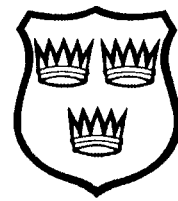




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## BOARD MESSAGE

### IRISH AMERICA IS BOUNCING BACK BETTER



*Liam Reidy*

**Global Irish Campfire** — I spent a day last month (August 19) immersed in all aspects of Irish American arts, culture, and business at the third annual Global Irish Campfire at Iona University, in New Rochelle, New York. The UICC was invited to send a representative to discuss innovation within Irish Centers for a post pandemic era and to discuss challenges in creating sustainable Irish community centers. We also had the opportunity to present on the 2025 Project. As part of the excellently organized symposium, speakers and panels were also afforded a national and international audience (via zoom) and so the Irish Center 2025 Project was beamed across the globe.

Founded by the Christian Brothers in 1940, Iona College is a newly named university campus (it was promoted to university status this past July). The campus is just about an hour north of NYC and easily accessible via the Metro North rail line from Grand Central Station. I love to return to New York City every chance I can. It's where my own Irish American immigrant story began in June of 1995 when I arrived at JFK airport in Flushing Meadows, Queens. After disembarking the Aer Lingus flight from Shannon, I made my way to a US immigration kiosk where I handed over my passport which included my DV-I visa (green card) paperwork. After a quick look up and down between documents, my passport photo and myself - the agent behind the counter said "Welcome to the United States of America". What a great welcome to get from an immigration officer!

**GLOBAL BEGINNING** — The Global Irish Campfire is the brainchild of Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Publisher of the Irish Echo -the most widely read Irish-American newspaper in the United States. Developed as an online symposium with 700 participants and 100 Speakers in 2020, the gathering was hybrid last year in NYC at Rosie O'Grady's in midtown Manhattan. This year's Campfire was almost 100% in person - save Gerry Adams and Congressman Brendan F. Boyle (PA) who appeared via Zoom.

**ALL TOGETHER NOW** — It was great to hear about what other Irish centers are doing as we all emerge from the pandemic in terms of building back our in-person programming and bolstering engagement of the community. Many of the Irish centers across the USA are doing better than before the lockdowns as membership and support of Centers has increased. A common theme across the US at the moment is the lack of programming space for music and dance spaces—something we are well aware of here at the Center. Another is the hesitancy of the older generation to engage in in-person events. It seems like Zoom events (which are hard to monetize) are here to stay.

**2025 PROJECT REACTION** — As part of the campfire program I got to present at length about the 2025 Project. After the talk and a showing of the 3D video fly through of our proposed new building, which many of the people were seeing for the first showed their appreciation with a loud round of applause. After the talk many people came up to me to wish us luck with our ambitious project. There are many people across the country rooting for us!

I must say the technical hookups and broadcast of the entire conference proceedings was top class.

*(President's Message continued on page 2)*

(President's Message continued)

Hats off to Aisling Events who was responsible for the recording, sound, and lighting at the conference. All of the talks and panels are now available on YouTube. We will share those on our social media channels.

Campfire attendees were amazed at the scale and ambitious nature of the 2025 plan and congratulated our efforts to expand our cultural footprint and facility as a community hub on the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

The symposium concluded with the awards luncheon where I collected a coveted Cara medal on behalf of all the work that the entire Board of Directors has done in the recent past to ensure the success of the Irish Center.

**BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS** — Local 798 Firefighters Union teamed up with the Center for a Blood Drive on August 23. A total of 38 units of blood was donated which will help 114 patients. Thank you to SFFD Paramedic Jeff Marcaletti for coordinating the effort.

**PRESIDENT OF SINN FÉIN** — Mary Lou McDonald, Sinn Féin President, will visit the Irish Center on Friday September 9th for a dinner hosted by the Friends of Sinn Féin in the St. Patrick's room. Tickets: Ciarán Scally (510) 333-2677.

**IRISH COMEDY NIGHT** — Ardal O'Hanlon makes his much awaited return to the Center on Saturday, September 10. The entertainment starts at 8 pm.

