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## BOARD MESSAGE

### "How Can You Contribute to the Irish Center?"



Liam Reidy

People often ask me, "Liam, how can I help the Irish Center?" It's a question with numerous answers, depending on how one wishes to assist. For some, simply becoming a member is a significant form of support. Yet, many potential supporters desire a deeper involvement, eager to align themselves with the organization's mission. I always appreciate those unexpected encounters where someone taps me on the shoulder, expressing their desire to lend a hand. I have had several incidents in the past three years and many turned out to be great connections to help us in our efforts.

Typically, these individuals possess skills that are useful to various aspects of our nonprofit endeavors.

**Rebuilding Project** — Now that we are moving forward with our rebuilding project, our new center will be a beacon of Irish culture, heritage, and community spirit. This ambitious project aims to provide a dynamic space for cultural events, educational programs, and community gatherings, serving as a hub for people of all backgrounds to come together and celebrate the richness of Irish heritage.

**Want to Volunteer?** — But to make this vision a reality, we need your help. We're seeking volunteers who are willing to roll up their sleeves and contribute their time, energy, and expertise to the construction of our new center. If you have a passion for lending a helping hand, there's a place for you on our team.

Volunteering with us isn't just about building a physical structure – it's about building community, forging connections, and leaving a lasting impact for generations to come. By joining our volunteer team, you'll have the opportunity to work alongside like-minded individuals who share your love for Irish culture and your dedication to strengthening our community. After all, there are 750,000 Irish Americans in the Bay Area, each with a unique story to tell and a passion for preserving and celebrating our shared heritage.

**Everyone is Welcome** — No matter your skill level or background, there's a role for you at the Irish Center. Whether you can commit to a few hours a week or a few days a month, your contribution will be valued and appreciated. Together, we can turn our vision for the future into a reality.

**Got Talent?** — Are you a professional with expertise in engineering, interior design, web management, finance, or other fields? The Irish Center is seeking individuals like you to lend your skills and knowledge to our volunteer team. As we work towards the construction and development of our new center, we recognize the value of having professionals on board who can contribute their expertise to various aspects of the project. Whether you're an experienced engineer who can help oversee construction plans, an interior designer with a flair for creating inviting and functional spaces, a web master who can maintain our engaging online presence, or a finance professional who can assist with budgeting and financial planning, your contributions are invaluable to our success.

**Teamwork Impact** — By joining our team of volunteers, you'll have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the future of the Irish Center and the communities we serve. Your expertise will help us create a vibrant and inclusive space that celebrates Irish culture, fosters community connections, and enriches the lives of all who enter our doors. Volunteering with us is not only a chance to showcase your skills and talents but also a way to give back to your community and be part of something truly special. Your contributions will be

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instrumental in shaping the future of the Irish Center and ensuring its success for years to come.

**Join Us** — If you're ready to be a part of something truly special, we invite you to join us in building the future of the Irish Center. To learn more about volunteering and how you can get involved, please visit our website or contact us directly. Thank you for considering this opportunity, and we look forward to welcoming you to our team as we work together to build a brighter future for the Irish Center and the communities we serve.

**KOTS Museum Exhibition** — The UICC sponsored Keepers of the Steps museum exhibition will be on display at the San Francisco Historical Society this month. The exhibition opened on Thursday February 29th in the historic "mint" building at 608 Commercial Street in the financial district. The exhibition showcases the history of Irish Dance in the bay area since the 1850's. Well done to Eileen Mize, Anne Cassidy Carew, Jamie O'Keeffe and Kathleen McKeon for their tireless work in taking the exhibition to a wider audience.

**March Entertainment** — Our St. Patrick's sub-committee have spent the last several weeks preparing for the busy March season. Pre-planning began in January, led by Aileen Duloherly and board members headed up by Josephine Brogan and a team of volunteers. There is something for everyone who is Irish this month at the Center. We welcome harpist Patrick Ball, the Black Brothers, Vince Keehan and Friends, The Hooks and a host of musicians on March 16th and 17th. Not to mention all the local dance schools that will be performing throughout March.

