

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

We have many outstanding members and this month I would like to highlight two of them. I don't know much about him but from what I have seen I could fill quite a few pages. In the interest of time and space I will only mention a few of the many things he has done for C.C.E. He has been very faithful in his attendance at dance and monthly meetings. I have seen him at KALW and when March approaches you will find him in the middle of whatever work has to be done. I have seen him with his hands red from his fingertips to his wrists with stain during the preparations for E.E. He is a quiet man but is always willing to lend a helping hand at whatever happens to be going on. So I would like to say thank-you to Pat Nash for his volunteer hours and dedication to our organization. He is truly an outstanding member.

I would also like to say good-bye to another wonderful member who is moving to Oregon. Kelle DeForest has been very generous with her time, talent and her patience. I can truly say that my life is better now that I have met her. So I think it is safe to say Kelle we all wish you the best that life has to offer and you will most definitely be missed.

Slán,
Kasey

Upcoming Events

We are in the process of planning a Children's picnic in August. Details have not yet been finalized. Please contact Maureen Murphy at 415-661-0351 for more information.

Events this Month

CCE Night at the UICC - On Saturday, July 21, CCE will host another night of dancing at the UICC. Dancing begins at 8.30 pm to the music of Miliosa Lundy and the Live Oak Quartet. Admission is free. Any donations received will go towards sending Sean O'Donnell to Ireland to represent Cooley-Keegan at the Fleadh Cheoil na n'Eireann in August. Contact Michael Riemer (riemer@ce.berkeley.edu) or see attached flyer for more information.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in San Jose (near Cupertino border) July 11th and 25th; August 8th and 22nd. Set dancing with a wee bit of ceili from 8-10PM to live music. No lessons but an instructor on-hand to assist and lead sets. Join us for free on the first visit; a \$5 donation suggested for returning dancers. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com).

North Bay - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma on August 19th and September 9th. Set and Ceili dance lessons will be from 4-6PM. Contacts: Connie Lynch (707-823-7378; cerrydancer@juno.com), Kasey MillerE (707-769-8552), or Mary McD (707-765-0416).

East Bay - Starry Plough Pub in Berkeley on Mondays. Ceili dancing with a wee bit of set. Lessons from 7-9PM; Dancing with live band 9-11PM. Michael Riemer leads set dancing on the second Monday of the month. Contact: John Slaymaker (restorewildlife@earthlink.net).

In order to promote and support set and ceili dancing in the Bay Area, special pub visits and carpools have been devised for Summer 2007. Contact Michael Murphey (415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com) for details.

See calendar page for address, phone number and web page for all venues.



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We all wish Kelle good luck in her new job in Oregon

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2007 (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend) September 28-30, 6pm Fri. - 4:30pm Sun. Venue: United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

Increase your confidence and fluency in Irish, or make a good start on learning it! Four class levels again this year!!!

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish. Bring instruments & voices for sessions each evening -- playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at <http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html> or contact 510 881 5958, or Gaeilge@OneSourceGraphics.com. Attached flyer also contains more information.

General Meetings

The next General Meeting of the Membership will be Tuesday July 10th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

Children's Irish Music Classes

We just completed our second beginning and intermediate tin whistle classes led by Conall O'Raghallaigh. We will be taking a short break over the summer and plan to resume classes again in late August, early September. We are also planning on starting a children's fiddle class in August.

Stay tuned for more information or feel free to email Josephine at: josephinebrogan@yahoo.com. Don't forget the Junior Session on the last Monday of each month at Ireland's 32 at 7.30 pm.

Members Corner

The Cooley-Keegan Branch is thrilled to have 4 of our members representing us at the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann in Tullamore, Co Offaly the last week in August. Sean O'Donnell and Paul Mathews (accordion and singing, respectively) qualified at the St. Louis Fleadh in May. Sean will be attending Scoil Eige, August 19-24, 2007 in Tullamore, Co. Offaly. This 5-day Summer College offers tuition in all aspects of Irish traditional music, song, and dance. The college runs during the last week in August leading up to Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann.

