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## BOARD MESSAGE

### Culture and Arts Program Expansion Planned for 2022



Liam Reidy

A very Happy New Year to our members. Many thanks to all those who helped us end 2021 on a high note, with very generous responses to our annual appeal, library raffle and several funded pledges to the 2025 Project. We are grateful to all of you who made personal donations and contributions in memory of a loved one. A special thank you to the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association for their gift of \$250,000 and to the Government of Ireland, for the Strategic Diaspora Development Project Grant of \$100,000 towards the 2025 Project. Thank you to all those that have renewed their membership for 2022. January is our most active month for renewals, so watch out for your e-mailed or mailed invoice. We appreciate the support and remember there are many chances to avail yourself of member discounts during the spring to UICC sponsored cultural events. Look for discounts to two great upcoming concerts including Phil Coulter (February 5th) and Eileen Ivers (March 11th).

### Big Changes in Store for the West Side

Many of you will be aware of our own ambitious plan for redeveloping our facility at 45th and Wawona. Less may be known about the recently proposed multi-unit residential and retail development across the street (to the west) where the Sloat Garden Center is currently housed. The site was sold in 2020 to a developer for \$8.55 million, and last month we learned that the developers propose to construct a 400-unit building reaching 12 story which will rise 125 feet in the air. While our own proposed vision for the new Irish Center reimagines it as a Community Center for the neighborhood - housing a museum, library, performing arts space, theater, swimming pool, gym, roof garden, 30 parking spots, hospitality space and office space for local non-profits - it will feature no residential housing.



A birds eye view looking southwest showing the proposed new 12 story multi-unit building, across the street from the UCC.

The proposed plans for the Sloat Garden Center would yield 400 condominium units (a mix of 128 studios; 96 one-bedrooms; 131 twos and 45 threes, ranging in size from 350 to 1,080 square feet), with 9,700 square feet of corner and Sloat Boulevard-facing retail space, an interior courtyard and two large roof decks for the building's residents, and a basement garage for 200 bikes and 56 cars. It is quite a daunting proposal (see photo here on this page), and the developers will submit plans in the coming months to the Planning Commission.

The west side of the city (Parkside and Sunset) is changing and has evolved dramatically in the 47 years since the Irish Center first opened its doors. The development proposals being submitted to Planning are from the surrounding neighborhoods (from traffic corridors like Taraval, Irving, Judah Streets) and the local community is part of that continuous evolution of the urban built environment which makes

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San Francisco a world class city. We believe our proposed Irish American Community Center is part of that future vision for a constantly changing San Francisco.

## 2025 Project Updates

After a rigorous peer review of the architectural drawings, structural plans and practicality of the interior and exterior features of the building over the past three months, the 2025 Project Building group (Redmond Lyons, Leo Cassidy, Mark Conroe, Seamus Canning, Michael Coleman and myself), along with architects Studio BANAA, aim to submit the plans to the city Planning Department for review this month. The Preliminary Plan Assessment (PPA) was received from Planning on December 11th, and we are working toward the recommendations included in that report and also moving forward with our application for a Special Use District (SUD) for the site. Wind, shadow, and transportation studies are planned for this spring. We will be busy behind the scenes during much of January preparing a grant application to the state of California for partial funding of our 2025 Project.

## Kids Cultural Programming Expansion

During January and February we will offer classes for kids (ages 7 years and up) to learn how to sing Irish songs and ballads, play Irish music, and a chance to act as part of a kids' drama program. We will offer kids the opportunity to learn how to play the tin whistle, bodhrán, banjo, guitar, keyboards, piano, and fiddle. Most of the music classes will take place on Saturdays. The Irish Pipers will provide instruction in piping and drumming

on Thursday nights, while drama classes will take place on Friday evenings. More details on how to sign up are on the Irish Center website. At the end of the seven week workshop, local session musician Eamonn Flynn will produce a show on Saturday February 26th, showcasing the history of Dublin, Ireland in songs and stories. Many of the kids in the Irish music, singing, and drama classes this spring will feature in the show.