**Green Fest Block Party** — We host the annual Green fest block party on March 17 with our partners the United Irish Societies, Java Beach and Cooley-Keegan Comhaltas. Ivor Collins, the Irish pipers and Irish dancers are just some of the entertainers lined up for the day. We will have face painting for the kids aswell. Party starts at 11am and runs until 5pm.

**2024 Summer Camp** — Drama, sport, art and music will feature again in this years summer camp. Additional offerings include website development, digital animation, and computer programming. Registration is now open for early bird pricing. The camp runs from June 8th and June 28th. Sign up by March 17th for the Early Bird Special of \$350/week. [www.irishcentersf.org/irish-camp/](http://www.irishcentersf.org/irish-camp/)

**Rumble at the Beach** — Boxing returns to the Center on March 9th featuring local amateur boxers. Boxing is popular in the outer Sunset. This event is being held as a partnership with Fire in the Ring Boxing based in Brisbane.

**Leo T. Walsh Scholarship** — Applications for our annual scholarship program are now open for 8th Graders and High School Seniors entering the next level of their education. Completed applications are due on March 17th, delivered to the Irish Center. You can also sponsor a scholarship in your name or in the name of a loved one.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Liam Reidy, President  
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# MARCH CALENDAR

## ■ MARCH 7, THURSDAY

Patrick Ball — Come Dance with Me in Ireland:  
A Pilgrimage to Yeats Country  
Doors open 6:30pm — Show 7:00pm

## ■ MARCH 8, FRIDAY

• The Black Brothers in Concert ~ 8:00pm

## ■ MARCH 9, SATURDAY

• Amateur Boxing Night with our partner  
Fire in the Ring Boxing Club  
Doors open 4:30 - Ist Fight 6:00pm

## ■ MARCH 14, THURSDAY

• Vince Keehan & Friends —  
Paddy Egan & Nicola Stathers  
Doors open 7:00pm — Show 8:00pm

• Eire Today — Annie Holland Photo Exhibition  
Opening Artist's Reception  
St Francis Room ~ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

• Line Dancing with Lisa ~7:00pm  
Tickets for Line Dancing at [irishcentersf.org](http://irishcentersf.org)

## ■ MARCH 15, FRIDAY

• The Hooks  
Doors open 6:00pm — Show 8:00pm

• Eire Today — Annie Holland Photo Exhibition  
7:00pm - 9:00pm

## ■ MARCH 16, SATURDAY

• 2024 San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade  
UICC Post Parade Party ~ 2:00pm- 11:00pm

• Eire Today — Annie Holland Photo Exhibition  
2:00pm - 7:00pm

## ■ MARCH 17, SUNDAY

• St. Patrick's Day/Green Fest Block Party  
12:00pm - Late

• Eire Today — Annie Holland Photo Exhibition  
12:00pm - 5:00pm

## ■ MARCH 28, THURSDAY

• Line Dancing with Lisa ~ 7:00pm  
Tickets for Line Dancing at [irishcentersf.org](http://irishcentersf.org)

## ■ MARCH 30, SATURDAY

• Pitch Battle - Local Talent  
SFGAA Fundraiser  
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# SAVE THE DATE 2024

•  
THURSDAY APRIL 4

Irish-Brazilian Night

(Movie & Musician)

*The Man Behind the White Guitar*  
St. Francis Room ~ 7:00pm

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SATURDAY APRIL 6 ~ 6:00pm - 8 :00pm

Karl McHugh Band in Concert

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WEDNESDAY MAY 8,

Máire Ní Chathasaigh and Chris Newman  
(Irish Harp and Guitar) in the Emerald Room

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JUNE 10 - 28

Irish Camp ~ Youth Summer Camp

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SATURDAY JULY 19

Amateur Boxing Night with our partner  
Fire in the Ring Boxing Club

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Irish Pipers of San Francisco Dinner Dance

