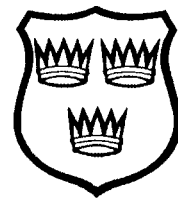




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BOARD MESSAGE

THE CITY GREENLIGHTS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW IRISH CENTER



Liam Reidy

After nearly twenty months navigating the city's planning procedures, our blueprint to reconstruct the Irish Center was officially endorsed at City Hall by the board of supervisors on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

A celebratory milestone was marked at the Center on Saturday, December 16th, with Mayor London Breed gracing us with her presence for a ceremony that sealed the deal to progress with the new building plans.

What initially began as an exploration to modernize the facility in the spring of 2021 has now culminated in the approval of a splendid new building. This state-of-the-art establishment will house a diverse range of event spaces, a museum, library, exhibition areas, and will serve as a hub for the numerous cultural and educational initiatives we envision for the future.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has contributed to propelling us to this stage in the development process. Our donors, supporters, and the members of the new building team—specifically Leo Cassidy, Mark Conroe, Redmond Lyons, and Michael Coleman—have played pivotal roles in this achievement.

Today, we stand at a significant juncture in the narrative of our Irish-American journey in the western region. More than fifty years ago, a passionate alliance of individuals from diverse backgrounds united to establish a haven for the Irish community.

Those who came before us didn't just construct a center; they forged a legacy and strengthened a community. As we face the challenge of reimagining and rejuvenating this cherished space, we require that same collective spirit.

Your participation isn't merely welcomed; it's imperative. The reality is, the success of this vital project hinges on your support. We implore you to be part of this new chapter in our center's legacy, one that will ensure our traditions and stories thrive for generations.

Whether you can offer time, expertise, or financial backing, your involvement will be the bedrock of our future. This is a rallying call to all who hold dear our Irish-American heritage and the power of a unified community.

Join us in this monumental endeavor. Together, we can craft a future as luminous and enduring as the legacy we've inherited. Your support is the linchpin to transforming our vision into reality.

For more information on how you can contribute, please reach out to us. Each show of support brings us closer to our objective.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of shaping our community's future.

Line Dancing Anyone? — Whether you are an avid fan of line dancing or want to keep fit over the Winter - classes are now expanding to two sessions per month. Sign up online for classes on January 12th and 25th.

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Winter Féile — Join us for the Winter Féile! The John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis sets the stage for a lively weekend of Irish music, song, and dance from Friday, January 12, to Sunday, January 14. The festivities kick off as we reopen the pub for 2024 at 5pm on January 12, featuring the musical talents of the Kavanaugh Brothers from 7pm onwards.

Our two-day Féis starts at 8am and keeps the energy going until 6pm each day. Plus, there's a special fundraiser hosted by local Irish musicians supporting a humanitarian kids' charity starting at 4pm in the pub. And for a thrilling night, don't miss The Hooks, a local rock band, as they pay tribute to The Pogues in a concert starting at 8:30pm.

As the Féis comes to a close upstairs in the St. Patrick's room, the music continues with The Shams performing from 2pm to 4pm in the pub. It's a celebration not to be missed!

Annual Appeal Thanks — Many thanks to all those who have supported our end of year appeal with a contribution that will be used to support our Irish cultural programming this year. A portion of this year's appeal will help support our three week summer camp and the youth music classes at the Center.

St. Brigids Festival — The festival of St. Brigid will be honored on Saturday February 3rd with a cross weaving workshop. Registration closes on February 2nd.

Kids Library Program — During the Winter Féile weekend, Ms. Nancy's read Aloud runs from 10:15am-10:45am in the library. Musical instruments and storytelling, sign up online.

Sean's Puppet Show — Our kids Programming continues to expand with a puppet show on Sunday February 4th with Sean Powers. Don't miss it! Sign up online.

Happy New Year! — I want to wish all those in the UICC community a safe and prosperous new year!



