

SCÉAL ÉILE

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



From the Chairman



A chairde,

As this issue of the Scéal was being assembled, with various bits of news about recent events and plans for future happenings, we were all brought up short, suddenly: we received the very sad news that our friend, member, and long-time pillar in the community Miliosa Lundy was first hospitalized, and then passed away just days ago.

Many of our more recent members will know Miliosa as the accordion player and leader of the Live Oak Ceili band, who have played wonderful music at some of our Ceilis and other special events for many years. Besides being a great and very versatile musician (also excelling with flute and banjo, and I suspect other instruments as well), Miliosa was also very involved in the leadership of our branch of Comhaltas in years past. She was directly connected to the culture and spirit of the Irish music scene in the times of Joe Cooley and Kevin Keegan (our branch's namesakes), and felt strongly the value of passing that along to a younger generation: her dedicated mentorship of Sean O'Donnell and his music inspired the children's music program in our branch.

There will be more time and space in the days ahead to fully appreciate Miliosa's accomplishments and contributions to our community, but for now let us direct our thoughts, warmest wishes and prayers to her husband Rich and their three daughters, as they navigate this very difficult time.

Slán,

Micheal R.



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. The next events will be on May 21st and June 18th. 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. \$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 in San Anselmo from 7-9pm. There is a \$5 donation suggested for this class. New venue: Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the first and third Wednesday nights from 7pm-9pm. Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Micheal Minihane michealminihane@yahoo.com.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts céili 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 Patrick & Elaine McEvoy on May 6th

Ellen Auriti
75 Vicente Road
Berkeley
510-981-0763
eauriti@gmail.com

The June seisiún will be on the 3rd hosted by Michael Jones

412 Winding Way
San Carlos
(650) 622 9598
mfj@ieee.org

The July seisiún is on July 1st

Anne & John Hopkirk
145 Highland Ave.
San Carlos
(650) 593 0843
hopkirk@earthlink.net

There will be no seisiún in August. Contact Micheal Jones for info about seisiúns: mfj@ieee.org.

Song seisiúns start at 7:30pm



West Region Annual Meeting



The USA West Region of Comhaltas is made up of three branches – the SF Cooley Keegan Branch, The Phoenix Four Peaks Irish Arts and the Puget Sound Branch. In the spirit of helping all branches to grow and thrive, we are required to meet once a year to discuss matters of interest to our branches and region and to play and share our music, dancing, language, singing and storytelling.

We are traveling to Phoenix on the weekend of October 8-9, 2016 and will be hosted by Mary Hill-Connor and Tom Connor and their members. This is a small branch striving to spread the word and work of Comhaltas in their area. Everyone is welcome to come – if you are interested, please email Josephine: josephinebrogan@yahoo.com and let her know.

Once we receive information on the hotel and itinerary arrangements Josephine will email you. Everyone is responsible for their own plane and hotel reservations and any other expenses on the trip. There is usually a dance workshop led by Jim Belcher on Saturday afternoon and a ceili and seisiún Saturday evening, but this is still pending. Last time we had a nice tour of the Phoenix area.

Sunday itinerary is also pending. Come along and help us spread the joy of music and dance!



Monthly Meeting



There was a Cooley-Keegan Branch members' meeting on Tuesday, May 3 at the UICC. Apologies that we could not get the word out to everyone as it was a last minute decision for items we had to discuss. Some of these items can be found throughout the Scéal so please do read the whole issue. A lot of work goes into preparing it.

To give our volunteers a break, there will be no Members' Meeting in June or July. The next Members' Meetings will be Tuesday, August 2nd and September 6th at the UICC at 7:30. Please mark your calendars and try to attend so that we can organize the rest of our year's activities.

There will also be no July/August edition of the Scéal Eile. Publication will resume for the September/October issue. Deadline for submission of items to the Sept/ Oct Scéal is AUGUST 15th, 2016.

