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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN



Chair's Message



A Chairde,

As the fall season approaches, we look forward to our upcoming activities. It's been a busy year so far, with our branch promoting three céilís, a number of language classes, monthly singing sessions, and many set dancing opportunities in SF and beyond. About 25 branch members attended the Comhaltas North American Convention in Bethesda, MD at the end of June. A great time was had by all!

Some of the articles in this issue are old news by now, but I felt that they should be included as a reference. Perhaps they will inspire you to join in on these activities next year.

It was exciting to join many other Cooley-Keegan members and travel to Fresno for a special céilí. Fourteen of us made the event! See the article below for details. I'm so proud of our branch being so supportive of Monica's efforts to promote set dancing in the Central Valley. Every day I am grateful for the amazing members of our branch who share their talents, organizational skills, and kindness to each other on a regular basis.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months, perhaps at our latest dance venue, Alhambra House in Redwood City.

Slán,

Susan Keith
Chair



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Plough and Stars Dancing



Set dancing has resumed at the Plough & Stars Bar on Clement Street on Thursday nights.

First Thursday will be from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm and every other Thursday 8:30 pm to 10:30 pm. There is a \$10 charge. Supporting the bar by purchasing a beverage is much appreciated.

Contact Michael Murphy at irishboogiemanager67@yahoo.com or 415-999-6062 for more information or watch out for an email from Josephine Brogan.



Fall Céilís



We have two céilís scheduled:
- Sunday, November 5 and
- Sunday, December 3

6:30-9:30 pm UICC - St. Patrick's ballroom. \$15 for members of Comhaltas, \$20 for non-members.



Peninsula Set Dancing



We have a new set dance venue thanks to Michael Murphy!

Set dancing with some ceílí dancing at Alhambra House in Redwood City. The first two dances are:

Sunday, September 24, from 5-7 pm
with Western Shore/ Avalanche
Wednesday, October 11, from 8-10 pm
with Bog Buddies

The address: 831 Main Street, Redwood City 94063

\$10 minimum to help pay for the band. Patronage of the restaurant and bar is very much appreciated.



Anniversary Thursday Dancing



Come and join us for a special evening to celebrate the 30th anniversary of First Thursday Dancing nights!

Thursday, October 5, 8-11 pm
Shannon Arms Pub
915 Taraval Street
(between 19th and 20th Avenues)
San Francisco

Minimum is \$10 per person.
Musicians: Valerie Rose, Barry O'Connell, Vinny Cronin and Dave Cory.

Patronage at the bar will be most appreciated.



Set Dance Lessons



Set dancing lessons are on Tuesday evenings 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm October 10th and 24th, November 14th and 28th, December 12th (no class on December 26th)

See email from Josephine Brogan as venue will be changing in October to Ireland's 32 Pub (Upstairs) in San Francisco at 3920 Geary Blvd
\$10 per class

Michael Murphy and Michael Riemer teaching on alternate nights. Josephine Brogan will email updates on these classes prior to each event.



San Anselmo Dancing



Micheál and Nellie have had a nice summer break, and are looking forward to set dance classes resuming for autumn on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 7-9 pm at our new location:

The Isabel Cook Community Center
1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
San Anselmo

\$10/person requested donation to help pay for the space. Tea and treats are served after the dance.

Save the dates for the whole season:
9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8 (the Holiday party!)
There will be no class on 22 December

We verify numbers in the days prior to each class via an email response, and we will not hold class if we have fewer than 12 confirmed attendees. Email sonomarinirish@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the email list.



Fairfax Irish Festival



The 12th annual Fairfax Irish Festival of Music and Dance is happening on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2023.

The Bay Area's finest musicians and dancers will be performing jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, and more. Sweet voices and musical sounds will be heard all over the town in the bars, restaurants, stores, tea house, and community building, The Fairfax Pavilion, throughout the weekend. This is a free event and you can easily walk around town from venue to venue.

Artists include: The Gas Men, Amelia Hogan, Vince Keehan, The Turf Cutters, the Comhaltas Set Dancers, and many more.