#### ROBERT EMMET COMMEMORATION

The United Irish Societies Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Robert Emmet Commemoration takes place on September 18, 2022 at

the Golden Gate Park Band Concourse. Eamon De Valera dedicated the Statue of the Robert Emmet in front of the Academy of Sciences 102 years ago. Starts at 12 noon.

**MAD HATTER TEA PARTY** — The annual Patrick J. Dowling Library Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, September 25 from 1-3pm. Hats encouraged, sandwiches, sweet treats, and assorted goodies served. Anne Cassidy Carew is once again the gracious host, and this event is one of most colorful days at the Centers each year.

**BYRNE BROTHERS MUSIC** — The Byrne Brothers will return to the Center on September 28. Their mid-week concert is a few days before they fly off to Los Angeles to pick up the "Young Artist Academy Award for Music Ensemble 2022".


**HINTERLAND WEST** — As one of the sponsors of Hinterland West 2022, the Center is delighted that the festival events on the weekend of Oct. 1-2, 2022 will take place here. This two-day literary festival features a compelling lineup of leading writers, thinkers, and creative talents from Ireland and the Bay Area.

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# 5TH ANNUAL JUNIOR REBEL GOLF CLUB OUTING

Our friends and community partners in the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association held their fifth annual Junior Rebel Cork golf outing on August 14th last at the beautiful Mill Valley Municipal Golf Course. Certainly one of the hidden jewels of Marin County for golf enthusiasts. The weather was outstanding on the day and the golf was challenging amongst the 42 acres of hills, creeks and mature redwoods. Thank you to the Rebel Cork Benevolent Association and Thomas Harrington for sponsorship of the educational scholarships disbursed to the young participants on the day. Special thanks to organizers John Connolly and Danny Guiney. Tim Murphy sponsored the sodas and candy for the young attendees.

*Below are some of the photos of the participants.*



*Shane Reidy, Ronan Gee, Jimmy McKeon, John Connolly and Thomas McKeon.*



*Cormac, Eoin, Caomhbe and Con Lyons.*



*Donie O'Sullivan, John Sheehan, Danny Guiney and Paul O'Sullivan.*



*Michael, Mickey and Colm Gallagher and John O'Driscoll.*



*Aidan Guiney, Daniel O'Sullivan, and Jack Sheehan.*



*Aidan Guiney with his cousin Conor O'Sullivan.*



*Con Lyons, Timmy Manning, and Michael McKeon.*



*RCBA President Danny Guiney and Timmy Manning with Brian Murphy (Radio host of the Murph & Mac show on KNBR).*



*Roisín and Fintan Reidy with Tanner and Sawyer Manning.*



# GLOBAL IRISH CAMPFIRE INVITE AFFORDS THE UICC'S NATIONAL EXPOSURE

by Liam Reidy

The 2022 Global Irish Campfire conference in New Rochelle, NY provided the UICC a national forum and outreach to other US based Irish Centers. I got the chance to present on our ambitious 2025 Project and also inform those gathered at Iona University about how we navigated the pandemic and came out a stronger community as a result of all our collective hard work, especially over the last four years. Many of those in attendance were amazed at plans to develop a new Irish Center here in San Francisco and wished us all the best of luck in our journey forward. I made friends and contacts with many of the attendees. I have been invited to present the 2025 project at a breakfast meeting (via zoom) of the Irish Business Organization of NYC in the coming months. Overall, a very quick trip to my former "home town" of New York where I first arrived in the US to validate my green back in June of 1995. It's hard to believe that was all of 27 years ago. Time marches on!

Photo Credit Nuala Purcell



As part of a panel on Innovating for a Post-Pandemic Era: Creating Sustainable Irish Community Centers & Hubs at the Heart of Rejuvenated Communities. I got to talk about our wonderful members, sponsors, donors, volunteers and community partners and how they helped us through the pandemic. The panel was chaired by: Aileen Leonard Dibra (center) Executive Director of Irish Immigration Centers. Left to right: Liam Reidy, UICC, Nathalie O'Shea, Celtic Junction Arts Center, St. Paul Mn, Maureen Kennedy, Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati, OH, and Pat Carolan, former President Gaelic American Club, Fairfield, CT.