## Library and Scholarship Donations

Peggy Nevin reported robust participation for the 2nd Annual Raffle supporting the Patrick J. Dowling Library & the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Funds. Congratulations to the fundraising prize winners; Tim Walsh, Patrick Carlin, Jr., & Melinda Madigan. A very heartfelt thank you to everyone that participated, both with raffle tickets and donations. Scholarship applications (open to graduating eighth graders & high School seniors) for the 2022 scholarship program will be available in February, due in March, and awarded in May. Details will be on the UICC website, scholarship tab, February 1, 2022.

## Irish Dance Showcase

While the Keepers of the Steps Irish Dance exhibition kicks off on Thursday, January 13th for three weeks, the John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis is the highlight of the weekend of January 15 - 16th. Almost 300 Irish Dance competitors are expected at the Center over the weekend.

Liam Reidy, President

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

### ■ JANUARY 8, SATURDAY

- **Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm**  
Celebrating the club's Anniversary in person! UICC Member's Room, \$5 donation requested. Club members must show ID and proof of full vaccination to attend. 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

Celebrate *Nollaig na mBan* or "Women's Christmas" with us. Share a cherished holiday memory of a woman influential in your life. Contact: Lisa Hilmoie, hilmoie.gleason@gmail.com

### ■ JANUARY 13 - 30

- **Keepers of the Steps**  
Irish Danicng Exhibition - St. Francis room

### ■ JANUARY 15, SATURDAY

- **Frank Sinatra Tribute Singer**

### ■ JANUARY 15 - 16, SATURDAY - SUNDAY

- **John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis**  
8am-6pm each day

### ■ JANUARY 16 SUNDAY

- **Ulster Social Club Get Together**  
Contact for more information:  
Jerry Cassidy 415/665 0689 or  
Margaret Gavney 415/731-0787

### ■ JANUARY 20, THURSDAY

- **Biscuits & Books ~ 4:00-5:00pm**  
Surely you're ready for a new book now. Grab a cuppa and settle in for our live chat about the Library's Book Sale opportunities. See a title you're interested in? Let us know in the Zoom Chat, FB messages or email: library@irishcentersf.org.

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2025 PROJECT**  
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## SAVE THE DATE 2022

**January 13 - 30**

Keepers of the Steps

**Saturday February 5**

Phil Coulter in Concert - 8:00pm

**Sunday February 6 ~ 8am**

UICC Deceased Members Mass  
St. Gabriel's Catholic Church

**Friday February 25**

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

**Saturday February 26**

Dublinsque  
*A history of Dublin, Ireland told in music  
and songs with Eamonn Flynn and Friends*

**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 Ceoltas Ceoltóirí Éireann*

**Coming in April**

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

**Friday September 9**

Ardal O'Hanlon  
Comedian (Fr. Ted Fame)



# PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

## *Reflections from the Library...*

What a year 2021 was, despite the ever changing Covid landscape, our programmes continued. It was lovely to set the Book Sale cart out and see so many familiar faces come through our door. We were honoured to welcome in such notable figures as Derek Warfield of the Young Wolfe Tones, Joanna Hayes-White, Chief of SFFD ret., Robert O'Driscoll, Consul General of Ireland, Remedios Gómez Arnau, Consul General of Mexico, and Daniel Mulhall, Ambassador of Ireland to the United States, with Greta, his wife. The library expanded its role as the archive for local Irish organizations, keeping true to its mission as a "Place for All Things Irish". Any local Irish organization or family which seeks a safe, secure place for their precious memorabilia and records please contact the library for further information.

We are now partners with the California State Archive's California Revealed project. Through grants and access to their preservation resources, we have been able to begin digitizing fragile memorabilia, books and local newsletters. The library is also grateful for the ESP grant through the Consul's office to expand on this work in 2022.

Little of this would be possible without the library's supporters and volunteers. Thank you to Kathleen Dowling McDonnough, Anne Carew, Patty Diner, Patty Dowling, Valerie McGrew, Veronica O'Brien, Sheila Rutz, Carol Thornton, Pati Traktman and Ava Tynan for giving of your talents and time in 2021.

