



WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi- purpose facility including a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms, etc. Please send news re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating, etc., to eirebt@yahoo.com Our address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201.

You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at www.irishcenter.org It is not always possible to distribute information regarding death notices and events timely. However, if you have access to a computer chances are you can find the website. Check it a few times a week for updates and for the newsletter.

If you know someone who would like to receive this newsletter and who does not have a computer we will send a copy by U.S. mail. Let us know. This distribution is over 2800 e-mail addresses. We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help us with expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter)

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www.irishcenter.org

VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA

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MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **May 6, 2018, (April 1 “get-together” canceled)** at 1 p.m. lunch at Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks (right next to St. Leon’s Cathedral). Hill Street Café telephone number is 818-845-0046. A separate dining room for 40-50 people. Parking right beside the building. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately.

FRIENDS OF IRELAND Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) **April 3, 2018**, at 9:30 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL April 8, 2018, (2nd Sunday of the month) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. Music by Dennis Murray. Thanks to the Pastor, Fr. Michael Gleeson and the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

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MONTHLY ADULT CEILI CLASS from 7:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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

CELTIC ARTS CENTER, Mondays Celtic Irish Dance and workshop at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606.

ACCORDIONAIRES – Enjoy Accordion Music at Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606 (Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the month (April 17, 2018) at 7 p.m. Special entertainment by the Accordion Orchestra

IRISH VETERANS

For information on the Irish Veterans organization visit www.Irishveterans.org June Bulletin (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale) View information in this newsletter.

KEN O'MALLEY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 8:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.

TAM O'SHANTER WITH KEN O'MALLEY

AND FRIENDS: Enjoy the full menu and full bar in the pub area of this charming Scottish themed restaurant, part of the Lawry's family, that has been an LA landmark since 1922.

Address: [2980 Los Feliz Bl. LA 90039.](http://www.lawrysonline.com/tam-oshanter/)

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No cover/no age limit.

SUNDAY APRIL 8, 3:00 p.m. KEN O'MALLEY WITH THE NE'ER DUWELS MATINEE AT THE COFFEE GALLERY IN ALTADENA: . Call their reservation hotline [\(626\) 798-6236](tel:6267986236) (after 10 a.m.) --- Patrons who reserve in advance have preferred seating! If you have never been to this beautiful all-ages "listening venue" you have missed something special! \$20 (includes discount coupon for the next show). More info:<http://www.coffeegallery.com/showsat.htm>. Reservations are recommended; call [\(626\) 798-6236](tel:6267986236) between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

FRIDAY APRIL 13, 7:30 p.m. FIRESIDE CONCERT SERIES WITH THE NE'ER DUWELS IN NEWBURY PARK: at

the Borchard Community Center 190 N. Reino Rd, Newbury Park, CA 91320 . The community center opens at 6 p.m.; doors to the show room open at 7 p.m. and showtime is 7:30 p.m. (and, in case you are wondering, Admission is \$10 and there is open seating in the show room

Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords will also be performing at Ireland's 32 at 9:30 p.m..

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

To our friends who are
Celebrating Birthdays!!

Go to www.irish.org for names
of friends celebrating birthdays
and anniversaries

(e-mail information if you find
the list needs to be updated)

Irish Outreach San Diego
 help@irishoutreachsd.org | (619) 291-1630
www.irishoutreachsd.org

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If you dream of playing Irish music check out
 Online Concertina Tutorials for Irish Music
 The Online Academy of Irish Music

*Prayers and good wishes to our friends
 who are "a bit under the weather"*

REST IN PEACE

Sr. Catherine Foley, a Sister of St Louis was born in Dublin on 30th April 1930, and passed away here on 23rd March 2018. Catherine came to California in 1953 where she served for 21 years as an elementary school teacher, then principal, 10 years a supervisor and 7 years at St. John's Seminary. Sr Catherine was also in the founding group of the SSL Mission in Brazil. In 2003, Catherine retired to Louisville Convent in Woodland Hills.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Vince Loughnane

