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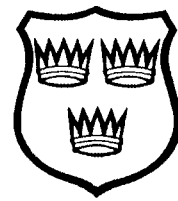
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BOARD MESSAGE

UICC Members are our First Class Passengers



Liam Reidy

FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS — During the early months of the pandemic - former board Treasurer Craig Viehweg commented one evening in a board meeting that he was amazed at the consistency of the community donations to the Irish Center - more especially while we were shuttered due to the SF public health order. Craig said - "Our members are our First Class Passengers."

CAN WE SURVIVE? — Craig had come to this conclusion after evaluating the early economic impact of being closed between March 12 and June 19th, 2020. He identified the consistent dues paying members as the one shining bright light in our monthly net assets. At the time the board was actively figuring out how to reduce our fixed costs, pay the bills, and more importantly stave off liquidation of the Center which has been the bastion of the Irish American community for almost a half century. Craig alerted the board that we had enough saved in the bank from our herculean efforts in 2019 (our rescue year) to survive about 6 months without securing or identifying any additional new funding. The Center he said would close for good on Sunday, October 18th, 2020 based on his in-depth scrutiny of the numbers. It was all very sobering to hear.

I am certain that the CEO's in boardrooms of corporate airlines across this country ensure that their first class passengers are treated like royalty. These passengers are those that remain with their preferred airline for a longtime and are happy to pay the highest airfares for the extra privileges that first class airfares bring to these seating assignments.

Airlines offer all kinds of membership packages to retain and keep customers happy in the cut throat world of airline membership programs. Airlines can offer their premium customers - airport lounges, expeditious movement through security, complimentary pillows, blankets, food, and beverages, wider more spacious seats, and dedicated airline staff to cater to all their high flying customers preflight and in-flight needs.

UICC MEMBER BENEFITS — While the UICC can't help with airline security lines - we do offer many benefits to our membership program. A UICC member can get member discounts on rental spaces, early bird access and discounts to ticketed events, the chance to serve on the board, reduced rates to educational classes and summer camp programs, and in some cases free access to events. You can also attend member meetings that are held quarterly with the board and you can also vote on UICC related changes to the bye-laws as they arise.

In addition, there is the knowledge that you are also financially supporting and belong to an exclusive club that is one of only two Irish centers west of the Mississippi (the other being in Phoenix, AZ).

LIAM, I WANT TO HELP YOU! — I often get a tap on the shoulder while I'm at the Center from people who say, "Liam I want to help you and the Center." I love getting to hear that as my impulsive response is - "Are you a UICC member? If not, then that's a great place to start to help the organization and by contributing \$13/month online you can build up your level of support from there. Thanks to all those who have signed up recently when I have encouraged them to be a member!

The monthly dues are a great source of regular support to help cover the cost of maintaining a 20,000 sq. foot facility here in the city. The member dues are an important part of our annual budget and without this financial support we would have to scale back some of our programming and decline some of the opportunities

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we get to showcase up and coming shows and talent touring the US from Ireland from time to time.

Original membership numbers (such as Charter members) provided to the early financial supporters of the current 1975 building are highly coveted and much revered by Irish American families whose parents or grandparents were responsible for building the Center. These families cherish the chance to transfer their families number and membership type as part of their families legacy and connection to the current Center.

ARE YOU A UICC MEMBER? — Many people think they are active “members” of the Center -but only dues paying members (annual or monthly contributors) are considered active members. They are the ones that can benefit from being a UICC member. So ask yourself - are you an “active” member? Not sure ? Get in contact with us-or fill out the membership form in this month's bulletin and send in your annual dues payment of \$150 to the Center.

MARY LOU McDONALD VISIT — Several board members met with Sinn Féin President during her visit to the Bay Area last month. Events in Sonoma County, Treasure Island, USF, and here at the Center -where she toured the Dowling Library, and observed a presentation of our 2025 Project. A packed St. Patrick's room witnessed McDonald deliver a powerful speech about the bright and hopeful future for the island of Ireland. Overall - a great occasion to have a wonderful representative from the Irish government here locally. We may be 6,000 miles away from our native land or our ancestral home for generations but the strong bonds we have to Ireland transcend well beyond the statement “I'm Irish”.

EMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAM — The UICC proved successful in its grant application to the Irish government for support of Cultural Programming (\$55,000) and the Patrick J Dowling Library (\$13,000) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This financial support will allow us to continue to build and expand our cultural programming here at the Center.

OKTOBERFEST — It's that time of year for our autumn festival with an International flair as we celebrate the food, culture, and beverages from Germany on October 15th. Doors at 6pm with dancing, games and music by The Internationals.

BELFAST HOMECOMING — Calling all those with a connection to Belfast to come along to hear a presentation on the Belfast International Homecoming 2023 by Máirtín Ó Muilleoir. Wednesday October 19th at 7pm in the Members Room.

DUBLINESQUE — Eamonn Flynn and friends are back for a Halloween music special on Oct 28th in the Emerald Room.

EMERALD SOCIETY — Emerald Society President John Hallisy and our friends in Bay Area Law Enforcement return to the Center for their annual dinner on Oct 29th. Congratulations to Commander Rachel Moran, Officer of the Year; Paul O'Driscoll Citizen of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Award SFPD Office (ret.) Nick Shihadeh.

Halloween Story Time — Storyteller Máire Clerkin is back for a kids story time on Saturday Oct 29th from 9.30-10.30am. Register online.

Liam Reidy

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

■ OCTOBER 1-2, SATURDAY - SUNDAY

- Hinterland West: 2-Day Literary Event

■ OCTOBER 8, SATURDAY

- Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting ~ 11:00am-1:00pm

In keeping with the season, the topic is Death and Burial Records. What clues they can offer to further your understanding of your family – from parent names, places of birth, medical history, and more.

Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com and

Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com.

Pre-register via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89007236093?pwd=aEFBbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJlEelAzUT09>

- Irish Marvels, Past and Present ~ Zoom Meeting 2:30-4:30pm

Join us for a final discussion of Ardie McDermott's "Distant Relations, Chicano, Irish, Mexican Art and Critical Writing Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com Pre-register via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/89007236093?pwd=aEFBbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJlEelAzUT09>

- West Coast Wrestling ~ 5:30pm ~ First bout 7pm

■ OCTOBER 15, SATURDAY ~ 6:00-10:00 pm

- OctoberFest ~ Music by the Internationals

■ OCTOBER 19, WEDNESDAY ~ 7:00 pm

- Belfast International Homecoming 2023

Host: Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, publisher of the Irish Echo and former Lord Mayor of Belfast in conversation.

■ OCTOBER 20, THURSDAY

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

The library is open to patrons during this live chat featuring antiquarian books, interesting titles and upcoming programming.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/89007236093?pwd=aEFBbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJlEelAzUT09>

■ OCTOBER 21, FRIDAY

- Connaught & Ulster Club Dinner ~ 6:00pm

Dinner & Music by Christy O'Connell ~ St. Patrick's Room For tickets please contact:

Gerry Cassidy - (415) 665-0689

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Shannon McAuliffe - (415) 361-0461

Tickets \$90/NY Strip or Chicken Picatta

■ OCTOBER 28, FRIDAY ~ 8:00pm

- Dublinesque Halloween Edition with Eamonn Flynn and Friends ~ Emerald Room

■ OCTOBER 29, SATURDAY

- Halloween Storytime with Máire Clerkin via Zoom 9:30-10:30am

- Emerald Society Annual Dinner

Honoring Commander Rachel Moran, Officer of the Year and Paul O'Driscoll Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award SFPD Office (ret.) Nick Shihadeh

For tickets contact: John Hallisy (415) 618-9388

Joan Cronin 415-531-4487 or Kevin Lynch

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SAVE THE DATE 2022

Saturday November 5 ~ 7:30pm

San Francisco GAA Annual Dinner Dance

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Sunday November 6 ~ 6:30-9:30pm

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St. Patrick's Room

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Saturday November 12 ~ 8pm

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones

Live in Concert - Upstairs - St. Patrick's Room

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Sunday November 13

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones

Live in Concert - Downstairs - Emerald Room

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November 18, 19, 20

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Wednesday December 7 ~ 10am-2pm