## *Congratulations Raffle Winners!*

Peggy Nevin, Carmelle Riser, Valerie McGrew, Anne Carew, and I are pleased to announce and offer our congratulations to this year's winners!

1st Draw - Tim Walsh

2nd Draw - Patrick Carlin, Jr.

3rd Draw - Melinda Madigan

This year's raffle exceeded our hopes, and for that we are deeply grateful. We are projecting a net of \$10,000 for each program. Special thanks to Duggan's Serra Mortuary, our ticket sponsor, and to additional anonymous donors for expense underwriting. Thank you - Peggy for all your record keeping this year!

## *Irish Genealogy Club 2nd Anniversary Meeting*

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

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Celebrate *Nollaig na mBan* or "Women's Christmas" with us. Share a cherished holiday memory of a woman influential in your life. Questions? Email our Irish Marvels Contact: Lisa Hilmoe, hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

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

The opening night Special Event is January 13, 2022, 6 - 9pm. January 13 - 30, 2022. Tickets are available via Eventbrite. Previews on Facebook and Instagram: @KeepersOfTheSteps

## *Biscuits & Books, Live!*

Thursday, January 20, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Surely you're ready for a new book now. Grab a cuppa for our live chat featuring the Library's Book Sale.

## *Save the Dates in 2022!*

February 12 - Zoom with Ireland Reaching Out, <https://irelandxo.com/>, during Irish Genealogy Club meeting.

March 3 - "Virtual Irish Culture and History in California" A Zoom programme with San Jose Public Library.

March 10 - Annie Holland returns to the UICC with her "Children of the Free State" exhibition.

The Social Library

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

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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## CATHERINE LINEHAN

APRIL 6TH 1937-JANUARY 20TH, 2021

Catherine Linehan or Kathleen as she was affectionately known in the Irish American community was missed from this year's Cork Dinner. An annual fixture at the ticket table at the entrance to the Christmas Dinner, Kathleen passed away in early 2021.

She was born in the Haight and was a graduate of St. Agnes Grammar School, Presentation High School, and the University of San Francisco from which she obtained her degree in nursing. She proceeded to intern at St. Mary's hospital before going to work at Laguna Honda Hospital, where she would spend the bulk of her career. She was an avid piano and accordion player and headed her own band the "Kathleen Linehan Band" and performed at many Irish community functions. She was also an avid cook and baker, providing food for various events, including the St. Patrick's Day parade party at St. Patrick's church and the Rebel Cork Christmas party. Many considered her Irish bread to be the best tasting in all of the Bay Area.



*Catherine on the day she graduated from USF School of Nursing.*



*Catherine and Jerry Linehan on their wedding day in 1960.*

She met her husband, Jerry Linehan, (Doon, Kiskeam, Co.Cork) at a dance in San Francisco, and they wed on September 10th, 1960. Jerry was a gardener for the San Francisco Recreation & Park. Along came son Patrick and daughter Nora, and by 1979, the family had decided it was time for adventure and the family moved back to Ireland to Macroom, in Co. Cork. They bought "The River Inn" public house and spent the next six years as owners of the establishment. By 1985 they made the decision to move back to San Francisco, and both Catherine and Jerry resumed their previous posts.

Kathleen was a member and past president of the Rebel Cork Ladies Association, a board member of the United Irish Societies, and president of the Drishane Club. In 1999 Catherine was a co-Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade along with her late husband, Jerry.

*We will all miss Catherine! Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

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# 2025 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



The year just ended was a whirlwind year of excitement and optimism surrounding the redevelopment of the Irish Center. Many UICC members have stepped up early to pledge and fund donations to help get the project off the ground. We are truly amazed at the level of early support and commitment from our membership. The level of gift giving in the run up to Christmas and towards the end of the 2021 was extraordinary.

Thank you so very much for the faith in our ambitious plans for the new Center. Two large donations were announced in December, with the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association and the Irish government providing initial financial support and credibility in the bold new future vision of the Center.



Irish Ambassador to the US, Daniel Mulhall presents Liam Reidy with a check for \$100,000 on behalf of the Government of Ireland. The UICC applied for a Strategic Diaspora Development Project grant in October directly related to the 2025 Project. A special word of thanks to the Consul General's Office for supporting the grant application, especially Robert O'Driscoll and Elizabeth Creely.



