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BOARD MESSAGE

San Francisco Irish Center Enters National Spotlight

Liam Reidy

The Center has been selected to host the 2023 Big Irish Campfire conference in San Francisco on August 24 and 25. The Campfire will bring together civic leaders, entrepreneurs, business leaders, politicians, and representatives from Irish Centers all across America and Canada to discuss matters relevant to our communities, share ideas, and develop long term strategic partnerships around Irish arts and culture programming. The Big Irish Campfire conference is the brainchild of Máritín Ó Muilleoir, Publisher of the Irish Echo in New York. It was first hosted in New York in 2019.

NICCoNA Annual Meeting — The annual meeting of the Network of Irish Cultural Centres of North America took place in New York City on January 13. Hosted on the 17th Floor of the Consulate General of Ireland, New York office at 345 Park Avenue, there was a great exchange of ideas and discussion centered around Irish artists performing in the US, immigration issues around visas for touring artists, and financial support for Irish Centers to host and underwrite programming originating from Ireland. The Irish Ambassador to the US, Geraldine Byrne Nason, was present, as was Sharon Barry, Director of Culture Ireland, and New York Consul General Helena Nolan. I made several new connections with representatives from various Centers around the country and we will be developing those relationships as we move forward into 2023.

New York Irish Arts Center — While in New York City I had the opportunity to visit the recently opened $60 million dollar Irish Arts Center at 51st Street and 11th Avenue. Executive Director Aidan Connolly graciously hosted all of the visiting NICCoNA conference attendees. The new building is a very impressive 21,700 square foot space dedicated to Irish arts and culture which plays host to a range of artistic programs throughout the year. As part of the tour, we were treated to a spectacular showcase of new theatrical productions being produced in Ireland and touring the US in 2023. Fishamble, a Dublin based theatre company, will visit the Center in May to produce "The Humours of Bandon."

Following the conclusion of the showcase and the reception that followed, I filtered out of the building and into the New York evening. On my walk back to my midtown hotel I envisaged our new home at the corner of 45th Avenue and Wawona Street. I felt very confident that we too could have a similar destination and hub for Irish arts and culture back home in San Francisco. I have no doubt that with the groundswell of initial UICC member support, philanthropic, corporate, local, statewide, federal, and national government of Ireland funding that we can make it happen. I asked myself the question - Could we build it? - and came to the conclusion of a confident YES WE CAN!

NYC Irish Theatre Scene — I was flabbergasted to learn that there is a very robust Irish theatre scene in NYC. There were Irish plays and dramas staged off Broadway almost every night of the week during the month of January alone, with two to three different offerings each night. Theatre-goers are certainly spoiled for choice!

Spotlight on Education — Our community's current eighth grade students and high school seniors were kept busy over the holiday period applying to high school and college, as part of the next steps on their

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educational journeys. Now that all those applications have been completed, it serves as a reminder that the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship program is now accepting applications for 2023. The deadline is Friday March 17, with winners to be announced in May.

Building and Facilities — The onset of a series of powerful 'Pineapple Express' storms and bomb cyclones that marched across the Bay Area in late December through the first two weeks of January put the Center's roof to the test. Though installed back in 1999, and despite the record rainfall, we are happy to report that the roof held up. We made some repairs to the heating system in the St. Patrick's Room in late December. Thankfully those repairs did not impact our holiday parties and celebrations held during the festive season.

Irish Secretary General Visit — On January 23, along with our co-hosts at the local Consulate's Office, we welcomed the Irish Secretary General Joseph Hackett to the Center. I had an opportunity to present details of the 2025 project, while the United Irish Societies and SF Youth GAA presented their plans for the season ahead.

Grand Marshal Dinner — Pat Uniacke will be honored as the Grand Marshal of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day at the Center on Friday February 24. The theme of this year's parade is "Hurling into the Future." Youth Gaelic games will take center stage this year as they host the Continental Youth Championships in the east bay city of Dublin next July over a four-day festival.