Blood Drive

St. Patrick's Room

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Friday December 9 ~ 8pm

The Fire's Very Scottish Christmas

St. Patrick's Room

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Saturday December 10

Rebel Cork Annual Dinner Dance

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Saturday December 17 ~ 12pm-5pm

Annual Christmas Boutique

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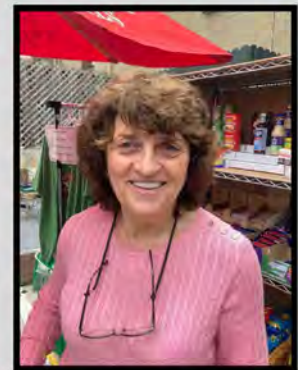
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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library in the season of Samhain...

Thank you to those who stopped by the Library's booth at the Walk Through Time at Sunnyvale Heritage Park in September. It was a long hot day which included a funny southern~ish style sprinkle in the afternoon. However, the booths were all so interesting, and Irish 49ers material was very well received by all who stopped by, including the two reenactors portraying Martin Murphy Jr., and his wife, Mary. Many stopped to chat, tell us their stories, including of marriages celebrated here at our Centre, look through all the event postcards and take copies of the Herald. If you missed us there, the entire presentation is available on the library's YouTube channel.

We were happy to welcome Mary Lou MacDonald, president of Sinn Fein, and her guests in to the Library while she was in San Francisco. They were impressed with the materials we had on display for them and the collection as a whole.

If you have library cataloguing skills and are interested in volunteering here in the library, please reach out via email. This is an on-site volunteer opportunity.

Thank you for supporting the Library at the 12th Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

The tea and cakes will be long gone by press time, but I want to take this moment to thank our hostess, Anne Cassidy Carew, the Dowling family, the volunteers and all who attended and showed their support for the library during the wondrous event. Hats off to you all!

Library Hours, October

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

Special Hours: Fri & Sat. 10/7 & 8: TBD ; Sat. 10/29: 2:30 – 5:00 pm ;

Special hour updates will appear on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

In keeping with the season, the topic is Death and Burial Records. What clues they can offer to further your understanding of your family – from parent names, places of birth, medical history, and more.

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

Pre-register via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89007236093?pwd=aEFPbGlWamluOW80dGM4MzJEeIAzUT09>

Irish Marvels Past & Present- Zoom Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

"Distant Relations" Part 4, presented by Ardie McDermott. Join us for the final session of the fascinating 4 part series about Mexican / Irish connections based upon the 1996 multimedia exhibition and book curated by Tricia Ziff. Copies of the book, including a CD, are available through the library's book sale. Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe at (hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

Pre-register via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkf-qgrzgvGdaenGKpG8k4v1Y7qRaBiONO>

Biscuits & Books, Live!

Thursday, October 20, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

The library is open to patrons during this live chat featuring antiquarian books, interesting titles and upcoming programming. We had a special drop-in guest in September; anything may happen. Watch it Live on the Library's Facebook page, or be our guest and attend on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6qrjgJGdS-rTdd8T6-8DTFhpdQfMcL>

In-kind Donations

Please continue to make arrangements for physical materials donations via email initially. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you regarding your collections.

Sláinte & Oíche Shamhna shona duit! Happy Halloween!

Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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IN MEMORIAM



JOHN JOSEPH MULLEN

OCTOBER 6, 1939 - AUGUST 3, 2022

Born Oct. 6, 1939 in Cleggan, Co. Galway, Ireland John was youngest of five children. He was preceded in death by his parents Michael and Nora (Davin), his brother Martin and two sisters Christina (Barrett) and Theresa (Rozak). He is survived by his sister Philis Ali. John came to SF in 1963 after being in England for four years. In 1964 he fell in love with his wonderful wife Beatrice (Needham) and they were married in 1969. In their 53 years of marriage they raised three children: John Joe, Patrick (Nicole) and Shelia (Terry Knox). John had eight grandchildren: Sean, Nora, Sadie, Bridget, Chloe, Finn, Maizy and Brendan and is beloved by many nieces and nephews. John worked on the BART tunnel down Market St. Upon its completion he then went to work as a contractor building houses all over SF. The last 16 years of his career he spent with Amoroso Construction. Coming from a small fishing village he never lost his love for the sea. Fishing and hunting were some of his greatest joys as well as growing vegetables in his garden. John had a passion for life whether it be on the dance floor with Beatrice, golfing, riding his bike, or watching the horse races, there was no end to his adventures. He was and will always be our life of the party, God bless you Dad you will be truly missed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Mullen Family would like to thank all our friends and family for the overwhelming love and support during this difficult time of our Dad's passing. Being surrounded by the ones you love and the strength that comes with them, is what carries us through these sad times. The abundance of cards, messages, phone calls and flowers are greatly appreciated and adored. The shared stories with a laugh, a smile and memories of days past, will live on forever in our hearts. Dad was always proud of this Irish community.

