

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well, it's a new year and I find that last year went by much too quickly. The December Céilí was a lot of fun, with a great show of Irish and Scottish dancing during the break. The annual Wren Boys outing was a big success this year as well. My thanks to Michael Murphy and all who attended.

Coming up in the next few months we will see a Children's Céilí or two, The St. Patricks Day Parade, and the Convention in Chicago. If you intend to go to the convention this year, I'd advise that you make your reservations soon. (If you have not already done so!)

Slán, Michael

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday January 10th and February 7th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

House Concert

Randal Bays, master of the Irish fiddle and fingerstyle guitar, will play a house concert in Berkeley at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 28. Suggested donation \$15. Contact Anne Goess for information:

Tel: (510) 525-5217 or anne@goess.org.

Randal will be at Michael Timpanaro's in Cupertino on Sunday afternoon the 29th, Contact info:

Tel: (408) 446-3328 or mtimpana@yahoo.com

Membership Renewal

Just a note to thank all those who have sent in their dues... and a reminder that **now is the time** if you have not renewed. The membership list must be sent to Ireland immediately. We have only received about 50% of the renewals and want to make sure you continue to receive the Scéal, Treoir and all the information Josephine sends out on local events. Dues: \$35.00-Individual Membership; \$45.00 two or more in household. Please make your check payable to CCE and send to P O Box 16244, SF, CA 94122 with your contact information. If you need a membership form, please visit our website or call Joannie at (415) 664-6579.

Ceil's this Month

Children's Ceili

The next Children's Ceili will be on January 15th from 4 to 6PM at the UICC. For general information about kids' ceili contact Michael Murphy at 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com.

CCE Night at UICC

Saturday, January 21st is Comhaltas Night at the UICC. Join us for dinner followed by music, dancing and "a bit of a song" from 7:30-11:30pm in the restaurant-bar lounge. Dancing to live music begins at 8:30 p.m.. Audience participation in singing, recitation, or solo dancing especially during band's intermission is also welcome. The dances will consist of the ceili, ceili figure, set, couple, and barn dance varieties. If people want to meet for dinner, contact Josephine Brogan (415) 681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com. Meeting time for dinner: 6:30 p.m.



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)

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 15 Éanair 2006. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge, seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dhinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 19 Feabhra 2006. Seoladh agus treoreacha le fáil: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Sunday 15 January 2006, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish, music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 19 February 2006. Address and directions: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881 5958.

Thank You

Big thanks to all who came from near and far to help out for the 2 days of the Holiday gift wrap fundraiser. This fundraiser was a good learning experience along with making some money and fun! Also a thank-you to those who donated materials. They really came in handy. Last but not least, a big round of thank-yous to Katie Riemer for co-leading this fundraiser. We appreciated everybody helping out!!!

Song and Storytelling

The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Dan & Maureen Clark. Contact info:

Tel: (415) 775-7773
Friday, Jan 6th, 7PM arrive, start 8PM
1625 North Point Street (behind the Marina Safeway)
Bring self and song books, we will supply goodies

Public Transportation (Only Buses)
#28 Fort Mason (exit Bay & Buchanan)
#43 Masonic (exit Webster & Chestnut)
#30 Stockton (exit Webster & Chestnut)
#22 Filmore (exit Bay & Filmore)

On Friday February 3rd Imelda White will host in Mountain View.

Christmas Ceili



A grand time was had by all at the Christmas Ceili. Everyone enjoyed a celebration of music, song and dance

Note from Youth Officer

Hello! My name is Martine MillerE, I'm 14 years old and the new CCE youth officer. I am very interested in Irish culture. I have been a long time member of C.C.E. and I have been doing Irish step dancing for 10 years.

My goal as youth officer is to get more youth programs running. I have already started forming a committee of teenagers that are interested in helping me organize activities like teen and children's ceilis. I have successfully started a teen volunteer program. I recruited ten teens to help with the gift wrapping fundraiser and have set up another teen volunteer day to help with the children's ceili January 15 at the Irish Cultural Center from 4pm-6pm. Volunteers will receive a community service letter at the end of the ceili.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the C.C.E. Teen Club please contact me at (707) 769-8552 or email at suaru22@yahoo.com (use subject field of "C.C.E.")



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JANUARY 2006

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
1 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	2	3	4	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	6 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Dan & Maureen Clark's San Francisco	7
8 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	9 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	10 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> U.I.C.C.	11 <u>Music</u> No Hiding Place starring Judy Forrest at Plough & Stars	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	13	14
15 <u>Childrens Ceili</u> UICC <u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House -- Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars	16	17	18	19 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	20	21 <u>CCÉ Night</u> U.I.C.C.
22 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	23	24 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	25	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	27	28
29 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	30 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	31	1	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	3 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White's Mountain View	4

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



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
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COMHALTAS NIGHT

Comhaltas is sponsoring a night of music and dancing at the United Irish Cultural Center. Please come out and support us.

Dinner from 6 pm to 9 pm - \$27

Call the U.I.C.C. to make dinner reservations in advance

Set Menu - Choice of soup/salad, main course (4 choices), desert, tea/coffee. Tel: 415-661-2700

WHEN: *Third Saturday of every month.*

WHERE: *United Irish Cultural Center,
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco*

TIME: *8 PM to midnight*

MUSIC: *Live Irish Traditional Music*

COST: *No admission fee*

**For Information, call Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803
Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>**



Irish Network Dinner Dance

**The Irish Network of Northern California would like to
invite you to celebrate our 20th year Anniversary at the
Winter Dinner Dance
January 21st 2006 at 7pm till late**

At Michaels at Shoreline,
2960 Shoreline Blvd,
Mountain View, CA,94043

Cocktails at 6pm and dinner at 7pm
Dancing 9pm till midnight
Tickets: \$50 per person
(4 course meal - includes wine at table)

**Tickets can be paid for with PayPal on the Irish
Network website at the following URL:**

<http://www.irishnetworknorcal.org/calendar.html#winterdance>

Checks should be made out to 'The Irish Network' and posted to Ciara McCabe at 475 Fullerton Court San Jose, CA 95111. Please note the names of all guests in your party and indicate who in your party would prefer the vegetarian option.

PLEASE RSVP by January 18th, 2006.

If buying a table of 10 tickets by PayPal before January 18th, you get one ticket free – simply purchase 9 tickets in one persons name and you will get one ticket free so 10 tickets for price of 9



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.

Every Wednesday: Fiddler's Green in Millbrae at 8:00pm. Please contact Josephine for information (650) 372-9659.
Fiddler's Green Set Dancing has been suspended



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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