents, who were next on the list, were more than happy to embrace him and make him part of their fledgling family.

Jobs goes on to tell the story about his short college tenure at Reed College – an expensive private school in Portland, Oregon. Steve dropped out of the school after six months, as he couldn’t see the value in taking the required classes that didn’t interest him. He felt that it was a waste of his working-class parents’ hard earned money and as he had no idea of what he wanted to do with his life, he felt college was not going to help him figure it out.

He stayed around the campus for the next 18 months, sleeping in friends’ dorm rooms and sitting in on classes that were far more interesting – such as calligraphy, for which the college was well known. He immersed himself in calligraphy and learned what made great typography (the style and appearance of printed matter), great! At the time of his self-directed study, Jobs felt that what he was learning couldn’t possibly have any real practical application for life.

He didn’t know it at the time, but these classes were instrumental and useful to him when he along with Steve Wozniak, developed the first Macintosh computer a decade later. The typography and fonts directly programmed for the early Mac gave the user the opportunity to write and print beautifully. (“Woz” and Jobs also developed laser printing for computers at Apple.) Jobs recalled that if he hadn’t had dropped in on the calligraphy class, the Mac would not have the beautiful fonts and spacing that was the precedent for all computers today.

Jobs told the student audience gathered at the Cardinal Stadium that it was impossible to connect the dots looking forward while he was in college, but that it was very clear looking backwards ten years later as the Mac was being developed.

You cannot connect the dots looking forward, you can only connect them looking backwards.

Jobs went on to say, “. . . so you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future, you have to trust in something, life, karma or whatever – because believing the dots will connect down the road will give you the confidence to follow your heart even when it leads you off the well-worn path, and that will make all the difference.”

How does all this relate and compare to the redevelopment of the new Irish Center? Put simply – it’s impossible to see how all the dots are going to connect for the Irish American community right now, looking into the future, but it will be very clear a few years down the road to see how all the dots connected to deliver a new and beautiful home for us in the Outer Sunset. **Won’t you help us connect the dots?**

### Project 2025 Updates

We continue to hold ongoing weekly meetings with the 2025 building sub-committees and we have

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(President's Message continued)

wonderful broad participation from all sections of the community. In conjunction with our design build experts they are now taking on the task of filling all the space within the new building.

Our recent focus has been spent developing expansive spaces for cultural programming, performance art, kids' and senior programs in our future home.

Much of our recent explorations, discovery work and research revolves around how we envision the role of technology in the museum, library and in the public spaces throughout the building.

Digital museum installations using virtual reality, 3D, and immersive experiences (think the Van Gogh experience currently on display here in San Francisco) are some of the exciting plans and ideas being explored presently by the building group. One recent Zoom meeting was with a company called Local Projects, who designed the 9/11 Memorial Museum in New York City. Check the company out online at [www.localprojects.com](http://www.localprojects.com). It was fascinating to see all the various bespoke projects the company has developed worldwide, and we look forward to the day when we can digitally display our own story of the "Irish in the West" in the new museum.

It is truly fascinating to think how our own "hidden stories" can be brought to light in such new innovative ways and to remind ourselves and educate others about the role the Irish played in the cultural development of the Western United States.

#### Around the Center

The St. Patrick's room was transformed into a German "Bierhaus" on October 16th for the third annual Oktoberfest, with German food, games, dancing, and music by the Internationals.

Many thanks to all our event sponsors. The Emerald Society attracted a large turnout for their annual dinner on October 23rd. Well done to John Hallisy and his organizing team. Congratulations to Andrew Clifford (Officer of the Year), Joseph McCloskey (Lifetime Achievement Award), and Josephine Brogan (Citizen of the Year). Wawona Gates closed for the winter season on Saturday, October 30th and we hope to bring it back in the Springtime again. It has been truly a lifesaver for the members during the pandemic, as we hosted many events to entertain our members in what was once our back parking lot.