—Sincerely Grateful,
Beatrice, John Joe, Patrick, Shelia and Family.

PAUL THOMAS REYNOLDS

1928 - 2022



Mr. Reynolds passed away peacefully at home on August 13, 2022, surrounded by immediate family. He was 94-1/2 years old. In addition to being President of his own firm Engineering Construction Management Inc. (ECM). Mr. Reynolds served as Chief Structural Engineer and Construction Manager for Keith and Associates, working on numerous winery design projects. He also worked for Zurn Engineers in Los Altos, Bechtel Corporation in San Francisco, Backen & Backen Architecture in St. Helena and was Vice President of Associated Construction and Engineering Company (San Francisco).

Following graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1949, Mr. Reynolds served in the Army and was subsequently a Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. His experience in the Navy Civil Engineers Corps included 4 years as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction for major military facilities in the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

As Senior Engineer for Bechtel, Mr. Reynolds served as a Group Design Supervisor for the BART System. For many years he took charge of structural engineering services for commercial, industrial, residential, hospital and educational facilities in the New England area.

Mr. Reynolds loved Ireland and made numerous pilgrimages there where he had many relatives. He was a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco.

He is preceded in death by parents Michael J. Reynolds and Margaret E. N., siblings Anne M R. Henry and John F. Reynolds and niece Robin L. Gandara. He is survived by four nieces, one cousin and two nephews as well as family in Ireland.

IN MEMORIAM



DR. JUDITH KELL

JANUARY 3, 1941 - AUGUST 28, 2022

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Judith Kell who passed away recently. Judith served as UICC Board President between July 2012 and June 2016.

Dr. Judith Marilyn (Druhan) Kell was born on January 3, 1941 in San Francisco to Louis and Florence Druhan. Judy attended Polytechnic High School, and went on to graduate from Cal Berkeley and SFSU and begin her long career in education with S.F.U.S.D. She taught at Frederic Burk, E.R.

Taylor, and eventually became Director of the G.A.T.E. Program. She was promoted to principal at Hawthorne Elementary and then at Potrero Hill Middle School, and lastly the Associate Superintendent of Middle Schools. Judy worked in the S.F.U.S.D. for 29 years. Education was her life!

Judy's love of teaching and training eventually led her to St. Mary's College and the Administrative Institute Program, where she taught Educational Leadership and Administration. Though Judy retired from S.F.U.S.D. she never retired from learning and inspiring others. She continued to teach at San Francisco State University, teaching classes in: Adolescent Development/Equity in Schools and Supervising Student Teachers. As always, she used humor as a tool to make her classes more enjoyable and meaningful.

Judy was a bright light in so many people's lives and she worked tirelessly in jobs that she loved. In the end, what mattered most was her legacy in education, family, friendships, church, and love.

Judy is survived by her children Cynthia Peyton (Lance Davidson), Elizabeth Peyton-Baptista (Michael Baptista), Carolyn Kell, Joseph Kell (Julie Cotter) and her grandchildren Anthony Baptista, Matthew Baptista, Charlotte Kell, Catherine Kell, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

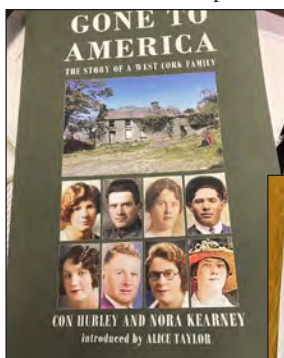
Outside of work Judy loved hosting big dinner parties brought to us by Betty Crocker, which many of us learned to love. She saw the food as secondary. The important part was that we could all be together, connect, share in community, and laugh! Sure, some of us were sharing loveseats or sitting on the antique high chair, but anyone who couldn't make it home for the holidays was welcome at her table.

