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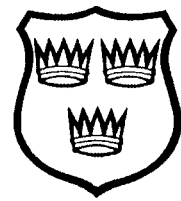
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BOARD MESSAGE

Praise the Youth and they will flourish!



Liam Reidy

“Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí” — The early weeks of each New Year at the Center are the ones which have been historically quiet after normally busy Christmas and New Years celebrations in the community. That trend is now changing for the better. Covid restrictions ensured there was little happening publicly last year, but behind the scenes the Board and the nascent 2025 committee was busy orchestrating what will eventually be a major gift to Bay Area Irish American community, by way of a new Irish Center. We held our first exploratory review meeting of the existing UICC facility on a cold Wednesday evening on January 27, 2021. Now 12 months after that watershed meeting, we are looking to the future with great optimism as we finalize the building plans for the SF Planning Department.

Activating the Building — The Center was absolutely bustling with activity during the past month, with most of the energy devoted to the major elements of our mission as a nonprofit organization. We exist to celebrate and promote the rich culture and heritage of the collective local, regional, and national culture of Ireland for future generations to enjoy and conserve.

We opened the doors of the St. Francis Room to our very first museum quality exhibition, The Keepers of the Steps, which traces the history of Irish Dance in the San Francisco Bay Area over the past 150 years through documented stories from Irish dancers, costumes, photographs, newspaper articles, books, cultural treasures, artifacts, and ephemera.

While we now have five Irish step dance schools in the building teaching students during the week, we hosted the Kennelly Memorial Feis mid-month with over 200 step dancers taking to the stage, some of them for the first time, to ensure the continuation of the tradition for years to come.

Irish Arts for Kids — What was really inspiring this month was the launch of the Irish music, drama, and singing classes for the younger members of our community. Thanks to grant support from the Irish government through the Emigrant Support Program (ESP), and the generous support of those who donated to our 2021 Annual Appeal, we have 40 kids signed up to participate in banjo, fiddle, bodhrán, keyboards, singing, tin whistle, Irish drums, piping, and drama classes.

Several people reached out in person and online to thank the Cultural Committee for their efforts to get this much needed Youth program off the ground. The response from the community has been very favorable and can best be summed up by a parent who wrote “My daughter is enjoying the classes ... they have become a highlight of her weekend.”

Praise the Youth — That’s what we want to do here at the Center, to provide a space where kids can be kids and experience all that their Irish heritage has to offer them, whether it is through the medium of music, drama, singing, or language, or through financial support with education scholarships.

The Irish Center is going well now and will be in a much larger facility in a few short years, playing a pivotal role in developing and encouraging the next generation of Irish American community leaders. The kids in your midst today will be the leaders and stewards of future Irish Center Boards; officers in local nonprofit

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Irish groups, clubs, and sporting teams. We hope for new Irish bands, because many of those experiencing Irish music for the first time at the Center this spring will continue to play.

As a young child growing up in Ireland we hadn't much, but I was surrounded by loving parents and grandparents who never stopped praising and encouraging my siblings and me in almost every pursuit of our youth, be it education, music, or sports. We all eventually found our way in life and settled into our own niches. As a parent now, it's more important than ever to be a guiding hand for our kids; giving them gentle pushes and prompts in the right direction along the path of life. Allowing your child the chance to get involved in the youth heritage programs at the Irish Center, as my grandfather would say "...is no load." Keeping the kids busy going forward takes effort of course, but a solid investment in not only their own futures but your own!

Thanks to all the teachers who have been gracious with their time provided to the youth programming. They include: Eamonn Flynn, Darcy Noonan, Kenny Sommerville, Cormac Gannon, Michael Dillon, Kathleen Smith, Alex Lentz, and John Carlin.

The hope is to one day have our own "Youth Céilí Band" at the Center in time for the opening of the new building. With your continued help and support we will continue to foster cultural awareness through education, arts and social events.

Keepers Success — Hats off to Anne Cassidy Carew and the Keepers of the Steps committee for producing a museum quality exhibition on the history of Irish dance in the Bay Area showcased

during January. The exhibition gave visitors a snapshot of the types of artifacts and untold stories that are out there in the community, waiting to be archived and curated. Gratitude to all those who loaned materials for use in the exhibition and donated materials to the UICC's permanent library and museum collections use.

