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BOARD MESSAGE

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Dear Members,

Happy July! This seventh month of the year is basically a summer month of rest and relaxation with the wonderful celebration of the Fourth of July providing an early focus. In my thoughts, the late author, Erma Bombeck, (one of my favorites) wrote about the Fourth of July very well: "You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every 4th of July not with a parade of guns, tanks and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family and neighborhood picnics and parties to celebrate the closeness of community. "

As we reflect on our wonderful Irish community in the Bay Area, we have to be very, very proud of the incredible celebration held in June welcoming the Taoseach, Enda Kenney. I cannot begin to count the number of pleasant communications from so very many of you which outlined our pride in being the "Center of All Things Irish" in the Bay Area and beyond. The Taoseach and the Counsel General, Philip Grant, echoed admiration for our strong Irish community and the fortunate event that began forty years ago with our superb, forward-thinking charter members coming together to build the United Irish Cultural Center. They are the standard-bearers of what we enjoy now, and our imperative is to build on their wonderful work and carry the baton into the next forty years and beyond.

We continue to celebrate and support the Irish community in so many different ways. Anne Carew worked so diligently to present a very fine "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" to the delight of many. A beautiful setting and delicious tea goodies were the order of the day. Varied, interesting hats were sported among the attendees and, in short, a lovely Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all. The occasion benefitted our beloved UICC library through the ICCC's (Irish Cultural Centre of California's) coffers. To translate, while the library is physically a part of the UICC, it is supported fiscally through the monies raised through the ICCC (which is considered to be a cultural foundation of the UICC) and the efforts of dedicated volunteers headed by Valerie McGrew.

It has been said that building a sense of community is much easier that maintaining that community with all of the hustle and bustle of the modern world. It is the maintenance of our community that we are most involved in here at the Center. Once again, we need to have all involved and are in the process of looking for dedicated volunteers to help in carrying out the mission of our Center. Whether you can work on a committee that is already ongoing, or have a new idea for an event or a committee, your thoughts are welcome! Please email me directly (judithkell@aol.com) if you have an idea, concern or just want to communicate a thought. I am pleased to be going into the third year as your UICC "President of the Board of Directors"! I would like to have us look at celebrating our fortieth year with community focus and close contact between the Board and members.

Best wishes for a very fine summer!

With Caring In Unity, Judith Kell, President UICC Board of Directors

Purpose \sim Respect \sim Organization \sim Unity \sim Determination

THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CLUB

The next Thursday Night Dinner will be July 17. The price is \$25. No-host cocktails start at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner includes soup or salad and your choice of filet of sole or chicken. Please make your reservations early with Mary Magee at the Center 415/661-2700 ext. 104 or Mitzi Samson at 415/681-0876. Reservations close on Sunday, July 13. Invite your friends!

There will be no Thursday Night Dinner in August.

— Molly Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairperson

SILVER GAELS

Our trip to Cache Creek was good with great weather!

Friday, July II is the date for our Silver Gaels luncheon and card playing at 12:30 pm. All are welcome. Come join us on a trip to Yosemite — See information within this bulletin.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER



We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls. — Robert J. McCracken

Happy 4th of July!

Heartfelt condolences to the Families of Peter Farragher (husband of *Margaret Farragher*), and Sean Moylan, son of Brendan & Eileen and grandson of **John & Phyllis Moylan**

"The family of Dr. Mary Murphy-Piro would like to sincerely thank all the wonderful family and friends who so generously contributed to the Dr. Mary Murphy Scholarship Fund established by her St. Gabriel's classmates for St. Gabriel's School. This award was presented for the first time at recent graduation ceremonies to Sarah Euchner who will be attending St. Ignatius High School." —*Tom and Kay Murphy and Family*

All the best and a job well done to **Diarmuid Philpott** who recently stepped down as president of the United Irish Societies of San Francisco after several years of outstanding service in that position.

Thank you to all our UICC Members who have submitted your dues for this year to maintain your ACTIVE status. As a Membership organization, we can't do it without you! Thank you to Mary O'Sullivan and her team of Orlaigh Campbell, Sinead Campbell and Nora Gallagher for all their hard work in processing the Membership dues. We ask that those who have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Please tell us what you and your family are doing. Send your news for inclusion in next month's newsletter to: uicc_membership@yahoo.com

Please make any comments or corrections regarding information in this Membership Section to the UICC Membership Committee at uicc_membership@yahoo.com

JULY CALENDAR

■ JULY 4, FRIDAY

• The UICC will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July!