Rebel Cork Benevolent Association President Timmy Manning, presents Liam Reidy, UICC Board President with a check for \$250,000 for the 2025 Project.

## IRISH AMBASSADOR TO THE US VISITS THE PATRICK J DOWLING LIBRARY

On December 11th, the Irish Ambassador to the US, Daniel Mulhall and his wife Greta, visited the Patrick J Dowling Library at the UICC. Ambassador Mulhall signed the visitors log book, and heard about the history of the Library from Librarian Jennifer Drennan. Anne Cassidy Carew informed the Ambassador about the upcoming Keepers of the Steps Irish Dance Exhibition.



Photographed in the Dowling Library-Consul General Robert O'Driscoll, Librarian Jennifer Drennan, Ambassador Daniel Mulhall, wife Greta Mulhall, Liam Reidy, UICC President, Elizabeth Creely, and Anne Cassidy Carew.



Jennifer Drennan, presents Ambassador Mulhall with several locally published books on the history of the Irish in California.



Ambassador Mulhall examines an original copy of the Leader newspaper in the Dowling Library.



# KEEPERS OF THE STEPS EXHIBITION

## KICKS OFF JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

After several months of collecting stories, photographs, ephemera and cultural treasures around the history of Irish Dance in the San Francisco Bay area the much anticipated exhibition kicks off on Thursday January 13th in the St. Francis room. It will run for three weeks and end on Sunday January 30th.

Tickets are now on sale at [www.IrishCenterSF.org](http://www.IrishCenterSF.org)

Well done to the organizing committee on a job well done: Anne Cassidy Carew, Kathleen Martin-McKeon, Jamie O'Keefe, Peggy Flanders, Jennifer Drennan, Michael Dillon, Ann Baglin, Eileen Mize and Noreen Boyle.



An old fashioned pair of Irish dance hard shoes with old fashioned tacks.



*The O'Neill Book of Irish Dance Music from the early part of the 20th Century.*



*A youthful Michael Dillon (now a local SF Bay Area Teacher), Champion Irish Dancer.*



A collection of Irish dance medals from the first part of the twentieth, loaned by Anne Healy



*Trophy won by the Anne Healy Irish Dance academy at the 1948 San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade.*



WINNER of the preparatory championship trophy at Feis Erin 1971 was Kathleen Carey of San Francisco, a student of

the McTeggart School. Here Kathleen is being presented with her prize by James Lucey of the Irish Festival committee.

The Kennelly School of Irish Dancing  
North American Irish Figure Dance Champions, from the early 1990s.



Back row L to R: Sheila Burke, Emily Parker, Linda Brosnan, Sheelagh Murphy, Jennifer Flannery, Lisa Flannery, Patricia Kennelly. Second Row Anne Marie Hagen, Siobhan Whelan, Lisa Brosnan, Colleen Walsh, Miriam Clark, Geraldine Slattery Front Row: Allison Martin, Sheila Whelan, Sharon Whelan, Betsy Vos.



Winner of the Minor Championship of Feis Erin 71 was Billy Quirke. Here Billy is shown with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Quirke, and his dance teachers Mr. and Mrs. John Kennelly.



# TIM MURPHY - GENTLEMAN, LOYAL REBEL AND PRIDE OF THE RCBA



On Saturday December 11th, 2021, Tim Murphy, was honored by his fellow Brothers in the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association (RCBA), by being named “Cork man of the Year”. It is no doubt an honor that is long overdue after seven decades of service to the community and the RCBA. Tim was officially sworn into the RCBA on the 31st January, 1962 having been proposed by Mike Duke and seconded by Daniel Dennehy. Since that time Tim has served as Officer, Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary and currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors. Tim was heavily involved in helping to organize the Centennial celebrations for the RCBA’s 100th Year on February 12th, 1983, in what was one of the most memorable nights ever held at the United Irish Cultural Center with former Taoiseach Jack Lynch as guest of honor along with then Mayor of San Francisco Dianne Feinstein.

