

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



Chair's Message



A chairde,

Bliain Nua faoi mhaise dhaoibh go leir
(Happy New Year to you all)

New Year; New Beginnings;
New Memories in the making for 2017

Our sincere thanks to Michael Duffy who served as co-chair of our branch for many years. Michael is taking a much deserved break from his role as co-chair but will remain active in other areas within our branch. At the AGM on November 22, 2016 the following officers were elected/re-elected: Co-Chairs Michael Riemer and Josephine Brennan; Treasurer Maureen Murphy; Co-Secretaries Joannie O'Leary and Maureen Callanan; PRO Josephine Brogan; Treorai na Gaeilge Nikki Ragsdale; Youth Officer Sean O'Donnell.

Most of you know me from set dancing, but for those of you who don't, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Josephine Brennan, new co-chair of our branch. I'm honored to be a part of this wonderful organization. Our branch has welcomed me with open arms and my life has been tremendously enriched by participating in the many Comhaltas sponsored activities. Weekly set dancing classes at the UICC and dancing at the Plough and Stars, dancing at various events such as the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Robert Emmet Day and Celtic Voices Concert to name but a few. My hope is that all members of the San Francisco Cooley-Keegan branch enjoy the activities offered by the branch as much as I do.

Looking forward to another wonderful year of music, dance and language.

Slán,
Josephine Brennan



Events this Month



Comhaltas Night with Live Irish Music - CCÉ typically hosts a night of set dancing at the UICC on the third Saturday of the month. For February the event will be on the 18th. The March event is being replaced by a Spring Céili on April 2nd also at the UICC. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu.

San Francisco - On Thursdays, CCÉ hosts set dancing classes at the UICC starting at 7:30pm followed by more dancing at the Plough & Stars until midnight -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class, just dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8-11pm. \$5 donation suggested. Contact: Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803.

South Bay/Peninsula - On Tuesdays (except for the third Tuesday of the month) we meet for set dancing at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$7 donation suggested. **February features Saturday workshops from 3-5pm followed by a Céili on March 4th from 7-10pm.** Info: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Mícheál Minihane teach set dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo from 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class. **Note: There will be NO classes at the Redwood Cafe in Cotati in February or March. Classes will resume in April.** Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Mícheál Minihane michealminihane@yahoo.com.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker at rinnce.mor@gmail.com

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



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Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Cathy & Harold Jones on February 3rd
 Cathy & Harold Jones
 964 Capitola Way
 Santa Clara, CA 95051
 408 247 3326

The March seisiún on the 3rd hosted by
 Mairtin Mac An Ghoill
 200 Ravenswood Ave
 Menlo Park, CA 94025
 650 207 6971
 mairtin@sbcglobal.net

The April seisiún is on the 7th
 Bill & Peri Frantz
 16345 Englewood Ave.
 Los Gatos, CA 95032
 408 356 8506
 frantz@pwpconsult.com

Contact Micheal Jones for info about seisiúns at
 mfj@ieee.org.

Song seisiúns start at 7:30pm



Special Events



We are hosting a Spring Céilí on Sunday, April 2nd from 7 to 10 pm with live traditional Irish Music at the United Irish Cultural Center. See flyer attached for more details.

Comhaltas is hosting a Children's Céilí on Sunday, February 26th at the Irish Cultural Center. Please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or Maureen Murphy at moemurphy59@yahoo.com for more details.



Monthly Meetings



Our next monthly "CCÉ Member's Meetings" will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) on Tuesday, February 7th and Tuesday March 7th, 2017 at 7:30pm in the Member's Room. All Members of the SF Cooley-Keegan Branch are welcome and encouraged to attend. Business includes discussion on how to make our meetings more available to the general membership, and plans for the St. Patrick's Day activities including our CCÉ parade float.

If you would like further information, please contact: Josephine Brogan at 415 681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.



St. Patrick's Day 2017



The San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 11th, 2017. Please see messages below from Kasey and Connie regarding building of and participation in the float and help where you can.