Irish Global Campfire 2022 organizer Máirtín Ó Muilleoir (Publisher of the Irish Echo) with Liam Reidy, UICC.



Paul Finnegan, Irish Business Organization, New York; Barry Ó Séanain, Irish Arts Center, NYC; Liam Reidy, UICC, and Sean O'Dowd, Silvercrest Asset Management Group.



Liam Reidy with Rob Walsh, Senior Advisor to the President of Manhattan College.



At the Campfire I presented for 15 minutes on the 2025 Irish Center Project.





The Cara Medal presented at the Global Campfire luncheon to the Board of the United Irish Cultural Center for outstanding work in the Irish American community all across the San Francisco Bay area. The medal and conference supplement will be housed in the Patrick J Dowling Library for public showing over the next few months. Congratulations to the UICC Board on being nationally recognized.



Winner of the Black and Green Bridge Builder Award, Sonnie Wellington Hereford IV with Liam Reidy.



Majella Farrell, IBO, NYC with Liam Reidy.



Cormac and Nathalie O'Shea, Celtic Junction Arts Center, St. Mn with UICC President, Liam Reidy



Maureen Kennedy, Co-founder of the Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati, Ohio.



## Mary Lou McDonald, Uachtarán na Sinn Féin Bay Area Visit, September 4th - 10th

**Dinner at the UICC**  
**Friday, September 9, 2022**  
with Guest Speaker Mary Lou McDonald  
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# SFFD BLOOD DRIVE AUGUST 23

The UICC and San Francisco Fire Dept. Local 798 teamed up to bring a Community Blood Drive to the Irish Center on August 23rd.



Josh Montero, SFFD giving the thumbs up to the SFFD + UICC Blood Drive.



Local sunset resident Annamay Cayabyab was one of the first people in line for the Blood Drive.



Josh Davis, SFFD, Station 19, and task force dog Bosco attended the Blood Drive.



Temporary Blood Drive Center at the UICC August 23.



Station 19 Truck stopped by to support the Blood Drive. Blood Drive Co-ordinator Jeff Marcaletti, with Josh Davis, Dustin Rice, Michael Juan, Todd Prakin, and Ivan Tjia.



Jeff Marcaletti- SFFD Paramedic, with Blood Drive volunteers Stephanie Reidy and Maggie Overbay.



Dustin Rice, Todd Prakin, Jeff Marcaletti, and Josh Davis at the Blood Drive.



# HINTERLAND WEST 2022: 2-DAY LITERARY EVENT AT THE IRISH CENTER

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As one of the sponsors of Hinterland West 2022, The Irish Center SF is delighted that the festival events on the weekend of Oct. 1-2, 2022 will take place at the Irish Center SF (2700 45th Avenue San Francisco, CA).

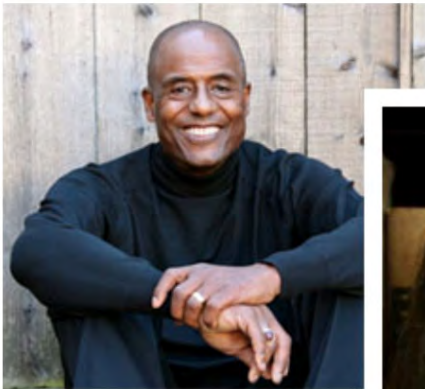
Join us for some or all of this two-day literary festival at the Irish Center featuring a compelling lineup of leading writers, thinkers, and creative talents from Ireland and the Bay Area. Hinterland West is a San Francisco-based collaboration with the Hinterland Festival in Kells, County Meath, Ireland.

The 2022 festival returns with a bang, featuring major, acclaimed writers and scholars from Ireland including Fintan O'Toole, arguably Ireland's top journalist and pundit, Liz Nugent one of Ireland's leading crime fiction writers, famed journalist and commentator Roisín Ingle, historian and archivist Catriona Crowe, and veteran broadcast journalist, historian, and impresario Myles Dungan! Hinterland West also offers an impressive lineup of San Francisco talent, featuring the

one-and-only Noah Griffin joining us to speak about Paradise Square, the acclaimed stage musical production on the storied collaboration between African-American and Irish dancers and musicians in lower Manhattan in the Civil War era.

