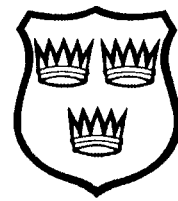




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BOARD MESSAGE

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF IRISH AMERICAN LEADERS



Liam Reidy

LEO T WALSH PROGRAM 2022 — Our educational scholarship program continues to be one of our most popular community engagements and attracts a robust number of applicants annually. Established in 1994, the Leo T Walsh Scholarship Fund, has funded over 600 scholarships since its inception. This year's awards ceremony was in person having been held virtually the last two years. The program has grown from two scholarships being offered in the early years to a grand total of 52 individual awards this year. Thirty one graduating High School Seniors and twenty one Eight Grade students received support this year ranging from \$750 to \$1,000. A grand total of \$46,750 was donated by community supporters and donors to fund the awards. There would be no scholarship program without the gracious generosity of the UICC community. We thank all those who play a part in the program annually.

A special word of thanks to Peggy Nevin and Carmelle Reiser for all their efforts behind the scenes. The scholarship committee sources judges for the student essays, and evaluates the online portion of the program, and notifies the successful finalists and organizes the ceremony.

The UICC will continue to promote and support the scholarship program as it is an investment in our young people who will someday be future leaders in the Irish American community and may possibly be future stewards of the Center or board members down the road. Opportunities are available for named scholarships for the 2023 program, contact Peggy Nevin at: scholarship@irishcentersf.org

AUDIT OF 2021 FINANCIALS — The finance team has been busy over the last month responding to questions from the Moore Business Management Group, Inc., the firm we retained to undertake the audit of the 2021 financials. Fully audited accounts are required from most Foundations, and government agencies when applying for capital grant support. Results of the audit are expected by mid-June.

NICCoNA MEETING — The National Irish Cultural Centers of North America (NICCoNA) held its fifth annual meeting at the Kansas City Irish Center, Missouri on May 19th. The last time the group met in person was back in 2019 in New York City, the last two years have been virtual affairs. I attended this year's meeting on behalf of the Center. It was both informative and educational to sit around the table and discuss the challenges faced by other Irish Centers nationwide over the last few years and also to see how Centers are reopening and restarting after the pandemic. Most cultural programming is back in full swing across the US now with music, language, arts, exhibitions, drama taking and annual Irish festivals center stage.

FOLK ALLIANCE CONVENTION — The International Folk Alliance Convention took place at the Crown Center in downtown Kansas City while I was in town for the NICCoNA Meeting. I attended this showcase event for Folk and indigenous music of all genres all over the USA, and internationally. The event which attracts over 400 programmers, agents, Festival Directors and radio stations has a long track record of creating opportunities for Irish artists.

Culture Ireland, which promotes Irish arts worldwide was present and led a team of delegates from Ireland, and also brought a number of up and coming artists and groups to Kansas City. Artists like Claire Sands (Co. Galway), Polly Barrett (west Cork), Ultan Conlon (Galway), Lore (musical group from Derry) and Dani

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Larkin (Armagh-Monaghan). Dublin based Aoife Scott, who has strong San Francisco connections to the Black family was also showcased and we hope to host her soon here in San Francisco. Aoife was due to play a concert at the Irish Center back in April 2020, but was canceled due to the pandemic. Some 1200 attendees attended this year's event.

IRISH CAMP 2022 — We are excited to host the Second Annual Summer camp at the Center this year, starting on Monday June 13th and running through Friday July 1st. We have a great lineup of Camp Leaders: Michael Dillon, Mary Radonovich, Eamonn Flynn, Jennifer Corry, Katy Porter, James Mallison, A.J. Rogers, and Tim Moriarty. There is a wonderful program developed and much for the kids to do over the three weeks culminating in a variety concert on July 1st.

BLOOMSBAY 2022 — The Bay Area celebrates the 100th anniversary of James Joyce's seminal work, *Ulysses*, with exhibits, community celebrations & readings, a film screening, a musical performance, the U22 centenary podcast and the world premiere of an animated tribute featuring award-winning Irish actor Maria Doyle Kennedy. Check out the events page on the Centers website. Dowling Librarian Jennifer Drennan hosts a Virtual Book discussion on June 16th at 4pm. There will also be an in person James Joyce Celebration and Open-Mic and Period Fun on Saturday June 18th between 2-4pm.

