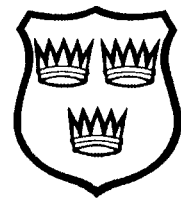




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BOARD MESSAGE

ROBUST PERFORMANCE IN 2022 AUGURS WELL FOR 2023



Liam Reidy

Having finally wrangled loose of the stop-start nature of the post pandemic reopening in April - the Center has been fully open and at full capacity for the past eight months. I am happy to report that we had another strong year of activity and delighted to see that our cultural programming offerings were enhanced as well. Several highlights come to mind as we look back on 2022. The kids music program commenced in January and continued into the second half of the year. We hosted "The Keepers of the Steps" history of Irish Dance exhibit, and the Annie Holland photographic exhibition. A spectacular St. Patrick's day season of festivities raised our spirits. A well attended summer music fleadh -Rock the Gates; and performances by a variety of acclaimed Irish and Irish American artists including Eileen Ivers, Gregory Harrington, Ardal O'Hanlon, and Derek Warfield entertained our members and visitors from the community. Well done to all those who helped make it a strong year of recovery in our arts and culture department.

The end of this month marks the four year anniversary of the closure of the Center at the end of December 2018. At the time the Irish American community was still reeling from the announcement the previous October that the facility was closing. Heading towards insolvency the board had the most difficult task of shutting down UICC operations. Declining restaurant, bar and banquet activity forced the closure without much fanfare, despite last minute widespread opposition.

Truth be told - we were all shocked and hugely disappointed at the time. I still miss the restaurant - the availability of potato leek soup with corned beef and cabbage in any month of the year that was not March is hard to come by anymore!. The once great meeting, celebrating and eating place for the Irish had fallen on hard times. Like all commercial enterprises - if you don't have enough regular customers providing support to your business -you will fail no matter what you do, even if you try to cut back on expenses.

Much of the recent great work in the turnaround story at the Center has been driven by new board members who joined the board in the spring of 2019. Driven by a decades old connection to the center many of the new faces on the board grew up at the Center. Losing the restaurant was a blow to the community especially to the generation that built the Center. These new board members knew what it meant to their families in the Sunset. There was little other motivation needed to help right the ship.

Now as we enter 2023 and five years on since the Center temporarily closed - we are in a much better financial position to meet any future economic headwinds and building towards the 2025 Project. Over the last few years we have developed and installed a financial framework that will serve the Center well into the future as we build out a self sustaining Center. While the restaurant remains shuttered, almost all other aspects of the Center are back and open to the community.

There are transitions occurring this month at Board level. We are thankful for all those who have served in various capacities during their term and also glad to have other people ready to step up to serve on the board. Come to the UICC Christmas social on Wednesday December 14th to see a review of 2022, and to thank the board members stepping down and those coming on board. Refreshments will be served. Festivities start at 7pm, and the social will be followed by a wonderful Talk by Gregory Crouch on John Mackay, a miner that struck it rich in the Comstock Lode, Nevada in the latter half of the 19th century.

(President's Message continued on page 2)



EMERALD SOCIETY 23RD ANNUAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Rachel Moran, Officer of the Year, Paul O'Driscoll, Citizen of the Year, and SFBALEES Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Nick Shihadeh who were all announced at the annual Emerald Society Dinner at the Center on October 29th, 2022.



*UICC President Liam Reidy
with SFPD Chief William Scott.*

EMERALD SOCIETY 2022 AWARD WINNERS Rachel Moran, Paul O'Driscoll and Nick Shihadeh.



SFBALEES PRESIDENTS

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Past President Joe McFadden,
Patrick Burke,
John Hallisy (current President), Brian
Burke, and Ed Carew.



SFPD Officers Tommy Guerrero, Jim Horan, Sean Perdomo and Mike Moran.



SFPD Chief William Scott with Kathleen Manning.

RECORD CROWD ATTENDS 2022 EMERALD SOCIETY DINNER



Geraldine Burke and Joe Garrity.



John Hallisy and Jerry Darcy.



Joan Cronin and Thomas Redmond.



*SFPD Officers Kevin Lynch
and Zach McAuliffe.*



Shannon McAuliffe and Michaela Viehweg.



*SFPD Officers Christopher Viehweg and
Dominic Coyne.*

LOCAL YMI CHAPTER PROVIDE FIRST DONATION FOR THE ANNUAL APPEAL 2022



Liam Reidy, UICC President accepts the first donation for the 2022 UICC Annual Appeal from the Bob Fiorito, President of the Young Mens Institute, St. John Bosco Chapter #613, at a recent YMI monthly meeting at St. Cecilia's church in the Parkside.

