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



From the Chairman



A Chairde,

Katie and I had a delightful time at the special set dancing workshop led by Patrick O'Dea just a few short weeks ago. Reminiscent of old times, in a way, since I was just getting involved with CCE when Patrick arrived in town for his first such workshop with our branch, back around 1999. We haven't seen him in a few years, so it was great to have at least a brief chance to catch up, and also to enjoy such a rich social atmosphere with so many of the membership! 50 dancers for a workshop like that is great to see, and means there were many people we don't have the pleasure of chatting with very often ... since both Katie and I will be getting out and about considerably less in the months ahead, it was a lovely chance to see folks.

Now that it's March, it must be time to buckle up and hang on, since there will be Irish events of all sorts to try out between now and the 25th. The parade itself is of course the highlight of the season, and this year it falls on St. Patrick's Day itself, lending a little extra excitement to the festivities. Even if you don't have the to help with the float construction, or participate with the float this year, we hope you can come out and enjoy the spectacle. Our March Ceili will be on Sunday the 25th, after all the dust has had a chance to settle a bit, so hopefully there will be less in the way of conflicts and we will have a great turnout for that as well!

Slan,
Micheál R



Events this Month



Saint Patrick's Ceili - The annual Saint Patrick's Ceili will be held at the Irish Cultural Center on March 25th from 7-10PM. Admission \$10, children free. Contact Josephine Brogan at 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.

Ceilis at the UICC - On the third Saturday of April, the 21st, CCE hosts a night of dancing at the UICC (No CCE night in March). Music begins at 7:30 with dancing at 8PM to live traditional Irish Music. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu.

South Bay/ Peninsula - On Tuesdays we meet at Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Micheal Minihane teach Set Dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance from 7 to 9PM. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Tea and cakes or sweets will be served. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com).

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays with John Slaymaker. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM.

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



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)

Saint Patrick's Season

The following is a list of United Irish Societies events that CCE is involved in:

March 4th

10:00 a.m. Veterans Hospital
4150 Clement St. at 42nd Avenue
2:00 p.m. St. Anne's Retirement Home
300 Lake St. at 3rd Avenue

March 11th

9:00 a.m. Laguna Honda Home
Laguna Honda Blvd. at Woodside Dr.
2:00 p.m. Alma Via Retirement Home
1 Thomas Moore Way

CCE will be one of the performers at a reception for residents at the events above. All are welcome to attend.

March 16th - Float Construction

9:00 a.m., Cunningham's Moving & Storage,
1250 Van Dyke Ave, SF, 94124.

You are all invited to help assemble the float. Come out and help construct a float we can all be proud of.

March 17th - Saint Patrick's Day Parade

11:30 a.m. 2nd & Market St. to Civic Center
Come out and support the dancers and your organization. All are welcome to walk with the float in the parade. There is a dress code. Check with Kasey, Connie, Joannie, or Josephine.

March 18th - Block Party

There will be a block party at the Irish Cultural Center in conjunction with Java Beach. This has become an annual event where we can all relax and enjoy the day and get in some dancing to the music.

Hope to see you at any or all of these events!

Thanks

Dear CCE folks, Thank you all so much for your concern and good wishes during my recent medical experience. My medical team at Kaiser was (and continues to be) outstanding. "My" team had me back on my feet (and at the piano!) in good order.

Thank you again for your kindness, support, and Mass card. I look forward to playing for all of you in March!

All the best to all of you, Barb Southworth

General Meeting

General Meetings of the Membership are held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next ones will be on March 6th and April 3rd starting at 7:30 at the UICC.

This is a members' meeting and all members are encouraged to attend in order to plan activities for 2012.

Congratulations



Congratulations and best wishes to Cathy and Harold Jones who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary at Lilly Mac's on Tuesday, February 14th (their actual anniversary date)

We are also happy to report that Patrick Joyce is healing well and taking some well-deserved time-out to regain full strength...all this under the care and watchful eye of Theresa! However, we are not letting these two stalwart members and parade float experts off the hook. Their presence and advice are invaluable. Best wishes from all of us, Pat, and we look forward to seeing both of you back again soon.