**MEMORIAL MASS: Saturday,
 April 7th at 11 a.m.**

**CHURCH: American Martyrs
 624 15th Street
 Manhattan Beach
 (15th St & Deegan Pl)**

*'Thanks to those who recently
 donated to the Irish Center----*

John & Mary Dempsey, Covina; Aaron & Anne Epstein, Valley Village; Barry & Catherine Taylor, Fullerton; Brendan McCoy, Seal Beach; Margaret C. Steenken, Glendale; Doctors Thomas A. & Angela Birthistle, Los Angeles; Edward P. Vaughan, Torrance; Mrs. Catherine C. Montgrain, Pacific Palisades; Edward & Gemma Nohilly, Riverside; John & Marcella Smith, Long Beach; John & Mary Branigan-Cahill, Lakewood; Thomas & Alice Kennedy, Lakewood AND to

*Everyone who contributed to
 the success of the Dinner
 Dance*

The Dinner Dance Committee

Maggie Cleary School of Dance

Ken O'Malley and his band

Aer Lingus

Kerrygold

Irish Import Shop

*and to those who contributed to
 the Silent Auction and the Door
 Prizes*



CONGRATULATIONS TO DANIEL SNEE, THE WINNER OF THE DRAWING FOR A TRIP TO IRELAND FOR TWO DONATED BY AER LINGUS



Agnes Snee (center) with Tom McConville and Bridget Hana accepting the grand prize of a trip to Ireland for two on behalf of her brother, Daniel Snee.

The drawing was held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at the Hilton Hotel in Glendale.

REST IN PEACE – Henry T. McKaughan



“Mac” pictured left with his son Derrick and Maureen O’Shea-McKaughan (daughter of Angela and the late Chris O’Shea), and Angela O’Shea.

Mac passed on March 18, 2018. Born in Kernersville, N.C., on November 5, 1929 to Ira McKaughan and Madie Beeson. He was a Military Policeman in the U.S. Air Force, and later worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He is predeceased in death by his parents; two brothers and one sister. He is survived by his children, Derrick (Maureen), Jaimes (Sue Ann), Melonny; and brother, Ronnie (Shirley). He will be most remembered for the people whose lives he touched along the way, and he will be dearly missed.

City of Los Angeles Official Civic Day Ceremonies Irishman and Irish Woman of the year (2018)



Clodagh Bowyer (daughter of Brendan Bowyer) and Michael O'Leary with Honorable Councilman Mitch O'Farrell and Tom LaBonge, Sgt. Rick Boyle, LAPD (Policeman of the Year). Honorees not pictured included Honorable Melissa Fox, Bree Kelly, Eric Scott-Haines, Al Pride, Corey Sotolav, Paul Murphy and Marcella Taylor

Note posted by Clodagh on facebook

The last few days I have been honored with this lovely acknowledgement--and yet it's the village around me who really do ALL the work! THEY deserve the credit! For Irish Screen America~~[Niall McKay](#) does all of the work, as a labor of love (& without pay). He inspired me to be his Deputy Director here in LA because he said "Though our goal is to help Irish filmmakers make their way in the U.S.~~our MISSION STATEMENT is "community building and we do that through Film & TV." ...

A special thanks to the Irish Fair, Tom LeBonge and Councilman Mitch O'Farrell for continuing this tradition (since 1875) for the Irish Community. Congratulations to Clodagh, Michael and Rick as well as the honorees.

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The Wild Geese Football Club Presents its Annual Dinner Dance & Presentation Night



At the Costa Mesa Country Club
1701 Golf Course Drive Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(6pm - 1am)

Saturday April 14th 2018

Party Starts at 6pm.

Live Music on The Night
Cocktail Reception on Arrival

Tickets \$65 / Table of 10 \$600
Over 21's Only

For More Ticket Information and Sales Please Contact:

Email: wildgeesegfc@gmail.com **Call:** Tom 657-245-7507

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Or

Make Checks Payable To: Wild Geese GAA

Mail Checks To: 919 Orange Ave, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

We Hope To See You There

*From the desk of
John McKeagney*

Wells of Life is a registered charity which fundraises in the LA/OC area to bring safe water to villagers in Uganda. Founded by Wexford native Nick Jordan in 2008, we have since brought clean water to over 300,000 people. In 2017 we met our target of funding 80 wells.