On Saturday, Oct. 1 enjoy a series of five presentations from noon to 6 pm and on Sunday, Oct. 2, there are three presentations between noon and 3:30 pm. Refer to the website for a specific schedule and introduction of speakers and topics. For weekend pass ticket holders there is a VIP reception Friday September 30 at the Consulate General of Ireland.

SCHEDULE and TICKETS: <https://hinterlandwest.org/program-and-tickets/>



# Be a 2025 Project Ambassador



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On Saturday, August 20, 2022, an intimate group of guests enjoyed a house concert with a view—and a great cause! It was a wonderful gathering organized by Rebecca Harrington who has been inspired by 2025 Project ever since learning about it when attending a concert at the Irish Center earlier this year—that of her cousin Gregory Harrington—and she was eager to introduce the project plans and concept to more people. Fabulous entertainment including the virtuoso violinist Gregory as well as singer-songwriter and pianist Eoin Harrington, set the perfect tone for Liam Reidy and Leo Cassidy who presented plans for the Irish Center SF's bold vision. If you are interested in hosting a small gathering to help others learn more about this exciting project and vision for the future, please reach out to [campaign@irishcentersf.org](mailto:campaign@irishcentersf.org). It's an exciting time to get involved!



*Rebecca Harrington with 2025 Project Building Committee member Leo Cassidy*



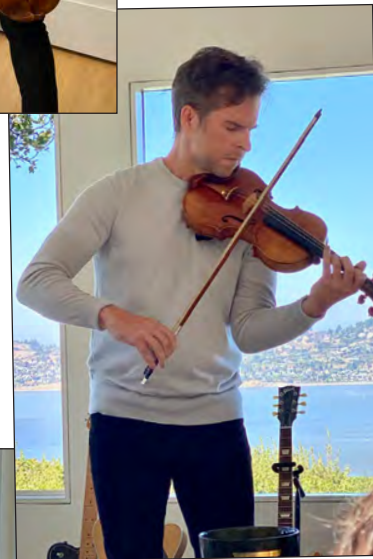
*Virtuoso violinist  
Gregory Harrington*



*UICC President Liam Reidy  
with Gregory Harrington*



*Leah Gilbert and UICC Board member Jeanne Connolly*



*Singer-songwriter and pianist Eoin Harrington  
(who provided the home for the gathering)*





## JOSEPH R. McDONALD

OCTOBER 25, 1935 - AUGUST 6, 2022

We lost another member of the UICC family with the unexpected passing of Joseph R. McDonald, (or Joe as he was known all his life here in San Francisco) on August 6th 2022 in Walnut Creek, California. Born in Bailieborough, County Cavan, Ireland, October 25, 1935, he was aged 86. We extend our sympathies to his wife Margaret (Peggy) McDonald; daughter, Karen (James Burke); brother, Thomas McDonald of London; and also many nephews, nieces and cousins both in Ireland and England.

Preceded by his parents: Henry and Ellen McDonald; sisters: Irene (Giles) and Henrietta (Hogan); and brothers: Patrick and Gabriel.

Joe emigrated to the United States with Peggy in 1963 where they immediately settled in San Francisco. He trained as a chef from the age of 16 and worked in numerous hotels and restaurants in Ireland, England and Jersey, Channel Islands. They eventually opened their own restaurant in San Francisco on Noriega Street in 1972. For over thirty-five years the Sunset Restaurant was a neighborhood favorite, especially among the local Irish community. Joe took immense pride in the food he served, and many loyal customers eventually became good friends. He worked every day except Monday-that was reserved for a round of golf with his buddies, which he enjoyed playing for many years.

After retiring in 2006, Joe volunteered his time as chef for the United Irish Cultural Center, of which he was a proud member and had also served on its Board of Directors.