Kennelly Memorial Feis — We hosted the Kennelly Memorial Feis mid-month with more than 200 step dancers taking to the stage, some of them for the first time, to ensure the continuation of the tradition for years to come.

Youth Music Classes — Music classes have resumed for the spring. Thanks to the generous support of those who donated to our 2022 Year End Annual Appeal, we have thirty kids signed up to participate in banjo, fiddle, bodhrán, guitar, singing, tin whistle, and piping classes. Drumming classes resume on February 2.

Amateur Boxing —The UICC is teaming up with Fire in the Ring Boxing to showcase a night of amateur boxing at the Center on Saturday March 18.

The Black Brothers — Michael and Shay Black will present a concert of songs and music to kick off the St. Patrick's festivities on March 3rd at the Center. Button accordion player Félim Egan and keyboardist, Eamonn Flynn will join them on stage.

St. Patrick's Season — It's hard to believe that the St. Patrick's season is almost upon us again. We look forward to a great lineup of Irish music, singing, dancing, and hearty corned beef and dinner cabbage. The parade takes place on Saturday, March 11, with St. Patrick's Day falling on a Friday.

Liam Reidy, President
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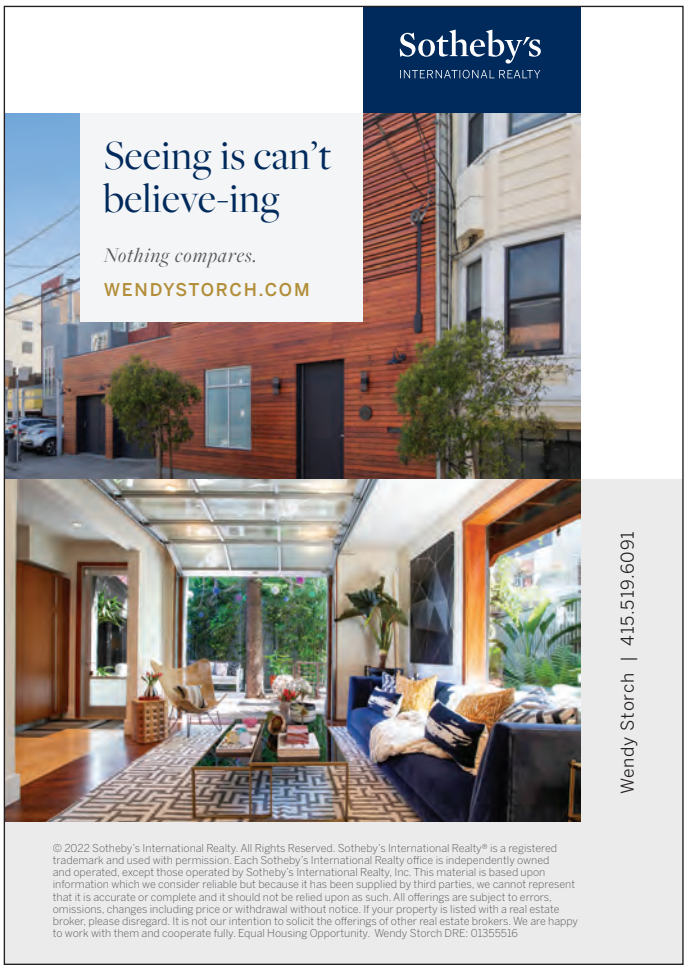

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

■ FEBRUARY 2, THURSDAY
- **Discussion of "Ulysses Abridged" with Michael James Fallon ~ St. Francis Room 7:00 - 9:00pm**

■ FEBRUARY 3, FRIDAY
- **Tommy & Saundra O'Sullivan Traditional Music Night**

Emerald Room 7-9pm $20 Entry Fee

■ FEBRUARY 4, SATURDAY
- **Irish Marvels, Past and Present**

with UICC Cultural Programs – In Person Event
Brigid's Cross Weaving Workshop & Meditation
3:00pm - 5:00pm
$10 in advance/$15 at the door
Workshop in formation here: https://irishcentersf.org/event/cross-weaving-workshop.
Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe at: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com
See Library page for Zoon information