■ JULY 10, THURSDAY

• Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ JUNE 12 SATURDAY

 Irish Marvels, Past and Present Study Group 2:00pm - 4:00pm ~ UICC Board Room Everyone welcome. For more information call Jo Coffey 415/585-6506 or email: coffey.jo@gmail.com

■ JULY 17, THURSDAY

- Thursday Night Dinner No-host cocktails 5:30pm and dinner 6pm Reservations required. Call Mitzi Samson 415/681-0876 or Mary Magee at the Center 415/661-2700 ext. 104
- Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ JULY 24 THURSDAY

• Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

■ JULY 31, THURSDAY

• Set Dancing Classes ~ 7:30pm - 9:30pm For info call Josephine Brogan 415/681-4803

Save the Date!

September 16th & 17th

SILVER GAELS TRIP TO YOSEMITE AND CHUKCHANSI GAMBLING RESORT

See information within this bulletin



Saturday July 19 Comhaltas Traditional Irish Dancing Music by Miliosa Lundy & Friends

PLEASE NOTE

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS Please note that there will NOT be a Membership meeting in July or August.

32/50 DRAWINGS There will be no 32/50 drawings in July and August. The next drawing will be in September.

AUGUST ANNUAL CLEANING The UICC will be closed from August 11-26.



The Poetry Group will be on hiatus through the summer and will resume again on September 7 at Ipm in the Board room at the UICC. For information and/or to join the group please contact Sean Casey at: 415-668-0102 or email him at irishpoetryworkshop@gmail.com

DEADLINE for AUGUST 2014 BULLETIN is JULY 15

Please call the UICC with questions at 415/661-2700. If you have specific questions contact Adrienne Verreos Falcon Associates Inc. • tel: 415/468-4130 • fax: 415/468-3549

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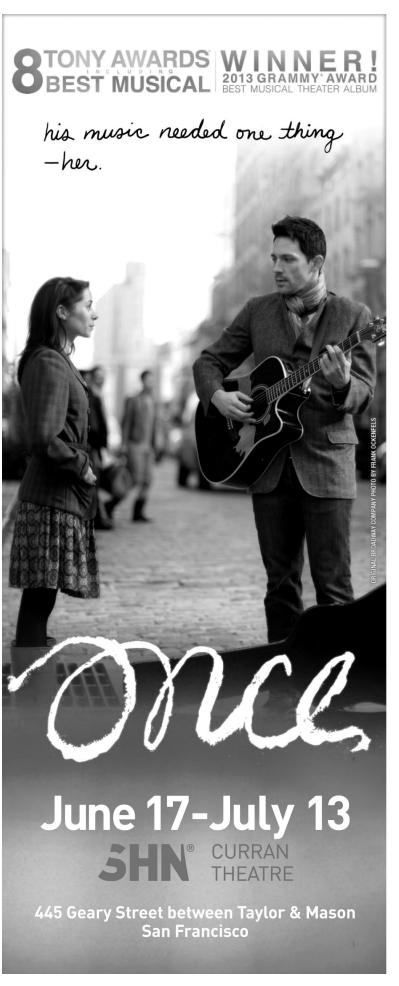
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

** SPECIAL SUMMER OUTING **

FILOLI HOUSE & GARDENS



86 Canada Road, Woodside

Thursday, August 14, 2014

- 10.45 a.m. Bus leaves from UICC, 2700 45th Avenue
- 11.45 a.m. Arrive at Filoli House & Gardens
- 12.00 p.m. Boxed lunch in Filoli Dining Room
- **1.00 p.m. 3.00 p.m.** Docent lead tour The tour will include the house & garden and will be at a casual walking pace.
- 4.45 p.m. Bus arrives at UICC, 2700 45th Avenue



Tickets - \$40 includes bus, lunch and docent lead tour Filoli is an historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. During the docent lead tour, you will have the opportunity to tour the 36,000 square foot Georgian country house inspired by Muckross House, an estate in Killarney, Ireland. You will also be able to explore the spectacular 16–acre English Renaissance garden and learn about the rich history of Filoli. It promises to be a lovely Summer outing!