The 2022 Annual Appeal is now underway and donation forms are making their way to each UICC member household.

Please support this years effort which is designated to expanding our Cultural Programming.

Left to right:

*YMI President Bob Fiorito, Fr. Joe Landi, Liam Reidy,
Mike Amato, Mike Baglin and Dominic Painia.*



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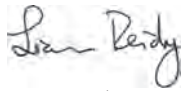


2022 UICC MEMBERS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Please join us for the UICC Members Christmas Social on Wednesday December 14th at 7pm in the St. Francis room. We will review a successful year of activity at the Center, introduce the newest members of the Irish Center board for 2023, and get an opportunity to thank those who are stepping away from the board.

We will also have a special talk presented by Gregory Crouch on John Mackay who made a fortune in the mining industry in the late 19th Century in the Comstock Lode in Nevada.

All UICC members are invited to attend.



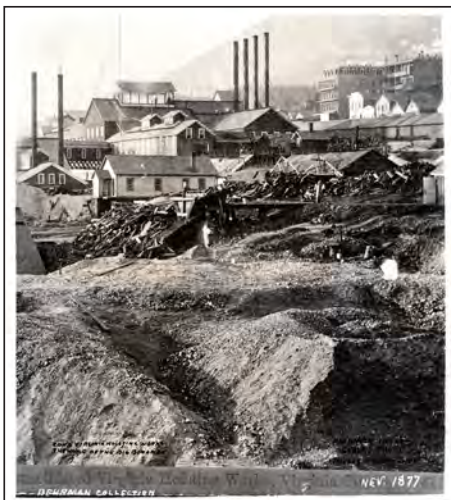
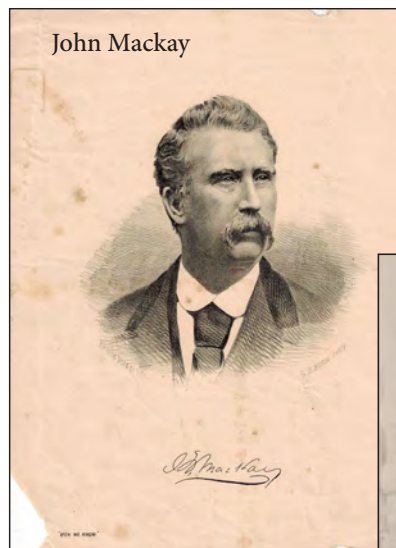
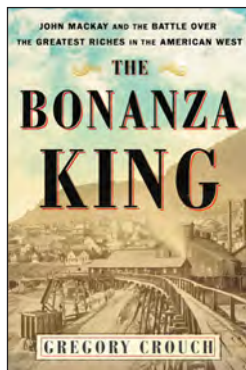
Liam Reidy, *President*

The Bonanza King author Gregory Crouch will discuss local mining legend John Mackay, who got his start in the United States as a destitute Irish immigrant brought to New York City in 1840, when he was 9 years old. Mackay grew up in the notorious Five Points slum ("The Gangs of New York" neighborhood), came of age amid the violent mayhem of the California Gold Rush, and rose to the full power of his manhood in the deep, rich, and outrageously dangerous mines of the Comstock Lode beneath Virginia City, Nevada, the ultimate Old West boomtown.



On the Comstock, Mackay worked his way up from nothing, battling the pernicious "Bank Ring" of California capitalists who'd monopolized the lode, and struck the legendary Big Bonanza, a stupendously valuable body of gold and silver ore buried 1,500 feet below the center of town.

The extraordinary wealth Mackay extracted from the Comstock Lode drove wild stock market frenzies in San Francisco and launched his wife, whose beginnings were every bit as humble as his own, on a meteoric social career among the finest European aristocrats. When John Mackay died in 1902 he was the fifth richest American, and front page obituaries all over Europe and the United States hailed him as one of the most admired Americans of the age.



DEREK WARFIELD AND THE YOUNG WOLFE TONES

DELIGHT AUDIENCES

Large crowds gathered at the Center on November 12th and 13th for the visit of living musical legend and balladeer Derek Warfield and his Young Wolfe Tones band. Two performances of wonderful night of music, song and dance enthralled those who attended, and many were out of their seats dancing to the well known Irish ballads. Derek and his band kicked off their 2022 fall tour at the Irish Rose Saloon in Honolulu, Hawaii on October 27th and the tour ends on January 1st, 2023 in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Below are some photos of those who attended the Center shows.



Thomas Power and Aidan Lynch.



Finn, Mike and Dan Cotter.



