Giving thanks.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” — John F. Kennedy

This month’s theme is gratitude. I am so grateful that I am bursting with appreciation.

Thank you to our employees - Angela, Jennifer, and Ligia.
Thank you to our Wawona Gates employees- Joe, Bob, Joe, Caitlin and Ronan.
Thank you to all who have renewed their membership
Thank you for becoming a new member.
Thank you for your kind donations in the Saint Patrick’s Appeal.
Thank you to Tom McKeon and John Ring for leading the Saint Patrick’s Appeal Fundraiser.
Thank you to a dedicated board who have devoted hundreds of hours for the last 8 months in keeping the doors of the Center open.
Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported the Wawona Gates.
Thank you to the Irish dance schools and musicians that have come out to the Gates and helped make things feel “normal”.
Thank you to Molly and Mark for your commitment to the Wawona Gates.
Thank you to our Irish Shoppe keeper Josephine.
Thank you to our 2020 food partners: Knights Catering, Guerra’s, Millbrae Pancake house, Espotos, City Forest Catering (Ron Dumont), La Corneta, and Java Beach.
Thank you to the Irish clubs and organizations that continue to support the UICC.

Join us at Wawona Gates during November as we honor “National RedHead Day” during the first weekend of the month, “First Responders Appreciation” weekend on Nov. 13th through the 15th. We have a local Food Bank Drive the weekend of 20th - 22nd, Homecoming Nite on Wednesday, Nov. 25th and look for a Christmas Retail Boutique in December!

We have a packed November and December - please check out our website, Irish Herald Ad, Emails, social media and join us. Remember it is not too late to become a member, renew your membership or make a donation. Every dollar counts.

Finally, On behalf of all of us here at the United Irish Cultural Center we would like to am wish everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving Holiday season!

With much appreciation,

Anne Cassidy Carew, President of the UICC
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

ORGANIZATION:
The United Irish Cultural Center Inc. is a California nonprofit corporation which was organized for the purpose of providing its members with social, recreational, athletic and cultural facilities. The Corporation is authorized to offer memberships to qualified individuals.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP
*Event Discounts *Room Rental Discounts *Members-Only Events *Voting Privileges *Board Eligibility

MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE (Check One):

__ Single Membership Renewal (Dues) $150
__ Couple Membership Renewal (Dues) $250

The term for annual dues is 365 days from the date your dues are recorded. Dues are regulated by the UICC Board of Directors. Note: Membership Renewals with flexible payment options are available on our website, http://irishcentersf.org/membership

Name #1 ______________________________________ Member # __________________________

Name #2 (Couple) ____________________________ Member #2 (Couple) ________________________

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St. Patrick’s Appeal 2020

As we have reported in our recent communications, we have fully complied with “Shelter In Place” orders issued the week of March 15 by shutting down our facility and it will remain closed for the duration of this COVID-19 health crisis. As such, we have had to cancel all events and meetings and we are anxiously awaiting news about the summer months.

Please help us weather this storm and keep the momentum we built last year by making a donation to our St. Patrick’s Appeal. The campaign goal is $150,000 and we are well underway.

Visit irishcentersf.org/appeal to view our St. Patrick’s Appeal 2020 video and to see the fundraising stories from Board Members and Appeal supporters alike.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, volunteers, and community partners – you make our work possible.

John Ring, 2020 St Patrick’s Appeal Chairperson
UICC 2020 Board of Directors

To donate online: irishcentersf.org/appeal For further information email: give@irishcentersf.org

- Enclosed is my contribution of $ ____________ towards the St. Patrick’s Appeal
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Greetings from the Library of Exploration
It has certainly been a time of change and discovery while the library has been closed to you, our patrons and supporters. While we remain so for the time being, I hope you are enjoying some of the new virtual offerings via our social media pages. In working to make the library and its collections more accessible, partnerships and programming are being explored to bring even more of the information, stories and treasures within to you.

**Book Sale Cart is Back!**
Volunteer schedules permitting, the Book Sale cart will be available again on Thursday - Saturday afternoons by the library’s door, and Sundays at Wawona Gates. We may not be able to have you in yet, but there are new titles just waiting to be a part of your next at home adventure. Book cart sales help support the library’s efforts to modernize, preserve and present this unique collection.

**Irish Genealogy Club Zoom Meeting**
Saturday, November 14 — 11:00am – 1:00pm Monthly on the second Saturday.
Dvorah Lewis, Genealogy and Local History Librarian at the Sutro Library, California State Library speaks on their collection resources in “How Your Hard Work Can Conquer All at the Sutro Library”.

**Irish Marvels Zoom Meeting**
Saturday, November 14 — 2:30 – 4:30pm Monthly on the second Saturday.
In the spirit of Samhain, Halloween and Dia de los Muertos: “Honoring our Ancestors”.
Bring an image, memory, and/or a photograph, to share at this virtual celebration of those who have gone before us.
Lisa Hilmoe, Irish Marvel contact: hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com
Hosted by Jennifer Drennan of the Patrick Dowling Library

**Save the Date! October 30th, 4:00pm.**
Special Samhain presentation sponsored by the Consulate General of Ireland and the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life. Broadcast live from Wawona Gates at 4pm on Friday, October 30. Register by 3:30pm on Friday, October 30 to attend virtually.
Check the UICC Events Calendar for the meeting’s Registration or Zoom links: https://irishcentersf.org/events/

**Raffle benefiting the Patrick J. Dowling Library and the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Fund.**
Tickets will be available through the Library, and at Wawona Gates.

Donation amounts are $20 for 1, $50 for 3, and $100 for 7. Grand Drawing is $1,500, 2nd draw $500, and 3rd draw $250. The drawing will be live-streamed on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm.
Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting the Library and Scholarship funds.