See fairfaxirishfestival.com for details or look for their Facebook page.



Song and Storytelling



Celtic singing sessions are on the first Friday of each month. They are held in people's homes around the Bay Area. Start time is usually 8 pm and sessions typically go until 11 or midnight. Mostly in-person only at this point, but sometimes still via Zoom.

For questions, to host, or to be added to the email list contact Michael Jones: mfj@ieee.org.



Irish Language Classes



Check with Josephine Brogan at Josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856 for information on Irish Language Classes.



Irish Center 2025 Project



For more than 35 years, "The Center" has been our "home away from home". Our first convention in 1984 was hosted there and we have held numerous céilís, sessions, fundraisers, parties and weekly dance, language and music lessons. We enjoyed spontaneous dinners at the weekend in the restaurant and a monthly "CCÉ Night" which were very successful. We attended weddings, birthday parties and memorials throughout the year.

The building is now showing its age and will be unable to fulfill the needs of the coming generations. Exciting plans are underway and it will take the interest and participation of all of our community to ensure its success. We encourage you to check out the website to keep up to date on the progress. <https://irishcenter2025.org>



Fall Fling in Delaware



The Greater Washington Céilí Club is hosting their annual Fall Fling, a set dancing weekend, on October 13-15, 2023. It is in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. The Events Package includes 3 set dance workshops, 2 céilís, a social hour and session with the band, 2 breakfasts, and a selected gift. For more information, go to www.GWCCFallFling.com



Branch Meetings



CCÉ Cooley-Keegan branch meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm via Zoom.

If you wish to join, or need additional information, please contact our Secretary, Patricia Reilly, at: secretary@sfcooleykeeganccce.org.



Stay up to date on céilís, seisiúns, and other events by checking out our Cooley-Keegan Facebook page. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices

or enter the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/Comhaltas-Ceoltoiri-Eireann-Cooley-Keegan-Branch-San-Francisco-CA->



Another online group where events are planned is meetup.com at the following URL:

meetup.com/irishdance



Member News



Happy Birthday to Imelda White, our Gaelic Officer and Irish Language Teacher who is celebrating her birthday on October 8th.

Happy Birthday to Katherine Scanlon who is celebrating her 92nd birthday on September 19th.

Best wishes and a very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Maureen Dowling who celebrated with her family and friends in August!!

Happy Birthday to our man about town, Michael Jones, whose big day was September 10th.



Meitheal Grant



Are you interested in planning activities for our branch from now until next June? Classes, workshops, concerts, céilís? Would you like to organize people to be part of a local festival? How about doing some archiving? These (and more) are all activities that the NA Meitheal Fund might be able to support with a grant. All activities must be completed by early June 2024.

If you have a project or activity that you think might be eligible for a Meitheal Fund grant, please go to the North America CCE website: www.ccenorthamerica.com. Click on Meitheal Fund across the top. The dropdown box contains all the information you'll need—terms and conditions of what can be funded, grant application process and online grant application. The grant application has been revised to make it easier this year. Contact bbbouch@swbell.net with questions. All grant applications must be received by March 15, 2024.

If you want to apply for a grant, please contact the Cooley-Keegan board before applying.



Irish Culture Bay Area



What if you could view all the many Irish Events, Arts & Cultural programs in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond in one place?

NOW YOU CAN AT

IrishCultureBayArea.com



Condolences



Our prayers and deepest sympathy to Denise Childers on the loss of her son, William Carlton Propp. May he rest in peace.

Our sincere sympathy to Josephine and Paddy Brogan in the passing of her brother-in-law, Billy Kelleher, in Ireland.

We remember Catherine Griffin, beloved mother of Sean Griffin who passed away earlier this year in Ireland. Our prayers and thoughts are with Sean and all his family.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Josephine Brennan and her family on the untimely, tragic passing of her nephew, Darren Gray, in Los Angeles on June 17th. May Darren's gentle soul rest in peace.