■ FEBRUARY 5, SUNDAY
- **St. Brigid's Céilí with Comhaltas ~ 6:30pm**

United Irish Cultural Center, St. Patrick's Room
$15 members; $20 non members

■ FEBRUARY 7, TUESDAY
- **Set Dancing Classes**

■ FEBRUARY 11, SATURDAY
- **Irish Genealogy Club ~ 11:00am-1:00pm**

Marriage: customs, laws and traditions in record keeping.
2023 club leads: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com.

■ FEBRUARY 16, THURSDAY
- **Biscuits & Books, Live! ~ 4:00 - 4:45pm**

Live chat featuring antiquarian books, interesting titles and Facebook page, or be our guest in the discussion by attending on Zoom.

■ FEBRUARY 21, TUESDAY
- **Set Dancing Classes**

■ FEBRUARY 24, FRIDAY
- **UIS Annual Grand Marshal Dinner**

7:00pm Dinner ~ St. Patrick's Room
honoring Pat Uniacke as Grand Marshal and
Honorary Grand Marshals Mike Alvers*,
Jerry Keohane*, Nicole Killigrew*, Barry McGrath*
and Katherine "Katy" O'Shea*.

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SAVE THE DATE 2023

SATURDAY MARCH 3
The Black Brothers in Concert

SATURDAY MARCH 11
St. Patricks Day Parade Celebration

SUNDAY MARCH 12
Annual Green Fest Block Party Celebration

7PM ~ Visiting from Co. Wexford, Ireland,
The Green Road with Clodagh Kinsella

FRIDAY MARCH 17
St. Patrick's Day Celebration

SATURDAY MARCH 18
Rumble at the Beach
Amateur Boxing in partnership with
Fire in the Ring Boxing

SUNDAY MARCH 19
Runa ~ Celtic Roots Music

SUNDAY APRIL 2
St. Patrick's Céilí

FRIDAY MAY 12
Fishamble, Irish theatre company presents
Humours of Bandon a play by Margaret McAuliffe.

MONDAY JUNE 12 - FRIDAY JUNE 30
Irish Center Summer Camp
Ages 6-14 yrs

SATURDAY AUGUST 12
Amateur Boxing in partnership with
Fire in the Ring Boxing

THURSDAY AUGUST 24 - FRIDAY AUGUST 25
Irish Echo
4th Annual Big Irish Campfire 2023
on the West coast for the first time at the UICC

SATURDAY AUGUST 26
Rock the Gates
2nd Annual Music Festival

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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library…

Have you seen it yet? The digitising of our original Leader issues are now available online! This bears repeating as it is such exciting news: Thanks primarily to a generous ESP Grant award from the Irish Government, all of the physical pages of the Leader are now available to be read online, directly from the print. Issues which we held only the microfiche of will still appear in their original form. Read all about it from 1902 - 1938. Check the Titles tab on our web pages for access. Digital periodicals are linked in the BMI Digital Reel. Books are in our Online Catalogue. With research projects and scholarship essay season gearing up, students are encouraged to use our unique sources for the Irish, California, San Francisco, and other topics across the entire Dewey decimal range of categories.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the library. Opportunities are expanding as we all get used to being back in person for so much. It's wonderful.

Looking ahead the library volunteers are excited to partner with Aidan Stone and Emma Craig to expand cultural programming, and highlighting aspects of the collection with ties to events as they happen throughout this Year of our Lord 2023.

Collection Highlight: Juvenile

Did you know that we have children's books in both English and Irish? Love Dr. Seuss' "Fox in Sox"? We have "Preab San Aer" published in Gaeilge for your reading pleasure. Recent additions to the Juvenile/Youth collection include books written by musician Eileen Ivers and noted author Eoin Colfer. Colouring and activity pages, too. Many of these we are able to share portions of under Fair Use guidelines.