## ARRIVAL TO THE CITY OF SAINT FRANCIS

A native of the small northwest County Cork parish of Dromtariffe, Tim and his older brother Sean were the first from his family to venture to the west coast from Ireland in 1960. The transition to a new country was made somewhat stress free for the young Corkmen as their uncle Dan Drew who initially had emigrated to Canada in 1953, was by 1956 working in San Francisco with an advertising company called Foster and Keizer.

Tim was the second oldest of ten children born to Nicholas and Kitty Murphy. His brother Sean returned to Ireland in 1968 while his youngest brother Gerard arrived in 1986 and still lives locally. His sister Anna who arrived to New York in 1961 is married to Oliver Fallon and is domiciled in New York.



1973 Tim Murphy

Times were tough in post-war Ireland during 1950’s as the economy went into severe depression and did not experience a quick recovery. Many fled the country for a better life elsewhere. Mass emigration ensued and waves of people, estimated at 50,000 immigrants left Ireland in the 1950’s.

Tim was part of that wave of people. It did not help the family at home that Tim’s father who worked in the local creamery contracted TB (Tuberculosis) and spent two and half years in and out of local hospitals, unable to work.

But life went on stateside for Tim, and early jobs included work as a laborer and a stint at Bethlehem Steel on Pier 70 under the watchful eye of fellow countryman Jerry Cronin from Gneeveguilla, Co. Kerry. In 1964 Tim went to work for the British Motor Car (BMC) Distributors in the Spare Parts division. During that time he was fortunate to be associated with Huffaker Engineering that ran the race car division for BMC. Huffaker was the largest race car manufacturer in the US at the time and Tim was a member of the BMC pit crew that won the National SCCA Class D Championship, in 1973, 1974 and 1980. Tim had a great interest in race cars and was present at the Sears Point Raceway now known as Sonoma Raceway on opening day in 1968. He stayed with BMC until 1991, after which he began a new career in the retail industry by purchasing Mike’s Liquors, at 5084 Mission Street with partner Bill Murphy. After 28 years Tim retired in 2019.

## GAELIC FOOTBALL

Tim has always enjoyed the Gaelic games of Ireland by watching hurling being played and was not a bad footballer in his day. Tim secured a Co. Cork junior football title with his hometown of Dromtariffe in 1959 before leaving for the States. Once in San Francisco he met John and Kathleen Manning through the Cork Athletic Club and naturally gravitated to play with the San Francisco Cork club. Through his Cork connections he developed a great friendship with Frank and Kathleen O’Keeffe, and they were both life long friends until they passed away in recent years. In 1961, Tim was part of the San Francisco selection that won the North American National Football championship. Tim was also on the local senior football panel of players that played the County Down team (1960, 1961 All-Ireland Champions) when they visited San Francisco in 1962. Tim was inducted into the San Francisco GAA Hall of Fame in 2009.

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## OTHER INTERESTS

Over the years Tim has been active in serving his community by being active in the United Irish Societies and also having served as member of the United Irish Cultural Center Board of Directors and as President between 1978-1979.

Tim was part of the dedicated group that was responsible for making the first live telecast of the All-Ireland Football final in the US possible in 1972. This great technological triumph of the day was classified as the Top Sports achievement that year by a collection of US based Irish newspapers on the East Coast.



*1983 RCBA Centennial Committee*

*Bill Callanan, (Clonakilty), Tim Murphy (Dromtariffe), Dan McAuliffe (Kiskeam), Pat Aberne (Boherbue), and Frank O'Keeffe (Kiskeam).*

In his spare time Tim was also an impresario and promoted several musical concerts down through the years-the most notable was a tour of the West Coast one year from Vancouver to Phoenix, Arizona for a total of 15 concerts in 22 days. Included on that famous tour was Irish comic Hal Roach and accordion player Paddy Noonan. Tim also participated and helped produce the Irish hour on local public radio (Sounds of Erin) during the 1970's with Pat Delaney at the old KALW station at Pine and Larkin Streets.