Sean-Nós Dance



Maldon Meehan teaches classes on Zoom on Thursdays from 6-7 pm. Starting in September, she will ask people to bring a tune they would like to learn steps for. She'd like to try barn dances or hop jigs for a change. Come join and be a part of creating something entirely new in the sean-nós world!

She also offers Open Studio – free weekly practice sessions that add an added layer of accountability. With sessions three times a week at 8:30am PST, this is a great opportunity for any Irish dance student to increase their practice and gain peer support in a judgment-free space.

See www.maldonmeehan.com for details on this subscription-based service.



Irish Voices



Our old friend and member, Donagh McKeown sends his best wishes from Ireland.

As you may recall, Donagh under the name of "Irish Voices" was the author of many adventures while he was here including videos of our céilís, street tours of the Irish in San Francisco, interviews of local personalities in the Irish Community and much more.

Tune into Donagh's radio show on Saturdays at 2 pm Pacific Time on www.gir.ie



Wedding Celebrations



Davy Pearse and Amy Ricketts celebrated their wedding on June 24th in Fairfax, CA. Davy danced at Lilly Mac's for many years. Now that he and Amy live in Fairfax, they are regulars at the San Anselmo set dances. The couple met at a pirate festival and were friends for many years before they realized their relationship had blossomed into something deeper.

A group of CCE members attended the wedding and enjoyed themselves in the beautiful redwood grove setting. Amy looked gorgeous in her sparkly gown and Davy and his groomsmen were dashing in their matching tartans. After a lovely dinner, the evening ended with dancing, including a few Irish dances for good measure.

Congratulations Davy and Amy!!



Congratulations to Eileen O'Malley and Gerard Kohler who had a lovely wedding celebration in Tahoe on June 23, 2023. Proud parents, Michael and Kathleen O'Malley enjoyed a lively Siege of Ennis with many of the guests and family. It was a beautiful day and we wish Eileen and Gerard all the very best.



Congratulations to Kate Wiese and Jeremy Silver as a newly married couple. They were honored at our June céilí with a cake. We wish them much happiness in their new life together.



1916 Easter Commemoration



The Knights of the Red Branch, a supporter of CCE, have a yearly 1916 Easter Commemoration event at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma. It pays honor to all those who lost their lives in 1916 and over the ensuing years to achieve an Irish Republic. This year the event was on the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday agreement in Ireland. I attended with Joannie and Francis O'Leary, Josephine and Paddy Brogan, Mary Ann and Marty Folan, and Patrick Lenihan.

The Pearse and Connolly Fife and Drum Band marched the crowd of about 100 to the grave of Thomas Desmond, a deputy sheriff of San Francisco who in 1876 helped with the escape of six Fenians from an Australian prison. He later became an officer of the Knights of the Red Branch.

The Proclamation of the Republic, which was read by Padraig Pearse in 1916 in front of the GPO during the Easter Rising, was recited. Michael Black sang a few songs. Louise O'Reilly, the Sinn Féin TD from Dublin, gave a speech encouraging all to look forward to a united Ireland very soon.

It was a beautiful Easter morning celebration. If you wish to join next year, it is held on Easter Sunday at 11 am at the Holy Cross Cemetery.



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann 2023 Convention



Our Cooley-Keegan branch was well represented at the 2023 Convention in Bethesda, MD, with over 20 members from the Bay Area attending. Some of us were regulars and some were attending for the first time. Everyone had a wonderful weekend. We bonded over drinks on Thursday night, attended workshops and céilís over the next few days, and enjoyed ourselves at a few hotel room after hours parties, thanks to Nancy Weston and Geraldine Browne from Toronto.

Padraig McEneaney taught us a few nice set dances, including a new one called the CroisLoch Set, which is dedicated to his parents from Crossmaglen and Camlough in Co. Armagh. I look forward to the next convention in Buffalo—my reservation is already in!

—Susan Keith

As usual, the music at the céilís was very good this year. I always enjoy listening to the music and watching the dancers, wishing I had the energy and coordination to join in!