Please email your items to: joannieoleary@msn.com, josephinebrogan@yahoo.com and moemurphy59@yahoo.com.

If you have other matters of concern or information during this time, please email Josephine at: josephinebrogan@yahoo.com.



Irish Language Class



Adult class: A new 8-week class started on April 2nd at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco. Please contact Josephine Brogan: 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com for further information.



Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta



Coinnigh nóta den dáta seo!
18ú Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta
San Francisco,
23-25 Meán Fómhair, 2016

Save the date!

18th San Francisco Irish Immersion Weekend,
September 23-25, 2016

Foirm chláráithe ar fáil anseo i Mí na Bealtaine.

Registration form available here in the month of May.

<http://onesourcegraphics.com/Gaeilge/>



2016 CCÉ Convention



The San Francisco contingent gathers after the banquet.



Reports from the 2016 CCÉ Convention



For me, it was heaven on earth to spend a concentrated weekend with so many others who are as intensely passionate about trad music and dance as I am. The caliber of music and dancing was phenomenal! I didn't want it to end! A bonus was the bonding that occurred with those I see and dance with on a weekly basis but never have the chance to get to know. I was also taken by connections made with some who were absolute strangers on Thursday, yet dear friends by Sunday. I look forward to being reunited with them at next year's convention. All in all it was a magical weekend!

Maureen Callanan Neumann

High points of the convention for me included: hanging out with Michael Burke, world-renown whistle maker from whom I purchased a couple of new whistles and dropped one off for repair; participating in two tune workshop given by Chicago fiddler Sean Cleland, who will be in San Francisco next week - and giving a workshop for a few of us.

Enjoyed seeing some familiar faces from the Liverpool chapter and the Toronto chapter, and Meghan from Saskatoon. Barbara Southworth was inspiring, and the Cooley-Keegan dancers were tireless. I bunked with the O'Sullivan brothers, stayed up very late, and slept in the bathtub.

I got to swim some laps in the heated pool Sunday morning before mass. I really appreciated that Jim (Jimmy Ray) Raymond, our recently departed member, was mentioned during the mass.

Next year in Chicago!

Tom Sleckman

My first Irish convention . . . "Convention," you call it? I've been to conventions, for work; this was as different as water from whiskey: This was a nonstop party, four days & nights of glorious music, spirited dancing -- and marvelous conviviality.

Highlights included adventures on the river & in a fierce wind tunnel with Duffy & Jones (sailing along regally in his blue velvet cape, while I frantically tried to snatch my hat back from the wind); late night impromptu sessions of music, dancing, and craic; and that glorious lobby, with its enthralling light shows . . . and potent drinks. And, above all: Dancing, dancing, dancing!

I have simply never had so much fun. Nor known a warmer & livelier crowd of fellow celebrants. I am so grateful to you all for making me feel so welcome in this marvelous community!

Nancy Weston



REPORTS FROM THE 2016 CCE CONVENTION – CONTINUED



Took a week to recover from the convention but so worth it. I loved every minute of it, from our entrance to the hotel, being greeted by the light show the moment we walked out of the elevator, to saying goodbye to our San Francisco group members and to new friends made over the course of the weekend I relished all of it.

Workshops were great. Teachers broke down the instructions into easy to follow steps and added a little humor to keep us smiling. Ceilís were a blast. It was nice to put into practice what was taught at the workshops. Everyone was friendly, upbeat and happy to be dancing to the wonderful live music.

Many mistakes were made, all taken in stride and contributed to the fun element of dancing with people at different levels of competency.

Sessions throughout the hotel varied in intensity. I was drawn to the more lively sessions with singing, dancing and even storytelling into the wee hours of the morning. Shoeing the Donkey was my favorite late night/early morning dance.

The Saturday night banquet was wonderful. Food was great and the entertainment was outstanding. The children were amazing, very talented group of young people. Being my first convention I really didn't know what to expect. I was a little apprehensive about it and feared getting lost in the crowd. In reality it was just the opposite. Everyone was friendly, inviting, supportive and lots and lots of fun. I felt included by everyone and loved every moment. Danced and laughed for 3 days straight. To sum it up it was "Fabulous".