These two ladies put their hearts and souls into this effort. It is our branch and our responsibility (not to mention enjoyment) to help in whatever manner we can. *IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...*

The float needs to be built. Last year we had a great, large group come out to help so we got it done in record time!! PLEASE...if you came last year, come again!! If it's your first time lending a hand...welcome and it's great to have your help.

Float construction: Friday, March 10th from 9am to 4pm (or whenever you can come). Location of Cunningham Moving and Storage is shown below.

We need all the hands we can get to help construct the float and then store it away again. Take down will be after the parade on Saturday, March 11th.

If you are interested in dancing in any of the performances or in the parade, please contact Connie Lynch at 707-318-9200 or cerrydancer@gmail.com. See attachment for more information. Note: You must be a current paid up member of Comhaltas to dance in the parade.

Cunningham Moving and Storage is located at 1250 Van Dyke Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124. Bus: Ingalls St & Van Dyke Ave.

Contacts on Saturday, Parade Day:
 Connie Lynch 707-318-9200;
 Josephine Brogan 415-264-8856;
 Joannie O'Leary 415-279-7359 and
 Kasey Curtin 707-280-1235.



Irish Language Class



Adult class: Classes are held at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. We plan on starting another 8 week class in early April.

Please contact Josephine Brogan: 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com for further information.



Wren Boys 2016



Wren Boys was another success this past year and is definitely one of the highlights of the holiday season. We started the chilly evening being warmly greeted by the houses of the Lundys and Keehans. We then went off to Parkside Tavern, where it was easier to maneuver past the enthusiastic crowd this year, and we actually got a chance to dance in the back this year. And for a change we ended at Katherine Scanlon's house, which has been a Wren Boy hosting site for 31 years.

Some of the Wren Boy highlights:

Adding céilí dancing back into the mix by dancing the Siege of Ennis and Walls of Limerick at the Lundy's and Keehan's respectively. It really brought the crowds into the joy of the evening! Two visiting friends got a chance to experience what céilí dancing was all about and survived outside the Scanlon house. And it was nice to see Vincy Keehan delighting us with a grand song this year.

Some humorous moments occurred when watching cute 6 year-old Emma staring the crowd down while she danced a lively jig. And the Captain of the Wren getting nervous driving one of the Wrenmobiles through the city thinking he is being constantly honked at when it was really a musician's concertina automatically expanding and making honking-like noises.

Our deepest thanks goes out to our small crew of musicians this year: Doug Lowder, Chris Dillingham and Kenny Somerville. The musicians joining in at the houses are also greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the set dancers who helped keep the evening going at a good pace. Finally much gratitude goes out to our hosts on December 26: Maureen Murphy; Seamus and Maureen Lundy; Vincy and Missy Keehan; Larry Doyle and staff at Parkside Tavern; and Katherine Scanlon and her merry crew of helpers and bakers.

See you all at Wren Boys 2017!
"Captain of the Wren"



CCÉ has a facebook group where we can share photos, ask questions and generally discuss all things Irish music and dance. In the search field at the top of your facebook page enter **Cooley-Keegan Branch**, select it from the list of choices and join the group.

Or, you can enter the following URL:

[facebook.com/groups/316504905030686](https://www.facebook.com/groups/316504905030686)



CCÉ Membership



Renewal time for membership for 2017

If you have not already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible. We have received renewals of only a third of our members for 2017. We will be sending an email out to all who have not renewed, asking for your help. Please be sure your contact information is current.

Our Membership runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.

Single Membership: \$40.00. Multi-membership (2 or more in household or a family): \$50.00. These are ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal: <http://sf.ccewest.org>
- Renew online through our website and mail your check to our PO Box 16244, SF, CA 94116 (we do not bill)
- Complete your membership form (or ask Josephine Brogan for one at dancing) and give it with either your check or cash to Josephine at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box: CCÉ, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, PO Box 16244, SF, CA 94116

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415 664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com; or talk with Josephine Brogan, Moe Murphy or Judy Forrest at dancing. Thank you for your support.

Share the Joy

Please Help with Member Outreach!