Walnut Creek has been home since 2014. Joe enjoyed the warm summer evenings sitting in the garden with his beloved dogs, listening to his favorite music station, often with a cool glass of wine in hand. His love of golf never waned, and he would still head over to the putting greens on occasion.

Almost everyone who knew Joe would say that he was a quiet, gentle and kind man. His devotion to faith and life-long generosity to those in need was likewise expressed humbly. However, he heartily enjoyed a good joke and lively conversation. He will be greatly missed by us all.

*"Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a b-anam" "May God have mercy on his soul"*



## PATRICIA (BROSAN) HAYES

JUNE 12, 1925 - JULY 18, 2022

On behalf of the UICC community I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the Hayes family on the recent death of matriarch Patricia (Brosnan) Hayes. Patricia was wife to the late Thomas Hayes, who served as the first Vice-President of the UICC Board, and mother of Patty Hayes who recently served on the board, as Vice-President in 2020. She was a devoted mother of Danny (Jamie), GERALYN Hayes-Forghani (Bob), Patricia and Joanne Hayes-White.

Cherished Grandmother of Nicole Shapero (Joe), Timmy, Brendan, Nolan, Riley, Logan and Sean and Great Grandmother of Avery Shapero. Loving Aunt to many nieces and nephews and cousins in the SF Bay Area, Canada and Ireland. Dear Sister-in-Law of Joe Hayes and Bernadette (Hayes) Ferguson.

Patricia Anne Brosnan was born, raised and lived her entire 97 years in San Francisco. She attended St. Anne of the Sunset School and Immaculate Conception Academy. Preceded in death by her parents, Brigid O'Keeffe (County Cork) and John Brosnan (County Kerry) and her brothers John and Daniel Brosnan.

Patricia was a perfect match and wonderful partner to Tom and served as a lifelong role model to her children and numerous others. Her family always came first and, as a result, felt constant support and encouragement. The family home was an anchor point for many gatherings where special memories were made throughout the years.

Patricia was proud of her 10 years of service working with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph in the 1940's-1950's and, after raising her children, her assignments with the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

She immersed herself in volunteer work with her children's schools. She contributed countless hours of service to St. Stephen School, Riordan High School and Mercy High School where she served as President of the Women's Guild. In addition, she was a member of Little Children's Aid and Little Sisters of the Poor and a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center. She was a faithful member of St. Stephen Parish for 58 years.

*"Ar dheis Dé go raibh a banam" May her soul be seated on God's right hand.*





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### ■ SEPTEMBER 9, FRIDAY

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### ■ SEPTEMBER 10, SATURDAY

- Ardal O'Hanlon, comedian (Fr. Ted Fame) ~ 8:00pm  
Tickets at: IrishCenterSF.org
- Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting  
11:00am-1:00pm (US and Canada)  
Zoom discussion of using online yearbooks and school event notices in your ancestral quest.  
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2:30-4:30pm  
Part 3 "Distant Relations" Mexican & Irish Relations  
Discussion after presentation by Ardie McDermott  
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Fundraiser for Patrick J. Dowling Library  
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### ■ SEPTEMBER 28, WEDNESDAY

- The Byrne Brothers ~ Live in Concert ~ 7:30pm  
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### ■ SEPTEMBER 29, THURSDAY

- District 4 Supervisor Information Meeting  
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Saturday October 8 ~ 7pm  
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Saturday October 15 ~ 6-10pm  
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Sunday November 13  
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November 18, 19, 20  
Keepers of the Steps  
Oireachtas Pop-Up Exhibit  
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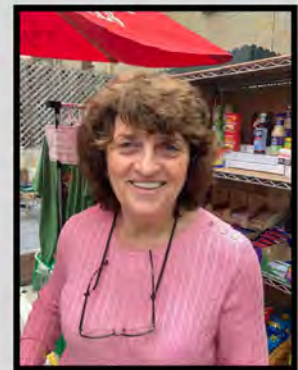


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# ***PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY***

## ***Greetings from the Library in September...***

We're celebrating our successful foray into online book sales via Biblio.com. This opened up our iconic green book cart and antiquarian duplicate titles to the virtual book sale world. Our "booth" at their Virtual Book Fair August 4 - 6 was a success, with titles finding homes all across the country. Check out our listings at:

[https://www.biblio.com/search.php?author=&title=&keyisbn=&order=pricedesc&dealer\\_id=2514024](https://www.biblio.com/search.php?author=&title=&keyisbn=&order=pricedesc&dealer_id=2514024)

Book sales are processed weekly. Local shoppers may pick up their books directly from the library on Saturdays.