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

Oktoberfest

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

Emerald Dinner Dance

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 26

Amateur Boxing Night with our partner  
Fire in the Ring Boxing Club





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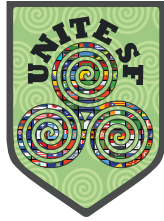
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## UNITE SF GRAND MARSHAL TOM HUNT



Tom Hunt was born in Limerick, Ireland in 1951. He was the second eldest of seven children born to parents Seamus and Tessie Hunt. At that time the family lived in Scariff, Co. Clare where his father worked for the Department of Agriculture.

In 1953 the family moved to Enniscrone, Co. Sligo where Tom spent his formative years before relocating to Castlebar, Co. Mayo in 1959 and finally Roscommon in 1963. During those early years prior to attending school and during summers, he spent extended periods of time living with his Grandmother in her small rural cottage and farm near Boyle, Co. Roscommon. The Boyle area of North Roscommon is where most of the family roots are, so moving to Roscommon was a homecoming.

The result of all the relocating meant that by the time Tom started college in Dublin at the age of 17 in 1968 he had attended two different primary schools and three different secondary schools having completed his leaving certificate at Cistercian College in Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

From an early age, Tom was interested in sports such as Gaelic football, hurling, handball, soccer, and rugby. He played all of them competitively. Gaelic football was where he achieved most success. He was a member of the Roscommon minor team in 1968 and 1969, the Roscommon Under 21 team that reached the All-Ireland Final in 1969, and a member of the Roscommon senior football team also in 1969. He played on the Roscommon team that won the Connaught Senior Football Championship in 1972. Tom continued playing Gaelic football, being a member of many New York football teams of the 1970s and early 1980s and also played in San Francisco.

Tom graduated from U.C.D. in 1972 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the Dublin County Council before emigrating to the U.S. in 1973. He lived in New York throughout the 1970s and worked in Alaska from 1975 to 1977 before relocating to San Francisco in 1979. His construction company, Ranger Pipelines, was formed in 1982 and has continued to grow successfully since then, currently employing 140 people throughout the Bay Area and Northern California.

In 1981 Tom married New York City native, Mary Shea, and they are the proud parents of three children Neil, Jenny, and Julie. The family now includes sons-in-law Brendan and Geoff, and grandchildren Keira, Ava, and Conor.

Tom is a supporter of all things Irish, both in the U.S. and Ireland and has been a sponsor of the Roscommon team in Ireland for the past 10 years. He was part of the group that developed the G.A.A. playing fields on Treasure Island.

In 2005 he was named Citizen of the year by the San Francisco Bay Law Enforcement Emerald Society. In 2011 he was honored by the Connaught Athletic and Social Club as Man of the Year and October 15th, 2011 was named Tom Hunt Day in San Francisco by then mayor, Ed Lee. In 2017 Tom was inducted into the San Francisco G.A.A. Hall of Fame.

Tom is a former board member and staunch supporter of the Irish Pastoral Center. He visits Ireland regularly, maintaining strong ties to family and old friends.

## HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL MICHAEL ANDREW MURPHY

Michael Andrew Murphy was born in San Francisco's Ingleside District in 1940. He was the second of three boys and attended St. Emydius Grammar School. In 1958, he graduated from St. Ignatius High School, earning the nickname "Mr. Football" from legendary coach George "Pat" Malley. As an All-City Center and Linebacker for the 1956 SF AAA Football Championship team, Mike earned a football scholarship to the University of Oregon, later transferring to the University of San Francisco.

In 1964, Mike wed his high school sweetheart, Maureen McCann from the "Banks of the Bann", after being introduced by her brother before a Christmas dance in 1957. They raised their four children, Molly (Burke), Kerry (Hagan), Peggy (O'Brien), and Michael, in San Francisco's Park Merced and Sunset District before relocating to Woodside, CA, in 1976. The Murphys loved hosting parties, camping, attending 49er games, and traveling worldwide, especially to Ireland. Mike and Maureen loved spending time with their seven grandchildren (Connor & Daniel Hagan, Maggie & Maureen Burke, Joseph & James Murphy, and Johnny O'Brien), teaching them about their Irish and family heritage.



