



The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation. Our tax ID is 95-4442397. We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi-purpose facility including theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc. The mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

If you have “any news” re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com.

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The St Patrick's Celebration hosted by the Irish Center of So California Inc at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks, Glendale, 91202 was a wonderful success—Food was excellent, music was great, the Cleary School of Irish Dance were superb and the speeches were short. We were pleased to present our award to Superior Court Judge Michael J. Farrell.

Congratulations to:

Mrs Marguerite L. Burke of Concord on winning the trip to Ireland for two at the St Patrick's Celebration at the Hilton Hotel, Glendale on 14th March.

Marguerite Ash was born in Glendale, married Des Burke (RIP), from Galway in 1954. They lived in Tujunga until 1977 and then moved to the Bay Area (Concord, CA) as Des' job was transferred to San Francisco.

Des and “Marge” have six children. Des passed away in 1983.

Sunday. 5th April. The Irish Center's informal “get together luncheon” will be held at the Angeles National Golf Club, 9401 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040. Telephone # 818 951 8771. Let's meet at 12.45 pm. Free parking & wheelchair access. Bring your children. (Half price). The brunch includes lunch (salads, shrimp, beef, sausages, omelets, etc) coffee or iced tea, dessert (a variety) tax & gratuity. All for \$25. Bring your musical instrument or song book. Always fun, good food, good company+ singing etc. Remember, the brunch starts at 1 pm. Call Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911 for reservations.

Sunday. 5th April. Gerry Adams to appear on “60 Minutes”

Tuesday. 7th April. Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720 at 9.30 am.

RSVP Pete Walsh, 714 200 7365 or pbeireanua@att.net

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Sunday. 12th April. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

As Sister Alicia says "please come and bring a friend". Good food, good music, good conversation, singing & dancing.

Saturday. 4th April. Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles perform at the Pasadena Ceilidh Concert at 2.30 pm at Wright Auditorium, Pasadena Central Library, 285 East Walnut St, Pasadena. Admission: general \$10; Preferred seating \$20; Under 12 –free.

Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1036470. Info: Info@scottishfiddlers.org

March 17 - April 12. *PYGMALION* by George Bernard Shaw. Directed By Jessica Kubzansky.

In this delicious and gritty interpretation of Pygmalion phonetics professor Henry Higgins bets after he finishes transforming Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle, her flawless speech and delicate facade will allow her to pass for a duchess at an ambassador's garden party. Centering on language as a defining characteristic, social satire about class barriers and the stifling of female independence, *PYGMALION* manages to be both playful and heartbreaking with a narrative whose relevance to our world today is as profound as ever.

Tickets are available online at PasadenaPlayhouse.org or call 626 356 7529—Discount code: PYG20. Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S El Molina, Pasadena. CA 91101.

Mary Pat Kelly's second novel in her Irish Trilogy, "Of Irish Blood", is a riveting novel that brings the heroines of the Irish Revolution to vivid life...a great read and a wonderful addition to every Irish-American's library."- Patrica Harty, Co-founder/ Editor-in-Chief of *Irish American Magazine*. "Kelly is a wonderful, creative, and intelligent writer who's endowed with a sense of humor."- Malachy McCourt.

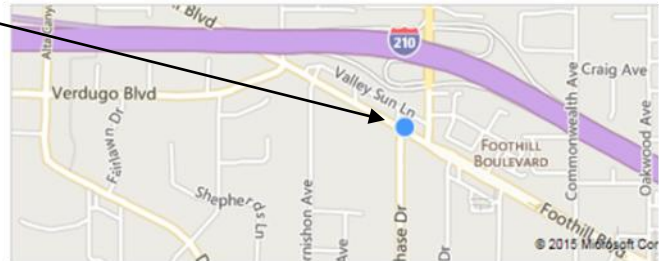
In the first installment, "Galway Bay", heroine Honora Kelly sets out for "Amerikay" fleeing the tyranny and devastation of the Great Starvation. She raises her family in late nineteenth century Chicago. In "Of Irish Blood" granddaughter and namesake, Nora, is forced to flee her home and finds refuge in pre-World War One Paris. There she rediscovers her "Irish blood" and joins the struggle to free Ireland. "Of Irish Blood" is available in hardback at bookstores, Amazon.com and in eBook format. Galway Bay is available in paperback. Go to marypatkellytour.com for book signing tour details.