Grand Marshal Dinner — The United Irish Societies will host its annual Dinner at the Center on Friday Feb 25th honoring Grand Marshal Jim Byrne and Honorary Grand Marshals Pat Ahern, James Masterson, Marie Doherty, Margaret Kearns, and Charlotte Shultz. No host cocktails at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm.

Leo T. Walsh Scholarship — Applications for our annual scholarship program open this month for 8th Graders and High School Seniors entering the next level of their education. Completed applications are due on March 17th.

Amateur Boxing Returns — The UICC is teaming up with Fire in the Ring Boxing to showcase a night of amateur boxing at the Center on Saturday March 26th.

Deceased Members Mass — We honor the memory of past UICC members at the Annual Deceased members mass on Sunday Feb 6th at St. Gabriel's Church at 2559-40th Ave.

St. Patrick's Season — The Board is preparing for what is expected to be one of the busiest St. Patrick's Day seasons in many years, with a robust schedule of events being prepared. More on that next month; until then, stay safe!

Liam Reidy, President

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

■ FEBRUARY 6, SUNDAY

- **Deceased Members Mass ~ 8:00am**
St. Gabriel's Church, 2559-40th Avenue, San Francisco

■ FEBRUARY 12, SATURDAY

- **Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm**
Special event: Ireland Reaching Out, <https://irelandxo.com/>. Live from Dublin! Jane Halloran Ryan, genealogist and historian, leads a discussion of the benefits and the resources that Ireland Reaching Out has to offer to the Irish diaspora. Questions and RSVP to the Irish Genealogy Club contacts: Pati Traktman, patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com
- **Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm**
"Celebrating Brigid with Woven Crosses" 1st hr: Speaker Ralph Watah, native connection to weaving with plants
2nd hr: Weaving Brigid Crosses at home; request materials from Lisa
Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe (hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

■ FEBRUARY 17, THURSDAY

- **Biscuits & Books ~ 4:00-5:00pm**
Grab a cuppa for our live chat featuring the Library's Book Sale opportunities. The library's iconic green Book Sale is taking the show online! Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qc-6qrjgGdS-rTdd8T6-8DTFhpdQfMcL>

■ FEBRUARY 25, FRIDAY

- **Grand Marshal Dinner**
No Host Cocktails - 6:00pm ~ Dinner - 7:00pm

■ FEBRUARY 26, SATURDAY

- **Dublinesque**
'Dublinesque' by Irish singer songwriter/pianist Eamonn Flynn. Eamonn is a fascinating mix of music, songs, and stories of Dublin. Includes a performance by the United Irish Cultural Center's Children's Choir. Eamonn will launch his new CD 'Anywhere But Home' on the night. Tickets online at: www.IrishCenterSF.org

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March 27th, 2022

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SAVE THE DATE 2022

Thursday March 10

Annie Holland Irish Art Exhibition
"Children of the Free State"

Friday March 11

Eileen Ivers in Concert - 8:00pm
"The Jimi Hendrick of the Violin"

Friday March 11 - Sunday 13

St. Patricks Weekend Festival
*The best in Irish Music, Song, Dance and Food all weekend.
Saturday March 12th-Post Parade Party at the UICC.
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Music all day long.*

Sunday March 13

Annual St. Patrick's Sunday Block Party
*in association with Java Beach Cafe,
United Irish Societies and Ceolthas Ceoltóirí Éireann*

Saturday March 26

Amateur Boxing
In partnership with Fire in the Ring

Sunday March 27

Ulster Social Club Get Together

Coming in April

Sharon Mannion - One Woman Play,
the Curse of the Button Accordion

Friday September 9

Ardal O'Hanlon
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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From the Library...

As we navigate the choppy seas of this new year, my hope for everyone:

For Equilibrium, a Blessing:

Like the joy of the sea coming home to shore,

May the relief of laughter rinse through your soul.

• John O'Donohue

Fortunately we have an abundance of good things coming to focus on. We were delighted to welcome Doireann O'Brien, the Vice-consul into the library as a part of the Keepers of the Steps Opening Night special events.

The library will be reopening for reading room and research appointments post-Keepers of the Steps exhibition.

The iconic green Book Sale cart is going online too! Watch for our listings on Biblio.com; antiquarian and rare titles coming soon. Purchases may be picked up at the Library or shipped via USPS.

