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

Chair's Message

A Chairde,

The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch wants to thank everyone who has supported us during the year. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year, especially leading up to and during the Convention in April 2020.

We have two Sunday night céilí's coming up at the UICC, on November 4th and December 2nd. Join us for a fun filled evening, dancing to live music. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to participate. We will have a combination of set and céilí dancing, perhaps a song or two, along with tea and home-made soda bread during the break.

Thanksgiving is around the corner. Time to reflect on the blessings in our lives. Comhaltas is one of the many blessings in my life and I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Daoibh.

Slán,

Josephine Brennan

Special Events

November Céilí - Sunday, November 4th from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm - Music by Southwestern Shore. Admission: \$12 for Comhaltas Members; \$15 for Non-Comhaltas Members.

Children free when accompanied by an adult.

December Céilí - Sunday, December 2nd from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm, featuring the debut of the 12 member Golden Gate Céilí Band. We will have Carol Singing during the intermission. Admission: \$12 for Comhaltas Members; \$15 for Non-Comhaltas Members.

Children free when accompanied by an adult.

Both Céilí's will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, in the Ballroom on Floor 2 and replace our regular 3rd Saturday Comhaltas night in the Bar area. Contact: Josephine Brogan at 415-264-8856 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com. See attached flyers.

Irish Language Class

Adult Class: Classes are held at the United Irish Cultural Center in San Francisco on Saturdays. Please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856 for further information.



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Events each Month



Comhaltas Night with Live Irish Music - CCE typically hosts a night of set dancing at the UICC on the third Saturday of the month from 7:30pm to 11pm. For November and December CCE nights are replaced by special events listed above. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu.

San Francisco - On Thursdays, CCE hosts set dancing at the Plough & Stars from 9:30pm until 11:30pm -- except for the first Thursday of the month with dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8-11pm. \$5 donation suggested. Contact: Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-264-8856. **Set dancing classes at the UICC have been suspended until further notice.**

South Bay/Peninsula - Tuesday night set dancing (with a smidgen of céilí style) at Lilly Mac's in Sunnyvale (upstairs); 187 S. Murphy Avenue between Evelyn and Washington Avenues. It is every Tuesday (except 3rd Tues. of the month); 8-10pm; Suggested donation is \$7. Mostly live bands. Contact: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062 or irishboogieman0@gmail.com.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Mícheál Miniñane 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. Mary and Mícheál also teach at the Redwood Cafe in Cotati on the first and third Wednesday. Contact: Mary McDonagh at cladaghdancer@gmail.com or Mícheál Miniñane michealminihane@yahoo.com.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts céilí 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.



CCE 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



Wren Boys



The annual Wren Boys trek will occur on Wednesday December 26th. Meet at 6:30pm at the Murphy's house, 1959 17th Avenue between Ortega and Pacheco streets in San Francisco.

Dressed mostly like farmers in disguises of all kinds, we will be visiting houses and pubs, dancing sets and céilí dances and perhaps singing a chorus or two of Irish and/or Christmas songs.

We will recite the Wren verse:

*The wren, the wren,
the king of all birds,
On St . Stephen's Day
was caught in the furze*

*From bush to bush
And tree to tree
On Donoughmore Cross
He broke his knee
We brought him here
To the holly bush
Holly and I are well set up
And the man of the house
Is in very good luck.*

*I have a little pot
Under me arm
A penny or two
Will do it no harm.
Up with the kettle
And down with the pan
Give us a penny
To bury the wren*

Come in costume! For more information contact Michael Murphy at irishboogieman0@gmail.com / 415-999-6062 or Maureen Murphy at moemurphy59@yahoo.com.



Another online group where events are planned is meetup.com at the following URL:

meetup.com/irishdance



Song and Storytelling



The next Song and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted on November 2nd by Patrick & Elaine McEvoy

251 Chestnut
Palo Alto
650-493-3773
swagman@swagman.com

The December Seisiún is on the 7th, the host is Imelda White

275 Lassen Avenue
Mountain View
650-964-7643
imelda_white@yahoo.com

In January the seisiún is on the 4th and hosted by John & Anne Hopkirk

145 Highland Ave.
San Carlos
650-593-0843
hopkirk@earthlink.net

Contact Michael Jones for info about seisiúns at [mfj@ieee.org](mailto:mjf@ieee.org). Seisiúns start at 7:30pm.



Branch Meetings



CCÉ Cooley-Keegan branch meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Location TBD. Upcoming meeting: November 6th and December 4th. All members are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Maureen Callanan mcallanan2354@gmail.com.



2020 Convention Meetings



Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Location TBD. Upcoming meetings dates: November 20th and December 18th.