Mike Murphy's ancestors, originally from Cork, Ireland, moved to the United States in 1870, becoming prominent City leaders and bridge builders in San Francisco. Mike shared a special bond with his grandfather, Daniel Cornelius Murphy, the City's Sheriff from 1936 to 1951. His uncles ran Murphy Steel Co., constructing numerous Bay Area bridges. Carving out his own legacy, Mike launched Shamrock Produce Company in 1970, cornering the wholesale mushroom market in an Italian-dominated terminal and successfully running the business for over four decades.

Mike Murphy's legacy is his annual Irish Bread Baking, a tradition he continued for 51 years, which his children and grandchildren plan to continue into the future. Mike and Maureen began the tradition in March 1972, to celebrate the birth of their fourth child, Mike Jr.. Mike started baking a dozen loaves of Irish soda bread using his grandmother's recipe, growing to an annual tradition of baking over 100 loaves of bread around St. Patrick's Day. This event, often featured by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen, became known for large gatherings, mixing dough in a cast-iron bathtub, sanitizing and blessing the tub with Irish whiskey, Mike's savory corned beef on rye, and appearing on the St. Patrick's Day morning TV in San Francisco. Mike and Maureen taught hundreds of young bakers to sing, dance, recite poetry, and mix his delicious dough in venues like the Holy Name cafeteria, apartments, family homes, and large event halls. The annual bread baking always ended in Mike's moving rendition of "Danny Boy", with an encore performance each year at his SI Class '58 reunion on St. Patrick's Day.

Mike loved the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade, a tradition he cherished for decades alongside Maureen, their children, and grandchildren. During the 1980s and 90s, his four children took turns leading the St. Mary's College "Éire Óg Club" as Presidents. Mike added a unique touch to the SF parade by leading the "Éire Óg Club" marchers with a 20-foot plaster statue of St. Patrick from the SF Plasterers Union on his produce-market flatbed truck, a tradition that lasted for over a decade. Proud of their Irish heritage, Mike and Maureen attended the parade each year, rain or shine, wearing the green.

The Murphy family takes pride in Mike being named the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Honorary Grand Marshal, a tribute to his Irish American heritage and legacy. Mike's passing on July 4, 2023, marks the loss of a man remembered for his humor, generosity, Irish bread, and motto, "Keep the Faith," and left a lasting impact on all who knew him.



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# THE HOOKS

KICKING OFF ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND



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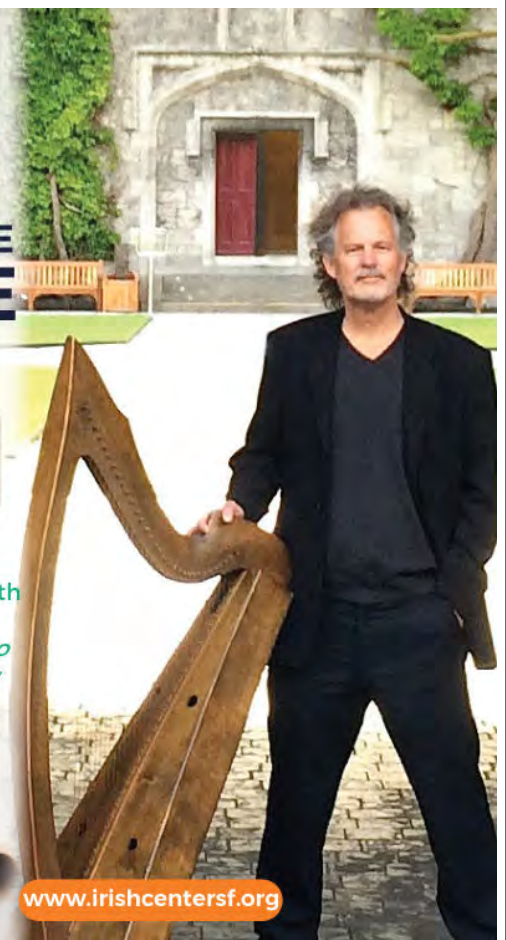
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# VINCE KEEHAN & FRIENDS