Josephine Brennan

I had a great time at the Convention. It was my first time in St. Louis and I enjoyed meeting all the CCE members there. The Union Station Hotel and the light show they displayed every night were lovely. The bus tour was very interesting – I really enjoyed the visit to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The dinner banquet and entertainment that evening was terrific.

On our last day, Sunday, a friend living in St. Louis took Joannie and myself out to Perryville to visit the National Shrine of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at the historic St. Mary's of the Barren church. It was a special prayer that I hoped to visit. And, oh, yes, I had a lovely voyage on the Mississippi River on the Becky Thatcher ship with my friends, Dan McAuliffe, Josephine Brennan, Cathy Jones and gang.

Katherine Scanlon

The Convention had a smaller than usual crowd this year, which meant the energy wasn't so high, but it allowed us to get to know people from other cities who we hadn't met before. Less people on the dance floor also meant that we danced many, if not all, of the dances!! That required stamina, but our SF crowd was up for the challenge! Also, it was fun to "hang" with other members from our branch, both seasoned convention goers and newbies. We had a strong showing from the San Francisco area, which impressed many people from other parts of the country. Can't wait for Chicago next year!

Susan Keith

It was my first time attending a Comhaltas convention and it turned out to be great way to spend a weekend. The St. Louis Irish Arts has a huge youth contingent. It was inspiring to see the show that they put on the the Saturday night banquet. It was moving to be at the convention on the 100 year anniversary of the Easter Rising.

I enjoyed participating in the slow jam and wished that I had the nerve to play more with the other musicians. Overall, the convention gave enough of a taste of Ireland that it has somewhat subsided my wish to go back to Ireland.

The preliminary schedule for next year's convention in Chicago looks great. The entire hotel will be reserved for the convention. So there's sure to be lots of music and great craic.

Ellen Eagan



Reports from the 2016 CCE Convention - continued



It was wonderful to attend yet another Convention in St. Louis and meet new and longtime friends. The Convention has to be experienced in person, as you just can't put into words the pure joy of a weekend of nonstop music, dancing and friendship. I especially enjoyed the late night jiving to Irish Music. That was a first for me. I was being nice and offering my partner to a friend to jive with, when she piped up with "I have my own man, thank you very much". Well, that put me in my place. It was great to see so many "newbies" from SF join us this year. I hope we will have many more "newbies" next year in Chicago.

Josephine Brogan

A final note from the Roving Reporter

Did you see them dubbed the "Imposters" I mean..the cheek!!!! Lurking around the dance floor, night gatherings, the banquet....calling themselves Josephine & Maureen ...any sightings please report..they are hereby banned from the Chicago Convention.

Was that the sound of the Banshee heard late Sunday nite after the heart rendering recitation by non other than the famed Oliver from Clare? Who or what could it have been.....



2016 CCE Convention - Service Awards



The Service Award presentations:
Mary Hill-Connor (Phoenix CCE), Joannie O'Leary, Tim Sullivan,
Mary McDonagh, Katherine Scanlon, Jim Belcher

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann bestows the honor of a Service Award each year at the Convention to two deserving members in each region. For 2016, the recipients of this Service Award were our own Tim Sullivan, and Rosie Stapleton from the Puget Sound Branch. Rosie was unable to travel to St. Louis, so Jim Belcher accepted the award on her behalf. Rosie has been the Public Relations Officer for the Puget Sound branch since their inception and is very active in supporting the dancing, music and culture.

These individuals are being recognized for their extraordinary dedication to Comhaltas and the growth of their respective branches. Tim continues to be the incredible Editor of our Scéal Eile, patiently and efficiently making it possible for us to provide news and information to our members and community. He has, for several years, been a dedicated member, participating in the parade, convention and so many of the events we sponsor. Tim and Rosie, you have the gratitude of all of us for "keeping the tradition alive"!

