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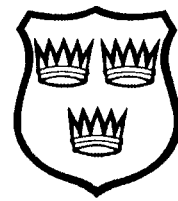
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## BOARD MESSAGE

*"Tús maith leath na hoibre"*

*A good start is half the work*



After an incredibly busy month of August preparing for the launch of the 2025 Project at the Irish Center, I reflected on how far our initial redevelopment concept has come since its inception last spring. Over the past four months, there have been numerous briefings and meetings with the rebuilding group (spearheaded by Redmond Lyons, Leo Cassidy, and Michael Coleman), architects Dane Bunton and Nastaran Mousavi (Studio BANAA), and the community at large to discuss how to deliver the best possible building to the membership and the public.

Seeing the 2025 Project rebuilding package come together so expeditiously and well developed in its approach, I was reminded of my grandfather Micheal O'Connor (RIP), who often used the old proverb "A good start is half the battle."

As the second oldest of eight kids I was often farmed out to my grandparents in nearby Ashford, Co. Limerick to relieve the "pressure" in my own home in Broadford. It was a spartan experience at Nana and Grandad's cottage - they had three milking cows, raised a couple of pigs, a few acres of ground, including a haggard (small house garden), hay barn, and a few out houses for the cattle and sheds for the turf and wood stored for heating. I got a weekly "bath" on top of the kitchen table as a full service bathroom was not yet installed when I first sojourned there.

It was in Ashford I learned how to milk the cows (using a milking machine unless the electricity was out and then you had to do it by hand!), clean out the cow houses, feed the pigs, plant vegetables (turnips, carrots, onions, potatoes and cabbage mostly), cut the hedges and paint the house with "whitewash"!

This was rural Ireland in the early 1980s and coincidentally the same time that the final chapter for many small farmers was being written all over the countryside. Few of them knew that the end of their small enterprises was imminent. All the local co-operatives were being swallowed up by large corporate entities, and the small farming operations were only in the way of the powerful industrial agricultural complex. The days of the small farmer were numbered, but I was fortunate to experience the tail end of "auld Ireland."

I spent the summer holidays with my grandparents, and many a long day was spent in the bog saving turf (peat) in parts of the Mullaghareirk Mountains-not really mountains on the scale of the Sierra or the Himalayas but a range of hills on the borders of County Cork, County Kerry and County Limerick.

Upon arrival at the bog, we would rediscover all the implements hidden out of sight in the furze and heather from an earlier visit close to the area of ground being leased from the Forestry Department for the year. Prior to the start of the workday a survey of the surrounding bog would reveal who was also in the bog harvesting.

Denis Ahern and family from Farrihy, in my home village of Broadford always seemed to be in the bog when we showed up for some reason. Just before we started there would be a word of encouragement from my grandfather to say that if we worked hard in the morning, the afternoon work would be easier. Then he would shout "A good start is half the battle Liam." It was then head down until lunchtime.

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(President's Message continued)

Later on in National School I learned the Irish proverb (seanfhocal) for the term "Tús maith leath na hoibre." My grandfather cut the turf with the sléan (cutting device) and fired it athletically onto the bank without breaking form in one full swinging effort. My job was to "foot" (stack the turf) on end with 5 to 6 pieces each, clustered together.

For some reason, all those memories from my youth came flooding back this month as I reflected on how much the board, building group, Studio BANAA and the Irish American community had achieved in short a short space of time on the 2025 Project.

It has been a solid start to our rebuilding efforts and there is a movement building now in the community that we could deliver this "dream" in only a few short years. Sure there is plenty to do still on the fundraising side of things, but we are now prepared to submit our plans to the City & County of San Francisco Planning Department. We are recruiting and building out our Capital Campaign committee, finalizing our feasibility and sustainability plan, and we are also starting to develop plans for each floor of the building. There are many experts in the community in the specific fields of cultural programming, nonprofit operations, sports gyms, aquatic facilities, building construction and management, catering and hospitality, sound and light, audiovisual, digital technologies, and gallery and museum presentations, that we would love to hear from to help us start to prepare for the new building. All that work starts relatively soon, so please reach out to get involved Email: [campaign@irishcentersf.org](mailto:campaign@irishcentersf.org)

The launch party on Aug 28th was a huge success. All the

floor plans, renderings, drawings, and even a video animation of the new building is now available for review at [www.irishcenter2025.org](http://www.irishcenter2025.org). Many thanks to my fellow Board members, and our selfless volunteers who helped to host a wonderful party to launch the 2025 Project. A special thank you to Jeanne Taggart Boes, GM of the San Francisco Flower Mart who donated all the flower for the occasion.

