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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well now the parade is past, and we have a little time to relax and savor our winnings. Yes, we took **FIRST PLACE** this year! Woo-hoo! I'd like to take the time to thank Kasey, the parade crew, and our sponsors for putting together a great float and a fantastic show (despite the rain).

Last Sunday also saw our March Ceili, and we had a fantastic turn out for this event. I've seen people there that I have not seen in years - even the elusive George Shea!

Now, we are preparing for the convention in Chicago, just under a month away. With all the workshops and events that they have lined up, it should be great fun.

Slán, Michael

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday April 4th and May 2nd at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

Events this Month

The next Children's Ceili will be on April 9 at the UICC from 4-6pm. See attached flyer for more information.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to all the Saint Patrick's day parade participants we all came in #1 this year. A special thanks goes out to our float artists Kelle DeForrest for our wonderful banners and beautiful dedication to Frank Lynch; Kevin Rutherford for the two fabulous 10' Celtic knots; Dan McAuliffe for all the time he spent with me shopping and making our windows; Bernadette Flynn for choreographing our show and Annie Murphy for coming on at the last minute to sing for us.

This would not have been possible if it wasn't for all the rest of the painters, builders, dancers, walkers, banner carriers, flag carriers, children, parents, musicians, dance leaders, and even the truck driver. It takes all of us to come together to make the parade float happen year after year. We all deserve to be recognized for the hard work and the long hours we donated. As far as I am concerned we're #1 every year but its nice that the judges agreed with me this year.

I'd like to add how honored and thankful I am to Margaret Lynch and her family for coming out and taking part in the parade this year, in spite of the rain and cold. It was great to have them with us.

Kasey MillerE

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Ní bheidh muid ag cruinniú sa mhí. Tá súil againn go mbeidh Oíche Ghaeltachta ar siúil arís i mBealtaine.

We will not be meeting this month. We hope an Oíche Ghaeltachta will take place again in May.



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The CCE float won first place in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade -- Congratulations to all!!

Note from Margaret Lynch

"Dear Officers and Members of Comhaltas... Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for dedicating this year's "Irish for a Day" float to Frank Lynch. Everyone braved the cold, rainy weather and it was delightful to see and watch the dancing and listen to the beautiful Irish music. It was a wonderful tribute to Frank and to be sure he is smiling down from heaven (so surprised he didn't put a word in for sunnier weather!)."

*Most sincerely,
Margaret Lynch and Family"*

Mallen Scholarships

Congratulations to the 3rd Annual Kevin Mallen music scholarship recipients including: Seán O'Donnell (accordion), Linnea Sepé-Forrest (whistle), Coleman MillerE (whistle), and Martine MillerE (whistle/flute). The scholarships were established by a generous bequest of Mr. Mallen, who was a longtime supporter of traditional Irish culture, and music in particular, and provide financial support for young people to take lessons in learning to play traditional Irish music. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future success of this years recipients!

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Michael Jones on Friday April 7th.
Contact: 412 Winding Way, San Carlos, 94070
Directions: <http://idonotlike.tv/map/>
Email: mfj@ieee.org

On Friday May 5th Bernadette Flynn will host in South San Francisco.

Member News

Teresa Ford wishes to thank everyone for their prayers for her daughter, Mary, who had open heart surgery in March. Mary, who is well known to many of us is doing well, but still recuperating. We wish her the very best and Teresa says "Keep the prayers coming"!

Congratulations to Brian Cleary's Celtic Dance Ensemble who recently performed with the Black Brothers in Concert at the UICC and Bay Area venues.

Lost & Found

Found: Man's Large Sweater at Petaluma Ceili
Found: Brown Bread Basket - Petaluma Ceili
Lost: Pair sunglasses - Parade
Lost: Man's Irish Cap - Parade
Return: Any parade costume items
(I.e., badges, scarves, skirts, vests)
Please contact Moe or Joannie if you have info.



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DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
2 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	3	4 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30	5	6 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars 8-11PM w/ Shannon Ceili Band	7 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Michael Jones's San Carlos	8
9 <u>Children's Ceili</u> UICC Seisiún - Plough and Stars	10 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	11	12 <u>Music</u> No Hiding Place starring Judy Forrest Plough & Stars	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	14	15 <u>Comhaltas Night at UICC</u> UICC
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Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173

I.O.O.F. Hall - 113 South B Street, San Mateo

Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

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

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 Calendar - pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html

U.I.C.C. - www.irishcentersf.org



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.



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. 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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