In the December/January issue of Irish America Mary Pat Kelly writes a major article about Carna Emigrants Centre. (Co Galway)



Thursday 16h April. Flintridge Bookstore & Coffeehouse hosts a book signing for Mary Pat Kelly, "OF IRISH BLOOD". For information contact Gail at 818 790 0717.

1010 Foothill Blvd, La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011



Prayers and good wishes to our friends who "are a bit under the weather"—
Catherine Taylor, Fullerton; Christina (Ina) Quigley, Arcadia; Collette Brady, La Canada;



Irish Language Immersion Weekend co sponsored by the Celtic Arts Center will take place from 1st May –3rd May at a school on Wilshire Blvd. Cost is \$180.00 for those who register by 10th April. Information: <https://lagaseilge.wordpress.com/>

Tuesday, May 5 Irish rock band, Kodaline, will be in concert at The Wiltern.

Kodaline official website - <http://www.kodaline.com/us-splash/>

May 9th and 10th – St. Ambrose Spring Feis at the Sheraton Fairplex Pomona Hotel. Championship dance competitions on Saturday 8am to 5pm; Non championship, adult and team events Sunday 8am to 5pm. No admission charge to the public. www.clearyirishdance.com

Monday. 11th May at 8 pm at Coffee Gallery Backstage, 2029 N. Lake, Altadena. FRANKIE GAVIN, from Galway,....Guinness book of records holder as "The Fastest Fiddle Player In The World," with his brother, All Ireland Button Accordion Player SEAN GAVIN. <http://www.allcelticmusic.com/artists/Frankie%20Gavin.html>

Admission \$20.

Reservations: (626) 798-6236



Monthly adult ceili class from 7pm to 9pm the last Friday of every month at The Mag Studio, 173 W. Magnolia Blvd., Unit 103, Burbank, CA 91502. No partners or experience necessary. All are welcome. \$15 drop in class fee. www.clearyirishdance.com.

Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones---

John Bunting was born in Belfast on 7th May 1931 and passed away in Fair Oaks on 15th February 2015. In 1955 after two years in London, John moved to Canada. Soon after, he met Marlene Arnould and they married in Rainy River in 1961. In 1966 John & Marlene moved to San Mateo where they raised their family. In 1982 they moved to Southern California where they remained for 30 years. In 2012 Marlene and John moved to Fair Oaks to be closer to their two daughters and families.

John leaves his wife of 54 years, Marlene; one son: J. Desmond (Alisa) Bunting of Santa Monica; two daughters: Andrea (Greg) McGowan of Granite Bay and Michelle (Tod) Strain of Fair Oaks; and five grandchildren: Desmond, Ryan, Oliver, Kaitlin and Rory.

Condolences are offered to Margaret Cleary and Katie Dean of Cleary Irish Dance on the untimely death of a loving husband and father. Peter Dean was killed tragically in a motorcycle accident late Friday March 13th, 2015. Aged 56 years, Peter was struck by an 18 year old drunk driver and was killed on impact. Peter was born in Plymouth, England. He met Maggie while they were both working in Greece in 1982. They moved to Los Angeles in January, 1984 and were married in February, 1985. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Peter was a chef by trade. He was nominated by the California Restaurant Writers Association as Chef of the Year in 1993. Peter worked at Ma Maison and Le Dome on Sunset before moving to the Intercontinental Hotel in 1992 which later became the Omni Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. He remained there over 20 years and influenced and trained many young chefs in his role as Executive Chef.