New Building Signing Ceremony

Front row: Liam Reidy, UICC President, Mayor London Breed, Consul General Michéal Smith Back Row: Myrna Melgar, District 7 Supervisor, Jonathan Goldberg, Joel Engardio's District 4 Office, Redmond Lyons and Leo Cassidy.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

■ JANUARY 11, THURSDAY

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

Zoom and shared live on Facebook New Year, new books!

- Line Dancing with Lisa ~ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tickets for Line Dancing at irishcentersf.org

■ JANUARY 12, FRIDAY

- Emerald Pub from ~ 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Music from 7:00pm-9:00pm

with The Kavanaugh Brothers and the Celtic Experience

■ JANUARY 13, SATURDAY

- Ms. Nancy's read Aloud ~ 10:15am - 10:45am

Musical instruments and storytelling in the Library

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

Choosing leads for 2024. Topic planning and discussion
2023 club leads: Pati Traktman & Nancy Sanchez

Email: IrishGenealogyClub@gmail.com

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

Zoom Meeting - Group participation —share your story of migration to the Bay Area, or your initiation into our local Irish community

Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe at Hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com

- Children of Gaza Benefit Concert ~ 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Hosted by Irish Musicians and Friends of the Bay Area

All ages welcome. Emerald Room

- The Hooks — A Pogues Tribute Show 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Emerald Room

Tickets online at: irishcentersf.org or at the door.

■ JANUARY 13 - 14, SATURDAY-SUNDAY

- Kennelly Memorial Feis ~ 8:00am - 6:00pm

■ JANUARY 14, SUNDAY

- Sean Daly & the Shams ~ 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Emerald Pub

■ JANUARY 25, THURSDAY

- Line Dancing with Lisa ~ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tickets for Line Dancing at irishcentersf.org

■ JANUARY 27, SATURDAY

- Slow Irish Music Session with Matt Moore and Friends

Members Room ~ 2:00pm - 4:00pm

■ JANUARY 30, TUESDAY

- Irish Heritage Night at the Warriors ~ 7:00pm

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SAVE THE DATE 2024

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

Cross Weaving Workshop

St. Brigid's Day Celebration

3:00pm-6:00pm

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

Sean's Shadows

Children's Puppet Show and Workshop

St. Brigid's Day/Mary McDonagh Tribute Céili

6:30pm-9:30pm

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

Rose of Tralee Selection Night

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

Aoife Scott in Concert

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17 ~ 8:00pm

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18 ~ 4:00pm

Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones Pub Show

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THURSDAY MARCH 7

Patrick Ball "Come Dance with Me in Ireland"

Yeats Show



CROSS WEAVING WORKSHOP ST. BRIGID'S DAY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 4

Back by popular demand and hosted by the UICC, the Irish Marvels cultural program, and the Patrick J. Dowling Library, this family friendly workshop offers instruction and materials for making your own cross. Tea, soda bread, and other refreshments will be provided.

There were many regional styles and variations throughout Ireland with different materials used. Families would recite prayers, bless the rushes or straw with holy water and then each make the crosses. They would hang them over the door and around the home to welcome St Brigid. Many households kept the cross each year in the under-thatch of the house and you could tell how old a house was or how long the family had lived there by the number of crosses in the roof!

Space is limited! Registration closes on Feb. 2 so as to ensure we have enough materials for all attendees. There will be a limited number of spaces available at the door.

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PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

Greetings from the Library ... in January / i mí Eanáir

January first is New Year's Day and the Feastday of St. Cuan, Irish abbot, also called Moncan or Mochua. He supposedly lived almost one hundred years and founded many churches and monasteries in Ireland. Death: 6th century. – Catholic.org

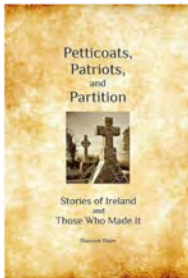
Breaking News! While we celebrate the return of the sun and longer days, the Library is pleased to announce the addition of new volunteer Larry Brown, who was a huge help with our Boutique and Library team. Thank you Larry, Chris, Pati and Nancy for all your energy and enthusiasm keeping the Library open and offering relief at the Boutique for the entire day.