## MARCH 14

Master concertina player Pádraig Mac Aodhgháin of County Wicklow will perform an opening set of traditional tunes much from his acclaimed album *Tobar Gan Trá*. Paddy is currently an integral part of the vibrant Irish music Scene in Cork City where he is nowbased. He will be joined by Nicola Stathers.

Vincey Keehan headlines with songs from two legendary Irish artists: Sean Tyrrell and Shane McGowan. Tyrrell reimagined existing old poems and songs introducing the mandocello and tenor guitar to the Irish traditional alongside his heartfelt vocals. While MacGowan’s lyrics are vivid poems reflecting the challenges of the Irish at large. The common bond bewteen Sean Tyrrell and Shane McGowan lines in their passionate and soulful approach.

Along with fellow bandmates of the Gasmen- Kenny Somerville, Cormac Gannon Kyle Alden, joined by Michael Keenan & Darcy Noonan. Expect a big band sound as Vincey weaves songs of Tyrrell and McGowan adding a few of his own.

### ~ Annie Holland Exhibition ~

Annie Holland Exhibition makes a return to the United Irish Cultural Center with a new exhibition, *Eire Today*, in March 2024, with an Opening Artist’s Reception on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Annie has been exploring Irish nature and culture through her photographic lens for the past thirty years—sometimes capturing the enchanted wilderness in its minuteness with her macro lens and also cultural aspects of live music and storytelling. “I am indeed in love with my country and believe that is why I am so passionate about documenting all aspects of it,” shares Annie.

This exhibition is a series of thirty square format images printed on aluminum that will provide snapshots of Ireland in 2023. Some are natural explorations of the plants and weeds that populate our countryside and others are exploring relics of the past which are still very much part of modern culture. Ever the ambassador for her homeland, Annie hopes these images and photomontages will invite the viewer to come closer and discover the of beauty of Irish nature and culture.

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7 PM

## OUR UICC COMMUNITY



### THE GIFT OF MUSIC

We had a wonderful gift of musical instruments donated to our youth music program by the family of the late Milton and Hazel Hoehn formerly of Santa Rosa, CA. Granddaughter Stephanie Miles (Hoehn) reached out to us via the Internet to see if we would like to accept the instruments. We said yes of course!

Here Jon Miles (Stephanie's husband) presents music teacher Dan Cotter with the very sizable collection of tin whistles, flutes and recorders. During their life Milton and Hazel Hoehn family from Santa Rosa were life long music enthusiasts.

If you have musical instruments lying around the house that are in need of a good home where they will be cherished and enjoyed by the next generation of musicians here at the Center, reach out to us. — Email: [Info@irishcentersf.org](mailto:Info@irishcentersf.org)



### NEW IRISH CENTER WEBSITE LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY

Building on a standard of excellence long ago established by former Board member and longtime volunteer Thomas McKeon, the UICC volunteer marketing team embarked on an ambitious project to update and enhance the online home for the Irish Center. For the past three months UICC members Eileen Mize, Mary Teahan, and Paula O'Shea, in consultation with Thomas McKeon, have logged countless hours lending their skill and expertise in creating what they hope will be a dynamic and engaging site with an energy level on par with the Center itself.



*Eileen Mize, Mary Teahan and Paula O'Shea.*

In an effort to capture as much of the vibrant culture the Irish Center celebrates throughout the year, Mary and Paula took the helm mastering the WordPress infrastructure and behind the scenes coding, designing all page layouts, installing plugins and creating new and improved forms while Eileen tackled the visuals, graphics, and copy. The team hopes the new visuals and navigation will increase engagement and help people learn more about what the Irish Center has to offer.