She was generous, she was kind, and she was funny. Additionally she had a love for fashion, specifically ST. JOHN, a love for travel, and almost rivaling her love of family was her love for ice cream (any flavor was pleasing but she especially enjoyed strawberry).

In her final days, she was surrounded by her family and she died peacefully. Judy shines on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Gone to America Book Published Last Month

by Jennifer Drennan, UICC Librarian



of the world that began century later.

The book contains some as a third-class passenger Great Depression and the

We had a special visitor on Thursday Sept 22nd to the Library. Nora Kearney, now Sister Patrick Mary of the Immaculate Conception Convent here in San Francisco, with her cousin author Con Hurley have written their family's immigration story, part of which winds its way through San Francisco. En route to a family reunion to celebrate the book's release together, she stopped in asking to see materials relating to her uncle's time with Eamon De Valera during his visit in 1919.

Gone to America tells the story of twelve sisters and brothers who left their home in West Cork between 1913 and 1947. They were part of the flood of Irish emigrants to North America and other parts with the Great Irish Famine of the 1840s and continued for more than a unique original material, including accounts of what it was like to travel across the Atlantic and the hard life endured by a young Kearney during the War in the Pacific.



No matter what part of Ireland you come from or what part of the world your ancestors came to, you will find the story of your family here.

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12 ANNUAL MAD HATTER TEA PARTY IS HUGE SUCCESS!

A grand afternoon was held under the Wawona gates tent honoring and celebrating the Mad Hatter Tea Party Sunday September 25th.

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Ligia Torres, Valerie McGrew, Maureen Murphy, Rebel Cork Benevolent Association, Maureen, Kathleen, and Coleen Dowling, Emerald Society, Monica Maguire, Maggie Overbay, Peggy Flanders, Cathy Mibach, United Irish Societies, Jennifer Gauthier, Lisa Hernandez, Barbara Heppart, Molly Cottrell, Liz from Oceana Market, Noreen Corry, Jenni Pei from Sweet Passion Bakery.

Thank you to Espostos, Creightons Bakery, Sweet Passion Bakery and Dianda Italian Bakery.



*UICC Librarian Jennifer Drennan,
with Josephine Brogan.*



Peggy Mylett, Barney Maffei and Mary Moore.



*Colleen Dowling, Kathleen McDonough, with Mad
Hatter Party organizer Anne Cassidy.*



Cheryl Laughlin, Sally Cassidy, and Claire McBride.



Roisin Reidy with sisters Niamb and Aiblinn Cassidy.



*Noreen Corry, Mgt O'Sullivan, Mary Moylan
and Roisin Reidy.*



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Beatrice Mullen and Mary Needham



Gerry Cassidy.



Kathleen and Riley McKeon

TEA PARTY ENJOYMENT CONTINUED...



Claire McBride, Patty Mize, Eileen Mize, and Cheryl Laughlin



Agnes Davis (left) Mary Byrne, Sarah Kramer, Jayne Finucane



Joanie O'Leary and Valerie McGrew.



Dan Trecroci, Ed Carew, Mitch Stoltz, and Tom Hernandez.

RECENT PRAISE FOR THE UICC BOARD AND 2025 PROJECT

"Current President Liam Reidy and all the UICC of San Francisco board members are an inspiration to Irish people all over the world. Drive, passion and vision, they have it all. Well done and the very best of luck to you all on this project".

—Patrick Conroy via SF Irish Center YouTube Channel

Wow!! I'm absolutely blown away! What an exciting project. If anyone can pull this off, I am confident it will be you, Liam!!

I absolutely love the design of the Saint Patrick's Room, incorporating the old elements of your current 1970s building with the modern rebuild. It's probably the historian in me, but I appreciate that your team is honoring your past in that way. It's beautiful!

This rebuild is an extremely ambitious project, but it takes visionaries to make these leaps into the future. This is also a challenge in keeping with the visionaries who built the first Irish Center in San Francisco. You are honoring that heritage by walking in their footsteps. The Irish men and women who came before you would be very proud.