#### Save the Date

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones return to the Center this month. On Saturday November 13th, the band will play the St. Patrick's room and on Sunday afternoon November 14th, there is a special, more intimate concert in the Emerald Bar. An Irish Christmas Show (As seen on PBS!) returns to the Center on Saturday, December 4th for a 2pm Matinee Show. Always a great show for families and kids in the run up to Christmas. The Young Dubliners play Saturday, December 4th indoors starting at 7pm. Looking forward to January 2022, the "Keepers of the Steps" Irish Dance Exhibition opens on Thursday January 13th and runs through January 31st. Tickets for all events are available online at [www.IrishCenterSF.org](http://www.IrishCenterSF.org)

Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends, supporters, and members. Stay safe!

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

### ■ NOVEMBER 13, SATURDAY

- **Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm**  
"The hive mind works" Focusing on members' roadblocks. Please submit your "brick walls and challenges" to Pati a week or two before the meeting. Questions will be shared in advance with answers/suggestions given during the meeting. Irish Genealogy Club contacts: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Kevin Dineen, dineen5@att.net
- **Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm**  
"Celebrating our Ancestors; Sharing Our Stories of an Important Ancestor". Each member will have an opportunity to share for 5-10 minutes  
Contact: Lisa Hilmoe, hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com
- **Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tone**  
St. Patrick's Room - Tickets at [www.IrishCenterSF.org](http://www.IrishCenterSF.org)

### ■ NOVEMBER 14, SUNDAY

- **Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tone, Unplugged**  
Emerald Bar - Tickets at [www.IrishCenterSF.org](http://www.IrishCenterSF.org)

### ■ NOVEMBER 18, THURSDAY

- **Biscuits & Books ~ 4:00-5:00pm**  
Time to grab a cuppa and join in on Zoom to chat about the Library's Book Sale opportunities. See a title you're interested in? Let us know!

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*Tickets also available at  
[Library@irishcentersf.org](mailto:Library@irishcentersf.org)*

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday December 4 ~ 2pm Matinee**

**An Irish Christmas Show**

Upstairs in the St. Patricks Room

**The Young Dubliners ~ 7pm**

Downstairs in the Emerald Pub

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**Wednesday December 8 ~ 7pm Tip OFF**

Warriors Irish Heritage Night  
vs Portland — Chase Center

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**Saturday December 11, 2021**

Rebel Cork Club Dinner

• **2022** •

**Thursday January 13 thru the 31st**

Keepers of the Steps

Irish Dancing Exhibition

St. Francis Room

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**Friday-Sunday January 14 - 16**

John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis

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**Saturday February 5, 2022**

Phil Coulter in Concert

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**Sunday February 6, 2022 ~ 8am**

UICC Deceased Members Mass

St. Gabriel's Catholic Church

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**Friday February 25, 2022**

2022 St. Patrick's Grand Marshal Dinner

*Hosted by the United Irish Societies*

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**Friday March 11, 2022**

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# ***PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY***

## ***Greetings from the Library at Samhain***

Time has been flying past and now here we are in autumn reaping the harvest of our outreach and re-opening efforts. Engagement continues to grow on our social media presence. Do please suggest to me a person, place or theme you'd like to see highlighted from our collection!

Dancers and instructors are coming forward with memorabilia and stories for January's "Keepers of the Steps" exhibition. If you have memorabilia you'd like to share/loan/have scanned for the collection, please email Anne Cassidy Carew at [acarew@irishcentersf.org](mailto:acarew@irishcentersf.org). Would you rather share a digital image? Appointments may be made with me in the library to bring your goodies in to be scanned if needed.

## ***Save the Date - Raffle supporting the Library & Leo T. Walsh Scholarship***

Thursday, December 16, 4:00 pm

The drawing for the Raffle supporting the Library & Scholarship fund will be livestreamed on Facebook at the start of the Biscuits & Books live chat. Our deepest thanks in advance to all who choose to support these two vital programs. Look in your mail for raffle tickets coming soon.

Want more tickets? Email the Library or Peggy Nevin, [pnevin@irishcentersf.org](mailto:pnevin@irishcentersf.org), with your request.