I did participate in a number of workshops which were informative and entertaining. Some of the highlights included: “A Crash Course in Irish History” which was an excellent overview from the beginning of time in Ireland presented from an unusual perspective; a guitar workshop based on an alternate tuning which adds a different dimension to Irish music; a celtic harp workshop; and a workshop on Irish singing which identified the historical events which inspired many familiar songs.

All in all it was a great time!

— Barb Herlihy

Top 10 Reasons for Attending the DC Comhaltas Convention

1. Reacquainted with dancers and friends from past conventions
2. Met new dancers
3. Made new friends
4. Met Maureen and Michael Murphy’s brother and niece
5. Sightseeing in DC (including the steps from “The Exorcist”)
6. Mason’s Favorite Lobster Rolls at DuPont Circle
7. Got to know fellow SF dancers better (and we had a great crew)
8. Maureen Brady had us LOAO
9. After dance gatherings
10. What happens at the Convention stays at the Convention

A hint of 2023 DC Convention happenings

— Bill Ngai!

The DC Convention was fabulous. I loved spending quality time with friends in our wonderful and welcoming community – the Cooley-Keegan branch – and meeting new friends from around North America.

I was pretty apprehensive about dancing, since this was my first Convention as a dancer (and only my second Convention period), but I was welcomed in. I had a blast, and most importantly I managed not to injure anyone!

— Andrew Westphal

“The DC convention was wonderful! The CCÉ O’Neill-Malcolm Branch did a great job! All attendees were very gracious and welcoming and the live music was amazing for listening and dancing!”

— Denise Leadbetter



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann 2023 Convention





2024 Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann North America Convention



Help continue the celebration and commemoration at the 2024 CCÉ North American Provincial Convention at the beautiful Buffalo Hyatt Regency Hotel from April 4th through the 7th. The Hyatt is located right in the heart of the city's downtown and is only 20 minutes from the airport.

There will be trips to Niagara Falls, architectural tours and a rooftop viewing of the mid-day total eclipse of the sun.

Reserve your Hotel Room now so you will not be disappointed.
<https://www.cceconvention.com/>



Fun at Fleadh Cheoil na Éireann 2023



Greetings to all,

I hope everyone had a lovely summer. Martin and I went on a trip to Ireland and during our gallivanting spent two glorious days at the Fleadh Cheoil in Mullingar.

It was a week long event celebrating Irish traditional music, song, dance, and poetry. We learned that the first Fleadh began in 1951 in Mullingar, so people were especially excited to be hosting again for a crowd of about 500,000.

After attending a walking tour on the history of Mullingar, we made our way through the town. Everywhere on the streets families, children, and adults were performing in some capacity. The banjos, accordions, violins, flutes, pipes, harps, bodhrans, guitars, and mandolins could be heard in every corner of the town. Songs were sung and set dances performed. The competitions were intense and only the best of the best were allowed to compete.

People from all over the world had come to participate or just enjoy the weeklong celebration. Martin and I were amazed that Irish music and dance is thriving in so many countries. It is the love for this art form that connects so many. Farewell Mullingar!

Mary Ann Folan

Editor's note: Mary Ann Folan and her family are long-time members of our branch. She was one of our original céilí and set dance teachers and greatly assisted in the development of our branch. Mary Ann and her sister, Noreen Heavey share their love of Irish stepdance through their Boyle Irish Dance Academy.



Comhaltas Music Draw 2023



Cooley-Keegan is participating in this year's CCÉ Music Draw. This is a fabulous fundraiser for our branch. Prizes are:

- 1st prize 5,000 euros,
- 2nd 500 euros,
- 3rd 250 euros, and
- 5 prizes of 100 euros,
- 5 prizes of 75 euros and
- a collection of 10 traditional music CDs and DVDs.

Tickets are only \$5 each! Our branch is also giving four \$25 prizes in a separate draw. Tickets can be purchased from Susan Keith, Joannie O'Leary, and Maureen Murphy. You can also purchase on our website. See information on our Home page. We would like to sell all the tickets by the start of October so that Josephine Brogan can carry them with her to Ireland and deliver them to the CCÉ headquarters. The drawing is in December.