—Katherine Beu Schildroth, Iowa Irish Festival via Email

SINN FéIN PRESIDENT MARY LOU McDONALD RECEIVES WARM WELCOME

Wonderful turnout at the Friends of Sinn Féin Dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center Friday, September 10. More than 400 guests packed the St. Patrick's banquet hall and enjoyed an evening that included entertainment by the Pearse & Connolly Fife and Drum Band and Irish dancers from several Bay Area dance schools which served to set the stage for some inspiring speeches from Seamus Canning, Sinéad McLaughlin and then the guest of honor, Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald. Much passion and energy—and hope for a future that starts here and now.

Special entertainment provided from Irish Dancers from a few local dance schools.

Pictured clockwise from lower left: Hannah O'Rielly (Boyle Academy); Claire Donohue (Boyle Academy);

Rachel Maldonado (Jackie Flynn Academy); Heidi Slight (Roban-Murphy Academy);

Emily Rogers (Roban-Murphy Academy); and Cassidy Howard (Roban-Murphy Academy).



Sinn Féin President Mary Lou McDonald.



Matt Shaw and Micheal Connolly chat with Mary Lou McDonald.



Monica McGuire with Mary Lou McDonald.

Photos courtesy of jGuerzonPictorials

WARM WELCOME CONTINUES...



Patricia Dolan chats with UICC President Liam Reidy.



Aileen Dulobery, Mary Lou McDonald and Josephine Brogan.



Finbarr Daly and Mary Lou McDonald.



Pat and Una Uniacke with Mary Lou McDonald.



Liam Reidy, UICC President welcomes Mary Lou McDonald in the Patrick J. Dowling Library.



Bill Flanagan and Mary Lou McDonald.



United Irish Societies members Hilda Kissane and Patrick Linehan at the Sinn Féin Dinner.



Mark and Molly Burke with Mary Lou McDonald.



Seamus Canning addresses the crowd at the Sinn Féin dinner.



Ben Hunter with Mary Lou McDonald.



Sinéad McLaughlin speaks about her own family's involvement in the fight for Irish Freedom during the past 100 years.

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AND CONTINUES...



John O'Flynn, Tommy Neeson, and John Buckley.



Mary Lou McDonald signs the visitors book at the Patrick J. Dowling Library.



Denis O'Keeffe and Seamus Canning.



Dawn Doyle, (Chief of Staff Mary Lou McDonald), UICC President Liam Reidy, Ciarán Scally, Mary Lou McDonald, and Ciarán Quinn, Sinn Féin's Representative in the USA.



Eileen and Bertie Penny with Mary Cassidy.



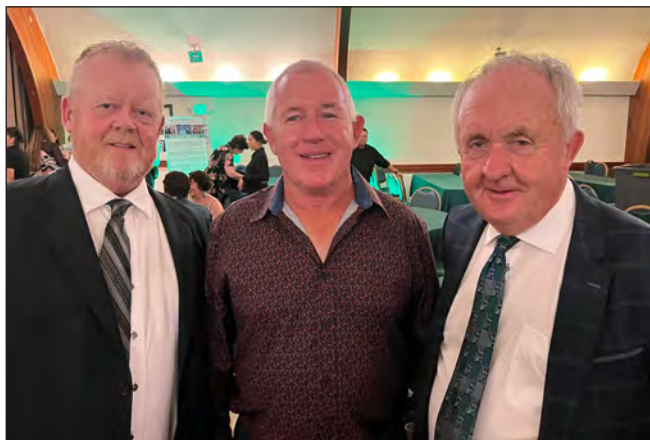
Kevin Mooney, Colleen Murphy and Jackie Cooper.



Stephanie and Liam Reidy, with Mary Lou McDonald



Chris Del Carlo, Monica McGuire and Patricia Lee-Dolan.