## ***Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting***

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"Celebrating our Ancestors; Sharing Our Stories of an Important Ancestor"

Each member will have an opportunity to share for 5-10 minutes

Questions? Contact our Irish Marvels Contact: Lisa Hilmoe, [hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com](mailto:hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

## ***Biscuits & Books - Live Zoom Chat with Anne & Jennifer***

Thursday, November 18 — 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Time to grab a cuppa and join in on Zoom to chat about the Library's Book Sale opportunities.

See a title you're interested in? Let us know!

***Fáilte! Welcome! To attend the Zooms: Pre-register from anywhere the links are published.***

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

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***Keep well. Sláinte!***

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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# Third Annual OKTOBERFEST



The Third Annual Oktoberfest took place in the St. Patrick's room on Oct 16th and we had 400 people in attendance for games, German food and dancing to the outstanding "Internationals". The room was beautifully decorated as a German "Bierhaus" for the occasion. Many thanks to all our sponsors for the evening, and to the organizers Mark and Molly Burke along with Josephine Brogan. All proceeds from the evening go towards expanding our Cultural Programming offerings at the UICC.



*Nicole Ziegler, Finbar Darcy and Sherrie Duffy*



*Julia Sequeira, Stephanie Lee, Patrick Murphy, Ivan Sequeira*



*Sharon Porter, Jeff Porter, Mary Sailes*



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

Our **weekly virtual coffee morning** is on every Tuesday morning! *You, Me, and a Cup of Tea*  
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## TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Get those wits sharpened and join Shannon for our **weekly Trivia Afternoon**  
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## BINGO with Shannon & Friends

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If you would like to join by phone, call Shannon at 415.432.2552 for dial in details.

## ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

### MASS & LUNCHEON

We look forward to welcoming you all to our November Mass and buffet luncheon  
on Thursday, November 11.

We will move indoors to the St. Patrick's Room at the United Irish Cultural Center,  
San Francisco. We will continue to have reduced numbers to ensure guest safety.

We are excited to see you!

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

**12 noon Mass**  
followed by buffet luncheon

**United Irish Cultural Center**  
St. Patrick's Room  
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**Tickets \$30**

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# EMERALD SOCIETY CELEBRATES 2021



*Honorees: Joseph McCloskey, Lifetime Achievement Award, Josephine Brogan, Citizen of the Year and Andrew Clifford, Officer of the Year*

After the postponed 2020 event, the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society (SFBALEES) welcomed 300 people back to the UICC for the organizations Annual Awards dinner on October 23. The evening was hosted by Ed Carew and Joan Cronin. Congratulations to Joseph McCloskey (Lifetime Achievement), Officer Andrew Clifford (Officer of the Year) and our own Board member Josephine Brogan who was awarded the Citizen of the Year award. Well done to all involved for such a great evening and a special word of praise for the Irish Pipers who were in fine tune on the night.



*Eibna O'Rourke and Noreen Corry*



*Mike and Maggie Overbay*



*UICC Past Presidents  
Anne Cassidy Carew and Tim Murphy*



*Paddy Brogan, Joe Uniacke, and John O'Rourke*



*Kathleen and Will Kruss*



*Eileen Collins, Nora Mullane, and Maureen Shea*



*Emerald Society President John Hallisy with most recent  
Past President Brian Burke*



*Danny and Melissa Guiney*



*Officer of the Year Andrew Clifford with  
Emerald Society President John Hallisy*

# REBEL CORK DINNER

Saturday Dec 11th, 2021



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**Music by Celtic Scandal**

**Doors 6.30 pm**

**Dinner 7.30pm**

**Tables of 8**

**Deadline November 26th**

**United Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94116**



# DANCE INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH AN IRISH CHRISTMAS!

**Saturday, December 4 at 2:00pm**

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*A Perfect Family Event. AS SEEN ON PBS!*

Starring: World Champion Dancer Tyler Schwartz, The Kerry Dance Troupe,  
The Kerry Voice Squad and The Kerry Traditional Orchestra!

*"... Genuinely astonishing ... electric!"* – The Village News

Take a journey through Christmas in Ireland with superb dancing, singing and Irish traditional music celebrating the international spirit of the holiday season!