Thanks also to all the local politicians and dignitaries who came out to support the project, especially the speakers on the night who offered strong support to rebuild the Center: San Francisco Mayor London Breed, former San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, State Assemblyman David Chiu, Consul General of Ireland Robert O'Driscoll, District 4 Supervisor Gordon Mar, and Project Coordinator Redmond Lyons. A special thanks to Suzy Loftus who acted as MC for the evening.

I am delighted to report that the financial commitments and pledged work for the excavation, dig out and shoring for the new building is currently at close to \$11 million (\$10,955,492) which we revealed at the conclusion of the launch Party.

Many thanks to all those who have stepped up to help so far, and we are going to need more support down the road. So if you have Time, Talent or Treasure to contribute please reach out to us.

Go raibh míle agaibh go léir!  
Thank you all very much!

Liam Reidy, *President*  
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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

### ■ SEPTEMBER 4, SATURDAY

- Happy Labor Day! - Closed

### ■ SEPTEMBER 11, SATURDAY

- Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm  
Sharing tips and tricks: 1) Members explore and discuss Facebook Groups 2) Preserving, storing, and backing up Genealogy information to ensure availability for future family generations.  
Contacts: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com and Kevin Dineen, dineen5@att.net
- Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm  
"Highlights of our 2011 Marvels Group Visit to Ireland."  
Photos and discussion presented by Lisa Hilmoe
- On tour from LA "Stepwise" ~ 4:00-6:00pm  
Liam Lewis on guitar, mandolin, and vocals and Olivia Breidenthal, on fiddle and vocals

### ■ SEPTEMBER 12, SUNDAY

- San Patricios' Day@ Wawona Gates  
Celebrate St. Patrick's Battalion ~ 1:00-5:00pm  
Celebrate a key date in Irish-American history with live music, food, and fun!

### ■ SEPTEMBER 18, SATURDAY

- Halfway to St. Patrick's Day!
- Robert Emmet Day event ~ 2:00pm  
UICC - Ruan O'Donnell, author and historian will share his insight on Robert Emmet
- Thomas Power - Wawona Gates ~ 4:00pm

### ■ SEPTEMBER 19, SUNDAY

- Remembrance of Robert Emmet Day  
Golden Gate Park, Band Concourse ~ 12:15pm  
Comments by Professor O'Donnell, music by the SF Golden Gate Band, performances by the SF Irish Pipers and the Pearse & Connolly Fife and Drum Band, Comhaltas & Murphy School of Dance and a recitation of Emmet's famous Speech from the Dock.

### ■ SEPTEMBER 18-19, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

- Save the Earth Irish Dance Feis - Dillon School

### ■ SEPTEMBER 23, THURSDAY

- Biscuits & Books ~ 4:00-5:00pm  
Live Zoom chat with Anne & Jennifer

### ■ SEPTEMBER 25, SATURDAY

- Frank Sinatra Tribute Singer "Old Blue Eyes" ~ 4:00pm  
Wawona Gates "Under the Stars" - Italian Bites & Martinis  
Table Reservations Soon

## SAVE THE DATE

•  
Friday October 8, 2021

JigJam ~ Live in Concert  
*JigJam are a multi-award winning quartet from the heart of the midlands in Ireland.*

•  
Saturday October 10, 2021

~~CANCELLED~~  
Comhaltas Club Dinner

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Saturday October 16, 2021

Octoberfest

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Saturday October 23, 2021

Emerald Society Annual Dinner

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Saturday November 13, 2021

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones

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Sunday November 14, 2021

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones,  
Unplugged

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Saturday December 4 & 18, 2021

The Great Irish & American Sing-Along

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Saturday December 11, 2021

Rebel Cork Club Dinner

• 2022 •

Saturday February 5, 2022

Phil Coulter in Concert

•  
Friday Feb 25th, 2022

2022 St. Patrick's Grand Marshal Dinner  
*Hosted by the United Irish Societies*

•  
Friday March 11, 2022

Eileen Ivers in Concert

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

## ***Greetings from the Library of Bounty!***

We celebrate Lughnasa and the start of the harvest season. It is exciting days here in the library as some grant-related projects wind down, new grants are applied for and volunteers return ever more often to assist in processing and cataloguing our expanding physical and digital collections. Recent donations include a snare drum listing all the postings of the Royal Irish Rangers, and "Six hundred and seventeen Irish Songs and Ballads" published in 1907.