Library Hours, February

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

Fri., Jan 27: 1:30 - 4:30pm

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

Irish Marvels Past & Present with UICC Cultural Programs – In Person Event

Brigid's Cross Weaving Workshop

Saturday, February 4, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Workshop in formation here: https://irishcentersf.org/event/cross-weaving-workshop

United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Questions? The entire UICC's Feast of Brigid celebration calendar of events is online:

https://irishcentersf.org/event/uicc-st-brigid-feast-day-celebration/

Irish Genalogy Club - Zoom Meeting

Saturday, February 11 , 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

"Marriage: customs, laws and traditions in record keeping"

2023 club leads: Pati Traktman patitraktman@gmail.com & Nancy Sanchez nmsanchez86@yahoo.com.

Biscuits & Books, Live!

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

Live chat featuring antiquarian books, interesting titles and upcoming programming. Watch it happen Live on the Library's Facebook page, or be our guest in the discussion by attending on Zoom.

NOTE: all new Zoom links for 2023

New Zoom links for all online events will be posted prior to the meeting dates on the calendar, the Library's social media and via club emails.

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2023 John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis

We hosted the annual John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis, organized by their daughter Patricia Kennelly, ADCRG on January 14th and 15th. It is great to be back to hosting Feiseanna again in the Center without any restrictions. Chris McLoughlin from New Jersey provided the music over the two days. Thank you to all the volunteers, who came out to help behind the scenes.

18 & Over Competition: Emily Watson (2nd),(Fisher-McLeod), First place Phife MacGabhann (Healy School), and 3rd place Morgan Clinton, (Celtic Steps, Az).

Emma Moylan and Olivia Moriarty.

U-16 Open competition: Second place Layla Giles, (Clan Rince) with champion Aoibhínn Reidy (Fisher-McLeod).

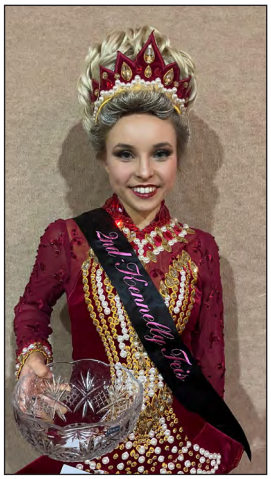
Patricia Kennelly with U-18 Champion Rhys Lewis.

U-17 Open competition: Second place Scarlett Roberts (Whelan Academy) with first place champion Pia Sallee (Keenan School).

Josephine Brogan, Ann Torres and Brandy Keegan (El Dorado Hills, CA).

Jo Coffey and Anne Cassidy Carew.

Patricia Kennelly and Dan Wallis.



Dharma Niles, Keenan School, second the U-18 Open competition.

Fidelma Keenan and Dancers at the 2023 Kennelly Feis.

Theresa Flynn Houghton with daughter Annika.

Mary Jo Murphy and Marie Woods.

The Kennelly Memorial Feis kicked off the Irish dance Feis season on January 14-15th. Here are some of the attendees.

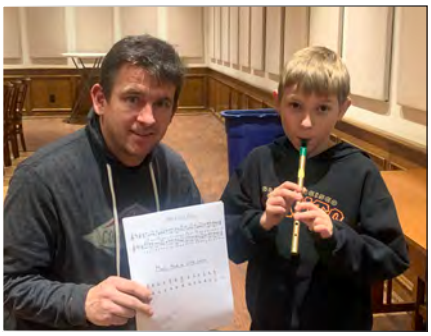
Jennifer Corry, Jennifer Corry and Liliana Taylor (Dillon School).