Congratulations!!



Membership Corner



The Cooley-Keegan Branch extends deepest sympathy to Bridie and Jerry Boyle and Mary Ann and Martin Folan and their families on the sudden passing of their son and brother, Terence Boyle. This huge loss was suffered by the family during the time that Jerry was Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Festivities. The family banded together in great faith, love and tenacity to carry out their obligations to the Irish Community. May God bless all the Boyle family and may Terence rest in peace.

We send our get well wishes and lots of love to Sue Sweeney...we missed you at the Convention, Sue, and hope we will see you soon.

A nice note from our long-time member...

"I was fishing through the newsletter for other information. I went to Imelda's language session at the UICC last night. CCÉ is vital social medicine in my life...has been for decades. \$40 membership is less than 11 cents a day! Don't we wish our Blue Cross or Kaiser were the same.
Love to all, Denis Howard"

A very Happy 90th Birthday to a great Comhaltas supporter, Teresa Hallinan. A native of Cloonanaha, Co. Clare, Teresa was celebrated in great style at a party in her honor on Sunday, April 18th. Family and friends who live locally were joined by many from England, Ireland and Northern and Southern California to toast Teresa. She received a special visit from our own Wren Boys' - Michael Murphy and she joined in the dancing that followed.

*Beannachtaí do 90ú Breithlá Duit
(Blessings for a 90th Birthday to You)*

We send our best wishes to Maureen O'Reilly-Bertoli who is "under the weather" and spending time with her family in Florida. We miss your happy smile, Maureen, and hope you will be feeling better very soon.



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)



Comhaltas BIG DRAW



Comhaltas in Ireland sponsored a BIG DRAW during 2015 as a fund raiser for individual branches. The top prize was 20,000 Euros and there were various "consolation prizes". The branch kept 75% of the ticket price, with 25% going to Ireland towards the prizes. We are very happy to announce that our long-time member and volunteer, Katherine Scanlon was the winner of an i-Pad!!! Congratulations, Katherine, and many thanks to all in our branch who purchased tickets.

The BIG DRAW was so successful that it is being offered again, to raise money for our branch. We will soon have tickets available for purchase – this time at \$5.00 each. Prizes are: €5000, €500, €250, luxury weekend at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2017, and other consolation prizes. We will have these available at the July CCÉ night and other Thursday night dancing sessions. Please be prepared to buy a ticket or two to help our branch – remember, we keep 80% of what we sell this year!



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann is the greatest showcase for our Traditional Arts on Earth. For one week every August the very best of traditional talent from all over Ireland and the world comes together to meet, to compete, but, most importantly, to celebrate all that is best in Irish music song and dance.

For the host town, Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann signals a joyful invasion of musicians and listeners alike, young and old, families and tourists, all drawn by the magic that the Fleadh promises and always delivers. It offers many challenges for Ennis and surrounding communities as they work to accommodate the huge crowds and organize competitions and events to ensure that the Fleadh experience is a memorable one for all those involved.

Lovers of Irish Traditional music, song and dance should attend at least one in their lifetime!! August 14th-22nd
<http://fleadhcheoil.ie/>



Comhaltas Live on the web



"ComhaltasLive" is an internet program produced by Willie Fogarty, a wonderful musician from Co. Tipperary who was out to San Francisco during our early years of the Comhaltas Concerts. Willie and his camera entourage cover most traditional events in Ireland. He is always at the North American Convention and if you view the ComhaltasLive website, you will see some of the young talent who performed there.

Willie will have more from St. Louis as time goes on, but in the meantime, visit:
<https://comhaltas.ie>



Irish Language Program Donation



Suzanne Lundy, Susan Walsh, Miliosa Lundy, Pat Flores, Rich Lundy, Susan Rouzie, Carmel Hughes, Stephen Hughes, Abby Cox (granddaughter of Mike), Maisie Hughes, Graydon Cox and Rose Hughes, Imelda White and Brian Grey.