Contact any of the Cooley-Keegan board members if you'd like to get involved in what is going to be an incredible and memorable event!

Convention dates: April 16 - 19, 2020.
<https://www.cceconvention2020.com>

For more information contact Maureen Callanan: mcallanan2354@gmail.com.



CCÉ 2019 Membership



Please renew your membership by November 1, 2018 so we can send them to Ireland. If you receive your Scéal Eile by US Mail, we sent you a membership renewal form. Contact Joannie O'Leary if you need another one. Josephine Brogan will send a special email to those who receive the Scéal Eile link electronically, so you can renew. Please be sure your contact information is current. Our Membership runs from January 1 to December 31st.

Single Membership: \$40.00
Multi-Membership: \$50.00 (2 or more in household or family)

Here are ways you can renew:

Renew online through our website and remit payment through PayPal; http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html.

Renew online through our website and send your check to our PO Box listed below (We do NOT bill). Complete your membership form and either give it with your check or cash to Josephine Brogan 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@msm.com; or talk with Josephine at dancing. Thank you for your support.

CCÉ Membership, Attn: Joannie O'Leary, P O Box 16244, San Francisco, CA 94116

Samhain 2018

Dé Domhnaigh SUNDAY	Dé Luan MONDAY	Dé Mairt TUESDAY	Dé Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	Dé h-Aoine FRIDAY	Dé Sathairn SATURDAY
Oct 28 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	29 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	30 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	31	Nov 1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Patrick & Elaine McEvoy 251 Chestnut Palo Alto 650-493-3773	3
4 <u>November Céilí</u> UICC 7-10pm w/ live music <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	5 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	6 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> Location TBD 7:30pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	7 Set Dancing Redwood Cafe Cotati	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Cúlarán	9 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	10
11 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	12 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	14	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Emperor Norton Céilí Band	16	17
18 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	19 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	20 <u>2020 Convention Meeting</u> Location TBD 7pm <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	21 Set Dancing Redwood Cafe Cotati	22 <u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	23 <u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	24
25 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	26 <u>Céilí dancing</u> Starry Plough	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	30	Dec 1



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Nollaig 2018

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Dec 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Christmas Céilí UICC 7-10pm w/ live music <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Céilí dancing Starry Plough	<u>CCÉ Meeting</u> Location TBD 7:30pm <u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	Set Dancing Redwood Cafe Cotati	<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White 275 Lassen Avenue Mountain View 650-964-7643	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Céilí dancing Starry Plough	<u>Set Dancing</u> Lilly Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars		<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Cúlaránd	<u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Céilí dancing Starry Plough	<u>2020 Convention Meeting</u> Location TBD 7pm <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	Set Dancing Redwood Cafe Cotati	<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Emperor Norton Céilí Band		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Céilí dancing Starry Plough	Merry Christmas	<u>Wren Boys</u> Murphy's house 1959 17th Avenue San Francisco	<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	<u>Set Dancing</u> Brosnan Dance Studio San Anselmo	
30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4	5
<u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	Céilí dancing Starry Plough	Happy New Year		<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Céilí Band	<u>Song Seisiún</u> John & Anne Hopkirk 145 Highland Ave. San Carlos 650-593-0843	

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) 408-732-0200 lillymacs.com

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, 415-751-1122 theploughandstars.com

Redwood Cafe - 8240 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati CA 94931 707-795-7868 redwoodcafe.com

UICC - United Irish Cultural Center - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, 415-661-2700 irishcentersf.org

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

You can also visit the following website for events:

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



**COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE SAN FRANCISCO COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**

Oíche Shamhna



Please join us for our November Night Céilí

Sunday, November 4th, 2018

*at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco
7.00 pm to 10.00 pm.*

Music by Southwestern Shore

Everybody is welcome to attend

*Admission: Comhaltas Members: \$12. Non-Comhaltas Members: \$15.
Children free when accompanied by an adult.*

For Information, contact Josephine Brogan (415) 264-8856 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com

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CHRISTMAS CÉILÍ



Céili Dance: (kay-lee) is a traditional Irish gathering for dance, song and friendship



Please join us for a Traditional Irish Christmas Céilí on

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

*at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco
7.00 pm to 10.00 pm.*

**Featuring the debut of the 12 member
Golden Gate Céilí Band**

We will have Carol Singing during the intermission.

Everybody is welcome to attend.

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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. \$7 suggested to support the live music. Contact: Michael Murphy (415-999-6062)

Special Events:

- Redwood Cafe in Cotati.
Contact: Mary McDonagh (cladaghdancer@gmail.com), Mícheál 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 - canceled until further notice
- 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), Mícheál 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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