On April 22 2018, the annual Run4Water takes place in scenic Laguna Niguel Regional Park. Many schools, churches and businesses participate, and it is a hugely fun and upbeat morning. We walk either a 1K or a 5K. The event runs from 8am to noon.

The need is great. In rural Uganda there is scant running water. People are forced to drink water from mosquito-infested surface ponds with a lethal cocktail of micro-organisms. Infant mortality is so high that many parents do not name their babies until they reach their second birthday. Each family spends about six hours a day simply fetching water. This backbreaking slog falls disproportionately on women and girls.

To reach the clean subsurface aquifers cost roughly \$6000 - a sum beyond the means of a typical community. That well will bring clean water to about 1000 people. So for as little as \$6, you can give the gift of life to a person.



In 2017, Team Ireland funded a new well in the village of Lukoko. Water is heavy. To free up the time spent carrying it is transforming. Girls get to stay in school and mothers have more time to spend with their children. When our team visited there last August, they were met with great appreciation and broad smiles.

Team Ireland 2 would love to have you participate, either as a walker or donor. Please visit wellsolife.org or call John McKeagney on (949) 689 0992.

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"Gathering together to fight cancer" is the motto of the Emerald Hope Foundation.



The Emerald Hope Foundation has just presented an \$18,000 check to Craig Strenger, Director of the National Brain Tumor Society.

L to R:

Victoria Vonnahme, Martina Looney, Kathleen Gonzales, Craig Strenger, Ellen Fitzsimmons, Carol McNicholl and Christine McNicholl.

The foundation's goals are to raise money to fund cancer research and agencies that benefit patients and their families. You can visit their website at: emeraldhopefoundation.org.

Their recent inaugural Mardi Gras-themed gala in Long Beach brought many old friends together and raised \$18,000 for cancer research. The attendees voted that this year's funds should go specifically to brain cancer research. It is to be announced next month which field will benefit from the 2019 gala.

The energetic founders are Belfast natives Ellen Fitzsimmons and Carol McNicholl, both longtime residents of Southern California. Brain cancer took the lives of two beloved family members - Ellen's daughter Sarah and Carol's husband Dick. Ellen and Carol are longstanding friends who first met thirty years ago while camping with their families.

The check was accepted by the Director of the National Brain Tumor Society, who are committed to funding better treatments and ultimately a cure for people living with brain cancer.

Other board members are equally passionate. Says Vice-President Meredith Wisniewski: "Cancer is a horrific beast that needs to be battled on many fronts." Treasurer Martina Looney recalls a mother-in-law who ran marathons until cancer intervened. Kathleen Gonzales witnessed her sister Sarah fight her disease like a champion. An ICU nurse, she bravely continued to work with patients who had the same disease she had. Rounding out the board are Christine McNicholl, Victoria Vonnahme, Erin Fitzsimmons and Angela Wixted.

Following a successful pub quiz at the Harp Inn, the board thought a gala night would raise money and be a forum for change.

They are truly people who are turning lemons into lemonade. You can contact them at: emeraldhopefoundation@gmail.com.

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INVITATION

Special Preview Screening of

THE DRUMMER & THE KEEPER

IN ASSOCIATION WITH IRISH SCREEN AMERICA

LOS ANGELES

April 11 , 7.30pm

Laemmle Monica Film Center
1332 2nd Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401



TICKETS

www.Irishscreenamerica.com



In director Nick Kelly's debut feature film, a drummer of a rock band who has been recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder strikes up an unusual friendship with an institutionalized teen who is living with Asperger's syndrome.