Monica Murphy and Máire Galvin.



Kevin Buckley and Maeve O'Reilly.



Marty and Kathleen McKeon.



Cathy Mibach and Connie Lynch Sorensen.



Maureen Cavan and Rose O'Connor.



Mary and John McAteer.



Thomas Power and Derek Warfield.

DEREK WARFIELD AND THE YOUNG WOLFE TONES PHOTO GALLERY



Mary Power, Andreas Durkin and Brian Lynch.



Happy Kramer and Gracie McCreedy.



Deb Kleinfeld and Carol Maloney.



Paula Shanley and Shelia Shener.



*Mags Gogarty, Derek Warfield
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KEEPERS OF THE STEPS OIREACHTAS ROADSHOW SUCCESS



The Keepers of the Steps Committee was delighted to bring a special pop-up exhibit celebrating the history of Irish Step Dancing in the San Francisco Bay Area to the Western Regional Oireachtas held Nov 18-20 in downtown San Francisco. Guests from near and far were invited to step back more than 150 years to explore the roots, rhythms, and rituals of one of the most enduring traditions of our rich Irish heritage. The items displayed were curated from the larger collection as was seen at the January 2022 at the Irish center.

Keepers of the Steps is a special collection maintained and organized by United Irish Cultural Center of San Francisco volunteers that celebrates the origins of Irish step dancing in the San Francisco Bay Area dating back to the 1850s and the Gold Rush Era.

Did you know? The San Francisco Bay Area is the birthplace of the Western Region and as such played host to the first Western Regional Oireachtas in 1974 which was organized by the O'Growney Branch of the Gaelic League.



Lily Nielsen, Eva Kelly, Christine Machado TCRG, Caitlin Trusler TCRG, Kaitlin Kelly.

Gretta Sweeney & daughter
Katie Sweeney
from Lyons Academy
(Huntington Beach &
San Pedro, CA).



Ann Baglin,
Jamie O'Keeffe,
Anne Cassidy Carew
and Eileen Mize.



Yvonne Murphy with Bridgette Murphy
dances with Tamora School of Irish Dance.



Madeleine Dimelow from Wick School.



Brittanna and Adelia Roberts
Harp Irish Dance Company, Utah.

Patty Dowling.



Ann Baglin, Kathleen McKeon, Patti Ann Ranum, TCRG,
and Jennifer Drennan.



Patricia Prendergast Martig a TCRG in Pacific Northwest. Hails
from SF and the Kennelly School and also the Marie Walsh School.





Sheila Whelan-Gallagher, Marie Looney Woods, Kathleen Smith, Eileen Mize.



Marie Woods, Tricia Feeney, Mary Jo Murphy Feeney.



*Breda Yeates and her daughter Sinead Yeates
TCRG — Yeates Academy Portland, Oregon.*



*Lauren Edberg of the Rohan-Murphy School
and her grandmother.*



*Aubrey Shelley TCRG from Utah. Trained
by Kathleen Deely.*



*Marie pointing out some interesting facts
to committee member Jamie O'Keefe.*

Thank You to the "Keepers" Committee

Eileen Mize, Chair, Anne Cassidy Carew, Ann Baglin, Noreen Boyle Heavey, TCRG
Jennifer Drennan, Dowling Librarian, Kathleen Martin-McKeon Jamie O'Keefe,

The Fire's Very Scottish Christmas Show

Friday, December 9, 2022

Doors at 7:30 pm/ Show at 8 pm

Enjoy David Brewer's unparalleled mastery of the Great Highland Bagpipe, Rebecca Lomnicky's internationally awarded Scottish fiddling, and Adam Hendey's warm-emotive voice over a lush foundation of guitar and reed organ. Featuring material from their critically acclaimed album, "The Fire's Very Scottish Christmas," the live show experience presents seasonal folk ballads dating back to the 1300s alongside beloved holiday favorites.

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(President's Message continued)

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL — Many charities are busy fundraising at this time of year - The Center is no different as we appeal for philanthropic support to broaden our Irish arts and culture offerings in 2023. Next spring we will host three theatre productions and several new musical acts in the pipeline for the Center. Kids music classes return in January as does the annual summer camp next June. Annual appeal donation forms arrive at UICC member households this month.

LIBRARY AND SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE — Many thanks to all those who have purchased and returned raffle tickets in support of the Patrick J. Dowling Library and Leo T. Walsh Scholarship programs. The lucky winners will be announced on December 8.