The library is the archive and repository for our Irish and Irish-American community. In addition to our amazing collection of books, it is the periodicals, the ephemera, genealogy materials, memorabilia, audio/visual and digital collections that keep and share our story for all. Your donations, loans and questions on how we may help preserve your family's or organization's materials are always welcome.

Irish Genealogy Club 2- Zoom Meeting

Saturday, February 12, 2022, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

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Questions? Contact 2022 club leads: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89007236093?pwd=aEFpbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJEeIAzUT09>

Irish Marvels Past & Present - Zoom Meeting

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"Celebrating Brigid with Woven Crosses" —1st hr: Speaker Ralph Watah, native connection to weaving with plants. 2nd hr: Weaving Brigid Crosses at home; request materials from Lisa. Questions? Contact: Lisa Hilmoe, hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

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Biscuits & Books, Live!

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Coming in March - St. Patrick's season!

March 3 - *"Irish Culture and History in California"* A Zoom programme in partnership with the San Jose Public Library. Links will be published by SJPL and shared on the Library's social media and UICC calendar.

March 10 - Annie Holland, <http://www.anniehollandphotography.com/>, returns to the UICC with her *"Children of the Free State"* exhibition. Annie's talented sister Kathlee Holland, <https://kathleenhollanddesigns.com/>, will be joining the exhibition with her beautiful jewellery. Opening Night event March 10, 6 - 9pm. Watch for ticketing details on the calendar and social media. They will also be available March 12, 13 and 17 during the St. Patrick's Day festivities to showcase and discuss their work.

Keepers of the Steps - 150 Years of Gaelic/Irish Dancing by the Bay!

Will be closed as of press time. Hopefully you had an opportunity to see it. However, céad míle buíochas! [100,000 thank yous! unless Google steered me wrong] to Anne Cassidy Carew and the exhibit committee, the dancers and their schools who donated or lent materials and shared their stories, the sponsors who helped make it all possible, and to those who came to see the brilliant results of such a labor of love.

The Social Library

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A very Happy New Year to you! Athbhliain faoi mbaise daoibh go léir!

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Deceased Members Mass

8am, Sunday Feb 6th, 2022

*St. Gabriels Church
2559 40th Ave,
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KENNELLY MEMORIAL FEIS PHOTO GALLERY

Over 200 Irish step dancers took part in the John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis at the UICC over two days on the weekend of January 15th and 16th. It was great to see the Center so busy with young dancers, some of whom were participating in their first Feis, from early morning until the late afternoon each day. Below are some of the First Feis attendees and Champion dancers.



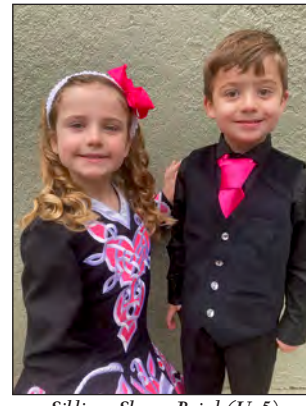
*Maeve Mitchelsbon (U-6) and
Maeve Storm (U7)
from the Kennelly School.*



Rian Spillane and Aidan Pecko.



*Julia And Emma Kelley
from the Healy School.*



*Siblings, Sheena Baird (U-5)
and First Feis for Ewan Baird
from the Kennelly School.*



Lilia Meskin, Ellie McDonogh and Zoe Meskin.



*Dempsey McCormack, Abigail Langley,
Aislynn McCormack and Emily Sheedy
(Keenan School Petaluma).*



*First Feis for Sadie Saadat, Cameron Donovan and
Myaan Salomon (Rohan School Danville).*



*Paola and Champion dancer
Sofia O'Riordan
(Whelan Academy).*



*Daniel and Christine Martinez
from San Jose.*



*From the Greene Academy, Lia Sorich, Brigid Beckham, Alice Beeson,
Isabel Martinez and Fionnian Beckham.*

...AND MORE FEIS PHOTOS



*Cailin Keegan and Ella Lacerda
(Kennelly School).*



Ruby Miller with Lena Stranborn.



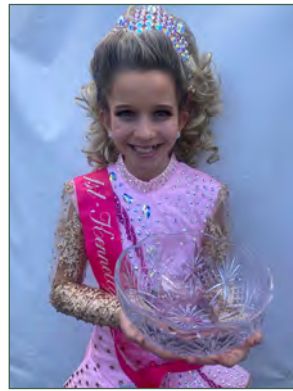
Josephine, Ciaran and Cecilie Wallis.