Peter had many interests but was passionate about anything with an engine, motorcycles in particular. He loved the California weather which allowed him to ride his motorbikes. He was adamant about Motorbike safety. First and foremost, Peter loved his home and family. Services were held at All Saints Church in Pasadena March 26th. He was buried at Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth on March 27th. Donations to the Peter Dean Memorial Fund may be sent to P.O. Box 15904, North Hollywood, CA 91615-5904.



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Rev Monsignor Vincent McCabe passed away on 15th February 2015. His funeral mass took place in St Mary's Church, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim where he was interred.

Monsignor was one of three brothers who all entered the priesthood. Monsignor McCabe was ordained in 1946. He served in several parishes here. He retired in March 2011.



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[Kathleen Hayes Rollins Snavely](#) is making history as the longest living person ever born on the island of Ireland. On Wednesday the 25th March Kathleen surpassed the current record of 113 years and 37 days, held by Annie Scott of Dungannon, [County Tyrone](#).

Kathleen's life story is, of course, far richer and more meaningful than the number of days she has been alive. Born in Feakle, Co. Clare on February 16, 1902, she immigrated to the US and settled in Syracuse, New York in 1921 at the age of 19. She stayed with an uncle and found work – first at a state school for the developmentally disabled and then at a department store.

Love followed when she met her future husband, Roxie Rollins. Though they both came from humble backgrounds, together they went on to found the hugely successful Seneca Dairy. "We were very much in love," [she has said](#). "It was the secret of our success." Kathleen went leagues ahead of the expected roles for women in her day, taking a key part in the Dairy's bookkeeping and finances.

Roxie died in 1968, at the age of 66. Kathleen married her second husband, Jesse Clark Snavely, Jr. from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1970. She survives him by a number of years and lived independently at a residential tower in Syracuse until past her 100th birthday.

In December, 2000, she made a gift of \$1 million to the Syracuse University School of Management, in memory of Roxie.



Kathleen, who relies on a wheelchair but is still sharp as a tack and extremely witty, [celebrated her 113th birthday in February](#) at the Centers at St. Camillus in Geddes, NY, where she resides. It was an intimate event with close friends and acquaintances. Kathleen with a birthday cake, one of her favorite dinners, and her once a year Manhattan.



Kathleen Snavelly enjoys a special meal and once-a-year Manhattan from Karen White. Photo: Courtesy of Laurie Black (from www.irishcentral.com)



'Corktown '57'

written by **John Fazakerley** directed by **Wilson Milam**
starring

Jonah Beres ♦ Natalie Britton ♦ Josh Clark
Andrew Connolly ♦ Belen Greene ♦ Kevin P. Kearns
John Ruby ♦ Nick Tate ♦ Rebecca Tilney

Set in the Philadelphia Irish community of "Corktown," a seething hotbed of pro-Irish Republican activity, emotions run high and battle lines are drawn when family and political loyalties collide.

Fridays at 8 p.m. : April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1; **Saturdays at 8 p.m.:** April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2
• **Sundays at 2 p.m.:** April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3.

Info and tickets: 323 960 5770----www.plays411.com/corktown

at the ODYSSEY THEATRE 2055 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles 90025



Two paintings by Brenda Welsh are part of the exhibit **IMPACT!** at Chaffey Museum of Art, 217 South Lemon Ave., Ontario. CA 91761. The exhibit which includes over sixty artists runs through 6th June, 2015. Museum is open Thursday – Sunday, noon---4 pm. www.chaffeymuseum.org



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Seamus Heaney Centre Poetry Summer School 2015 offers an intensive week of creative practice in the Poetry Summer School which this year runs from June 22—26, 2015.

The week comprises a variety of sessions with seminars, group workshops and one-to-one tutorials with creative writing tutors. There will also be staff and student poetry readings. This year sessions are being offered by our own poets, Ciaran Carson, Leontia Flynn and Sinead Morrissey, Paul Madden and Emma Must along with visiting Fulbright Fellow Erika Meitner from Virginia Tech. Places are limited to 12 and interested applicants should send a sample of their work (4 poems) to Gerry Hellawell, Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry, School of English, Queen's University, Belfast.BT7 1NN (g.hellawell@qub.ac.uk) by Tuesday 21st April, 2015 at the latest.