Again, my thanks to the volunteers who have returned to keep the library open and our projects moving forward.

Volunteers wanted! Are you interested in helping out here in the library? Extra hands would be welcome during the library's open hours. Also, high school juniors and seniors, if you need service hours, the library has projects both on site and virtual which we'd welcome your help with. Please reach out via email.

With high school and college applications looming, those who are interested in applying for a Leo T. Walsh Scholarships are encouraged to come in and take advantage of our resources as you research your essay topics.

## ***Library Hours, September:***

Thursday & Friday: 2:30 - 5:00 pm, Saturday: 1:30 - 4:30 pm.

\*Possibly closed September 10 - check our social media for updates

## ***Field Trip! Dowling Library presents "Irish 49ers" at A Walk Through Time a FREE Living History community event***

**When:** Saturday, September 10, 2022, 11:00 am - 4 pm

**Where:** Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum, 570 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA

**More Information:** <https://heritageparkmuseum.org/a-walk-through-time>

## ***Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday!***

Saturday, September 17, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Zoom discussion of using online yearbooks and school event notices in your ancestral quest. 2022 club leads: Pati Traktman [patitraktman@gmail.com](mailto:patitraktman@gmail.com) & Nancy Sanchez [nmsanchez86@yahoo.com](mailto:nmsanchez86@yahoo.com).

Pre-register via Zoom:

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

## ***Irish Marvels Past & Present- Zoom Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday!***

Saturday, September 17, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

"Distant Relations" Part 3, presented by Ardie McDermott. Join us for part 3 of a 4 part series about Mexican / Irish connections based upon the 1996 multi-media 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](mailto:hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com))

Pre-register via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkf-qgrzgvGdaenGKpG8k4vY7qRaBiONO>

## ***Biscuits & Books, Live!***

Thursday, September 15, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

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

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

## ***12th Annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party***

Sunday, September 25, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Don't be late for this very important date! Benefiting the Dowling Library. Come one, come all to this fun, festive fundraising tradition. Hats, tea, snacks, book sale and raffle!

## ***In-kind Donations***

Please continue to make arrangements for physical donations via email initially.

We look forward to working with you regarding your collections.

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Jennifer Drennan, Librarian

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## MARGARET McAULIFFE IS THE 2022 ST. BRIGID HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT

The National Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians announced earlier this summer that Margaret McAuliffe, San Francisco is the Recipient of the 2022 St. Brigid Humanitarian Award. The prestigious St. Brigid of Ireland Humanitarian award was presented in July 15 at the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians National Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Spillane McAuliffe immigrated to the United States from County Longford, Ireland in 1959. She met her husband Dan and are the proud parents of James making their home in San Francisco.

Margaret has shared her time, talent and treasure with her community. She is active in her church on the parish and diocese levels working with St, Phillip, St Martin De Pores Society, Alpha Pregnancy Center, Catholic Women organizations and the Good Shepherd Grace Center. Her involvement includes helping the unborn to the elderly and those dealing with life challenges with alcohol and drug addictions.

She is very active in the Irish Community of San Francisco. Being an immigrant herself, she works with the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center. The McAuliffes have hosted JI Visa holders. They gave support to family members of the victims of the 2015 Balcony collapse including raising funds to help with funeral expenses.

In her nomination, State President Kathleen McCarthy stated "When you think of our Motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity you not only think of Margaret you see it in every action and everything she does. She is the true spirit of what a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians should be."