Eileen, Mary, and Paula launched the new site over the President's Day weekend in advance of all the REEL March Madness events which are about to get underway. They wish to thank the Board of Directors and team of proof-readers and site checkers for their diligence and feedback.



### SEAN'S SHADOW PUPPET SHOW SUCCESS

A wet and windy Sunday afternoon in early February forced many kids and their families indoors. Several families came out to the Shadow Puppet Theatre show with Sean Powers, and the workshop following the show. The kids had a great time - with the shadow puppetry once they had created their own.

The show was made possible by your contributions to the Annual Appeal which designates a portion of those funds to children's programming.



## OUR UICC COMMUNITY CONTINUES...



### 49ERS NFC CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

A large number of our UICC community are avid fans of the San Francisco 49er football team. Included in that 49er family are Johnny Killebrew (Co. Waterford) and Cyril Hackett (Co. Kildare) who attended the NFC championship game at Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara to see the Niners prevail over the



### KENNELLY FEIS

UICC President Liam Reidy with 2025 supporter Monica McGuire at the Kennelly Feis back in January. Monica is a regular attendee at many of the Centers events and never misses an active retirement program lunch organized by the Pastoral Center.



### OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Our newest Irish Center member Anthony Price who signed up on February 17th is photographed here with Vice-President Anne Cassidy Carew.



### IRELAND HOUSE PARTY

UICC President Liam Reidy with Consul General of Ireland, San Francisco, Michéal Smith with Mark Conroe, UICC Board Member at a recent event at Ireland House recently.



### MAGGIE BAGLIN, 2024 SAN FRANCISCO ROSE

The Baglin and Sheridan families are all smiles after Maggie Baglin was crowned the 2024 San Francisco Rose of Tralee title on February 10th at the Center.

*Left to right Mike Baglin, Peggy Sheridan,  
Maura Baglin, Maggie Baglin,  
Oliver Sheridan and Ann Baglin.*



...AND CONTINUES



 FOG CITY FEIS

Fintan Reidy (Whelan School) and Ryan Sheridan (Murphy School) were participants in the Fog City Feis on February 16th at St. Mary's Cathedral. Both will be dancing during the St. Patrick's season at the Center.

Rian Spillane and Brendan Sheridan (Murphy School)



April Driscoll and her daughter Jillian Driscoll pictured at the Fog City Feis.



 IRISH PIPER ROSE

Maggie Baglin made her first appearance as the 2024 SF Rose at the Grand Marshal's Dinner honoring Tom Hunt at the Center. Maggie fulfilled dual duties as the 2024 SF Rose and the only current female member of the SF Irish Pipers Band, piping in the honored guests at the beginning of the ceremony.

 GRAND MARSHAL DINNER - FEBRUARY 23



Liam Frost, with 2024 Grand Marshal Tom Hunt and his wife Mary at the Center on Feb 23rd.



President Liam Frost, with Mayor London Breed and Chris Del Carlo at the Grand Marshal Dinner at the Center.

# DUBLIN'S AOIFE SCOTT KICKS OFF U.S. SPRING TOUR TO PACKED CROWD AT THE UICC

The Irish Center SF officially kicked-off the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Season as they welcomed award-winning folk singer songwriter from Ireland's first family in song—The Black Family—Aoife Scott on February 16, 2024. Aoife and Andy Meaney on guitar and back-up vocals performed an intimate concert to a packed room with plenty of family and friends on hand. Her songs and stories of family connections, origins of her singing tradition, tales of her native dear old Dublin, and her genuine personality made all who were gathered feel like a friend. Her brother Eoghan Scott managed the sound board, and guests delighted when she called her mom, Frances Black, up for a song.