The very first GAA All-Star tour from Ireland visited San Francisco in 1972 with Offaly as the football champions and Tipperary as the hurling kingpins. Since then San Francisco has gone to host the All-Star Gaelic football and hurlers from Ireland 16 times over the years and Tim has been ever present on the local hosting committee and organizing events for the visiting teams.

## RCBA TRIBUTE

Tim has always been ready and willing to do everything in his power for the advancement of the organization and the material care of its members. He has always upheld the dignity of the organization and labored unselfishly in promoting its highest interests, his untiring efforts have proved him an inspiring example of this Society's high ideals.

Congratulations to Tim Murphy on being the worthy recipient of the Corkman of the Year over seven decades of service to the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association. Ádh mór Tadhg!



*Liam Reidy, UICC President, Consul General Robert O'Driscoll, Tim Murphy, 2021 Cork man of the Year, and Irish Ambassador to the US Daniel Mulhall.*



*Maureen Brady, Josephine Brogan, Dan McAuliffe, and Joannie O'Leary present Tim Murphy, with an Award from Ceoltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Dublin, Ireland.*



*The Mikes Liquors group at the Rebel Cork Dinner, including the Murphy, Albrecht, Bianchi families and Joe Ricucci.*



*Rebel Cork Presidents, Kathleen (RCLA) and Timmy Manning (RCBA).*



# A MEMORABLE EVENING...



*Tim Murphy with UICC President Liam Reidy.*



*Connie Taylor, Mike Bowler, John Carlin, Tim Murphy, Alex Lentz, Wendy Young.*



*Tom Murphy, Cathy Buenaventura, and Tim Murphy.*



*Tim Murphy, Kathy and Mike Bianchi.*



*John Callanan, Tom and Catherine Kavanagh, and Tim Murphy.*



*Tim Murphy and Billy Kelliher.*



*John Manning, Dave Kenneally, and Tim Murphy.*



*James Daly, Fr. Brendan McBride, Martin Connolly, Tim Murphy, and Paul O'Driscoll.*



*Tim Murphy, Con Lyons and Liam Moloney.*



*John O'Driscoll, Benicia and Tim Murphy.*



*Dinner committee members Danny Guiney, Margaret McAuliffe and Jimmy Daly direct people to the correct seats.*



*RCBA President Timmy Manning presents Tim Murphy with his 60 Year Certificate RCBA membership award.*



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**JANUARY 13-30, 2022**

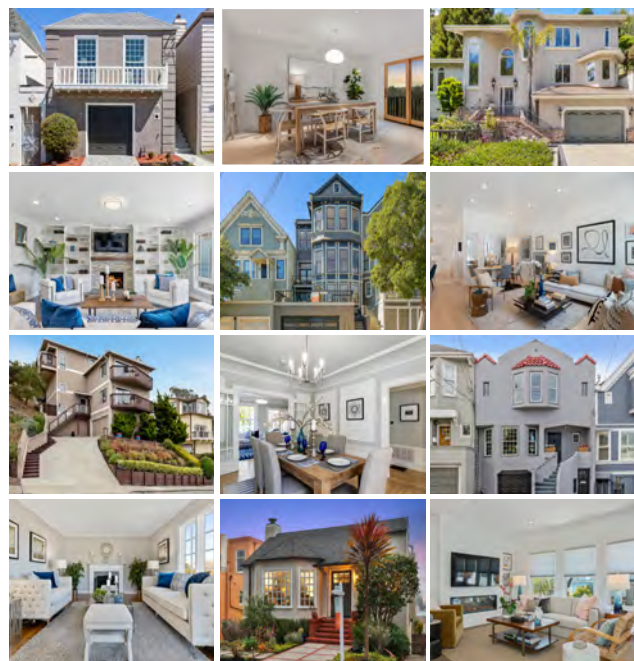
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 of the most enduring traditions  
 of our Irish Heritage—Irish Dance.*



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## Wellness Walks

### IIPC Wellness Program Event

Happy New Year! Join IIPC as we kick off our 2022 Wellness Walks!

Want to start those New Year's Resolutions? Or do you just want to enjoy some time in nature? Come walk with us.

All ages and abilities are welcome!