GREGORY HARRINGTON LIVE — We have a special treat for the community on June 10th, 2022, as we host Gregory Harrington for an intimate evening of music in the St. Francis room. The evening will journey from the culture of Ireland's rich traditional music and ballads to

the incredibly love songs from opera, jazz standards, film scores and rock songs ranging from "Shenandoah" and "The Parting Glass" to Puccini's "O mio babbino Caro", Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye", U2's "All I want is You" and many in between. Don't miss this!

IRISH VETERANS EXHIBITION — Through Saturday, June 10 in the St. Francis Room there is a special exhibition on the history of the Irish and Irish American Medal of Honor recipients. Well worth a trip to the Center!

COMEDY NIGHT JUNE 18TH — Comedy returns to the Center featuring several local comedians on Saturday June 18th from 8.00-10.00pm

AMATEUR BOXING JUNE 25TH — We welcome back amateur boxing partners Fire in the Ring for a fun filled evening of boxing in the St. Patrick's room. This is expected to sell out!

GRADUATION SEASON — Congratulations to all the 8th grade, high school seniors and college seniors who graduated this semester. Best of luck in your new schools, and for some it will be the hunt for a job! Go n-eirí an bóthar left! May the road be successful for you!



If you are traveling this summer, Be Safe!

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JUNE CALENDAR

■ JUNE 10, FRIDAY

- Gregory Harrington & Friends

■ JUNE 13, MONDAY - JULY 1, FRIDAY

- Irish Summer Camp
Kids Variety Show Friday July 1
featuring kids from the Summer Camp

■ JUNE 11, SATURDAY

- Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting
11:00am-1:00pm (US and Canada)
A Solstice Social - share your tips, tricks and travels.
Contact 2022 club leads: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com.
Pre-register on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89007236093?pwd=aEFPbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJlEeAzUT09>

- Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ 2:30-4:30pm
There will be no meeting this month.

■ JUNE 16, THURSDAY

- Biscuits & Books, Live! ~ 4:00 - 4:45pm
Bloomsday episode! Grab a cuppa and join the conversation. We'll do some reading, offer up our Joyce titles from the Book Cart
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0qc-6qrjgJGdS-rTdd8T6-8DTFhpdQfMcL>

■ JUNE 18, SATURDAY

- Bloomsday 2022 ~ 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Join us in person, period garb optional, for Joyce readings, live music, and Ulysses themed finger foods.
A \$10 donation per adult 18+ is gratefully encouraged.
- F Bomb Presents Craic Den Comedy Night
~ 8:00pm - 10:00pm Emerald Room

■ JUNE 25, SATURDAY

- Amateur Fight Night 2022 #2 ~ 4:30pm - 10:30pm
We welcome back amateur boxing partners Fire in the Ring

SAVE THE DATE 2022

Friday July 8

West Coast Pro Wrestling
St. Patrick's Room

Saturday July 9

Rock & Roll Night

Sunday July 17 ~ 7:00am

2022 All-Ireland Hurling Final
16 foot screen and full Irish Breakfast

Sunday July 24 ~ 7:00am

2022 All-Ireland Football Final
16 foot screen and full Irish Breakfast

Friday August 19 and Saturday 20

West Coast Pro Wrestling
St. Patrick's Room

Saturday August 27

"Tommy and the Brothers"
A tribute to the
Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem.
St. Patrick's Room
<http://www.tommyandthebrothers.com>

Saturday September 10 ~ 8pm

Ardal O'Hanlon
Comedian (Fr. Ted Fame)

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June 16th Biscuits & Books, Live!
4:00 - 4:45pm Bloomsday episode!

READINGS AT THE UICC
JUNE 18, 2022
2-4pm

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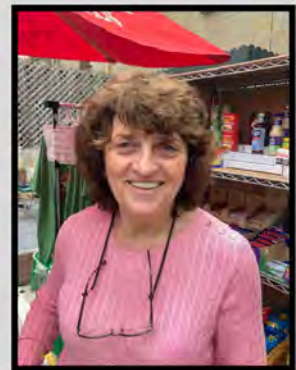


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Greetings from the Library...