Membership Renewal

Thanks to our good friend, Helen Molloy, for all her efficient assistance in recording our 2012 memberships. Helen has been a great help to us in this project and we thank her.

Thanks to everyone for renewing your memberships. It enable us to continue the work and activities of the branch. If you have not yet had a chance to renew, please check our website (<http://sf.ccewest.org>) or call Joannie (415 664-6579) for a membership form. \$35/single membership; \$45/household for 2 members or more or a family. Thank you.



One of the six sets at the Patrick O'Dea workshop perform while Patrick O'Dea consults with Josephine and Ralph in the background.



Condolences



Condolences to Roseann and Al Clavelli on the tragic passing of Roseann's oldest son Rob Viczorek in Florida on February 8th. Our prayers and thoughts are with you both at this very sad time.

Sincere condolences go out to Paddy and Josephine Brogan on the passing of Paddy's sister-in-law, Mary Brogan who passed away in Galway in late January. We remember all the family in our prayers.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to member, Kathy McDonagh and her family on the recent passing of Kathy's sister in Ireland. God Bless.



CCE Classes



CCE sponsors the following classes at the UICC.

- **Adult Irish Language**
- **Children's Tin Whistle**
- **Children's Fiddle**
- **Children & Adult Bodhran**

These classes will resume in mid January. For more information, please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803. **Pre-registration and payment** is required to secure a place for all classes.



CCE Convention



North American Convention of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann

The St. Louis Irish Arts Branch will be hosting the Convention this year on Thursday, April 26th through April 29th, 2012. They are celebrating their 40th anniversary. This is a wonderful weekend of dancing, music and language workshops, several Ceilís and a great banquet on Saturday night. Please see more information at - <http://www.cceconvention2012.org/>.

Be sure to make your hotel reservations at the Convention Hotel as the branch needs to meet a certain quota of hotel rooms in order to get rooms for workshops, etc. free.



Crossroads Festival



Come to the Crossroads to discover or re-discover the abundance of Irish-American culture, arts, and history!

The 9th Annual Crossroads Irish-American Festival takes place during the month of March with a wide variety of events.

See www.irishamericancrossroads.org for more information.



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. Shannon Ceili Band typically plays on the 1st and 2nd Thursday; Topsy House on the 3rd and 4th and last Thursday;
- Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

Tuesdays:

- Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Rafael: From 7 to 9 pm. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Junior Seisiun/slow seisiun is now held one hour prior to each Children's Ceili at the UICC. Please check the calendar for details and dates.

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, check above for details.

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Dé Domhnaigh SUNDAY	Dé Luan MONDAY	Dé Mairt TUESDAY	Dé Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	Dé h-Aoine FRIDAY	Dé Sathairn SATURDAY
Feb 26 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	27	28 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	29	Mar 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Patrick McEvoy Palo Alto	3
4 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	5	6 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	7	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	10 Andrew MacNamra Plough and Stars
11 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	12	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	14	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars Norton Ceili Band	16	17 <u>St. Patricks Parade</u> 11:30 a.m. 2nd & Market St. to Civic Center
18 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	19	20 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Rafael	24
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Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122 theploughandstars.com

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700 www.irishcentersf.org

Lily Mac's - 118 S. Murphy St. Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Aves)

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

Beckett's Irish Pub - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 www.beckettsirishpub.com

Brosnan School of Irish Dance - 1879 2nd Street, San Rafael (415) 259-0992 brosnanschool.com

You can also visit the following websites for events:

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

Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
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ST. PATRICK'S CÉILÍ



Special Presentation of our 9th
"Kevin Mallen Scholarship Award"

- WHEN:** SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH 2012
- WHERE:** UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO
- TIME:** 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- MUSIC:** Live Irish Music
- ADMISSION:** Adults: \$10.00 Children: Free

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