An award-winning cast of Irish dancers led by World Champion Tyler Schwartz will take to the stage at the iconic United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco in a 'kick-up your heels' performance of An Irish Christmas on Saturday, December 4 at 2:00 pm.

Joining in the fun will be principal dancer Emily MacConnell (Dance Masters, Rockin' Road to Dublin, Magic of the Dance, Celtic Fyre and Celtic Wings) Colm Alba and the Kerry Dance Troupe, the superb Kerry Voice Squad singing favorite holiday standards (12 Days of Christmas, Carol of the Bells, Silent Night to name a few) and the Kerry Traditional Orchestra led by Jesse Langen.

The traditions woven into the performance: butter-making, chasing the wren on St. Stephen's Day, drawing down the half door for a spectacular dance display are simply awe inspiring! This is Ireland at its best – mesmerizing, riveting, mystical, joyful and modern. "...

The capacity crowd nearly brought the house down at the end of the evening." (The Irish Herald). So put your Irish attitude on, come and enjoy an afternoon of dance, song, music, laughter, and sheer joy that will put you in the holiday spirit. An unforgettable visit to Ireland.

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# Walk in the Great Outdoors

IIPC Wellness Program Meet Up

We are exploring more of Golden Gate Park this November!  
Come join us for another walk! We love seeing you!

Let's take some time to enjoy each other's company, get off the screens and go outside for some fresh air and exercise!

**Wednesday, November 10 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, November 24 at 4:00 p.m.**

To sign up, please call Shannon at 415.432.2552  
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## Derek Warfield & the Young Wolfe Tones



**Live at the Irish Center  
This Month**

**TWO SHOWS**

**SATURDAY Nov 13th**  
**"Concert Seating**  
**in St. Patrick's Room"**

**SUNDAY Nov 14th**  
**"Unplugged**  
**in the Emerald Bar"**

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## MOVING AHEAD:

Peer Support for Parents/Guardians of Children with Learning Differences

**MOVING AHEAD**, our peer support group for parents/guardians of children with learning differences is a great space to connect with other parents.

Our parent leads have a wealth of knowledge, empathy, and their own experiences alongside their children living with learning differences.

Please join us for our next group on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. when we will discuss dyslexia diagnosis and how to access testing for your child.

Together, we can all thrive.

## MOVING AHEAD:

Peer Support for Parents/Guardians of Children with Learning Differences

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.**

Join us at [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc)



## WITH AGE, COMES WISDOM



As life brings changes, having someone who understands from experience can help.

Bring your wisdom to the table and let's support each other.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**11:00 A.M.**

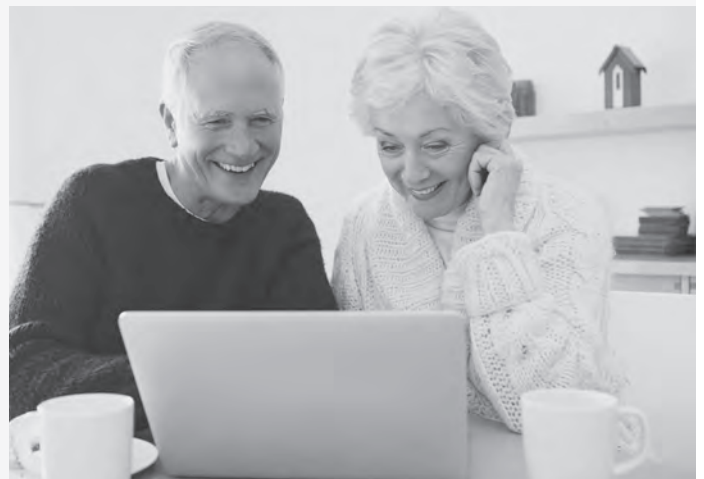
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## MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE (Check One):



Single Membership Renewal (Dues) \$150



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The term for annual dues is 365 days from the date your dues are recorded. Dues are regulated by the UICC Board of Directors.

Name #1:

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