It's great to have new folks joining the dancing, but a lot of them don't even know that they could join CCÉ! If you are receiving and enjoying the Scéal Eile you are already a member -- think how much these newer folks would appreciate if you mentioned to them a little about CCÉ membership? Many don't know that CCÉ organizes and sponsors the dance lessons, the various dances at the UICC, the roster of callers at Thursday night dancing, the newsletter, classes and scholarships for kids, and much more. Please take a moment to mention CCÉ to the new folks at dance as we're sure they'd appreciate knowing how to get their own Scéal Eile! They can obtain membership forms online, or at set dancing from Judy Forrest or Josephine. Thanks!



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

meetup.com/irishdance



Membership Corner



We wish a very Happy Valentine Anniversary to the dynamic duo of Cathy and Harold Jones Congratulations !!!

Our very best wishes go out to our wonderful Gaelic Officer, Nikki Ragsdale, who had surgery the end of last year and is recuperating. We miss your smiling face and helpful ways, Nikki. Prayers and positive thoughts to you for a speedy recovery.

Our sincerely sympathy to Martin Howard on the sudden passing of his brother, Michael, in Philadelphia. Please know that all you and your family are in our prayers, Martin.

The Cooley-Keegan branch was sorry to hear of the passing of one of our long-time members, Ann O'Connor, on October 22, 2016. Ann and her late husband, Pat, were faithful members of Comhaltas in SF throughout the years. Newspaper drives were a critical source of funds at one time. Ann and Pat saved many a stack of newspapers, often donated items to our garage sales, and offered whatever assistance they could to keep our branch going. Ann is remembered by her peers for her love of dancing and was great to transport neighborhood children to their Irish dance classes. God Rest you, Ann.

The Irish Community lost a lovely, charming lady when Kitty Dillon passed away on November 11th, 2016. Kitty was a proud Kerrywoman with great sense of humor and love of life. She and her late husband, Pat Dillon, were of the generation that worked so unselfishly to ensure that the Irish culture and heritage would survive and thrive in San Francisco. Their support of the United Irish Cultural Center and the SF Cooley-Keegan branch, since their inceptions was immeasurable. "The Center" was our meeting place for all occasions, big and small, sad and joyful. Kitty enjoyed a good laugh and was also so happy to meet all her friends, who treasured her in return. She was a faithful parishioner at St. Gabriel's and would always make time, rain or shine, for a chat before or after mass. We would have to share "what was new?" in our lives. Kitty bore her illness over the past year and a half with great dignity as she was surrounded by her family and great friends and caregivers. We will miss her quiet, loving ways and offer our sincere sympathy to Margaret and Johnny Dillion, Joe Galvin, Terry Leonard, Sheila Purcell and all Kitty's family



CCÉ Convention 2017



The Murphy Roche Irish Club invites you to join them in Chicago April 20th - 23rd for the 2017 North American Comhaltas Convention.

This is a wonderful weekend of Irish Music and Dance, with set dancing, Céilí, music and Irish language workshops. They put on a great banquet and show on Saturday night. There is late night dancing organized this year. Check out link here for more information - <http://murphyroche.org/convention.htm>. Be sure to make your hotel reservations at the Convention Hotel, (Hilton Northbrook, 2855 N. Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, Illinois, 60062, as the branch needs to meet a certain quota of hotel rooms in order to get rooms for meetings, workshops, etc. for free.



Our Community



The Irish Football and Hurling Youth League which does tremendous work for all the Irish youth and their friends in the San Francisco Bay Area are sponsoring a "Rock Star" evening at St. Stephen's Hall, 601 Eucalyptus Drive, SF on Saturday evening, February 25th...6pm until LATE.

This follows on the heels of their highly successful fund raisers "Dancing with the Locals" in past years. This event will help to promote youth GAA in our community and we encourage your support. Tickets will be sold at the door. For further information please email: rockstar@ifhyl.org



Big Draw



The Big Draw took place in Ireland on December 10, 2016. Unfortunately, we did not have any winners from our branch but we netted \$640.00 from the sale of tickets which will go towards our local programs. Thanks again to everyone who bought and sold tickets

The winners are as follows:

- 1st Prize Euro 5,000: Connie Hughes, Co. Wicklow
- 2nd Prize Euro 500: Martha Gallagher, Co. Donegal
- 3rd Prize Euro 250: Shane Hogan, Co. Limerick
- 4th Prize Luxury Weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann 2017: Delia Cope, Co. Meath
- 5th Prize (4) Tickets for the Bru Boru Show and Dinner: Ken Murtagh, Co. Sligo
- 6th Prize Gift card worth Euro 150: Mrs. Ellen Noonan, Co. Kildare
- 7th Prize A collection of (10) Traditional Music CD's and DVD's: Keith Delcaur, Co. Cork



Sue Sweeney RIP



Sue Sweeney passed away November 25th at her home with family by her side. Her late husband Johnny had passed away two years earlier. Sue was born in Roscommon, Ireland and moved to New York where she met Johnny in 1960 and shortly afterwards they moved to California. Sue and Johnny, a fiddle player, were active in the Irish music scene and attended many of the CCE Conventions. Sue loved people and her easy going nature and fun outlook on life drew people to her. RIP Sue, you will be missed.

Deirdre McNamara

"Sweet Sue, It's You"...those lyrics come to mind when speaking about our dear, longtime friend, Sue Sweeney.

Hard to believe for those who saw Sue at the Clavellis' late September Céilí.....she was engaging all comers.....her charming ways, her ready smiles...such a classy lady...My first memories of the Sweeneys were their monthly treks to the Irish Center in the early days from Ben Lomond, for our then monthly céilís on Sunday nights.....rarely missed.... "Johnny" to play with Barb Southworth, Lew Milligan and Frank Rooney and Sue coming along to meet and greet all at the door with Katherine Scanlon and to keep Johnny company for the long ride home. They sometimes brought their camper and sometimes stayed with Joannie and Francie O'Leary if the weather was bad. Then there were the many Conventions shared with Sue and John through the years.... Late nights found John fiddling and Sue sitting close by chatting away.....

Did you know Sue and John met on a blind date many years ago in New York? Their bond was such that Sue missed her "Johnny" so very, very much. I'd like to think there is a céilí going on now with John fiddling and Sue chatting nearby. I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathies and love to Aine and Michael Sweeney and all the Family.

Maureen Murphy

It is with sadness that I learned that my dear friend, Sue Sweeney has gone home to heaven to be with her husband, John. We all had great times at CCE and at their home in Scotts Valley at surprise parties, etc. Sue was always glad to see everyone at CCE and on Wren Boys' night. They would come to my home and John would go to the kitchen and play his fiddle with some of the other musicians. Sue would go into the living room and dining room and have a great chat with everyone. I will miss her phone calls and good cheer.

Katherine Scanlon

Sue Sweeney was an absolute sweetheart. She was funny, so kind, and so generous with her time and her friendship. She was - in my Grandma's words- "good company." (There is no higher praise.) Sue is dearly missed.

Barb Southworth

I met Sue Sweeney in April 1985 during our first CCE convention in SF. Sue and her husband, Johnny had come to San Francisco from Ben Lomond to participate in our first major Comhaltas gathering. It was the start of a tradition for them of countless trips over the years to our céilís and events and to each and every U.S. and Canadian CCE Convention after that. Sue was a beautiful lady who endeared herself to us immediately. She loved the chat and the craic and was always there to offer help. Sue delighted in visits from her family from Ireland and was so happy when her sister, Phil stayed with them some years ago. It seemed like there was always an occasion for a party at the Sweeneys' in Ben Lomond and an endless contingent of good friends. Sue's laughter was infectious when she would relate stories about their trips and cruises. They were happiest when they were together and enjoying traditional Irish music. We fondly recall all the St. Patrick's Day parade floats over the years with Sue and Mary Brosnan waving from the "cottage" while Johnny joined the other musicians to play along the route.

Sue, along with Katherine Scanlon, Mary Brosnan and the late Margaret Lynch were the "front door" crew at every ceili and CCE event to greet everyone and Sue's Fruit Cake was in great demand. Sue was called to her heavenly home on November 25th. On Saturday, January 21st, 2017, family and friends gathered to celebrate Sue's life at a beautiful mass at San. Agustin and reception in Scotts Valley. It was a grand meeting of friends that Sue would have been proud to plan. She would be delighted with all the musicians that came to honor her.