She played for two hours straight and concluded with a bit of a Black Family reunion for a rousing rendition of her hit "All Along the Wild Atlantic Way." It's only a few short years since the single hit the number one slot, knocking Ed Sheeran off the top spot and was named "Song of the Year" at the Irish Folk Music Awards in 2017. For this special encore, Aoife and Andy were joined by her brother Eoghan Scott and their mother Frances Black. In addition, her uncle Shay Black and his daughter Shosi, and her uncle Michael Black and his daughters Catriona and Maeve. So much talent in that family—just a fantastic night of music, family, and community. Shay and Michael play in the UICC Emerald Pub on Friday, March 8. Tickets at [www.irishcentersf.org](http://www.irishcentersf.org).



*Aoife Scott—joyful in her US tour opener to a packed crowd at the UICC!*



*Rose Hughes and Susan Walsh.*



*Black Family Reunion for the encore: (L-R) Aoife Scott, Catriona Black, Michael Black, Frances Black, Shay Black, Shosi Black, Maeve Black, Eoghan Scott, accompanied by Andy Meaney on guitar and Shay Black.*



*Aoife is joined on stage by her mother, Frances Black, and uncles, Michael and Shay Black.*



*Local Irish musicians and UICC friends Colm O'Riain, Cormac Gannon, and Michael Black.*



*Frances Black joins her daughter Aoife for a song about South Armagh.*



*Frances Black, Andy Meaney, Shay Black*

*Aileen Dulobery and her mom Nora Dulobery.*



*Eileen Mize and Brendan and Katleen McKeon*

# PATRICK J. DOWLING LIBRARY

MARCH 2024

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LIBRARY HOURS

THURSDAY/FRIDAY 2:30PM-5:30PM  
SATURDAY 10AM-1PM

## GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Saint Patrick Season is upon us. Many of us will plan our yearly corn beef and cabbage meal and/or wear our green which can all be done at the United Irish Cultural Center. The library located on the corner of the Irish Center will be filled books for sale and will be open for visitors to peruse old and new collections. We look forward to greeting you.

In honor of a great man and a great season: did you know that Patrick J. Dowling at 87 was the Grand Marshall of the Saint Patricks Day Parade for the March 17th 1992 parade?

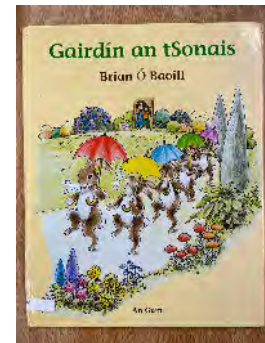
A young lad, named Turner Manning was visiting our library and found a lovely green shamrocked embossed book that he was very interested in reading called *The Blindness of Dr. Gray or The Final Law* by Canon Sheehan D.D., dated 1919. We look forward to him returning.

The Patrick J. Dowling Library would not be the library it is today without the kindness of book donations and library volunteers. This month we recognize donated materials from noted journalist Elgy Gillespie's collection, Malvina Farrell and Kathleen Sullivan.

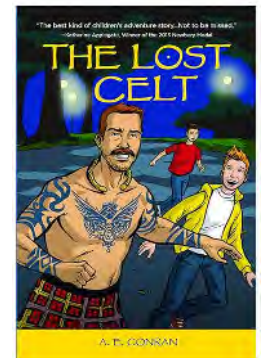
## IRISH WORDS FOR THE MONTH

MAY THE ROOF ABOVE US NEVER FALL IN.  
AND MAY THE FRIENDS GATHERED BELOW IT  
NEVER FALL OUT.

### IRISH LANGUAGE COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS



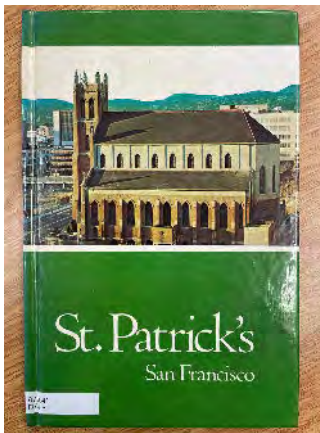
### YOUNG ADULT COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS



## PROGRAMMING FOR MARCH

Read Aloud with Ms. Nancy- March 9th,  
2024 in person in the library  
10:15am- 10:45am

Irish Genealogy -March 9th, 2024 Online  
monthly meeting -all are welcome. Are you  
stuck in your Genealogy journey? Join us in  
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### WHAT ARE WE LOOKNG FOR?