*Kylie Kong (McBride School) and
James McLoughlin (Whelan School).*



*Aubrey Clendenin,
U-14 Preliminary championship
(Greene Academy).*



*Katelyn Dunbar,
U-13 Preliminary championship
(Greene Academy).*



*U-15 Open Championship;
Katie Doherty (Keenan),
Aoibhinn Reidy (O'Connor-Kennedy)
and Paige McGrath (Kennelly).*



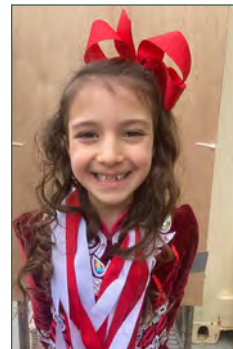
*Rosie Clemens, U-14 Preliminary
Champion (Keenan school).*



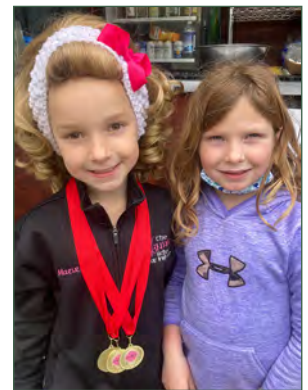
*Sammy Dale, Hayley Lewis, and
Marycora Pattison.*



*Open U-16 Champions: Kacey Watson,
Scarlet Roberts and Tilly Haskell.*



*Lucy Bronson
(McKeever School).*



*Maeve Storm and
Charlotte Mastagni, Carmichael, CA.*



*Three generations of
Cassidy's-Maureen, Lucy,
Elana and Breda Cassidy.*



James McLoughlin (Whelan School).



U-15 Preliminary; Nathalie Szegedy, Evelyn Kriz, Addison McCort, Veronica White, Gabriella Martinucci and Hannah Dunbar.



Open championship 18 winner Ellen Fisher Sanderson (Kennelly) with Phife MacGabbann and Masha Houliban (Healy School).



Stephanie and U-15 Open Champion Aoibhinn Reidy, with Grandma Peggy O'Sullivan.



U-16 Treble Reel Special Marycora Pattison, Tara Manning, Megan Dunbar, Jane Stephens and Fiona Gibson.



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Keepers of the Steps Exhibition Enthralls Attendees

By Liam Reidy

The Keepers of the Steps (KOTS) Irish dance exhibition proved to be a wonderful museum quality installation for the three week run during January in the St. Francis room. The exhibition traced the history of traditional Irish step dancing in the Bay Area during the past 150 years through personal stories, Irish dance school histories, music, newspaper articles, historical photographs, ephemera, competition dresses, cultural treasures like the trophies and medals handed out over the years to Champion dancers.

The exhibition was officially opened at the Center on Jan 13th by Vice-Consul of San Francisco Doireann O'Brien. In her opening speech, O'Brien recalled that "Dance, like language, keeps people together, which is important for a diaspora that lost track of friends and family as they made their way across the Atlantic escaping from the famine and traveling in adverse conditions. Creating cultural spaces where music was played, and jigs and reels danced lessened the blow of exile and may also have helped immigrants reunite with loved ones.

She continued to state that "A key part of our Irish Governments Diaspora strategy, launched in 2020, is a continued and increased focus on youth engagement. There is no doubt that Irish dancing has played, and will continue to play, a key part in this. It's a chance for young people abroad, both of Irish descent and not, to connect in and celebrate Irish heritage and culture – and to have great fun while doing so. I know that the tradition is alive and well in Bay Area."

Former Irish step dancer and KOTS committee member Eileen Mize who was an integral part of the development of the physical installations and displays said "Working to bring this exhibit to life has been an absolute passion project and a beautiful walk down memory lane. I'll be sad to see it come to an end, but excited about future possibilities! As we have told many people who have visited, we have just scratched the surface... This is just the beginning!"

Cultural Programming Director Anne Cassidy-Carew said "It has been very rewarding to see the reactions from the visitors when they experience the exhibit. Irish dancing has such a rich history here in the San Francisco Bay area and to see it on display and read the colorful stories is such a joy. It makes you proud to be a part of it. In particular, the wall with the banner that honors the founding dancing schools in the Bay Area has been a big hit. To be able to see the lineage of dancing talent makes for an impressive display."