[Buy Tickets](#)



Deputy Director

Irish Screen America/LAcell:

[\(646\) 331-7326](tel:6463317326)

www.ClodaghBowyer.com

www.IrishScreenAmerica.com

Seamus Heaney

"Keeping Going"

The Life and Poetry of Seamus Heaney,
Irish poet and
recipient of 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature



Drawing by Isabella Falla

Read by Joe Praml

Saturday, May 12, 2018
2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

Westwood Branch Library

1246 Glendon Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90024
Tel: (310) 474-1739

For ADA accommodations call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hrs in advance



Joe Praml will read his compilation of the poetry of Seamus Heaney, Irish poet and recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature.

The Nobel Committee described Heaney's poetry as "works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past." Joe's reading centers around three of Heaney's themes: the Troubles, the Irish people and the land and soil of Ireland. Joe brings out the humanity and humor of Seamus Heaney's poetry.

Westwood Branch Library,
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1247 Glendon Avenue, Los
Angeles, CA 90024.

Tel: 310-474-1739.

Validated parking.

The Celtic Arts Center presents...

Sunday, April 8, 4:00 p.m.

at

The Mayflower Club
11110 Victory Blvd.

North Hollywood, CA 91606

\$20 Admission – General Seating

\$10 for ACS/CAC Members

payable by cash or check at the door

Doors open at 3:30 pm



Good Friday – 20 Years of Accord **Dé hAoine na Cásca**

The 1998 Good Friday agreements ushered in an era of peace and cooperation between nationalist and unionist groups in Northern Ireland. The Celtic Arts Center will remember the occasion on April 8th, 2018 at The Mayflower Club. The presentation will begin at 4:00PM, doors open at 3:30 PM. Admission is \$20/person, \$10 for members of the Celtic Arts Center. We will explore the history of the event and feature songs, poems, and readings by Edward Carson, Ethna Carbery, Patrick Pearse, Gerry Adams, Bobby Sands, Paul Hewson, George Mitchell, and Dolores O’Riordan. Presenters will include Abbott Alexander, Todd Covert, Jim Hanson, Linnea Soledad, James Horan, William Knight, Jenn Mahoney, Tim Martin, Eleanora Owen, Tim Byron Owen, Steve Pribyl, Patrick Rieger, Tom Louie, and Larry Malley.

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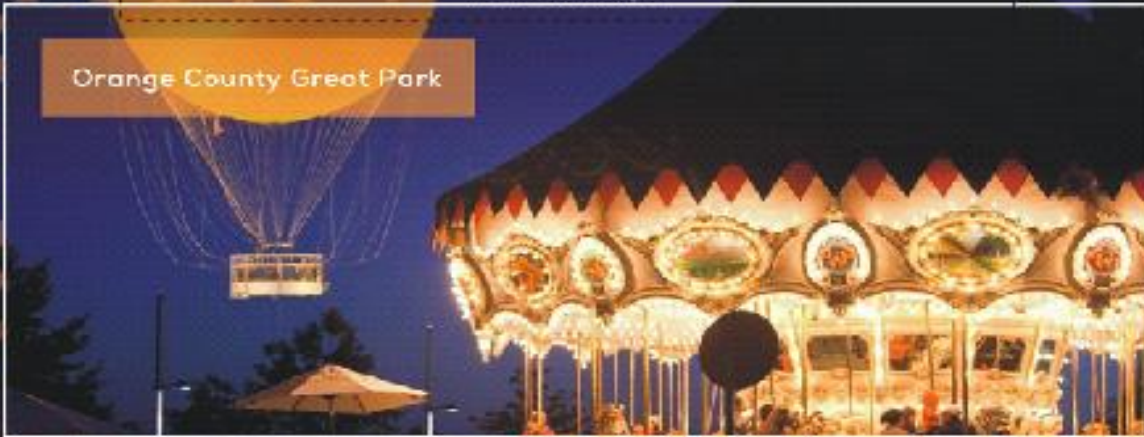
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 AND
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SATURDAY & SUNDAY JUNE 9-10

10 am to 7:30 pm

Orange County Great Park



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www.irishfair.org



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*Tom and Joan
McConville with
family and
grandchildren
St. Patrick's Day
Celebration*



At the St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Hilton Hotel, Glendale
Maggie Cleary School of Dance, Burbank



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