In addition on Dec 16 we accepted a donation of several boxes of books from a lovely family with connections to a bookstore in Kerry. Stay tuned for more details as we work through these books.

Thank you for supporting the Library & Scholarship Programs Raffle!

On behalf of the Library, and the Scholarship Committee, we are deeply grateful for all the support you show our yearly Raffle. It is truly the largest fundraiser of the year for these two special organisations. Congratulations in advance to our winners! Thank you to all who sent in their tickets and to our sponsors both anonymous and Duggan's Serra who underwrote our costs so that the net amount raised is maximised for both the Library and Leo T. Walsh Scholarship programs. The library is the repository for the Scholarship essays each year. You are invited in to read the amazing works by our local student scholars. We are proud of all of them!

Collection Highlights: New Year, New Titles



Petticoats, Patriots, and Partition, Shannon Haire

Local author Shannon Haire brings us "This entertaining and educational history of Ireland focuses on short biographies, quirky facts, and the obscure moments that have shaped Ireland over the last hundred years. It is told in three sections ... Petticoats, Patriots, and Partition." – Amazon.com



Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato, Tomie dePaola

"This inspired Irish folktale clearly illustrates that taking the easy way out is sometimes more trouble than it's worth . . .

DePaola's characteristic homespun style and round, childlike faces add plenty of zip to this silly story." --Publishers Weekly

Programming

Ms. Nancy's Read Aloud

Saturday, Jan 13, 2024, 10:15 - 10:45 am

Musical instruments and storytelling.

In-person read aloud with volunteer Ms. Nancy in the Library.

Short stories read aloud from our collection, with colouring sheets, stickers, and activity pages.

Biscuits & Books, Live!

Thursday, January 11, 4:00-4:45 pm

Zoom Chat shared Live on FB.

New Year, new books! On the Book Sale Cart and on our shelves.

Irish Musicians Host a Fundraiser for the Children of Gaza

Saturday, Jan 13, 4:00pm

See the UICC Newsletters and EventBrite for details and tickets.

TBD: Seisiún Saturday, and "Last Night as I Lay Dreaming" movie

Clubs

Irish Genealogy Club - Zoom

Saturday, Jan 13, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Choosing Leads for 2024, topic planning and general discussion. All genealogical skill levels are welcome.

2023 Club leads: Pati Traktman & Nancy Sanchez

Email: IrishGenealogyClub@gmail.com

Irish Marvels Past & Present - On Zoom

Saturday, Jan 13, 2024, 2:30-4:30 PM

Group participation - share your story of migration to the Bay Area, or your initiation into our local Irish community.

Questions? Contact Lisa Hilmoe at (hilmoe.gleason@gmail.com)

Please email Lisa by the 2nd Friday to be added to the Zoom Invitation email list.

Library Hours ~ January

TBD: Jan 4, 5 & 6

Thursdays & Fridays: 2:30 - 5:30 pm

Saturdays, Jan 13 & 27: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Saturday, Jan 20: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Wishing you all a joyous new year! Ar mian leat go léir bliain nua joyous

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OUR UICC COMMUNITY



Keepers of the Steps Pop Up

The KOTS pop up exhibition drew a steady crowd on December 16th. Here is Anne Cassidy Carew, Elizabeth Creely, Jennifer Drennan, Consul General Michéal Smith and family with Nancy Sanchez.

Festive Libations Artisan

Long time volunteer Renee Lazear was festively dressed for Christmas Boutique in December. Thank you Renee for all you do for the Center!



UICC Volunteers

Kathleen McKeon (Keeper of the Steps) and Mary Teahan (Marketing and Communications) were pictured at the Center in December.

Boutique Shopping

UICC Cultural Programming Director, Eileen Mize, Heidi Ward, UICC Administrative Manager, and UICC Volunteer Jennifer Zahgkuni.