The goodies keep coming! I am honoured to accept Mayor Frank Jordan's Irish books through his son Jim. There are some lovely titles pending in those boxes. Jim Jordan teaches at Sacred Heart, and while looking at some of the new materials we discussed options to bring his Irish Literature class to the Library next school year. Thank you to the Jordan family for their service in so many ways to the community that is San Francisco.

In the spirit of a united Ireland, I would like to thank a local family for their donation of their ancestor's Orange Order memorabilia and records. These artefacts shed light on the Order specifically as it existed here in Northern California in the late 19th and early 20th century. A rare perspective, indeed.

As we get ready for Bloomsday a part of the Robert Tracy library donation is taking priority: four boxes of books dedicated to all things Joyce. It is our hope that they will be processed and ready to unveil during the Bloomsday events listed below.

Library Hours: June & July

Thursdays, June 9 & 12 - 2:30 - 5pm ; Fridays, June 3, 10, 17 - 3 - 6pm ; Saturdays June 4 - 9am - Noon, June 11 & 18* 1:30 - 4:30pm. *Bloomsday event in Emerald Room 2 - 4pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Mid June to mid July the library will be attended by volunteers only. Every effort will be made to open the traditional Thursday, Friday, Saturday 1:30 - 4:30pm. Adjustments will be announced on the library's social media as far in advance as possible.

Please make arrangements for physical donations via email; drop-off dates will be mid July or later. Thank you.

Irish Veterans Exhibition - May 29 through Saturday, June 10, St. Francis Room.

A special exhibition on the history of the Irish and Irish American Medal of Honor recipients and Installation of the new San Francisco Chapter of IrishVeterans.Org. The opening featured special guests, a talk on the history of the Medal of Honor, live music and a cash bar.

The exhibition will hang in the St. Francis room through closing on Saturday, June 10, and is available to the public any time the library is open and/or the Center is staffed, as long as there is no private event in the room. A \$5 donation per attending adult is gratefully accepted. Proceeds from the exhibit benefit the Library and the new SF chapter of Irish Veterans.

Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (US and Canada)

A Solstice Social - share your tips, tricks and travels. Contact 2022 club leads: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com.

Pre-register on Zoom:

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

Irish Marvels Past & Present - No June Meeting

Our condolences to Lisa, Marvels lead, on the loss of her mother in May. Holding her in our prayers.

Biscuits & Books, Live!

Thursday, June 16, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Bloomsday episode! Grab a cuppa and join the conversation. We'll do some reading, offer up our Joyce titles from the Book Cart and generally get ready for our on-site Bloomsday event on Saturday, Jun 18, 2022.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6qrjgJGdS-rTdd8T6-8DTFhpdQfMcL>

Bloomsday in the Emerald Room & Pub

Saturday, June 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us in person, period garb optional, for Joyce readings, live music, and Ulysses themed finger foods. A \$10 donation per adult 18+ is gratefully encouraged.

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NICCoNA MEETING AND FOLK ALLIANCE CONVENTION



Dublin native Ronan Collins (Uptown Artists Group) and UICC President Liam Reidy at the Kansas City Irish Center for the National Irish Cultural Centers of North America.

Irish singer Aoife Scott, Siobhanna Quinlan, Head of Cultural Affairs, at the Consulate General of Ireland, Los Angeles, and Colin Gillen at the Folk Alliance Convention in Kansas City on May 20th, 2022.



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The scholarship award ceremony was held at the Center on May 15th. Fifty two awards were made to 31 High School Seniors and 21 graduating Eighth Grade students. Many thanks to all those in the community who donated to this year's program. Here are just some of the award winners.



Aidan Ring, Carmelle Reiser and Nicholas Mibach.



Maura Baglin and Carmelle Reiser.



Kathleen Ferry and Abbey O'Brien with Carmelle Reiser.



Chloe Lucey and Thomas Wachowicz with Peggy Nevin.



Peggy Nevin with Lily Maguire.



*Thomas Murphy and Maryrose Canniffe
with Carmelle Reiser.*



Shane Gavney with Carmelle Reiser.



Michael McDonough with Carmelle Reiser.



Carmelle Reiser and Molly O'Connell



Peggy Nevin with Bridget Maguire.



Carmelle Reiser and Ava Maguire.



Zita Forder with Carmelle Reiser.