New members to our branch, Sinead and Roisin Lafferty will represent the SF Cooley-Keegan in Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann as a result of qualifying in the New York Fleadh recently. We welcome them and are delighted with their participation.

All the best to Sean, Paul, Sinead and Roisin in their journey and All-Ireland competitions. Perhaps we will entice stories out of them for a later issue!

Song and Storytelling

There will not be a Song and Storytelling session in July or August. Monthly song and Storytelling sessions will resume in September at Murphy's in San Francisco.

For Sale

Samhain T-Shirts - There is still a limited supply of Barbary Coast Ceili Band - Spooky Scary Samhain t-shirts available. The cost is \$15 per shirt, with a portion of the sales donated to our branch. Contact Michael Duffy at cosgrach@tsoft.com if you would like to have one.



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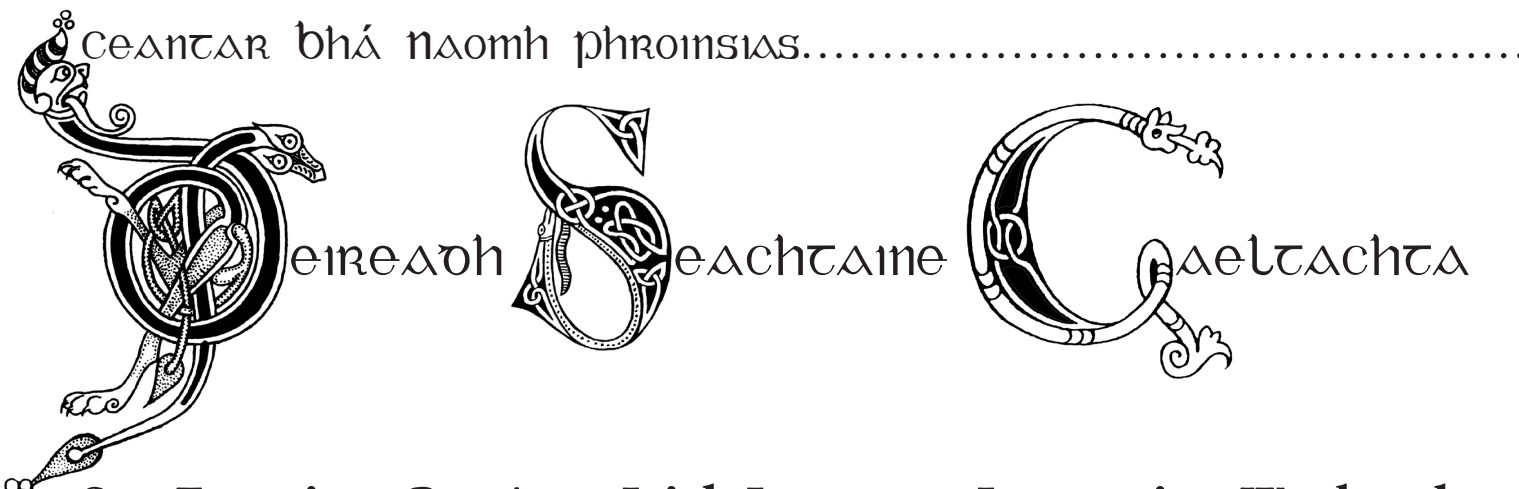
July 2007

| DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY | DÉ LUAN MONDAY | DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY | DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY | DÉARDAIN THURSDAY | DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY | DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY |
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| July 1 Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 9 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 | 10 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM | 11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM w/ Birds in the Bush | 12 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 16 | 17 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 18 | 19 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band | 20 | 21 <u>CCE Night</u> UICC 7:30PM |
| 22 Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 23 | 24 | 25 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 8PM | 26 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Seisiún - Plough and Stars | 30 <u>Junior Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32 | 31 | Aug 1 | 2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band | 3 | 4 |

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173
Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122
U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700
Britannia Arms - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino (South Bay), (408) 252-7262
Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 starryploughpub.com
Finbar Devines - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800 finbarspetaluma.com
Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

You can also visit the following websites for events:

San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccwest.org
Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce
Plough and Stars - theploughandstars.com
U.I.C.C. - www.irishcentersf.org



San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend

September 28–30, 2007

(6 PM Friday through 4:30 PM Sunday)

Intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency.