Youth Music Classes Underway at the Center

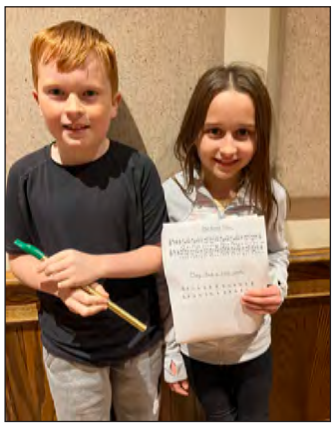
The Center is alive with Irish music classes four evenings a week as young kids are busy getting to grips with the tin whistle, banjo, fiddle, guitar, Irish pipes, drumming and singing. It is great to see the young children being so enthusiastic about learning the instruments. We are thankful for the Irish Pipers support of tutoring the young pipers. A big thank you to all those in the community who provided support to the 2022 Annual Appeal which dedicates financial support for the Youth Music Program.

Padraig Mitchell with Roisín Reidy.

Rex Moore and Francis Dilleshaw with fiddle teacher Valerie Rose.



Liam Reidy with tin whistle student Harrison Uskert.



Tin whistle students Fintan and Roisín Reidy

Seeing the young kids so happy playing music reminds me of the old Irish proverb (seanfhocal) - Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí - Praise the youth and they will flourish.

Roisín Reidy and Hazel Kearney with fiddle teacher Valerie Rose.

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In Memoriam

Remembering Frances Hughes, Matriarch of the Starry Plough

By Eileen T. Hughes

Frances Carmel Hughes (née Barrett) passed away peacefully on Dec. 30, 2022 in Oakland, surrounded by her family and a few close friends. She was 83 years old.

Frances was born on Aug. 9, 1939, to Michael and Maisie Barrett of Craigbrien and Craignua, Ballyea Darragh, Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. She was one of nine siblings.

She left Ireland in 1958, at the age of just 19, to immigrate to America . She first landed in Boston, where she met, married and had five children with Michael Hughes of Curraghdooey, Crossboyne, County Mayo, Ireland.

Joined by Mike's sister Kathleen and her seven children, in the summer of 1972 they moved across the country to San Francisco. Here the two families put down roots and forged relationships within the Irish community that lead to the founding of the Starry Plough Irish Pub in Berkeley. The pub would become her legacy through decades of community service and gatherings.

Frances quickly became the matriarch of the community gathering space of the Starry Plough, a fixture, as they say, and the unofficial pub bouncer. (If you ever misbehaved at the Plough then you know all about that.) She was the first stop in the Bay Area for many coming from Ireland for the first time. She would open her home, keep you, feed you and use all her resources and connections to help you get settled.

Frances was grounded in the traditions of family and her rich Irish heritage, but was also an intelligent, adventurous, free-spirited and strong modern woman. She taught us so many things about how to be and how not to be in this world it's hard to list them all.

She taught us to be adventurous and strong, to value family and community, to nurture friendships, to be kind and generous, to share what little or great we have with others who have less, to stand up to any injustices great or small, and she reminded us to enjoy this journey even when times are tough and to laugh whenever possible.

She was an avid storyteller with a gift for the gab, as we Irish like to say, and she could make you laugh, impart some sage advice, or regale you with stories of her youth in Ireland and our family history. She was never boring company.

Frances also practiced the Irish matchmaking tradition, and made a few marriages in her matchmaking career. She was most infamous for her cooking and baking, her Irish trifle, soda bread, stews and Kerry pies, to name just a few. We are forever grateful for all the time she spent in the kitchen teaching us, feeding the community and passing on the recipes that she learned from past generations of women to future generations.

A Scholarship fund has been set up to honor Frances Hughes at the Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco through the music and Gaelic language programs. A donation can be made by sending a check to:

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Cooley-Keegan Branch
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San Francisco, CA 94116

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Irish Government Official Visits The Center

Joe Hackett, Secretary General of the Irish government visited the Irish Center on Monday January 23. Joe was accompanied by Ciara Delaney, Irish Embassy, Washington DC, Micheál Smith, Consul General, Jennifer Chadwick, Vice Consul and Elizabeth Creely.