The library's capacity is two [2] guests at a time. Appointments are encouraged on Thursdays and Saturdays. Walk-ins are welcome as appointments allow. Make an appointment through our Facebook page or Email your appointment request to [library@irishcentersf.org](mailto:library@irishcentersf.org).

Coming in: Fully vaccinated. Masks are required for all. Bring your docs and welcome!

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

Saturday, September 11 — 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sharing tips and tricks: 1) Members explore and discuss Facebook Groups

2) Preserving, storing, and backing up Genealogy information to ensure availability for future family generations.

Irish Genealogy Club contacts: Pati Traktman [patitraktman@gmail.com](mailto:patitraktman@gmail.com) & Kevin Dineen, [dineen5@att.net](mailto:dineen5@att.net)

## ***Irish Marvels Past & Present Zoom***

Saturday, September 11 — 2:30 - 4:30 pm

"Highlights of our 2011 Marvels Group Visit to Ireland." Photos and discussion presented by Lisa Hilmoie

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Irish Marvels Contact: Lisa Hilmoie, [hilmoie.gleason@gmail.com](mailto:hilmoie.gleason@gmail.com)

## ***San Patricios' Day at Wawona Gates - Celebrate St. Patrick's Battalion***

Sunday, September 12 — 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Celebrate a key date in Irish-American history with live music, food, and fun!

A little-known chapter in U.S.-Mexican history is that of El Batallón de los San Patricios or "St. Patrick's Battalion."

Presented by the UICC and the SF Irish Mexican Association.

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

Thursday, September 23 — 4:00 - 5:00 pm Pacific time.

Our next episode of Biscuits & Books. Grab a cuppa and join in on Zoom where we explore 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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YouTube: Librarian P.J. Dowling Library

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

Support the Library's modernization, preservation and programming efforts:: <https://irishcentersf.org/donations/>

*Keep well. Sláinte!*

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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**IRISH CENTER  
2025 PROJECT**  
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# **HALFWAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

## **ROBERT EMMET REMEMBRANCE**

Join the United Irish Societies of San Francisco (UIS) in honoring Robert Emmet, Irish Nationalist and Leader of the 1803 Rebellion on the 102nd anniversary of the dedication of his statue in Golden Gate Park on the weekend of September 18-19.

*"Robert Emmet is arguably the most popular and least understood Irish patriot of his generation. Far more significant within the leadership of the revolutionary United Irishmen than generally acknowledged, Emmet's heroic legacy extended to the USA where he has been memorialized to an extent unmatched in his native country."*

—Ruan O'Donnell

**September 18, 2021 2pm**

**United Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Avenue, San Francisco**

Ruan O'Donnell, noted Irish historian and author of "Robert Emmet and the Rising of 1803" will share his unique insights on Robert Emmet and his influence on other political leaders at the United Irish Cultural Center. This will be followed by a meet up at Wawona Gates.

**September 19, 2021 12:15 pm**

**Band Concourse Golden Gate Park**

Join us for a lovely day in the Park in remembrance of Robert Emmet with a laying of the wreath at his statue and brief comments by Professor O'Donnell along with music by the SF Golden Gate Band, performances by the SF Irish Pipers and the Pearse & Connolly Fife and Drum Band, Comhaltas & Murphy School of Dance along with a recitation of Emmet's famous Speech from the Dock.

## **MOVING AHEAD:**

Peer Support for Parents/Guardians of Children with Learning Differences

**MOVING AHEAD** is a monthly peer support group with a focus on how you can change your child's learning outcomes and better navigate the school system.

Our co-leads are parents with a wealth of knowledge and experience of helping their children with learning differences be successful and thrive.

Join us every fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and meet people with your shared experience.

Together, we can all thrive.