Josie Lynch, Sally Cassidy, and Noreen McEllistrim



Joan Cuddihy,
Cathy Mibach and
Josephine Brogan



Mary O'Sullivan and Mary Cassidy

OUR UICC COMMUNITY



Irish American Baseball Society

Long time UICC member and 2025 supporter Paul Cunnie was at the Center on December 16th promoting the Irish American Baseball Society. Want to learn more about Paul's organization check www.IrishBaseball.org



Paul is pictured here with UICC President Liam Reidy.

Kids discuss New Building

Two young St. Cecilia students at the Center recently for STEM classes, were observed talking about the current Center and the proposed new building.



New Building Donor News

2025 Capital Campaign donor Wendy Storch, stopped by the recently for an update on the new building plans and bumped into UICC President Liam Reidy.



Our Newest Member

Julie Lacap stopped by the membership table at the center on December 16th and became a new member. Are you a current member ? Sign up or renew today as part of the spring membership drive.



New Building Architects

Studio BANAA Architects, Nastaran Mousavi and Dane Bunton, with Liam Reidy at the Center on December 16th.

Young Community Leaders

Liam Reidy with Marycora Pattison, SI Irish Culture Club President with VP Evan O'Driscoll at the December 16 Mayoral signing ceremony.



Former Chef of UICC

Jerry Stynes - one of the chefs who worked the kitchen at the Center during mid-1970s swapped stories with Liam Reidy on a recent visit to the Center.

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Alvarado-Ford

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Ariel Carey-Murray

Denise Carr

Charlotte Louise Crane

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Orla M O'Malley Daly

Kevin Deihl

Daniel Dineen

Patricia (Colleen) Doing

Jennifer Fallon

Daniel Mark Ford

Regina Marie Gibson

Michael Harney

Jim Horan

Allison Grant Katayama

Matt Alban Kelly

Julie Lacap

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William Macdonald

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Roseanne Maloney

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2023 CORK DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION

The Rebel Cork annual dinner dance attracted a bumper crowd of 350 people on December 9th at the Center. The Rebel Cork Benevolent Association celebrated 140 years in 2023 while the Rebel Cork Ladies celebrated 110 years in existence. Cork city native Christy O'Connell was named Corkman of the Year amid loud applause.



Jackie Flynn and Lynda Buckley



Cork Man of the Year Christy O'Connell and Danny Guiney



Stephanie Reidy and Pillar Manning.



Abern and Penny Families



Kathleen and Dan Manning



Dympna and Christy O'Connell



Geraldine and Patrick Burke



Coat checkers Aoibhinn Reidy and Fiona Guiney.



David Kenneally and Liam Reidy.

Michael McVeigh, Danny Guiney, RCBA President and Ailish McVeigh.



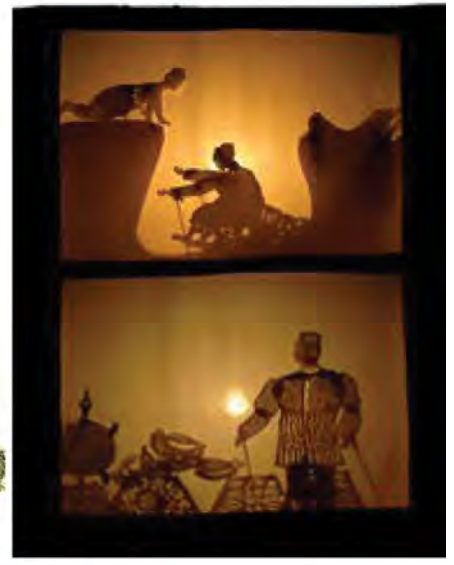


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SHINE! GATHERING FULL OF GRATITUDE

We kicked off a very busy and special day at the Irish Center on December 16, 2023 with a special reception in the St. Francis room—Shine! We had a moment to pay special thanks those early investors and believers in our #Project2025 and hear a few remarks from President Liam Reidy and Consul General Micheál Smith (Consulate General of Ireland San Francisco) as well as get a sneak peek at a UICC website redesign that Mary Teahan and the Marketing Committee are working on. So much to celebrate! It is with much gratitude that we enjoy the progress that continues to be made.