- Bankers boxes with lids
- Irish children's books
- Books on Irish women
- Books in the Irish language
- Books on Irish Bay Area/California pre 1960's
- California/SF Bay Area Ephemera items:  
photos, dance cards, brochures, etc

\*Please no large Irish photo/coffee books currently.



In honor of Women's History Month in March we wanted to highlight the book *STOP THE NEXT WAR NOW Effective Responses to violence and Terrorism*. 70 essays were shared and compiled- **Mary Robinson** former President of Ireland is one of those experts.

Do you have time on your hands? The Library could you use your help.  
Contact Jennifer Drennan at Library@irishcentersf.org or 415-661-2702



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## ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB OUTREACH PROGRAM

# MASS & LUNCHEON

Join us for the most Irish lunch of the year as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day!  
We hope you will wear one of the forty shades of green to remind us of home!

Fr. Brendan McBride will celebrate Mass at 12 noon followed by a hot buffet lunch hosted by A Black Tie Affair, with live entertainment by the amazing Christy O'Connell!

We hope to see you for another great gathering. Make sure to get your reservation in early!

### Thursday, March 14, 2024

**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**

**Reserve your seat at [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc)  
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## SF IRISH FILM DOCFEST

- IN THE SHADOW OF BEIRUIT  
- NOTES FROM SHEEPLAND

Saturday, March 30, 2024  
3:30 p.m.

Join us for two amazing Irish documentaries at SF Irish Film DOCFEST!

- **In the Shadow of Beirut** - four compelling storylines woven together in a searing portrait of a people & a city struggling to survive amidst some of the most difficult living conditions imaginable.
- **Notes from Sheepland** - an Irish woman returns to Ireland to sheep farm in Co. Wexford interweaving her artistic creativity and life on the sheep farm.

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# CAIRDE CAFE

When the parade has passed, and the corned beef and cabbage has been enjoyed, come join us for a little more soda bread and tea at our March Cairde Cafe, and let's chat about the joy of St. Patrick's Day!!

Join us for a relaxing morning with good friends, good food, a cuppa, and maybe some bingo or a game of 25 - new card players welcome!!!!

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

**United Irish Cultural Center**

St. Francis Room  
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Cost: \$5

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A Community Outreach Program of the Irish Immigration Pastoral Center Active Retirement Club



Head to the bookstore or library and pick up the next title for **The Reading Room**, our virtual **Book Club**, at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024!**

Longlisted for the 2023 Booker Prize and shortlisted for the 2023 An Post Irish Book Awards Novel of the Year, **How to Build a Boat** by **Elaine Feeney** is the story of how one boy's irrepressible dream finds expression through a community propelled by love out of grief.

Lyrical and compassionate, it's a novel about the courage of conviction and the power of the imagination to transform—and how sometimes the best way to break free of old walls is to build something beautiful within them.

Join us on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024** at **7:00 p.m.** for another lively and entertaining discussion!

Go to [linktr.ee/sfiipc](https://linktr.ee/sfiipc) to find the link! See you there!

We will meet over **ZOOM** on the **third Wednesday of every OTHER month** (March, May, July, September, and November) from **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** You don't have to read every book to join The Reading Room. Choose only the books you are interested in reading, and remember, there is no shame in coming to The Reading Room with the book unfinished. We welcome everyone's input and observations.

The next two books are:  
Prophet Song by Paul Lynch [May 15]  
Did Ye Hear Mammy Died by Seamas O'Reilly [July 17]

## THE READING ROOM



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