Follow the Library’s progress and join in the conversations on social media:
Facebook: @dowlinglibraryattheuicc     YouTube: Librarian P.J. Dowling Library
Instagram: pjdowlinglibrarysf

Thank you! Stay safe as we move toward reopening!
Slainte!
Jennifer Drennan, Librarian
librarian@irishcentersf.org — 415/661-2700 ext 106

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**THE IRISH LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 5PM VIA ZOOM**

**Historian James Walsh will talk about the Irish mining community in Leadville, Colorado.**
The presentation will be the important story of the Leadville Irish and the current memorial project. There is a strong connection between the Leadville Irish and California, as many of the miners spent time mining in California before and after Leadville’s silver boom. For more information visit: ILHSSf.org
SUPPORT
THE PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY &
THE LEO T. WALSH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Our library, the heart of the UICC, is largely funded by donations from our community. In order to modernize and preserve the collection, the Library Committee is embarking on a fundraising campaign, including this drawing in partnership with the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program, many of whose finalists have done their research at the library’s table.

Thank you for your support. We greatly appreciate it!
Go raibh maith agat as do chuid tacaíochta. Is mór againn é!

Tickets are 1 for $20, 3 for $50, and 7 for $100.
Drawing to be Live Streamed from the UICC on December 13th at 4:00pm.
Watch the drawing live!

~ 1st DRAW $1,500 ~
~ 2nd DRAW $500 ~
~ 3rd DRAW $250 ~

For additional tickets email: library@irishcentersf.org
Winner will be notified by phone or email.
Free ticket available upon request.

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About the Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program
The UICC Leo T. Walsh Scholarship Program was established in 1994 to benefit students of the Irish Community by providing financial assistance toward their next level of education. To date, over 500 scholarships have been awarded to students graduating 8th grade and high school seniors. All students in these two grade levels are encouraged to apply.

More information at https://irishcentersf.org/scholarships/ or email: scholarship@irishcentersf.org

About the Patrick J. Dowling Library
The Patrick J. Dowling Library, located at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco, was the first all Irish library in the United States. Our special collection contains more than 5,000 titles on a number of subjects regarding Ireland and Irish America as well as newspapers, journals, magazines, books in the Irish language, books for children (in Irish and English), genealogy resources, sheet music, and multimedia in addition to the amazing memorabilia. Some of the books are unique and true treasures of great value to people researching Irish history, genealogy and culture.
You, Me & A Cup of Tea
Tuesdays from 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Each Tuesday mornings, we come together over a cup of tea to chat, share stories, and generally have a bit of craic to get the week off to a good start. Join Joan and our guest speakers for some great conversation!

Tuesday, November - Fr. Mike Healy
Tuesday, November 10 - Steve Welch, Duggan Welch Funeral Services
Tuesday, November 17 - Sr. Mary Kilgarrif

Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m at https://linktr.ee/sfiipc

If you would like to join by phone, call Joan at 415.432.2551 for dial in details.

BINGO with Janette & Friends
Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

To join Bingo with Janette & Friends, please contact Joan by noon on Wednesdays by calling her at 415.432.2551 or emailing Joan@sfiipc.org to get your bingo cards. You can now also play online!

Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m at https://linktr.ee/sfiipc

Participants will be entered into a draw for a gift card from a local small business!

MUSIC HOUR
WITH RYAN DOYLE

Born & raised in San Francisco, Ryan Doyle is an accomplished singer, songwriter, and actor. He has been singing since he was a kid, & started writing music age 10.

He has released two albums of original songs, ‘Right By MySide’, & ‘Young Heart’ (available on iTunes, Apple Music, & Spotify) & created two original solo cabaret shows.

He currently lives in New York City, is a graduate of Circle in the Square Theatre School and is working on new music to be released before the end of the year!

Don’t forget to send your requests to Joan@sfiipc.org or call 415.432.2551 by Thursday, November 12

Sunday, November 15
4:00 p.m. PST

Join us at https://linktr.ee/sfiipc
or call +1.669.900.6833, webinar id 838 2721 6470
WELCOME TO THE READING ROOM

We hope you can join our newest Community Outreach program, The Reading Room, a book club for the Irish community.

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are combining the November and December Reading Rooms to take place on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Our book of the month will be Milkman: A Novel by Anna Burns, winner of the 2018 Man Booker Prize. “Everything about this novel rings true. . . . Original, funny, disarmingly oblique and unique.”—The Guardian

Go to linktr.ee/sfiipc to get the Zoom link.

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We encourage you to purchase your books from local independent bookstores including:
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City Lights Bookstore

Questions? Call Joan at 415.432.2551 or email joan@sfiipc.org

COVID TIMES - A REFLECTION

We have now been living with COVID for eight months, far longer than we anticipated back in March. We have all experienced major life style changes during this time which have significantly impacted our lives, the lives of our families and friends, our work, how we socialize, and even our faith practices.

We would like to invite you to write a letter/story/paragraph to describe how the unprecedented events of 2020 personally impacted you this year. Think of it as an end of year review highlighting both the ups and the downs of living through COVID, the highs and the lows, the good, the bad and the ugly.

How does 2020 compare to other significant events through which you have lived?

Your letter will be a record of your reflections to share with your children, grandchildren and future generations. Feel free to include poetry, artwork, photography or anything that captures your feelings.

We would love to have a hand written entry on our specially designed letterhead.

To receive a copy of our special letterhead, please call Joan at 415.432.2551 or email joan@sfiipc.org

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Time to:

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Mitzi Samson & Maureen Hickey

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