At the March Ceili, we celebrated the memory of the late Michael Hughes, a native of Curraghadooey, Crossboyne in County Mayo, Ireland. Michael was the youngest of 8 children. He is survived by his wife, Frances, their children, Rose, Carmel, Stephen, Maisie and Eileen and many grandchildren and extended family. Leaving Ireland at age 15, Mike spent some years in England and Boston before moving to San Francisco. By trade he was a Master Carpenter, Craftsman and a house painter. In addition to his love of his native Irish music, language and traditions, Mike also spent his time volunteering to build schools and bring medicine to some of the farthest regions of Mexico and Central America. In Berkeley, where Mike had settled with his family, he continued to foster the customs of Ireland at the Starry Plough.

Mike's loving family has generously contributed to our Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas in order to continue our Irish language classes and music classes for children. We are so delighted that many of Mike's family came to the March Ceili to honor him. May Michael Hughes rest in peace and may his kindness and great example be a lesson for us all. Thank you to the Hughes Family!



CCE Membership



Our Membership runs from January 1 to Dec 31st. Single Membership: \$40.00. Multi-membership (2 or more in household or a family): \$50.00. If you received your Scéal Eile by mail, a membership form is attached here for your convenience. Josephine will email those who received the Scéal Eile by email. Here are the ways you can renew:

- Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal: sf.ccewest.org
- Renew online through our website and send your check to our PO Box (we do not bill);
- Complete your membership form and either give it with your check or cash to Josephine at set dancing or mail it with your check to our PO Box.

If you have any questions, please contact Joannie at 415-664-6579 or joannieoleary@msn.com; or talk with Josephine 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 CCE! 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 CCE membership? Many don't know that CCE 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 CCE 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!



Membership Corner



Congratulations and Best Wishes to James McAuliffe and Kristin on their recent wedding. Margaret and Dan McAuliffe traveled to Florida for the joyous celebrations. The family are long-time members and supporters of our branch.



Saint Patrick's Day Thank You's



Another St. Patrick's season has passed and become a good memory even though we had a few speed bumps. It was raining when workers arrived at Cunningham's to build the float, but that was minor compared to the fact that the engine was not working and the rig was parked outside. So, while the mechanic worked under the hood, a few generous souls braved the rain and started building. We had fewer workers this year, so because of that and the problems, the float was not finished until long into the evening. Despite that and rain threatening on parade day, the float and those on it dressed in "crossroads" attire looked great.

There are so many people to thank. First of all, Charlie Cunningham for all that he does for us. Thank you to all the workers for building and dismantling. Thank you to those who supplied food on Friday and parade day. Thank you to Bill and Steve Welch for the use of his facility and parking lot. Thank you to the driver of the float. Thank you to the flag and banner carriers who fought the wind this year. Thank you to our very talented musicians who coordinate with the dancers and make us look good. Thank you to the people who work on the sound. Thank you dancers for attending practice and dancing down Market Street. Thank you for making the effort to put costumes together so we looked authentic. Thank you to St. Patrick who kept the rain back until the parade was over. Thank you to Dan McAuliffe who does so much to make it all happen. Thank you to Josephine Brennan for donating the banner with the names of the signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. Thank you to Kelly DeForrest for the awesome painting of the fireplace and for painting the model of the GPO on the float. Thank you Tracy Tynan for supplying the lilies for decoration.

Thank you to the dancers who volunteered their time and talent pre-parade to join with the UIS production to dance at retirement homes and other functions. It is gratifying to see the happy faces of the residents that make us feel appreciated. It is a rewarding experience.

Each one of you that participated this season is so important. It couldn't be done without you.

Kasey and Connie

Bhealtaine 2016

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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Brosnan School of Irish Dance - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, Ca 94960 brosnanschool.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)

1st and 3rd Wednesdays:

- Redwood Cafe in Cotati.
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Micheal 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), Micheal 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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