*Margaret McAuliffe is an excellent choice  
for this prestigious Award  
in honor of our Patron St. Brigid;  
a woman of faith and action.*



(L-R) Karen Keane, LAOH Past President, Margaret McAuliffe, and Marilyn Madigan, LAOH National President at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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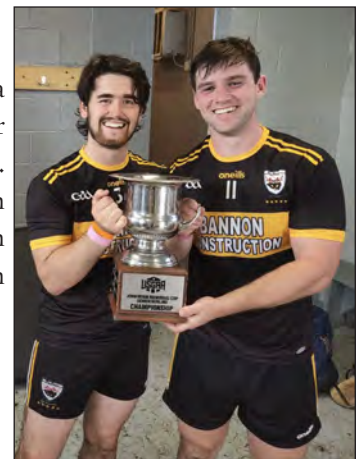


### THEATRE AWARD WINNER IN STOCKTON

Well done Liam Keane, formerly of Castlemahon, Co. Limerick who was awarded a prize for Outstanding Cameo performance in a play (Flanagan's Wake) at the 68th Annual Willie awards at the Stockton Civic Theatre August 7th, 2022.

### NORTH AMERICAN SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

Kieran Manning (left) and Kieran O'Keeffe part of Na Fianna San Francisco team who won the North American Senior hurling championship in Chicago on Sunday August 21st. Na Fianna defeated Windy City Gaels 7-09 to 3-10 Kieran Manning's grandfather John Manning was part of the San Francisco hurling team that won the inaugural North American championship back in 1959- 63 years ago!



Have a story you would like to share with the community?

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# BAY AREA DANCE SCHOOLS SHINE AT THE NAIC IN MONTREAL

*By Eileen Mize*

School may have been out for summer, but our local Irish dance schools were busy! The 2022 North American Irish Dance Championships (NAIDC) were held in Montreal over the 4th of July Holiday Weekend, and several of our Bay Area dance schools were represented in the prestigious competition which serves as one of the qualifying competitions for the Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne (Worlds).

First, a little history. The first NAIDCs (a.k.a. Nationals) was held in 1969 at the Tower View Ballroom in Woodside, New York and was called “Oireachtaisi Rince.” Serving on that first planning committee were Mike Bergin, Jimmy Erwin, and Anna O’Sullivan. Dancers from across North America gathered annually at this event, until 1976 when An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha mandated regional world-qualifying events. There was a five-year hiatus before chairperson Patsy McLoughlin brought the regions back together again, and the NAIDC was officially born, starting at the Meadowland Hilton in New Jersey, and rotating among the five North American regions in the years to follow.

We heard from several of our dancers and families about their time in Montreal this year and being a part of the 2022 NAIDC. This year was especially significant since it was the first major competition for some younger dancers who have missed them due to COVID.

Kennelly School dance mom Jessica Quinones shared, “We are so incredibly proud of Lyla! She competed in her first North American Irish Dancing Championship in Montreal and came in 15th amongst an extremely talented group. It was the highest level competition she has ever competed in, and she shined on the big stage. Thank you to her teacher, Patricia Kennelly, for all of the preparation and support. Thank you to our dance family for being with us every step of the way. It was an unforgettable experience!” Rowan Mitchelson, also from the Kennelly School, placed 6th and qualified to attend the 2023 World Championships. Sondra Myles shared that her daughter Clare was thrilled to be competing in her first Nationals and placed 32nd in her age group.

Michael Dillon shared that his dancers Mallory Brown and Sarah Van Middlesworth both competed in the first adult championships of the NAIDC and recalled in the top half with a 44th place and 26th place finish overall, respectively. He shared, “We are so proud of you both! You have worked so hard and deserve this amazing achievement.” Michael Dillon dancer Paige White-Fagundes also recalled and finished 45th overall in the ladies 22 and over.

The McBride Irish Dancers are very proud of Gemma who competed at her first Nationals and also congratulate Reese, Kylie, Lauren, and Audrey. Both Annie McBride and Eileen McBride Parker expressed pride in their hard work and dedication and how their love of Irish dance shines through on the big stage.

Jackie Flynn and the Jackie Flynn Academy shared, “Congrats to Becca on placing 28th at the North American Irish Dance Championships! We are so proud!”