Our sincere condolences to Aine, Mick, Lori, Shauna, Patrick, Fidelma and all her family. Truly, as Father O'Brien said at the close of mass, everywhere we look in life "we will remember Sue".

Joannie O'Leary



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH

SPRING CÉILÍ

WHEN: **SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2017**

WHERE: **UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER**
2700 45th Avenue/Sloat Blvd, San Francisco (Ballroom)

TIME: **7.00 PM TO 10.00 PM**

LIVE MUSIC: **TBD**

ADMISSION: **Adults: \$10.00. Children free when
accompanied by an adult.**

Everybody is welcome

For Information, contact Josephine Brogan (415) 681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>



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2017 Events

- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017 6 PM
 - Grand Marshal Dinner 6 PM No Host Cocktails – 7 PM Dinner \$80 per person United Irish Cultural Center – 2700 45th Avenue
- FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 TENTATIVE
 - Flag Raising Co-Hosted by the Honorable Mayor Edwin M. Lee and the United Irish Societies of San Francisco City Hall Rotunda
- SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017 10:00 AM
 - Honoring Commodore John Barry 10:00 AM | Veterans Retirement Home 4150 Clement Street at 42nd Avenue
- SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017 2:00 PM
 - St. Anne's Little Sisters of the Poor 300 Lake Street at 3rd Avenue
- SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
 - St. Patrick's Day Mass Reception in Parish Hall St. Patrick's Church, 756 Mission St. at 3rd Street 9am
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade & Festival | 2nd and Market Streets to Civic Center 11:30 am
- SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017
 - 45th Avenue Block Party
- SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017
 - Laguna Honda Hospital 10:00 AM Mass Laguna Honda Blvd. and Woodside Drive 2:00 PM Alma Via Retirement Home 1 Thomas More Way
- SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2016 10:00 AM
 - Fr. Peter C. Yorke Day 10:00 AM Mass – All Saints Mausoleum Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Rd., Colma
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 TENTATIVE
 - Robert Emmet Day

Feadhra 2017

| De Dómhnaigh SUNDAY | De Luan MONDAY | De Mairt TUESDAY | De Céadaoin WEDNESDAY | Deardaoin THURSDAY | De h-Aoine FRIDAY | De Sathairn SATURDAY |
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| Seisiún - Plough and Stars Jan 29 | Céilí dancing Starry Plough 30 | Set Dancing Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale Seisiún Plough and Stars 31 | Feb 1 | Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band 2 | Song Seisiún Cathy & Harold Jones 964 Capitola Way Santa Clara, CA 95051 408 247 3326 3 | Set Dancing Workshop Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale 3-5pm 4 |
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| 12 <u>Block Party</u> UICC/ Java Beach <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars | 13 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough | 14 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars | 15 | 16 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House | 17 <i>Happy Saint Patrick's Day</i> | 18 No Comhaltas Night |
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Brosnan School of Irish Dance - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, CA 94960 broshnanschool.com

Lilly Mac's - 187 S. Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Avenues) 1-408-732-0200 lillymacs.com

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, 1-415-751-1122 theploughandstars.com

Redwood Cafe - 8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati CA 94931 1-707-795-7868 redwoodcafe.com

UICC - United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, 1-415-661-2700 irishcentersf.org

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 1-510-841-2082 starryploughpub.com

You can also visit the following website for events:

San Francisco CCÉ - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccewest.org



Set Dancing



Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Céilí dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7-9pm and dancing to live music from 9-11pm. Contact: John Slaymaker (rinnce.mor@gmail.com)

Tuesdays:

- Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (except for the 3rd Tuesday). Lessons: 7:30pm; Dance to live music 8-10pm. \$5 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062)

Special Events:

- Redwood Cafe in Cotati.
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Mícheál Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8pm. Music by the Shannon Céilí Band. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm in the bar area. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm.
Live traditional music featuring Topsy House, Emperor Norton Céilí Band and other fine bands.
Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo: From 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class.
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Mícheál Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



Seisiún



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

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

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