## **MOVING AHEAD:**

Peer Support for Parents/Guardians of Children with Learning Differences

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.**

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



UICC PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

## MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

The Patrick J. Dowling Library Mad Hatter Tea Party event on Saturday, August 28th, was filled with sunshine, tasty treats and over 100 guests with assorted hats and fascinators. Guests found themselves down the rabbit hole (under the Wawona Gates) and were surprised with curiouser characters: the Knave and Deuce of Hearts (Jennifer Corey and Michael Dillon of Michael Dillon School of Irish Dancing), the Queen and King of hearts (Josephine Brogan and Joanie O'Leary) and the Mad Hatter (Mo Murphy).

**It was an enchanted afternoon supported  
by many donors, sponsors and worker bees.**

### **Support The Businesses That Supported The UICC.**

Maureen Dowling • Coleen Dowling • Kathleen Dowling McDonough • Patty Dowling  
Cecelia Dowling Marania • Marty Halloran • Peter Naughton-Shamrock Realty  
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Oceana Market in Pacifica • Mazzetti's Bakery • Teac Mor Winery • Barry's Tea  
Treasure Ireland online store-Marie Mallon • Gregorio Martinez Farm-Flowers  
Debra Boland and Rachel Cauteruccio • Tricia Carella • Jennifer Gauthier • Kelly Ongpin  
• Jennifer Drennan • Peggy Flanders • Bea Jimenez • Maureen Kelly-Knights Catering  
Rosanna Hughes • Sally and Jerry Cassidy • Liz DeNatale and Petaluma Creamery  
Shannon Carew and Roisin Cotter • Cecelia Dowling Marania

Our volunteer bartenders - Ed, Mitch and Tom

A big thank you to Esposto's Catering and Staff!



*Mad Hatter - Maureen Murphy*



*Sally and Jerry Cassidy*



*Jo Coffey and Ligia Torres*

*Coleen and Maureen and Cecilia Dowling Marania*

*Anne Carew's Gang*





## Hidden History Exhibits for New Irish Center Library and Museum

Mill Valley resident and historian Patrick Goggins dropped into the UICC last month to chat with President Liam Reidy, Leo Cassidy and Redmond Lyons about the plans for the proposed new Irish Center building. Much of the discussion revolved around the dedicated space for the Library and Museum. Mr. Goggins said that “there was so much hidden local history of National and International importance that it could be exhibited in the new museum space.” Patrick suggested that “informative and educational exhibits could be built around the San Francisco Irish-Mexican Association, The Irish Forum and the history of all the people who built the First Transcontinental Railroad.”



*UICC President Liam Reidy, with Redmond Lyons, Patrick Goggins and Leo Cassidy.*

## ULSTER SOCIAL CLUB

The Ulster Social Club held a dinner at the Irish Center recently. Here are some photos of those who attended.



*Maureen Hickey, Mitzi Samson, Attie Carolan, Belinda Byrne, Bernie and Pete Naughton.*



*Valeria McGrew and Jack O'Keefe*



*Gerry Cassidy, Bob and Alma Duncan and Sally Cassidy.*



*Dan McAuliffe, Gerry Cassidy, and Martin Falvey.*

## San Patricio Battalion Celebration slated for Sept 12th

Cultural Programming Director, Anne Cassidy Carew has organized a wonderful program of events at Wawona Gates for Sunday, September 12th entitled "San Patricios Day". The event is sponsored by the United Irish Cultural Center, the Patrick J Dowling Library, Irish Culture Bay Area and the San Francisco Irish Mexican Association.

The St. Patrick's Battalion was made up of Irish conscripted soldiers who deserted the U.S. army to bravely defend Mexico during the Mexican-American War of 1846-48. This event honors the San Patricios' legacy and celebrates the commonalities and kinship of Mexican and Irish people and cultures, featuring Mexican and Irish traditional music and dance performances. Renowned historian Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz will give a talk on "The San Patricio Battalion, a Lesson in Anti-Colonial Solidarity".

The Consuls General of Ireland and Mexico in San Francisco: Robert O'Driscoll and Remedios Gomez will speak at the event. Opening remarks on the day will come from Patrick Goggins and Catherine John of the San Francisco Irish Mexican Association.

Performers on the day include The Dillon and Boyle school of Irish dancing, traditional Irish music by Darcy Noonan and friends, Grupo Danza Colibrí, and Son de la Bahía (traditional Son jarocho music from Veracruz in the Gulf region of Mexico).