Theatre Banshee presents its Civil War stage documentary *Mine Eyes Hath Seen* directed by Sean Branney at The Banshee, 3435 W. Magnolia, Burbank, now through May 17th.

Mine Eyes Hath Seen brings the epic conflict of the US Civil War to life solely through period music and the first-person writings of the men and women who lived through it. Alternately humorous, heartrending and horrific, the letters, memoirs and tales of the War Between the States cast history in a personal and accessible light. Wrenching agonies and history-making triumphs shine in the very words of those who lived history first-hand. Confederate and Union, slave and widow, all take to the stage to share an experience so profound it leaves history books in the dust.

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Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm. Information and tickets: 818 846 5323 or www.theatrebanshee.org General admission \$20; Students & seniors \$16; and \$13 for groups of 6 or more.





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Ireland Delegation Profile

Ireland Delegate/Gender Breakdown					
Gender	Head Coach	Coach/Chaperone	Athlete	Management	Total
Male	5	10	51	0	66
Female	8	11	37	6	62

Ireland Delegate Breakdown	
Athlete	88
Management Team	6
Coach/Chaperone	21
Head Coach	13
Total	128

Age Group Breakdown of Athletes	
12-17 yrs.	6
18-24 yrs.	26
25-30 yrs.	19
31-40 yrs.	23
41-50 yrs.	7
51-60 yrs.	5
61-72	2
Total	88



Athletes Per World Olympic Sport			
Athletics (Track & Field)	7	Gymnastics Artistic	5
Aquatics	6	Gymnastic Rhythmic	3
Badminton	4	Kayaking	4
Basketball	10	Table Tennis	2
Bocce	2	Tenpin Bowling	6
Football 11 (Soccer)	16	Equestrian	4
Football 5 (Soccer)	10	Golf	9

Dietary Restrictions of Delegates	
Diabetic	1
No cheese or nuts	1
No cheese	1
No mint	1
Coeliac – Gluten Free	3
Vegetarian	1





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CHAMPION (\$1,000)

Recognition

- Corporate name recognition on Host Town collateral materials (e.g., invitations, marketing materials) as a "Champion Host Town Supporter"
- Recognition and inclusion as a "Champion Host Town Supporter" at all Host Town events
- Recognition at a future City of Downey City Council meeting

Marketing Opportunities

- Right to organize company "fans in the stands" days at the venues of the World Games

SPIRIT (\$500)

Recognition

- Corporate name recognition on the City website for Downey Host Town as a "Spirit Host Town Supporter"
- Verbal recognition as a "Champion Host Town Supporter" at Community Concert
- One hotel room will have your company name placed on the door as a "Courage Host Town Supporter"

COURAGE (\$250)

- Supporter sign for yard/business location
- One hotel room will have your company name placed on the door as a "Courage Host Town Supporter"

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I/We will support the Downey Host Town Program at the following level:

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 Courage Other In-Kind _____ (please describe)

Principal Contact Person: _____

Company Name: _____ Individual Sponsor

Address: _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____ Organization Website: _____

Business Phone ☎ (____) _____ Principal Contact Person direct line: ☎ (____) _____

Please make your check payable to: **City of Downey** City of Downey Tax ID # 951918226

Please return this Sponsorship Interest Form **by March 22, 2015 and form of payment by April 24, 2015** to: Arlene Salazar, Director of Parks & Recreation, City of Downey, 7850 Quill Drive, Downey, CA 90242. If you require a invoice to process donation please send request to asalazar@downeyca.org. If you are providing an in-kind donation, staff will contact you to discuss the details and arrangements for your donation. Questions please call Arlene at (562) 904-7167 or at asalazar@downeyca.org. If applicable, you will be contacted for your high resolution logo. To learn more about volunteer opportunities and Host Town Downey please visit www.downeyca.org.



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