**Wednesday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

Exact location will be shared when you register at [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc) or leave a voicemail at 415.432.2552

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# LOOKING AFTER AN AGING FACILITY TAKES LOTS OF TLC

The UICC Facilities committee under the leadership of Board member Mark Gorman, and VP Mark Burke have been busy maintaining the UICC building in tip top shape as we head into 2022, our 47th Year. The recent heavy rains did identify a leak in the Library area which was the result of a catastrophic failure in a two inch roof drain pipe that needed to be swapped out. We had to open a section of the north wall of the library to make the repairs. Thanks to Tommy O'Connor and Emerald Plumbing who were fast and responsive to our needs to do the repairs during a narrow window during the recent inclement weather.

## ELEVATOR PHONE UPDATE

We recently upgraded the telephone in the elevator and installed an ADA compliant, autodial telephone in the elevator cab control panel. The cost of the upgrade was \$3,350 and was undertaken by TK Elevator. Thanks to TK Elevator who were able to provide a small discount to the UICC as we are a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. These are just some of the costs related to maintaining a safe facility for our members.

## HEATING AND REFRIGERATION

Thank you to John Lynch and his team at Claddagh Refrigeration for recent help in getting some of our heating and refrigeration issues resolved around the building. For many years now some of the heating and AC units on the roof have fallen into disrepair, and we are doing the best we can to maintain those units that are operable. Last year we looked into a full replacement and upgrade of the heating and cooling units and discovered this would cost in the region of \$140,000.

## NEW WOODEN STAIR HANDRAIL IN THE ST. FRANCIS ROOM

Many thanks to John Murphy (Co. Wexford) who installed a beautiful new wooden handrail in the St. Francis Room last month. The entry door at the north end of the St. Francis is now being used more often each week and required a handrail for the short set of stairs.



*New wooden stair handrail*



*The fractured cast iron pipe on the north wall*



*The new ADA compliant phone in the Elevator Cab Control Panel.*

Repair Work Order		TKE
UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CTR		October 07, 2021
Purchaser: United Irish Cultural Center	Location: UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CTR	
Address: 2700 49th Ave	Address: 2700 49th Ave	
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<small>Purchaser authorizes TK Elevator Corporation (referred to as "TK Elevator" hereafter) to perform the following work on the equipment and at the location described above, in exchange for the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,350.00) inclusive of all applicable sales and use taxes pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in this Work Order (the "Work Order").</small>		

*The work order for the new TKE elevator autodial phone.*



*Wall on the north end of the Library had to be opened up to do the plumbing repairs.*

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# AN IRISH CHRISTMAS SHOW REVIEW



We hosted the very excellent “An Irish Christmas Show” produced by Kerry Productions based in Los Angeles for a matinee show on Saturday December 4th in the St. Patrick’s Room. A capacity crowd was entertained by a vast arrangement of superb dancing, singing and Irish traditional music celebrating the international spirit of the holiday season. The award-winning cast was led by World Champion dancers Tyler Schwartz and Emily MacConnell as well as Colm Alba and the Kerry Dance Troupe in a celebration of the great traditions of Christmas in Ireland: butter-making, chasing the wren on St. Stephen’s Day, and drawing down the half door. The singing of traditional Carols from the Kerry Voice Squad and superb music from the Kerry Traditional Orchestra made it to be an unforgettable Irish night.



*Vonnie McGee and Joan Finucane*



*Kerry and Ciara Kingham*



*Jamie and Carolyn Fogarty*



*Colleen Mulkerrins, Kathleen Smith and Joanne Prior*



*Ron and Julie Maykel, Pacifica*



*Edward Doherty, Joscelyn and Renee Doherty*



*Anne McGarvey, Mary Costello and Cathy McGarvey*



# WATERFORD GAA FUNDRAISING EVENING

The Déise County Board, in association with several local Waterford ex-pats held a fundraising golf tournament at the Metropolitan Club in Oakland on Saturday December 4th. The reception for all the golfers, several current Waterford county hurlers and PGA winner Seamus Power was held at the UICC. The UICC has had a busy year in providing support to local community organizations to hold meetings, events and fundraisers. We look forward to another year of developing strong partnerships with many more community based organizations.