*Free admission and all are welcome.*



### San Patricios, the St. Patrick's Battalion Celebration

**Sunday Sept 12th, 1-5pm, at the UICC**

**Keynote speaker via livestream: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz "The San Patricio Battalion, a Lesson in Anti-Colonial Solidarity"**

Speakers Include:

The Consuls General of Ireland and Mexico in San Francisco:

Robert O'Driscoll and Remedios Gomez.

Patrick Goggins and Catherine John of the

San Francisco Irish Mexican Association

**Music, Dancing & Food**

**All are Welcome**

**Free Admission**

## 2021 All-Ireland Football Final Live at the UICC



**Mayo**

**GAA**  
**FOOTBALL**  
ALL-IRELAND SENIOR  
CHAMPIONSHIP

**Saturday Sept 11th**

**v**



**Tyrone**

**Doors Open at 8.30 am, Game Starts at 9am**

**16 Foot Screen + Irish Breakfast (Pre-Order Online at [IrishCenterSF.org](http://IrishCenterSF.org))**



# 2025 PROJECT AT IRISH CENTER GETS GREEN LIGHT

The \$60 million redevelopment of the United Irish Cultural Center is on track to move into the next stage of the redevelopment process. The UICC Board has met their initial target of \$5 million raised in financial and pledged work towards the cost of the new building, and will soon formally submit the new building plans to the City & County of San Francisco Planning Department. Board President Liam Reidy said "It is great to see the community rally around the redevelopment project and surpass the first fundraising goal of \$5 million that we set ourselves back in May. In fact we have raised \$10,955,492 towards the cost of the new building to date. Many of the pledges and financial commitments have come voluntarily from the Irish American community. For that I am truly thankful." Reidy continued to say "A special thank you to District 4 Supervisor Gordon Mar who has agreed to sponsor the Special Use District legislation of the current plans when the time comes at the Board of Supervisors".

*A capacity crowd attended the 2025 Project launch party at the United Irish Cultural Center on Saturday August 28th. A special thank you to Jeanne Taggart Boes, GM of the San Francisco Flower Mart who donated all the flower for the occasion.*



*Norene Sheehan, Diarmuid Philpott and Kathleen Manning*



*San Francisco Mayor London Breed encourages the audience to rebuild the Irish Center.*



*Patrick Musni, Mark Burke, Dawn Golden-Roth*



*Peggy O'Sullivan, Liam and Stephanie Reidy*



*Former Mayor Willie Brown addresses the audience.*



*Molly Burke, Máire Galvin, Maggie Overbay, Kathleen Kraus, Suzy Loftus and Maureen Aoife Loftus.*



*Mayor London Breed with Joe Cassidy*



*Kathleen McKeon with State Assemblyman David Chiu*



*District 4 Supervisor Gordon Mar*



*~ Photography by Emily Trinh and Kevin Kelleher ~*



*Consul General Robert O'Driscoll, Liam Reidy, and Suzy Loftus.*

# Local Irish Dance Teacher Wins Global Excellence in Teaching Award

*Irish Dancing Magazine Announces 2021 Recipients*

Irish Dancing Magazine, a global print magazine covering the interesting world of Irish Dancing, recently announced the award-winning recipients of the 2021 Irish Dancing Teacher Awards. The international award recognizes excellence in teaching by honoring extraordinary dance teachers.

"We are thrilled that San Francisco teacher, **Michael Dillon, a native of Co. Clare**, is one of only 23 teachers in the world receiving the 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award. **Michael**, is beloved by his students and parents alike and is an engaging, caring, and inspirational dance teacher," shared Denise Keane, Publisher of Irish Dancing Magazine.

"After an extensive review of hundreds of nominations, Irish Dancing Magazine narrowed the field to an impressive list which includes 17 individuals and three two-person teaching teams. The award-winning teachers are from Australia, Canada, Ireland, Romania, the UK and the United States.

"**The Positives of Irish Dance** Navigating the ever-changing pandemic, many parents are searching for activities that will help their children build lifelong skills along with making new friends outside of their normal academic community. Irish Dancing fits these criteria and provides numerous benefits.

"There are noticeable benefits of dance, which is a fun source of exercise, but beyond that we have seen many involved in Irish Dancing grow to be confident, smart, young adults who carry the lessons learned and friendships made through dancing with them throughout their lives," explained Keane. According to the non-profit organization Advancing Dance Education in the Arts, dance helps children mature physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively.

