

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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



## From the Chairman



A Chairde,

The Emerald Extravaganza on February 17 at the United Irish Cultural Center is coming up fast. There are many people working hard to put this event on. The list of things to do is too numerous to list here. There are many members and non-members pulling together to make this event successful. But it will take more than just their hard work to pull this off. What is needed is the support of all Comhaltas members to buy and sell tickets. I have started to call some of you and I must say the response has been wonderful. Right now we have one full table and a second one half full with just our members. There have also been donation pledges from those who cannot make it. So let us all pull together on this event and we can't fail.

Thank-you to all the volunteers who came out to clean and paint the center. the work that was done has really made a difference. there will be two more work days to finish things off, Feb 4 9:00am. People need to paint the upstairs hallways and from 12:30-3:30 do some cleaning. Feb 11 9:30-3:30 we need to give the place one more through clean up. Feb 17 is the big day. We need a work crew at 8am to set things up. Florence Keighran will also be putting together shifts to help out during the event.

A HUGE thanks goes out to our last work crew: Ina Brennan, Cal Collingham, Nora Mullan, Martine MillerE, Denis Howard, Pat and Theresa Joyce, Terri and Craig Ritz, Sean Griffin, Tracey Tynan, Kelle De Forrest, Moe Murphy, Josephine Brogan, Mary and Frank McDonagh, Tim Sullivan, and Joannie O'Leary.

A special thanks to Dan Mc Auliffe for all the extra time you have put in to prepping days before hand and finishing up days after. And taking the lead in organizing the day of. (And if I forgot to mention you please let me know.)

Slán,  
Kasey



## Member News



Congratulations to Brian Cleary, one of the founders of Cumann Rince Naisiunta (National Dance Organization), who received an honorary degree from Trinity College, Dublin, on his recent visit to Ireland.



## Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Michael Jones on Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8PM in San Carlos.

412 Winding Way  
San Carlos CA 94070  
(650) 622 9598

On March 1<sup>st</sup> Imelda White will host in Mountain View



## General Meetings



The next General Meetings of the Membership will be Tuesdays February 6<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



FOUNDED IN 1951, COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN IS IRELAND'S PREMIERE CULTURAL MOVEMENT. WHEN YOU JOIN COMHALTAS, YOU JOIN PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 400 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL IRISH ARTS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND LANGUAGE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG](http://sf.ccewest.org)



## Events this Month



**Children's Ceili** - Another of the popular Childrens Ceilis will be held on February 4th from 4-6PM at the UICC

**Emerald Extravaganza** - On February 17th CCE will host the Emerald Extravaganza at the UICC. This fund raiser will help support our organization and our programs. See you there!!

**Comhaltas Night** - There is no CCE night this month. See you at the Emerald Extravaganza.

**South Bay** - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will be the scene of Set dancing on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Dancing to LIVE music begins at 8 PM and goes until 10PM . Donations: \$5.00; Proceeds go to the band and the dance leader. Contacts: Michael Murphy, 415-786-1337 or irishboogiemanager@yahoo.com (for dancing info., directions) and Britannia Arms, 408-252-7262 .

**North Bay** - Finbar Devine's Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the scene for set dancing on Sundays in the North Bay. Set and Ceili dance lessons will be from 4-6PM. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD for more information.



## CCE Membership



Thanks to those who already renewed. For those who have not yet done so, please send in your renewal NOW as they must be forwarded to Ireland immediately. Your expiration date is shown on your mailing label. If you receive the Seal by e-mail and need to clarify, please contact Joannie at joannieoleary@msn.com. (\$35.00 individual membership; \$45.00, 2 or more persons)

We also have "Gift Memberships" available - a great idea for a friend who might be interested in our organization. Gift memberships are accompanied by colorful, personalized certificates notifying the recipients of your gift (as shown on our web site). Thank you. (415 664-6579)



## Seachtain na Gaeilge 2007



Is í Seachtain na Gaeilge an fhéile chultúrtha agus teanga is mó in Éirinn gach bliain. Tá muid páirteach ann le 4 bliain anuas! (*Irish Week is the biggest Irish language and cultural festival in Ireland each year. We've been participating for 4 years now!*)

Clár (Program), saor in aisce (these events are free):

**4 Márta:** Feis Scannán Gaeilge & Ceoil Traidisiúinta na hÉireann, San Francisco. Curtha i láthair ag Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann. Togha scannán agus gearrscannán as Gaeilge, agus seisiún ceoil traidisiúinta 's amhránaíochta. Fáilte roimh cách! (*Presented by CCE, Cooley-Keegan & Clifford-Hoban branches. Selection of feature films and film shorts in Irish, plus a traditional session of music and song. All are welcome!*) United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco. 3.00PM

**6 Márta:** Preab san Ól (ag ceiliúradh 10 mbliain ag fás, TG4) & Blas Fíona as Gaeilge. Bailigh cúpla cara le chéile chun roinnt buidéal fíona a bhlaiseadh agus ansin déan cur síos trí Ghaeilge. (*Bring friends for wine tasting in Irish, and to celebrate TG4, 10 years a growing.*) Grúpa: "An Chuallacht"; ionad: Beckett's Irish Pub, 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. 7.00PM.