*Adrian Kilgrew, Rich Papalia and Nicole Kilgrew*



*Eric Kenneally and Jimmy O'Gorman*



*Con Lyons, Michael Coleman and Eddie Kenneally*



*Amy Power, Mary Fitzpatrick, Margaret Kirwan*



*Roisín and Áine Lyons*



*Mary Power, Marie Woods, and Lisa Barron*

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It's the start of another year. If you're looking for community to help get the year off to a good start, join the Wisdom Exchange.

Help yourself and support your peers by bringing your knowledge to the group.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

**11:00 A.M.**

**ZOOM LINK @ [LINKTR.EE/SFIIPC](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc)**



## ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

# MASS & LUNCHEON

We look forward to welcoming you to our first ARC Mass and buffet luncheon of 2022 on Thursday, January 13 at the United Irish Cultural Center.

Fr. Brendan will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch hosted by Espostos Catering. We will continue to have reduced numbers to ensure guest safety and COVID safety protocols will be implemented.

Come welcome in the New Year!

### Thursday, January 13, 2022

12 noon Mass  
followed by buffet luncheon

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# WELCOME TO THE READING ROOM

We are kicking off the New Year with a rescheduled discussion of **The Country Girls** by **Edna O'Brien**.

Edna O'Brien's first novel *The Country Girls* and its sequels *The Lonely Girl* and *Girls in their Married Bliss* changed the temperature of Irish literature in the 1960s. The characters of Kate Brady and her friend Baba Brennan have inspired generation after generation of readers and writers.

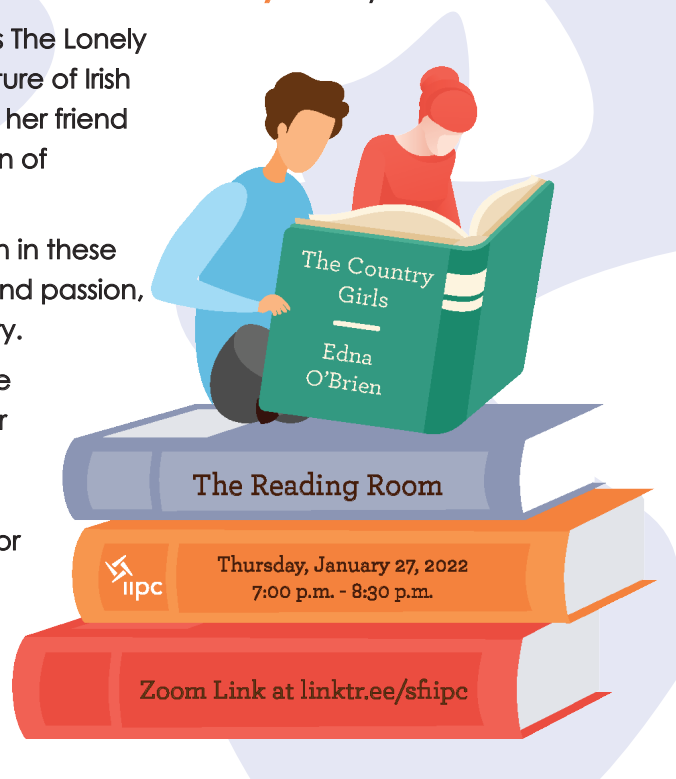
The passion, artistry, and courage of Edna O'Brien's vision in these novels - tender portraits of innocence and youth, love and passion, dreams and reality - resonate into the twenty-first century.

Edna O'Brien brought honest passion to Ireland at a time of social and economic repression, and blazed a trail for future writers. The Sally Rooney of her time.

Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, January 27** at **7:00 p.m.** for another lively and entertaining discussion!

Go to [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc) to find the link! See you there!

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Our parent leads have a wealth of knowledge and experience alongside their children living with learning differences. They can help you through this process.

Please join us for our next group on **Tuesday, January 25** at **7:00 p.m.**, as we welcome an expert guest speaker who can answer your questions.

We can do this together.

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*Deceased Members Mass*

*8am Sunday Feb 6th, 2022*

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