The "hidden stories and artifacts" that were uncovered during the process of putting the exhibition together many of which were loaned and in some cases donated to the Irish Centers permanent collections will come to light again in the new building in the Museum. The job of curating, digitizing, and archiving what has been delivered to the Center in January as part of the showcase has already begun. We look forward to seeing all the material in the new building soon!

*Eileen Mize and
Megan Mize Albright*



*Noreen Boyle
and
Mary Boyle Folan*



*Katie Talbot
and
Mary
McCaffrey*



Kerry Hagan and Molly Burke



Seamus Brosnan



Olive Dieckelt and Rena Gilligan



Kathleen Martin McKeon, Anne Tobin Petersen and Paula Tobin Martin.



Missy Keenan, Rosie Falvey and Lisa Raskin



Opening night January 13th. Jennifer Drennan, UICC Librarian, Doireann O'Brien, Vice-Consul of San Francisco, Liam Reidy, UICC President, Anne Cassidy Carew, Cultural Programming Director, and Elizabeth Creely.

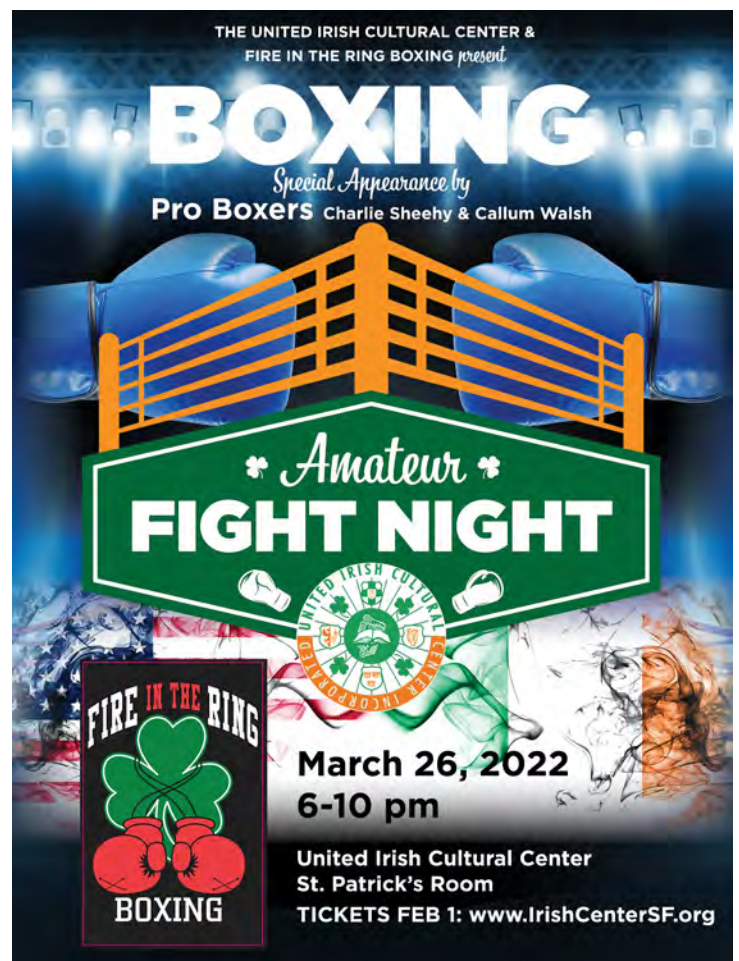


Noreen Boyle, Patricia Feeny Congfrey, Doireann O'Brien, Vice-Consul, Kathleen Smith, Mary Jo Murphy, and Ellen O'Connor.



Jeff Rodman provided the piano music during the Opening night of the KOTS exhibition.

Photos courtesy Kemilly Visuals



YOUTH MUSIC, DRAMA AND SINGING CLASSES IN FULL SWING

The halls of the Irish Center are alive with the sound of music, and song on Thursday, Saturday and Sundays. Young members of the community are receiving instruction in banjo, fiddle, bodhrán, keyboards, drama, singing, tin whistle, Irish drums, and piping classes. The classes have been possible by generous support of all those who donated to our 2021 Annual Appeal. The classes will continue right through the spring. Some of the participants will take part in the Dublinesque show with Eamonn Flynn on Saturday Feb 26th



Drama and singing instructors Eamonn Flynn and Michael Dillon with their Saturday afternoon students.