KEEPERS OF THE STEPS ROADSHOW — There was great interest in the history of Irish dance traveling exhibit among visiting dancers and teachers at the Western Regional Oireachtas Irish dance championships held downtown at the Hotel Marriott Marquis last month. An invite from the 2023 Phoenix, Az., Oireachtas organizing committee ensures more exposure for the Center next year.

MEMBERSHIP — Our member roll continues to grow. Looking for a Christmas gift idea? Give a UICC membership this year! See ad in this month's bulletin.

BUMPER BULLETIN — This month's bulletin is the largest monthly bulletin we have ever produced here at the Center. The content reflects the level of community participation and Center activities during the past month.

FESTIVE SHOWS — We welcome two Christmas shows this month to the United Irish Cultural Center. *An Irish Christmas* performs on December 1 and *The Fire's Very Scottish Christmas* on Friday December 9. Tickets online at irishcentersf.org

ANNUAL BOUTIQUE — Local artisans, vendors, chocolatiers, and crafts people will have plenty of Christmas gifts to offer at the Holiday Boutique on Saturday December 17th. Santa Claus will make a special appearance. Festive holidays music by David Melamed & Friends. The Irish Shoppe will be full stocked and Irish meats available in the run up to Christmas.

REST IN PEACE — Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of William Shaw (predeceased by his wife Elaine) and Julia Gowen (predeceased by husband Michael) who passed away recently. William is a former member of the band "The Irish Connection" who played for many years at the Center.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Board of the Center I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Liam Reidy

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

■ DECEMBER 1, THURSDAY

- An Irish Christmas Show ~ 7:00pm
St. Patrick's Room

■ DECEMBER 7, WEDNESDAY

- Blood Drive ~ 10:00am - 2:00pm

■ DECEMBER 8, THURSDAY

- Biscuits & Books, Live! ~ 4:00 - 4:45pm

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■ DECEMBER 9, FRIDAY

- The Fire's Very Scottish Christmas ~ 8:00pm
St. Patrick's Room

■ DECEMBER 10, SATURDAY

- Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting ~ 11:00am-1:00pm
Topic is TBD. We'll post it on the library's social media.
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- Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm

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- Rebel Cork Annual Dinner Dance ~ 6:30pm



Join the Rebel Cork Ladies and Mens club as they celebrate another successful year and honor Martin Connolly, as RCBA Corkman of the Year, and Mary O'Leary with 27 years of service to the RCLA.

■ DECEMBER 11, SUNDAY

- Comhaltas Christmas Céili ~ 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Music by The Golden Gate Céili Band

■ DECEMBER 14, WEDNESDAY

- UICC Members Christmas Social ~ 7:00pm
Followed by Talk on "The Bonanza King"
The John Mackay Story by Author Gregory Crouch.

■ DECEMBER 17, SATURDAY

- Annual Christmas Boutique ~ 12:00 - 5:00pm
Local Artisan Faire ~ St. Patrick's Room

SAVE THE DATE 2023

SATURDAY JANUARY 21

Father Daughter Dance
St Francis Room ~ 6pm

SATURDAY JANUARY 28

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

United Irish Societies
Grand Marshal Dinner

SATURDAY MARCH 11

St. Patrick's Day Parade Celebration



SUNDAY MARCH 12

Annual Block Party Celebration

FRIDAY MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

SATURDAY MARCH 18

Amateur Boxing in partnership with
Fire in the Ring Boxing

SUNDAY MARCH 19

Runa ~ Celtic Roots Music

Date TBD MAY

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Humours of Bandon a play by Margaret McAuliffe.

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SATURDAY JUNE 17

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SATURDAY AUGUST 26

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Greetings from the Library...

A pleasure as always to welcome Derek Warfield into the library during his two days of performances at the Center. An historian and natural storyteller as well as bibliophile and musician, his appreciation for, and enjoyment of our collection is always full of interesting new information.

We're pleased to welcome in two new library volunteers: Megan Gorham, who is in CCSF's Library & Information Technology program, and has a background in museum curation. We also welcome Jo Ann Shannon, who has a background in genealogy.

As I'm writing this, we're still preparing for the Keepers of the Steps pop-up exhibition at the Western Region Oireachtas downtown at the Marriott Marquis. It is a pleasure to work with the committee members again and be able to present the materials re-imagined for the Oireachtas setting. Thank you all for your energy and efforts to make this possible. Hopefully many of our community was able to make it down to enjoy the dancing and exhibition.

A heartfelt Thank You to everyone who is supporting the Raffle which is the major fundraiser for the Library and the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship program. Additional tickets are available by contacting the library or in the UICC office. A gentle reminder that all tickets must be received in the Center on or before Wednesday, December 7 to be entered in the drawing.