During the pandemic Irish Dance exploded on social platforms such as TikTok and Instagram with hundreds of millions of views of Irish Dancing videos. "All this attention has created huge demand for classes," explains Keane, who created the Global Excellence in Teaching Award to recognize the extraordinary efforts of a select group of international teachers.

Founded in 1997 in Ireland, The Michael Dillon school with classes in San Francisco and Walnut Creek teaches children ages 3 through adult. The school is now enrolling students for autumn 2021 classes.

*"Learn the joy of dance with your local recipient of the 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award. As we say at Irish Dancing Magazine, 'If you try it, you'll probably love it,'" said Keane.*



*Global Excellence in Teaching Award Winner Michael Dillon with Bernadette Dineen and Elizabeth Dineen.*



## RECENT GEOTECHNICAL AND DRILLING WORK AT THE UICC

H Allen Gruen Geotechnical was on site last month drilling down below the back parking to recover sediment cores as part of the pre-construction planning process for the new building.

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.”



*H Allen Gruen and Associates with Joe, Leo and Kevin Cassidy at the Irish Center on August 11th.*

## HELP SAVE THE PLANET FEIS - SEPT 17TH AND 18TH

On Friday September 17th and Saturday September 18th, the Michael Dillon School of Irish dancing in conjunction with the United Irish Cultural Center will host the very unique and innovative “Help Save the Planet Feis”.

As the title implies, the main theme of this Irish dance competition is to bring to light the devastating impact global warming has on our planet, and to take initial steps as a community to help combat it.

The committee has bravely decided there will be no wigs, hairspray, hair pieces, crystal-laden dresses, tanning lotion or decorative white tape permitted. Michael Dillon “hopes that the competitors will enjoy opting for a more simplified and environmentally friendly look and by doing help eliminate the use of items made of non-recyclable materials or chemicals that often cause damage to our planet. He feels the dancing is strong enough to speak for itself.”

The committee is going to great lengths to make the feis as carbon neutral as possible by doing such things as planting trees to counteract the carbon footprints of the adjudicators and musicians’ flights. The school is enjoying sourcing unique sustainable awards, cardboard numbers that can be planted to grow mint or wildflowers and many other fun innovations.. Michael has asked that you bring your clean old socks to the feis for donation where they will find new lives recycled into items such as dog beds!

Come join us at the United Irish Cultural Center on September 17th/18th and help make a positive impact on our journey to counteract global warming. Don’t forget to bring your own sippy cup or refillable bottle however.

**Help Save the Planet Feis**  
hosted by the Michael Dillon School of Irish Dancing

**“The Greatest Threat to our Planet is the belief that someone else will save it”**

Michael Dillon School

**UICC Sept 17th and 18th, 2021**

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER



# ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



A Community Outreach Service of the  
Irish Immigration Pastoral Center  
of San Francisco supported,  
in part, by the Emigrant Support  
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Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

## You, Me & A Cup of Tea

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

Our **weekly virtual coffee morning** starts back on September 7!

Grab a cuppa and join Joan for a catch up after the summer break!



*You, Me, and a Cup of Tea*

## TRIVIA AFTERNOON

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

Get those wits sharpened and join Joan for our **weekly Trivia Afternoon**  
on Wednesday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m.



## BINGO with Janette & Friends

Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Janette & Friends will be back with **BINGO** on September 9!

Please contact Joan by **noon on Wednesday** by calling her at 415.432.2551 or  
emailing Joan@sfiipc.org to get your bingo cards. You can now also play online!



To join any of our virtual events, to go <https://linktr.ee/sfiipc> at the event time  
and click on the link.

If you would like to join by phone, call Joan at 415.432.2551 for dial in details.

# Escape to the Great Outdoors

IIPC Wellness Program Meet Up

We had such a lovely time on Ocean Beach last month, that we are  
going to head back there again in September!

Let's take some time to enjoy the incredible place in which we live, get  
off the screens, and go outside for some fresh air!

**Wednesday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m.**

To sign up, please call Shannon at 415.432.2552  
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**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

**Wawona Gates, United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue**

**12 noon Mass** celebrated by Fr. Brendan McBride followed by luncheon

We are delighted to invite you all to join us on Tuesday, September 14 for 12 noon Mass and a boxed luncheon at Wawona Gates, the United Irish Cultural Center's outdoor space on Wawona Street at 45th Avenue in San Francisco.

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