Nicole McKeever of the McKeever School of Irish Dance shared “We are incredibly proud of our champions Morgan Martin, Natalie McKeever, Olive Kincaid, Sophia Teves, and Ruby Kincaid who achieved personal bests and danced beautifully.”

Lauren Edberg, TCRG with the Rohan-Murphy Irish Dance Academy was thrilled to be cheering on a couple of her champions. “Cassidy Howard earned 38th at the North American Nationals! We are so proud of your hard work, drive and dedication. And Claire left it all on the floor.”

There were plenty of other dancers from other schools from around the Bay, and we salute them all—as well as their teachers and families. Irish dance is such a vibrant and important way to preserve our culture, and we are so grateful that you continue to compete, perform, and share your love of dance with the world!

## **UPCOMING DANCING DATES TO NOTE**

### **Western Region Oireachtas—Nov. 18-20**

Next up for the major competitions, San Francisco is the host city for the annual Western Region Oireachtas which will take place at the Marriott Marquis November 18-20, 2022. Chairing the event is Sharon Whelan MacSweeney with all our local schools represented as the hosting city.

### **Keepers of the Steps—Pop-up Exhibit—Nov. 18-20**

In addition to checking out the competition you can also enjoy a special pop-up exhibit of the highly-acclaimed “Keepers of the Steps” exhibit celebrating 150 years of Irish step dancing in the San Francisco Bay Area. The exhibit is sponsored by the Irish Center SF and will be on display during competition hours adjacent

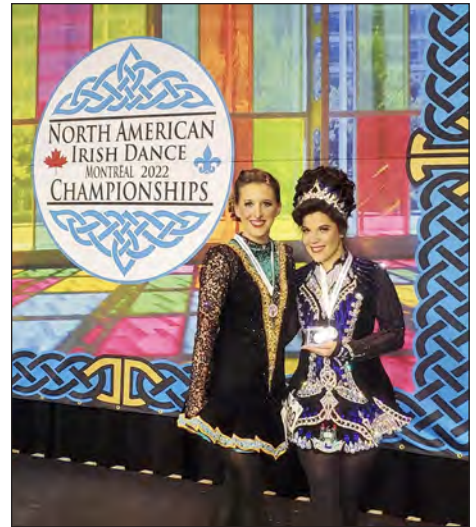




*Becca from the Jackie Flynn Academy*



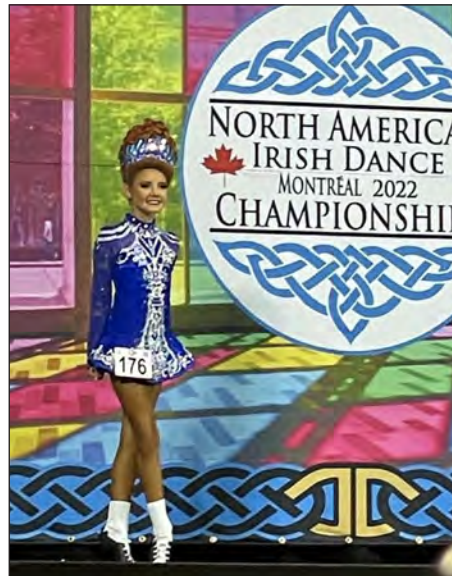
*Gemma from the McBride School*



*Mallory and Sarah from the Michael Dillon School*



*Rowan Mitchelson from the Kennelly School*



*Cassidy Howard of the Roban-Murphy School*



*Paige White-Fagundes from the Michael Dillon School*



**Special "Oireachtas Pop-Up" Exhibition**  
**November 18, 19, 20, 2022**  
**at the Marriott Marquis, Downtown SF**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

For a special mini-exhibit to be held in conjunction with the Western Regional Irish Dance Championship competition to be held in San Francisco on November 18-20 at the Marriot Marquis.

## GET INVOLVED!

The Keepers of the Steps committee is looking for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down as well as staffing the exhibit during the 3-day run. The committee also seeks Irish dance stories on an on-going basis.

Please contact Eileen Mize at [emize@irishcentersf.org](mailto:emize@irishcentersf.org) if you have interest in volunteering and/or contributing a story or artifact.

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