Irish piper Alex Lentz giving instruction to Julian George. Also present is Tanner Manning, Fintan Reidy (hidden), Tommy Harvey and Driscoll Farrab (Photo by Kemily Visuals).



Drum instructor Kathleen Smith teaching young Roisín Reidy how to drum.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

MASS & LUNCHEON

Omicron may have upset our scheduling in January, but it's not happening in February!! We look forward to welcoming you to our first ARC Mass and buffet luncheon of 2022 (take two!) on Thursday, February 17 at Wawona Gates, the United Irish Cultural Center's outdoor venue.

Fr. Brendan will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch hosted by Espositos Catering. Our use of outdoor space and reduced numbers will ensure guest safety. COVID safety protocols will also be implemented.

Thursday, February 17, 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
(limited capacity for social distance)

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WELCOME TO THE READING ROOM

Edna O'Brien will remain our featured author for our February Reading Room as we discuss all of the books in **The Country Girls Trilogy**.

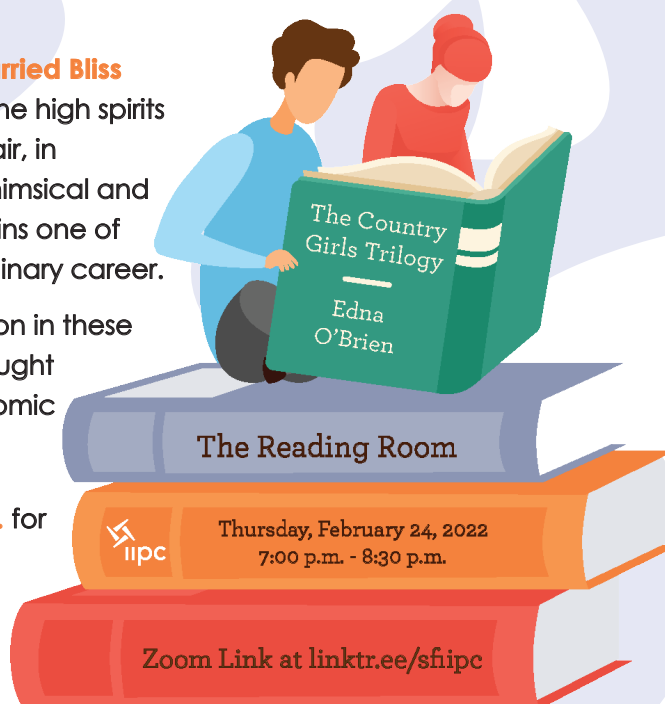
The Country Girls, The Lonely Girl, and Girls in Their Married Bliss chart unflinchingly the pattern of women's lives, from the high spirits of youth to the chill of middle age, from hope to despair, in remarkable prose swinging from blunt and brutal to whimsical and lyrical. It is a saga both painful and hilarious, and remains one of the major accomplishments of Edna O'Brien's extraordinary career.

The passion, artistry, and courage of Edna O'Brien's vision in these novels resonate into the twenty-first century. Edna brought honest passion to Ireland at a time of social and economic repression, and blazed a trail for future writers.

Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, February 24** at **7:00 p.m.** for another lively and entertaining discussion!

Go to linktr.ee/sfiipc to find the link! See you there!

Questions? Call Celine at 415.432.2550 or email celine@sfiipc.org



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 talk with other parents going through a similar experience as you.

We had a great conversation with Jim Cartwright and Karen Shelton last month about testing. Join us for this month's discussion with our fantastic parent lead! Lorraine has a wealth of knowledge, empathy, and experience alongside her children living with learning differences.

Please join us for our next group on Monday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m., when we will discuss the next steps after your child has been diagnosed.

Together, we can all thrive.

NEW DATE - Monday, February 28, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

Join us at linktr.ee/sfiipc

Email Shannon with your questions: shannon@sfiipc.org



Wellness Walks

IIPC Wellness Program Event

Keep up your momentum from those New Year resolutions and get together with IIPC for our Wellness Walks!

We have good chats, get to see lots of beautiful scenery, and get some exercise in on top of it all.

Come join us for the fun!

Wednesday, February 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

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

For more information,
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