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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well here we are looking at September. How time does fly!

August was a good month, and there was a lot of things that went on. To touch on just a few, the Music Workshop went well, and we have people asking 'when is the next one?' My thanks to all who put in the time to make it a great event. We also were lucky to have Shay White who was kind enough to teach last week at the UICC. It was brilliant! I hope that we can get him to teach the next time he is in town. Perhaps a more formal workshop?

The big events for September are Kasey's BBQ Bash on the 3rd, and the Irish Language Immersion Weekend on the 22nd - 24th.

October will see a costume party at the Plough, and perhaps more..

Slán, Michael

Song and Storytelling

The next Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Imelda White on Friday September 1st at 8PM.

275 Lassen Avenue
Mountain View
650-964-7643

Friday October 6th Michelle Valdez will host in San Jose. Tel: 408 254 2252.

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Ní bheidh Lá Gaeltachta againn sa mhí seo. No Lá Gaeltachta this month.

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2006 (San Francisco Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend) September 22-24, 6pm Fri. - 4:30pm Sun. 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 again this year, and you just have time to sign up!!!

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish. Bring instruments & voices for sessions each evening -- playing music, & sharing songs, poetry, stories & craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at

OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html
or 510 881 5958, cce_gaeilge@ccewest.org

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on the Tuesday September 5th and October 3rd 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)

The Convention Corner

The Convention/Fund Raising Committee met Aug. 28th to finalize plans for our "Comhaltas Benefit-Halloween Dance Party" at the Plough and Stars Pub on Saturday night, Oct. 28th. Please see the attached flyer which gives all the details...a lot of hard work has gone into organizing this event... PLEASE GIVE IT YOUR SUPPORT. We are very grateful to Sean Heaney of the Plough and Stars for his generosity. This party will benefit our music workshops, children's programs and our CCE Convention.

We also discussed plans for our GIGANTIC EMERALD EXTRAVAGANZA on February 17, 2007. This event will encompass the entire United Irish Cultural Center. We will be contacting individuals in our branch and in the community to help with various details. We need YOU to contact us and let us know how YOU can help.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 11th at O'Learys, 1475 34th Ave., SF.

PLEASE CALL: Kasey 707 769-8552 or Joannie 415 664-6579 for more information

CCE Membership

This week each CCE member household should receive their issue of Treoir. (Uimhir 2 2006). If you believe you are a member in good standing and do not receive your Treoir, I need to know NOW; please contact Joannie (415 664-6579). By the way, the cover on the previous issue of Treoir featured "Paddy Cronin - A Sliabh Luachra Master". Paddy is non other than the father of our own Vinnie Cronin. Hope you enjoyed the story of this great Kerry fiddler.

We will be sending out membership renewal forms with the October Sceal. Please renew your membership early so we may get it to Ireland by the December deadline. In future, your renewal date will be shown on your Sceal mailing label.

Thank you.



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Events this Month

Comhaltas Night - Saturday, September 16th at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, from 8pm to midnight. Admission: Free. Live music.

Childrens Ceili - See attached flyer for more information.

South Bay - The Britannia Arms in Cupertino will the scene of Set dancing on the 13th and 27th. Lessons at 7:15 PM; Dancing to LIVE music begins at 8 PM and goes until 10PM. Donations: \$5.00; Proceeds go to the band and 7th the dance leader. Contacts: Michael Murphy, 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com (for dancing info., directions) and Britannia Arms, 408-252-7262 (for menu and restaurant/bar info.). Music by Birds in the Bush on the 13th and Gan Ainm Ceili Band on the 27th.

North Bay - Finbar Devines Irish Pub in downtown Petaluma is the location for Set dancing on September 10th and 17th from 4-6PM. Contact Connie, Kasey, or Mary McD. for more information.

Pub info is at [//www.finbarspetaluma.com/](http://www.finbarspetaluma.com/).

Member News

Congratulate Coleen Dowling and Mani Sheik on welcoming a beautiful baby boy Brennan into their home.. Congrats to all....your friends at CCE

Future Events

Put October 12th on your calendar for a Set Dance Workshop & Céilí at the UICC. The workshop features Ronan Regan of Galway and Maldon Meehan starting at 7:30. The Céilí features live music from 9:30 until 11:30.

See attached flyer 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. 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.

2nd and 4th Wednesdays:

- Britania Arms in Cupertino: Lessons at 7:15; Dancing at 8PM: Live Music. 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 calendar for exact details.