Tom and
Anne
McGarvey.



Scholarship donors: Diarmuid Philpott, Tom McGarvey with
UICC President, Liam Reidy.



Carmelle Reiser and Aidan Nolan.



Peggy Nevin and Oliver Pailbe.



Margaret Buchholz and Peggy Nevin.



Aoibhinn Reidy and Peggy Nevin



Fiona Guiney and Peggy Nevin



Riley Hartnett and Peggy Nevin



Aisling Greene and Peggy Nevin.



Caroline Copper and Carmelle Reiser.



Thomas McKeon and Peggy Nevin.



Liam Finnerty and Peggy Nevin.



Boyd Killion and Peggy Nevin.



Mathew Barden and Peggy Nevin.



Isabel Merriman and Peggy Nevin.

SAN FRANCISCO DANCE FILM FESTIVAL

UICC President, Liam Reidy with Marie Woods at the San Francisco Dance Film Festival screening of "Steps of Freedom: The Story of Irish Dance" at the Brava Theatre on 24th Street in the Mission on May 13th. The screening was co-sponsored by the United Irish Cultural Center. The Boyle School of Irish Dance performed on stage at the conclusion of the documentary and received a standing ovation from the crowd.




IRISH VETERANS GLOBAL LAUNCH

Chad Callaghan, Terry Moran, Ronald Howko, Liam Reidy and Declan Hughes at the launch of the Irish Veterans Global San Francisco Chapter named after Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan on Sunday May 29th, 2022 in the St. Francis Room at United Irish Cultural Center.

A traveling exhibition on the history of Irish recipients of the Medal of Honor is presently on display in the St. Francis room. The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest medal for valor in combat that can be awarded to members of the armed forces. The medal was first authorized in 1861 for Sailors and Marines, and the following year for Soldiers as well. Since then, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded to members of all DoD services and the Coast Guard. The traveling exhibition ends on June 11.

For more information check out <http://www.irishveterans.org>





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IRELAND HOUSE VISIT

Irish American organizations across the Bay Area were invited to Ireland House, One Post Street, San Francisco to meet with Minister Catherine Martin, on her recent visit to the San Francisco area. Below are some of the attendees.



United Irish Societies board members: Chris Del Carlo, Hilda Kissane and Liam Frost.



Joe Coffey and Lisa Hilmoe.



James Quinn and Mike Nash.



Siobhan Casey and Mark McKeever.



Sarah VanMiddlesworth, Jason O'Mahony, and Michael Dillon.



Conor Falvey, Elizabeth and Martin Falvey.



UICC Board member Kathleen Kraus with Lynn Burkart.



Kate Patterson and Roger Gargano.



Aengus McCarthy and Michael Black.



Kathleen and John Hyland.



Diarmuid Philpott and Lynn Burkart.



Carolyn McNulty and Tony Bucher.

IRISH MINISTER CATHERINE MARTIN VISITS THE CENTER

On Saturday May 14th, we hosted a visit by Irish government Minister Catherine Martin, whose portfolio includes Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. Accompanied by Consul General Robert O'Driscoll, the minister got a tour of the building, Dowling library and met many members of the UICC community who were present that morning for a range of activities including Irish language class, music and Irish step dancing classes. The visit ended with an update on the 2025 Project and lunch in the St. Francis room.



Irish language teacher, Imelda White speaks to Minister Martin in the Board room.



Minister Martin with Shannon Whyte displaying some of the prizes for the Save the Planet Feis held at the UICC in May.



Minister Martin and Consul General of San Francisco, and the Dillon School of Irish dancers.



Carmelle Reiser and Peggy Nevin discuss the Leo T Walsh scholarship program with Minister Martin.



Anne Cassidy Carew gives Minister Martin the story behind a recent Library acquisition.



Youth Irish Music teachers Cormac Gannon and Kenny Sommerville, with student Shane Reidy and Minister Martin.



Eileen Mize gives the Minister a short presentation on the recent Keepers of the Steps Exhibition in the hallway of the St. Patrick's Room.



Minister Martin reviews a recent cultural treasures donated to the Dowling Library.



Joannie O'Leary and Casey Curtin attended the Center for Minister Martin's tour.



Dowling Librarian Jennifer Drennan presents a gift to Minister Martin, with Consul General.

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