Joe met and chatted with representatives from San Francisco Youth GAA, United Irish Societies and the United Irish Cultural Center board. Youth GAA Chairman James Quinn spoke about the vibrant Gaelic games locally and the upcoming Continental Youth Championships in the east bay city of Dublin later this summer. Liam Frost presented on the activities planned around the 2023 St. Patrick's season and beyond while Liam Reidy presented on the latest around the 2025 project. There was lively discussion, back and forth on a number of topics including Irish government support for the new Irish Center building once we have planning approval for the city of San Francisco planning Department and the future of the Irish Center.

Anne Cassidy Carew, Joe Hackett and Redmond Lyons.

Leo Cassidy, Micheál Smith, Consul General and Redmond Lyons.

Brian Rogers, SF Youth GAA, Jennifer Chadwick, Vice Consul San Francisco, and Elizabeth Creely, Irish Consulate Office.

Patrick Linehan, Joe Hackett and Josephine Brogan.

Liam Reidy, Joe Hackett, Jeanne Connolly and Leo Cassidy.

Ann McKiernan, SF Youth GAA, Ciara Delaney, Irish Embassy, Washington DC, and Chris Del Carlo, United Irish Societies.

James Quinn, Joe Hackett and Suzie Sheedy.

Liam Reidy, UICC President, Joe Hackett, and Liam Frost, President, UIS.

The Rebel Cork Ladies Recruitment Drive

The Rebel Cork Ladies Association (RCLA), celebrates 110 years in existence this year. The ladies club have been busy recruiting new members since late last year and held an informational afternoon here at the Center on Sunday January 22. President Kathleen Manning is eager to hear from any member of the community who has Cork ancestry who wishes to join the club. You can reach Kathleen via email: rebelcork90@yahoo.com

Imelda Daly, Jennifer Chadwick, Vice-Consul of Ireland, San Francisco, Kathleen Manning and Hannah O'Donovan.

Margaret O'Sullivan, Jennifer Drennan, Shannon McAuliffe, and Mary Fitzgerald.

Mary O'Leary, Chris Kelly, Sue Spillane, Mgt McAuliffe, Carolyn Ervin, and Joan Guiney.

NICCoA Annual Meeting New York, 2023

The annual meeting of Irish Cultural and Heritage Centers of North America (and a sprinkle from Canada) took place in New York City on January 13. Hosted on the 17th Floor of the NY Irish Consulates Office at 315 Park Ave there was a great exchange of ideas and discussion centered around Irish artists performing in the US, visas for touring artists and financial support for Irish Centers to host and underwrite programming originating from Ireland. The Irish Ambassador to the US, Geraldine Byrne Nason was present, as was Sharon Barry, Director of Culture Ireland, and NY Consul General Helena Nolan. Later in the afternoon I visited the new Irish Arts Center with NICCoA attendees where we were treated to a wonderful showcase of upcoming Irish theatre productions coming to the US in 2023.

Exterior of the new $60 million New York Irish Arts building on the west side of New York at 726 11th Ave.

Liam Reidy with Jean Butler, Butler Irish Dance, New York, and former Riverdance principal dancer.

George Heslin, New York Irish Center, Dermot Fitzpatrick, Vice-Consul, NY, Liam Reidy, UICC, San Francisco, and Maedhbh McCullagh, Seolas Nua, Washington D.C.

Paul Keating, New Jersey and Combaltas PRO for the North Eastern US with Liam Reidy.

Nik Quaife with Catherine Barry, SF Arts.

Liam Reidy with Nathalie and Cormac O'Shea, Celtic Junction, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mary Kate Gledt, Kansas City, Missouri with Liam Reidy.

Liam Reidy with Aidan Connolly, Executive Director, New York Irish Arts Center.

Mike Mitchell, Executive Director of CelticMKE. with Liam Reidy.

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The Black Brothers—*Shay and Michael will be joined by Félim Egan and Eamonn Flynn*

March 11

San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade
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Post Parade Celebration *with Corned Beef & Cabbage with live music and Irish Dancing*

March 12

Annual "Green Fest" Block Party *with United Irish Societies, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, & Java Beach with live music and Irish Dancing*

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April 2

St. Patrick's Céilí—*with Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann—Cooley Keegan Branch*

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

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Join us to celebrate the patron of all things romantic, please consider wearing red and your 'heart on your sleeve' to our Valentine's Day event! Our volunteers will be ready to welcome you and show you some love!