Current UICC President Liam Reidy with past President Michael Barnackle.



Tim Murphy, Noeleen and Marycora Pattison with Elizabeth Creely.



Nastaran Mousavi and Dane Bunton (Studio BANAA) with board member Mark Gorman.



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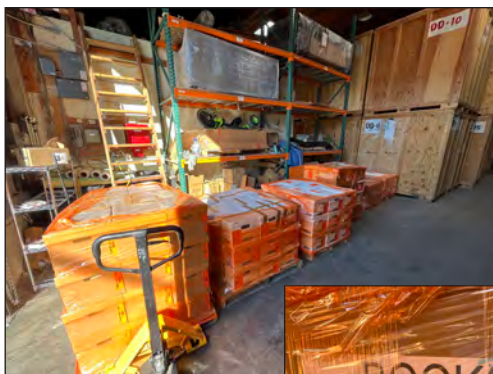


Kevin Buckley & Michael Harney

DOWLING LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

Our Patrick J. Dowling Library received a significantly large number of donated books and cultural treasures from community members during the past year. Due to space constraints and limited onsite storage at the Center, we are forced to move some of the duplicate books offsite temporarily until we move into the new library space down the road.

A big thank you and shout out to Keith Mulligan & Co, at Shannon Moving and Storage for taking care of our storage needs.



Pallets of Irish Center books await final storage.

Books to Catalog



Shannon Moving employees Roberto Morales and Arturo Martinez unload a pallet of UICC donated books for storage.



Liam Reidy and Roberto Morales at the Shannon Moving Warehouse.





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PHILOMENA (PHYLLIS) O'CONNOR DECEMBER 19, 1930 ~ DECEMBER 8, 2023

Philomena (Phyllis) O'Connor, was called Home to the Lord December 8, 2023 and is once again with her true love Patrick, her husband (deceased 1988) and her son Neal (deceased 1980). A beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend to many.

Born in Galway, Ireland to Joseph and Margaret McGinn, she was the youngest and last survivor of sixteen children. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1949, met Patrick O'Connor in 1950 at the KRB dancehall in San Francisco, they married in 1951 and went on to raise six children. Phyllis worked and retired at City College of San Francisco, Hotel & Restaurant.

In retirement Phyllis enjoyed praying the Rosary, mystery books and movies, walking, playing cards, painting and traveling with family and friends. Love for Ireland and local community, as a dedicated member enjoying many activities at the United Irish Cultural Center. As a devout catholic she was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. A special thanks to the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center for all their support.

Phyllis is survived by five of her six children, Stephen (Beverly), Neal (deceased 1980), David (Socorro), Kevin, Maura (Larry), Brian; grandchildren Nicholas and Benjamin and many nieces and nephews.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SUPPORTS SMALL BUSINESSES

Thank you to all our fabulous vendors and shoppers for creating such a festive atmosphere for our annual Boutique! Shopping, Christmas cheer, a little live music and holiday libations—great community event and a wonderful way to support small and local businesses! In addition the UICC was well represented in many ways from the fully stocked Irish Shoppe, our Keepers of the Steps program selling unique ornaments, the Dowl-ing Library Book Cart, and the UICC Membership Table who signed up 7 new members on the spot and having several more thinking about it! So many great gift options!

Megan Mize



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Peggy Sheridan, Maggie and Ann Baglin.



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The Reading Room will meet through Zoom every other month to discuss the chosen title. All of our books are by Irish authors or authors of Irish descent.

The six books for 2024 and our meeting dates are:

Old God's Time by Sebastian Barry [January 17]

How to Build a Boat by Elaine Feeney [March 20]

Prophet Song by Paul Lynch [May 15]

Did Ye Hear Mammy Died by Seamas O'Reilly [July 17]

The Bee Sting by Paul Murray [September 18]

A Guest at the Feast by Colm Toibin [November 20]

All titles are available at local bookshops or should be in your local library.

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Tuesday, January 23, 2023

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