Fresno Céilí



Monica O'Rourke, a long distance branch member, made her dream come true and hosted an Irish céilí in Fresno on September 9th. Monica and her sons, Ben and Sam, are regulars at our UICC céilís and she tries to dance at the Plough when she can. She organized this event at a salsa dance studio and spread the word to the Fresno contra and swing dance communities as well as other local Irish organizations. She hung fliers in every Starbucks in Fresno and at all the dance studios. Her hard work paid off, as almost fifty people showed up to the event! She asked a local three piece band, Pure Drop, to play.

Fourteen of our branch members from the Bay Area made the trek down to Fresno and enjoyed a lively night of music and dance. Michael Murphy called céilís and sets, which were very well received by us regulars and newcomers alike. All ages attended, with the children especially smiling during the Waves of Tory and the Bridge of Athlone.

In true Plough style, we extended the evening by going out for donuts after the dance! Monica hopes to have another céilí in the near future.





St. Patrick's Day Parade 2023



We did it! A motivated crew stepped up to make this year's parade involvement another success. Under the dedicated leadership of Kasey Curtin (float design), Dan McAuliff (float construction), and Connie Lynch (dance coordinator), we built a beautiful float and danced our way through the streets of San Francisco to spread our Irish pride. Our efforts paid off, as we won 1st place for Irish float! Martijn Blementhal, the president of Cunningham Moving and Storage, suggested a smaller truck this year, which worked very well. We will use this truck in the future.

For background, this company has been involved with our float building for 40 years. Charlie and Karen Cunningham, Michelle's parents, were the original owners. They were introduced to Comhaltas by their good friend, Bridget Reilly who was instrumental in founding our branch. Charlie generously gave CCE the 44 foot flatbed starting in 1983. The float was assembled in Teresa Hallinan's basement that year and was entered in both the San Francisco and Oakland St. Patrick's Day Parade (the first and only time riding across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge on the float!!) At an Awards Ceremony in Oakland a few weeks later, our branch was presented with a lovely large trophy for our efforts.

Charlie Cunningham, a proud West Corkman took great pride in the float. Once he built his storage warehouse on Van Dyke Avenue, Charlie provided a space inside to build it each year and continued to provide the flatbed and cab. Charlie's wife, Karen often cooked a corned beef lunch which coincided with the project and "parade construction day" became a party and tradition.

Martijn and his wife, Michelle, have continued to be gracious hosts. They store the float props in two boxes in their huge warehouse on Van Dyke Avenue and get them down each year ready for our arrival the day before the parade. They also provide us with a truck and driver. This year, Martijn did the driving himself, accompanied by his wife as co-pilot.

We gathered at the warehouse on Friday morning, the day before the parade. We emptied the main box and Kasey got to work guiding the crew. While that team drilled away, another team worked on painting the banner, and another laid out a spread of provisions, to give us sustenance throughout the day. Many of the boards had to be reconfigured this year to accommodate the smaller truck, which took time. Once the float was built and the paint was dry, it was time to decorate. All hands on deck at this point, as props were brought out and drilled into place. At the end of the day, the crew of 20-ish had a float they were proud of.

At 8 am on Saturday morning, we met at Duggan's 17th Street Funeral Parlor. This is another business that has supported the float building since its beginning. The "float equipment" was generously stored for the first few years in the garage adjacent to the Duggan-Welch Funeral Home. Every year since, we have been indebted to Bill Welch and his son, Steve Welch and the family and staff for providing us with the meeting space there to finalize construction of the float on the morning of the parade.

They generously open their parking lot and doors for us. Martijn arrived with the float. The musicians arrived and helped install the sound equipment and the generator. Other finishing touches were added as the dancers gathered, had refreshments, and prayed for no rain.

At 10 am, we climbed aboard, settled ourselves, and headed downtown. Luckily, Moe Murphy had brought along a bag full of rain ponchos, for it started to pour as we drove along. At the parade starting point, other dancers and flag bearers arrived to meet us. Umbrellas were put up and down as the rains came and went. We practiced our figures and chatted as we waited to begin.

