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

From the Chairman

A chairde,

June is upon us, but the big event was last month with the wedding of Michael and Katie! It was lovely wedding and a fantastic reception that had fine food, music and dance!



For June the only real thing to note is that there will be no dancing at the Plough on the 16th - There is a special Blue Grass night that evening.

Slán,
Michael

CCE Convention

Welcome to Ottawa! Bienvenue a Ottawa!
Despite the ice & snow that remained on the ground, Ottawa indeed had a very warm welcome awaiting us. It was a "smaller & cozier" gathering than other Conventions, Highlights of the trip include:

- The Parliament building Tours;
- The river thru Ottawa which doubled as an ice rink;
- Getting lost with a certain exploration couple;
- Darcy MaGee's out-of -this -world bread pudding (some people had a piece every day -- Guess who?)
- The newcomers believing the initiation horror stories
- A certain elevator incident
- The absolutely wonderful & crazy Toronto crowd
- Visiting with old-timers and first-timers

The SF group had a total of 35 people at the Convention Our first timers polled about their First Convention had comments such as "Great just great fun.. did not know what to expect" "good first experience" "Dancing was fabulous. Everyone got to dance" "Already signed up for Chicago next year".

Chicago's Murphy-Roche branch next year will be a first for them with childrens ceilis & workshops being their focus. We hope see all of you in Chicago next year.

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday June 7th and July 5th 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)

Congratulations

Our very best wishes to Michael Riemer and Katie Grist as they celebrated their wedding day. We hope they enjoyed this wonderful occasion with their families and friends and wish them a lifetime of happiness.

Congratulations to new grandparents, Pat and Theresa Joyce!! Granddaughter, Sophia Kelly Alvarado, was born on May 14, 2005 to Sarah and Robert Alvarado and we are delighted for all of them. We just wonder how long it will be before Pat and Theresa have Sophia out on the dance floor in anticipation of her first St. Patrick's Day Parade!!

Congratulations to Máire & Breandan O'Tuairisg becoming grandparents. Breandán teaches gaeilge at Irish Center and Maire is a set dancer. Great combination for Anagh Molly, born to their daughter, Ursula on April 23rd, 2005. Best of luck to all.

Free Folk Festival

The San Francisco Free Folk Festival is occurring on the weekend of June 18-19 at the Roosevelt Middle School. Workshops include folk and shanty singing, musical instruments, and various ethnic and folk dances such as Irish (Ceili, Set, and Step), Morris, and Eastern European. The Irish Set Dancing Workshop will be held on Sunday, June 19 at 1 p.m. Dances, Concerts, and Activities all day long! A complete schedule and more information is on the Web at www.sffolkfest.org.

CCE Nights at UICC

Following the great success of the "Comhaltas Night" at the Cultural Center back in March, we are now planning to host similar events on the third Saturday of each month starting in June. Please consider joining us every month for an evening of great music, dancing, perhaps a song or two. Music will begin around 8:00 pm, but of course a fine dinner is also available there beforehand.

Don't forget to come out and support Comhaltas and the Irish Cultural Center at the next CCE Nights on June 18th and July 16th.

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 19 Meitheamh. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge agus seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 17 Iúil 2005, in Hayward. Seoaladh agus treoreacha le fáil: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Hayward, Sunday 19 June, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish and a music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 17 July 2005, in Hayward. Address and directions: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881 5958.

Irish Immersion Weekend

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2005
(SF Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend)
September 23-25
6PM Friday through 4:30PM Sunday
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!!!

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish, who travel to SF for this weekend course. Bring instruments and your voices for seisiúin each evening, when we'll enjoy playing music, and sharing songs, poetry, stories, and craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at:
<http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html>
Phone contact: 510 881 5958, or gaeilge@ccewest.org

Song and Storytelling

The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be Friday 6/3 @ 8pm at Michael Duffy's in Belmont. Please contact Michael Duffy at either: (650) 766-6491 or cosgrach@tsoft.com (preferred) Directions are at:

<http://www.slowplayers.org/temp/directions-cosgrach.html>



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JUNE 2005						
Dé Domhnaigh SUNDAY	Dé Luan MONDAY	Dé Mairt TUESDAY	Dé Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	Dé h-Aoine FRIDAY	Dé Sathairn SATURDAY
			1 Set Dancing Fiddler's Green	2 Set Dancing Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	3 Song Seisiún Michael Duffy's Belmont	4
5	6	7 CCÉ Meeting U.I.C.C.	8 Set Dancing Fiddler's Green	9 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	10	11
12	13 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	14	15 Set Dancing Fiddler's Green	16	17	18 CCÉ Night U.I.C.C.
19 Oíche Ghaeltachta Nikki's House Hayward	20	21 Slow Seisiún Plough and Stars	22 Set Dancing Fiddler's Green	23 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough and Stars w/ Topsy House	24	25
26	27 Slow Seisiún Ireland's 32	28	29 Set Dancing Fiddler's Green	30 Set Dancing UICC for class Plough and Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	1 Song Seisiún	2

Fiddler's Green - 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, (650) 697-3419

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 gaelge@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



Set Dancing



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

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céili 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 for exact details.

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