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ARDAL O'HANLON COMEDY NIGHT

Laughter really is the best medicine! Thanks to all who came out to the Irish Center on September 10 for the laughs—great craic altogether! The St. Patrick's Room was roaring thanks to SF native and LA-based comedian David Studebaker who made a return visit to the UICC to open for the main event—Irish comedian Ardal O'Hanlon. David opened for Ardal nine years ago on Ardal's last visit to the Irish Center! Referred to frequently as one of the godfathers of Irish comedy, Ardal O'Hanlon is a beloved character on the Irish show Father Ted, and also recognizable to US public television audiences for his recurring role on the detective series Death in Paradise. He has also made guest appearances on the international hit television series Derry Girls, including the series finale. In comedy. We were delighted that he can add a return visit to the UICC to his credits. Great to see so many folks enjoying a night out with some great entertainment, a fun crowd, and a little whiskey tasting offered by a show sponsor, Keeper's Heart Whiskey.



*LA based comedian -David Studebaker
with Aoibhinn and Stephanie Reidy.*



Neal Kassner offering a taste of Keepers Heart to a guest.



Thomas Power, Ardal O'Hanlon, and David Crittenden.



John Daly and Ardal O'Hanlon



Kathleen McKeon and Clodagh Cabalane.



Margaret Baxter and Carrol Ann Barci (Castro Valley).



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James Daly and Ardal O'Hanlon.



John and Janet Coyne with Ardal O'Hanlon.

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The Keepers of the Steps committee is looking for
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On August 27, 2022, the Irish Center was rockin' from top to bottom for its first-ever summer fleadh, and we welcomed close to 1,000 people through the gates! This family friendly music festival had something for everything. There was no lack of traditional entertainment in the form of Irish dancing from the Kennelly, McBride, Murphy, and Whelan schools of Irish dance as well as piping from the Irish Pipers. The musical acts covered three stages and several genres from singer-songwriter and Irish trad to punk, rock, bluegrass, and rebel. The festival wrapped up with a stadium-quality performance on the St. Patrick's stage by LAVation—a U2 tribute band out of L.A. The Center was alive with everyone enjoying themselves. We have received some wonderful feedback summed up by words like “awesome”, “phenomenal”, and “brilliant” to name a few. One reveler shared, “By far the most fun event I’ve ever attended at UICC! The music performances and the Irish dancing were all fantastic. And the event itself was very well organized - kudos to all involved!”

From a UICC Membership Drive and kids activities like face painting and Spiderman bounce house to the shopping opportunities, food options, and non-stop entertainment line-up, the energy was through the roof. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Irish Center and to the army of volunteers who worked tirelessly. We are so grateful to our Irish Dancers and Irish Pipers, our celebrity bartenders, to our lighting and sound pros, and to all the incredible musical acts who ROCKed! Stay tuned for an announcement regarding 2023. Dare we call this one a “first annual”?!



McBride School of Irish Dance
Gemma Oh (front)
l-r: Guinevere Steeley,
Megan Dale, Cassie Hendry,
Jillian Kuehnle,
Samantha “Sami” Dale,
Sophia Grimm
and Audrey Oh.



Heidi Ward and Maggie Overbay.



Eileen, Karl and Terry McHugh.

Eileen Mize,
Ronan Mulligan,
Liam Reidy and
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MASS & LUNCHEON

We look forward to welcoming you to our monthly ARC Mass and buffet luncheon on Thursday, October 13 at the United Irish Cultural Center's St. Patrick's Room.

We are delighted to be joined by Fr. James Stump, OFM Cap. from Our Lady of Angels parish in Burlingame. Fr. James will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch hosted by Espostos Catering.

Thursday, October 13, 2022

12 noon Mass
followed by buffet luncheon

United Irish Cultural Center
St. Patrick's Room
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Tickets \$30

Advance registration required
(limited capacity for social distance)

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Wellness Walks

IIPC Wellness Program Event

Join IIPC for a walk at Crissy Field this month. We'll be enjoying the stunning views of the Golden Gate from this amazing spot while getting our steps in!

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

Wednesday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Crissy Field, San Francisco

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IIPC Wellness Program Event

Join IIPC for a great hike at San Pedro Valley Park in Pacifica. It's a beautiful park with great trails with elevation and stunning views of the entire Bay!

Put on your hiking boots, pack your water and a snack, and join us for another great trail.
We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

San Pedro Valley Park, Pacifica

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This one is for the men, so step on in!

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