SPACE IS LIMITED **MUST PAY WITH RSVP** Contact Natasha at 415.752.6006

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM



Thursday, September 11, 2014

United Irish Cultural Center 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

12.15 p.m. Mass

followed by lunch and special guest

Valerie McGrew

Librarian, Patrick J. Dowling Library

Valerie will present a brief history of the Patrick. J Dowling Library overviewing its collection and presenting some fun facts about notable visitors. A slideshow presentation will also focus on some treasures in the collection.

Tickets - \$20

RSVP to Natasha at 415.752.6006

ALL WELCOME



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We are planning a trip to Yosemite with Chukchansi Gold Resort September 16th & 17th, 2014

Enjoy the sites of Yosemite National Park: Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, El Capitan, Bridal Falls and More!

Board the 2 hour ranger guided valley floor tram tour. The ranger will describe history, geology, plant and animal life of the region followed by a two course lunch at the famous Awahnee Hotel.

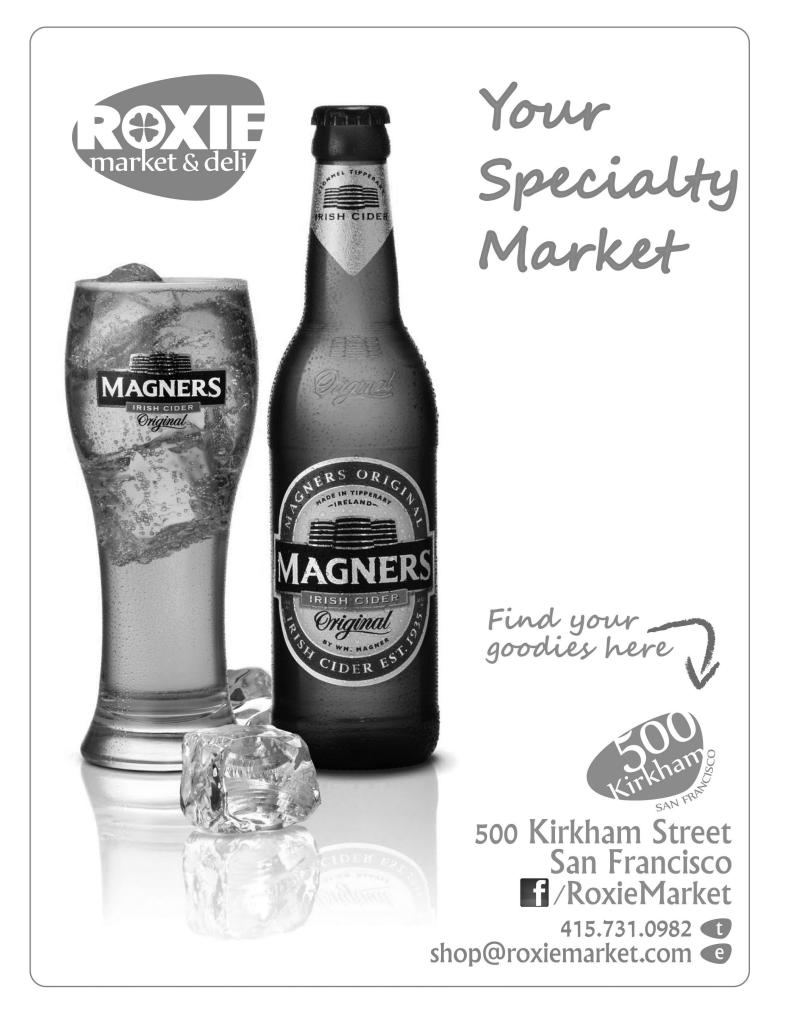
\$250.00 per person/double occupancy

Tour Package includes: Round trip transportation via a luxury motor coach, lunch, hotel accommodations at the Chukchansi Casino Resort,

bonus \$10 free play and \$5 food credit.

The trip is contingent on 30 PAID participants. Deadline August 15

If interested Contact Bill Luqué 415/552-9620



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Please call <u>Bernadette Kennedy - Administrator</u> to arrange a tour of the facility and enjoy_a complimentary lunch



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There will be no General Meeting in July.