**8 Márta:** Oíche TG4, leis an gCiorcal Comhrá Mountain View. Beidh muid ag breathnú ar clár teleifís Gaeilge, agus ag plé leo as Gaeilge. (*TG4 programs and discussion in Irish*) Ionad: tí Imelda White, Mountain View. 7.30pm. RSVP: 650.964.7643.

**11 Márta:** Aifreann Gaeilge, le cór, rincooirí agus ceoltóirí (*Mass in Irish, with choir, dancers, musicians*). St. Joseph's Church, 582 Hope Street, Mountain View. 11.30AM.

**18 Márta:** An 3ú Feis Scannán Éireannacha Bhá Monterey. CCE, craobh Clifford-Hoban. Scannán agus gearrscannán as Gaeilge (*3rd Monterey Bay Irish Film Festival. Films & shorts in the Irish language*). Tuilleadh eolais (*more info*): folkplanet.com/cce

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# Emerald Extravaganza

Saturday, February 17, 2007 @ 7 pm  
at the United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco

Great Food, hors d'oeuvres (hot & cold), entrée, various salads,  
yummy desserts, tea/coffee, Irish breads, etc. 7-9 pm

Renovated Library open from  
5.30 - 7.30 pm

No host cocktails in  
the Grand Ballroom with entertainment  
by Comhaltas adult & youth musicians  
7 - 7.30 pm

Silent Auction - Members Room  
7.30 - 10.30 pm



Race Night - Ballroom  
7.30 pm - 9 pm



Entertainment by  
The Celtic Dance Ensemble  
9 pm



Michael Aragon & Friends Jazz Band -  
Restaurant Bar 9.30 pm to midnight

Music & Dancing  
to the  
Irish Connection Band in the Ballroom  
9.30 pm - midnight

Traditional Irish Music Seisiun  
St. Francis Room  
9.30 pm to midnight

Tickets \$60

Reservations: Joannie O'Leary 415 664-6579  
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**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN  
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

## ***CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ***

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2007
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER  
2700 45<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 4 TO 6 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Irish Traditional Music, Singing,  
and Céilí dancing
- ADMISSION:** Comhaltas Members: FREE
- Non Comhaltas Members: \$5 per child  
or \$10 for two or more children

*For Information, contact Maureen Murphy (415) 661-0351*

*Please visit our website at: [sf.ccewest.org](http://sf.ccewest.org)*

# FEBRUARY 2007

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ Sathairn SATURDAY
Jan 28 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	29	30	31	Feb 1 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 Song Seisiún Michael Jones San Carlos	3
4 Childrens Ceili UICC 4-6PM Seisiún - Plough and Stars	5	6 CCÉ & Emerald Extravaganza Meeting UICC 7:30PM	7	8 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	9	10
11 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	12 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	13	14 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM	15 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	16	17 Emerald Extravaganza UICC
18 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	19	20 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	21	22 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	23	24
25 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	26 Junior Seisiún Ireland's 32	27 Song Seisiún Plough and Stars	28 Set Dancing Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Birds in the Bush	Mar 1 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 Song Seisiún Imelda White Mountain View	3

**Ireland's 32** - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122

**U.I.C.C.** - 2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700

**Finbar Devines** - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800 [finbarspetaluma.com](http://finbarspetaluma.com)

**Britannia Arms** - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino (South Bay), (408) 252-7262

You can also visit the following websites for events:

**San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch** - [sf.ccwest.org](http://sf.ccwest.org)

**Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch** - [www.folkplanet.com/cce](http://www.folkplanet.com/cce)

**Plough and Stars Calendar** - [pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html](http://pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html)

**U.I.C.C.** - [www.irishcentersf.org](http://www.irishcentersf.org)





## Set Dancing



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

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays:**

- Britania Arms in Cupertino: Lessons at 7:15; Dancing at 8PM: Live Music. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.



## Seisiún



**Slow Seisiún:**

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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