Library Hours, December

Thursdays & Fridays: 2:30 – 5:00 pm ; Saturdays: 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Closed for the Christmas and New Years Holidays.

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Thank you and happiest of holidays to you all! Go raibh maith agat agus sonas laethanta saoire daoibh go léir!

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REBEL CORK ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER & DANCE

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33rd Season for Cyril Hackett at 19th and Sloat

Congratulations to UICC member Cyril Hackett who celebrates 33 years of business at the Christmas Tree Lot at the corner of 19th Ave and Sloat Boulevard. Cyril first opened the lot back in 1991 and has maintained the seasonal enterprise ever since.



102 YEARS YOUNG!

Congratulations to UICC Member Pat Ryan who celebrated his 102nd Birthday recently.



Pay Ryan and his son Pat, Jr.

THE SAN FRANCISCO IRISH CONSULATES OFFICE made a recent visit to the Irish Center with a group of Irish government officials and auditors on assignment from Ireland. The traveling group review local agencies the consulates office work with and support financially during the year as part of the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs mission outreach.

UICC President Liam Reidy with Vice-Consul Jennifer Chadwick.



Consul General Michéal Smith with Patrick J. Dowling Librarian Jennifer Drennan.





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The Humours of Bandon

Written & Performed by Margaret McAuliffe



Photo credit: George Carter

Coming May 2022 to the Irish Center

On the eve of the Irish Open championship, we meet Annie, a 16-year-old Dubliner, as she charts us through the various successes and disappointments of her Irish Dancing life. We share her mind numbing commitment and burning desire to win the Irish Open title. Will she win and, if so, in what way?

From the confines of every parochial hall in Ireland, Irish Dancing champions are churned out at a massive rate. Medals and cups build up in drawing rooms and Riverdance swells a national pride, but the public aren't privy to the blood, sweat and tears that pave the way to the first place podium.

The Humours of Bandon is a coming of age story, full of heart, humour and wisdom, for anyone who had a childhood passion that threatened to overwhelm their life.

The Humours of Bandon premiered at Bewleys Café Theatre @ Powerscourt Theatre off Grafton Street in Dublin city center as part of *Show in a Bag* an artist development initiative of Dublin Fringe Festival, Fishamble: The New Play Company and Irish Theatre Institute to resource theatre makers and actors.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS MASS & LUNCHEON

The festive season has begun and we look forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Mass and buffet luncheon on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Fr. Brendan will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch catered by Espostos Catering. With live music, prizes and a delicious hot lunch, our annual Christmas party is the hottest holiday ticket in town.

Join us to celebrate the holiday season! And who knows what special guest might pop by??!!

Thursday, December 8, 2022

12 noon Mass
followed by buffet luncheon

United Irish Cultural Center

St. Patrick's Room
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Tickets \$30 | Advance registration required

Call Shannon at 415.432.2552, email shannon@sfiiipc.org
or visit linktr.ee/sfiiipc

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'A Christmas candle is a lovely thing; It makes no noise at all, But softly gives itself away; While quite unselfish, it grows small.'



As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in the various places we call home, the staff and Board of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center would like to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Whether it is as a volunteer, a donor or as a member of one of our many programs, we are thankful for your continued support, time, guidance and advice.



Christmas can be a time for quiet reflection or bustling houses. Whatever your day brings, we hope that you share it with others and we thank you for sharing your time and talents with us this past year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From Fr. Brendan, Celine, Shannon, Roisin, and all at the
Irish Immigration Pastoral Center



Wellness Walks

IIPC Wellness Program Event

We will have one Wellness Walk this month due to the Christmas break.

Join us for a walk through Golden Gate Park this month as we explore more of the park and enjoy the holiday decorations.

We hope you can join us for another great outdoor adventure!

Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Exact location will be shared when you register at linktr.ee/sfiipc or leave a voicemail at 415.432.2552

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CALL IIPC FOR MORE INFORMATION

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The holidays are here!
What are your traditions and rituals to help you
celebrate the season? Come reflect with IIPC's
Wisdom Exchange and celebrate with us.

Join The Wisdom Exchange to meet new people and
share your experience.

Take time to connect with us.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

11:00 A.M.

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Building connections and making a difference

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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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Want to renew your membership or purchase a membership for someone? Want to make a donation to the Irish Center on behalf of yourself or in memory of someone? Want to support the Library or Cultural Programming? The Irish Center relies on dues and participation from its Members so that it can continue to grow and help connect current and future generations with their Irish heritage.

MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE (Check One):

<input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership Renewal (Dues) \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Membership Renewal (Dues) \$250
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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.

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