Along the route, the rain began to ebb as we danced and waved to the crowds. Connie had suggested that we ladies wear Aran sweaters to help us keep warm. A number of people in the crowd complimented us on how well they suited the float. It was delightful to see how faces lit up when we made eye contact with them and gave them a wave. Martijn was a good driver and it was a smooth ride for the most part. Our performance at the review stand went off well. We glided to a stop at the parade's end and had some brief refreshments.

Then back to Duggan's with the float. There, the sound equipment was removed and packed away in cars, as we said goodbye to some of the dancers. A small crew followed the float back to Cunningham's for its dismantlement. With drills aplenty hard at work, each prop and piece of wood was taken off. Under Kasey Curtin's precise management, these items were packed back in the storage box one by one and the door clicked closed.

We said our goodbyes and headed off to the day's further celebrations. A grand time was had by all. Thank you to all who helped over the two days and who participated in the parade. We'll see you again next year!



Gradam an Chomhaltais 2023 Award to Ena Doocey



If you were in any corner, dancefloor, workshop or session during our 2022 CCE Convention in Foster City during April 21-24, 2022 you could not fail to see CCE Photographer, Ena Doocey, with her trusty cameras recording moments of history for us. Ena moved discretely around the Crowne Plaza Hotel capturing musicians, dancers, workshop participants and old friends “just catching up”. Ena generously donated all her photos from our Convention to our branch.

Ena has been recording the story of Comhaltas throughout Ireland, the UK and North America for many years and is a familiar sight at every Fleadh Cheoil and many other events that CCE sponsors.

A very special weekend of celebrations took place at the Cultúrlann in Dublin on September 3 as Gradam an Chomhaltais 2023 was presented to Ena Doocey from Co. Waterford in recognition of her many years of dedicated voluntary service as the Comhaltas official photographer. The annual Gradam award is the supreme accolade which Comhaltas can present, and the huge numbers of CCE members, musicians and friends which gathered in Dublin over the weekend to pay tribute to and celebrate with Ena shows the high regard and esteem in which she is held by everyone in the Comhaltas. (Info courtesy of Facebook, Comhaltas Co. Waterford).



Heartiest congratulations to our friend, Ena, from all in the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas.



2024 Membership Renewal



TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2024 CCÉ – SF COOLEY-KEEGAN MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership NOW.

The Membership list is our way of advising you of information on upcoming events & sending you the Treoir magazine 3 times a year.

Membership is effective January 1st to December 31st. However, 2024 Memberships info is due in Ireland to be recorded before the end of October, so please take action NOW.

If you receive the Scéal Eile by email link from Josephine Brogan, please renew now by visiting our website:
https://www.sfcooleykeegancce.org/misc/join_cceck.html

Please be sure to complete the on-line form so we can match it with your PayPal payment. If you do not use PayPal, but do renew on-line, please forward a check to our *PO Box shown below.

If you receive the Scéal Eile by U.S. mail, a renewal form with your name is included in this September/October/ November/ December Scéal Eile. Please make any necessary changes and mail it along with your check to our PO Box shown below. (Please note we do not bill.)

Single Membership: \$40.00

Multi-Membership: \$50.00 (2 or more in household or family)

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or membership@sfcooleykeegancce.org Thank you for your support. CCE Membership, Attn: Joannie O’Leary, *PO Box 16244, San Francisco, CA 94116

You will also receive an email reminder from Josephine Brogan to renew.



Set Dancing



Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm.
Contact: Danny Botello mr.dannyb@gmail.com or Michael Rael michaelbpr@gmail.com

2nd and 4th Tuesdays:

- Irelands 32 for lessons. Details in emails from Josephine Brogan

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8pm. \$10 suggested to support the music.
Except for October see page 2 for details

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:30pm.
Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$10 to support the live music.
Contact: Michael Murphy at irishboogiemanager67@yahoo.com or 415-999-6062

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- The Isabel Cook Community Center, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo: From 7-9pm.
There is a \$10 donation suggested for this class.
Contact: Nellie at sonomarinirish@gmail.com



Seisiún



Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month,
See **Song and Storytelling** section for details.

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