Teachers are native speakers of Irish.

Four levels again this year!

Meals and snacks provided — continue practicing Irish over lunch and dinner!

Seisiúin! Bring instruments and your voices for sessions each evening, when we'll enjoy playing Irish music and sharing songs, poetry, stories, and other craic, *as Gaeilge*.

- ☉ **Leibhéal 1**, (no Irish, or a smidgin), for absolute beginners, and those who may have made a start already, but are still learning beginner basics.
- ☉ **Leibhéal 2**, (lag), for intermediate learners, who've studied Irish enough to know the basics reasonably well, can participate in a very simple conversation, and want to increase their skills.
- ☉ **Leibhéal 3**, (sásúil), for higher intermediate students who may understand or read a good bit of Irish, yet lack practice with hearing or speaking Irish, and seek more confidence for more conversation.
- ☉ **Leibhéal 4**, (maith) do dhaoine ar mhaith leo snas a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge. Déanfar staidéar ar fhoclóir nua-aimseartha, saibhreas na teanga, litríocht, filíocht, béaloideas agus an saol chomh-aimseartha.

This language course is geared to accommodate adults at all learning stages, from those just starting to those who are more advanced but in need of practice. There will be four levels — advanced, high intermediate, intermediate, and beginner. Class tuition will be by specialist teachers who use proven methods of language teaching and are themselves native speakers. Teachers are coordinated by Oideas Gael, and most travel to San Francisco especially for this course. Each day's study consists of intensive morning and afternoon tutorials with attention directed toward spoken Irish and aimed at correct pronunciation, proper idiom, and development of contemporary vocabulary. The intention is to foster conversational ability and fluency. Between classes, over meals, and during our seisiún each evening, you will be encouraged to keep practicing your Irish with people from all levels, while enjoying the craic! *(There will be the opportunity for an extra seisiún Sunday evening after the course ends, for those who want to stay.)*

Course fee: \$315.00, includes tuition and food (sandwiches & fruit for supper Friday evening, cheese & Irish bread & coffee/tea available each morning, coffee/tea breaks, and full meals for lunch and dinner Saturday and lunch on Sunday). Out-of-town attendees to make their own accommodation arrangements. We can provide suggestions if needed. The course will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center, in S.F.

For more information, call 510-881-5958 or e-mail Gaeilge@OneSourceGraphics.com

Space is limited — please register early!

To register by post, fill in this coupon and send it, together with your check or money order for \$315.00, made out to N. L. Ragsdale (for Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta). *Because space is limited, we must ask for payment in advance to secure your place on the course.*

Name _____

Address _____

tel. _____ e-mail _____

Do you have knowledge of the Irish language? **yes** **no** **a bit**

| | <i>maith</i> | <i>sásúil</i> | <i>lag</i> |
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| <i>Inis dúinn faoi do leibbéal Gaeilge:</i> | | | |
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Send to: N.L. Ragsdale, re: Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta, 22661 Linden Street, Hayward, CA 94541-3121



Set Dancing



1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm -- check at bar for room. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Topsy House typically plays on the 2nd, 4th and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays:

- Britannia Arms in Cupertino: Dancing to live music between 8-10PM. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2nd and last Mondays of each month. This is intended for beginners learning to play traditional Irish tunes, and the last Monday each month features the kids in our community. Starting at 9:00pm more experienced musicians are encouraged to join in on the faster paced, more Traditional Seisiún which follows. All are welcome to come listen as well. Contact Michael Riemer or Michael Duffy for more information.
- Plough and Stars, starting at 8:30 on the **second to last** Tuesday of each month. This Seisiún follows the same format as the Ireland's 32 Slow Seisiún.

Seisiún: - 8:30 Sundays at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check the calendar for exact details.

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