Fr. Brendan will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch from Espostos Catering.

Thursday, February 9, 2023

12 noon Mass
followed by buffet luncheon

United Irish Cultural Center
St. Patrick's Room
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Tickets $30

Advance registration required
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IIPC is generously funded by: Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme

WITH AGE, COMES WISDOM

Let's take care of our hearts this month. We need to be aware of not only our physical health but our emotional health.

Take some time to join The Wisdom Exchange and discuss ways to nuture ourselves and bring gratitude to our daily experience.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

11:00 A.M.

ZOOM LINK @ LINKTR.EE/SFIIPC

THE WISDOM EXCHANGE

CALL IIPC FOR MORE INFORMATION

Shannon Cotter - (415) 432-2552
shannon@sfiipc.org

Wellness Walks

IIPC Wellness Program Event

We were rained out for our walk in Buena Vista Park last month, so join us for a walk as we explore this gem of a park and enjoy the stunning views.

Not only is it the oldest park in San Francisco, but it is home to one of the city's few remaining coast live oak groves.

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

Wednesday, February 8 at 11:00 a.m.

Buena Vista Park, San Francisco

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

For more information, call Shannon at 415.432.2552 or email shannon@sfiipc.org

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

CAIRDE CAFE

We are delighted to announce the return of our Cairde Cafe Coffee morning, in person, at the UICC this month!

Join us for your morning tea or coffee, delicious treats over a chat and perhaps a game of bingo or cards. We can't wait to see you!

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

United Irish Cultural Center
St. Francis Room
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Cost: $5

For more information, call Shannon at 415.432.2552 or email shannon@sfiipc.org

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US CITIZENSHIP & GREEN CARD WORKSHOP

Are you eligible for US Citizenship?

Do you need to renew your Green Card?

This workshop will give you a:
- Step-by-step review of the naturalization or green card renewal process
- Assessment of your eligibility to naturalize
- Application preparation & documentation packaging, if eligible to naturalize
- Application review by an immigration attorney or qualified legal representative

Appointment only
Register at linktr.ee/sfiipc

If you have any questions, please call Roisin at 415.752.6006 for registration assistance.

Thursday, February 23, 2023

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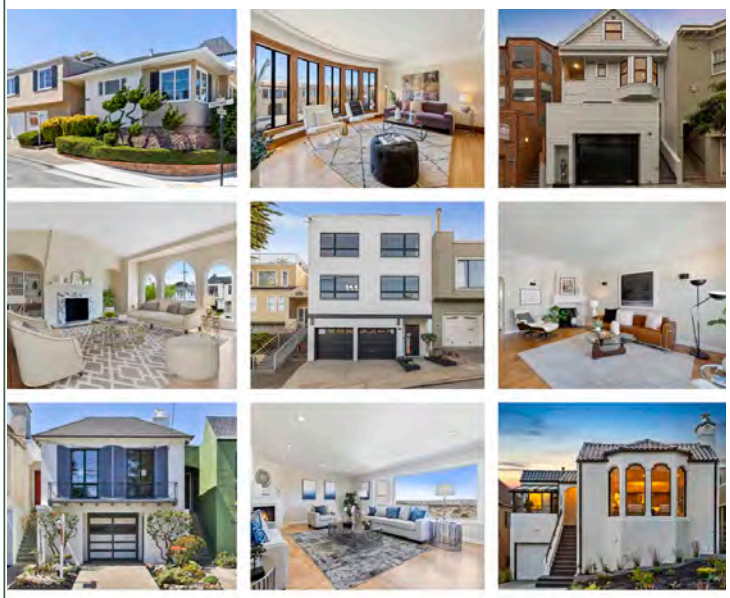

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