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DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MARICT TUESDAY	DÉ CÉADAOIN WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAOIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-AOINE FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
27 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	28 Childrens Music Workshop UICC 12:30-5PM	29	30	31 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	Sept 1 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Imelda White Mountain View	2
3 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	4	5 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> UICC 7:30PM	6	7 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	8	9
10 <u>Set Dancing</u> Finbar's 4-6PM Petaluma Seisiún - Plough and Stars	11 <u>Convention Meeting</u> Joannie's place <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	12	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Birds in the Bush	14 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	15	16 <u>Comhaltas Night</u> UICC 8PM
17 <u>Childrens Ceili</u> UICC 4-6PM <u>Set Dancing</u> Finbar's 4-6PM Petaluma	18	19 Slow Seisiún - Plough and Stars	20	21 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	22	23
24 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	25 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	26 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> Britannia Arms Cupertino 7PM w/ Gan Ainm Ceili Band	28 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Ceili Chicks	29	30

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

Finbar Devines - 145 Kentucky St, Petaluma (North Bay), (707) 762-9800

Britannia Arms - 1087 South De Anza Blvd, Cupertino (South Bay), (408) 252-7262

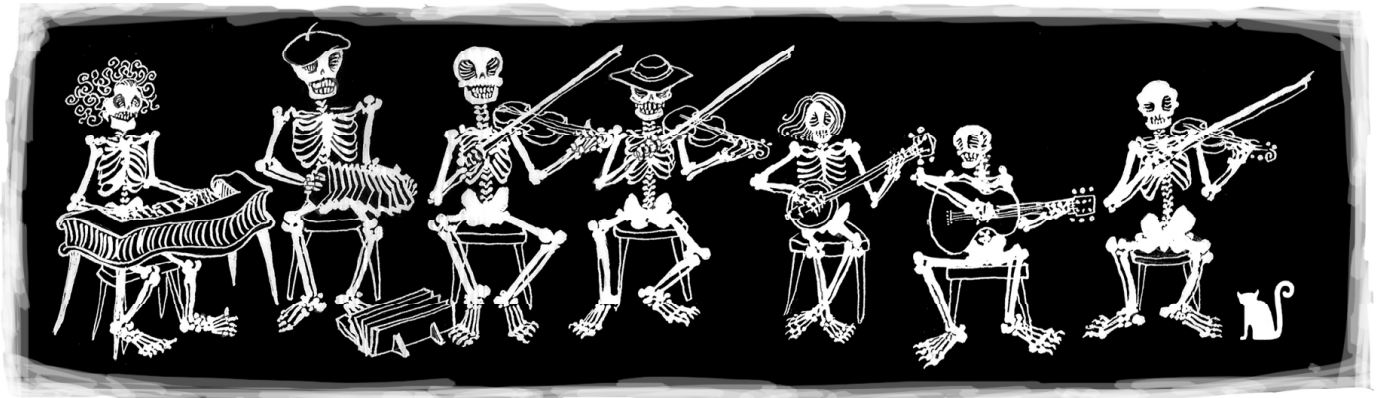
You can also visit the following websites for events:

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

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

Plough and Stars Calendar - pweb.jps.net/~jgilder/plough.html

U.I.C.C. - www.irishcentersf.org



spooky scary to chill yer bones

October 28th ☠ 6pm to 1am

Costume party and dancing at the Plough and Stars
116 Clement Street, San Francisco

featuring **The Gasmen!!!**

and the debut of

the Barbary Coast Ceili Band!!!

BUY TICKETS AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG](http://sf.ccewest.org)
OR CALL JOSEPHINE BROGAN (415) 681-4800
OR
JOANNIE O'LEARY (415) 664-6579

\$15 ADVANCE PURCHASE/ \$20 AT THE DOOR
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CCE AND MAIL TO:
P.O. BOX 16244, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT.
OR PAY MORE AT THE DOOR... WHOOOHAHAHAHAHAHA...

NO HOST BAR AND HORD'OEUVERS
PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME, BUT COSTUMES ARE NOT REQUIRED.

Presented by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann of San Francisco



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN
THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH

IRISH SET DANCE WORKSHOP & CÉILÍ

WITH
RÓNAN REGAN & MALDON MEEHAN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006

UNITED IRISH CULTURAL CENTER
2700 45TH AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO (Ballroom)

WORKSHOP: 7.30 – 9.30 PM

CÉILÍ: 9.30 PM – 11.30 PM

COST: \$15 for each event or \$25 for both

For further information, contact Michael Riemer at (510) 548-4727 or Josephine Brogan at:
(415) 681-4803 or visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>