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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 a theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc.

If you have "any news" re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com. Our address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by post. Let us know. This goes to over 2800 email addresses.

We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help pay expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter) : Mrs Catherine C. Montgrain,

Thanks also to those people who donated "Irish" books including: Charles O'Riley, Banning;



Tuesday. Tuesday. 2nd at 9.30 am, Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

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

Sunday. 7th August at 1 pm at --- NEW LOCATION --- Hill Street Café, 3301 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Burbank. Irish Center's monthly "get- to- gether- at- Hill- Street."

Easy to find, between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista on Glenoaks. (Right next to St Leon's Cathedral). Hill Street telephone 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 lunch—and pay yourself.

Please do make reservations by calling Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911.

The Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808 is closed for July and August. Will re-open in September.

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

Corkonian Donal O'Sullivan

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Now available: a limited number of DVD videos of the recent 1916 Centennial Pageant and Music Presentation, performed at Saint Cornelius Catholic Church in Long Beach, California on April 24th, 2016....the exact date, 100 years to the day the Rising began in Ireland. Online purchase by credit card may be made at www.kenomalley.com/centenary-dvd For mail order, send check or money order for \$20 (include mailing address and phone) to Ken O'Malley, P.O. Box 5575, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413. The DVD is also available at the Irish Import Shop at 742 Vine St Los Angeles, CA 90038 (323) 467-6714. Price at all locations, including shipping within the US, is \$20.

Hon. Consul General of Ireland, Finbar Hill presented the event along with Regional Bishop David O'Connell; Hill also co-authored it with Dr. Phillip O'Carroll; Ken O'Malley produced and directed the event.

The drama included Irish actors Karen Ryan, Jenn Mahoney, Peggy Miley, Kevin Kearns and Welsh American Tim Byron Owen, who delivered interspersed dramatic performances throughout the narration delivered by Dr. Phillip O'Carroll, who brought the audience, through his delivery, to the streets of Dublin during that fateful Easter week 1916.

The Rev. Donal Burke OFM Cap., carried us through the week, day by day, by reading from the diary of Fr. Aloysius Travers who was on hand during the fighting and the aftermath, helping with the physical and spiritual needs of the wounded Irish rebels and administering to the some of the leaders right before their executions. He was also the liaison during the surrender period.

Musical contributions included songs performed by Ken O'Malley and Jenn Mahoney along with support from the An Chor Gaelach choir from the Celtic Arts Center in Hollywood.

Traditional Irish music was played throughout by trio Patrick D'Arcy, Kira Ott and Jimmy Murphy, and the dramatic event was opened and closed by the beautiful performance of local Irish dancer Megan Kirk, playing the role of Roisin Dubh, Irelands Dark Rosaleen, the old name secretly spoken by Irelands people during a time when discussing Ireland in public was considered a crime.

The DVD is being released at the request of many of the people who attended the event, to keep as a memento.



CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF
THE IRISH EASTER RISING,
1916



Organized and produced by
M. Finbar Hill, Hon. Consul General of Ireland and
Regional Bishop David G O'Connell
of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Dedicated to those who in 1916 and in every generation
have given their lives for Irish freedom.



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

**Catherine Anne Wisdom Nee Smith Aka: Kathleen.
Born 4th October 1936. Passed away 25th July 2016**

Kathleen Wisdom, 79, Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, god-mother passed away on July 25, 2016. Due to complications of lung infections due to obtaining the whooping cough at age 6. She passed away in Fountain Valley Hospital surrounded by loved ones.

Kathleen was born in Cavan Town , Cavan Ireland. Her parents Hugh Smith from Cavan, and her mother Mary (Convy) Smith from Sligo. Kathleen was the first of the family, to come to America at age of 18, in 1954. She came into New York, was soon joined by her sister Marie (Smith)Coulter and then her father and in time, mother, brothers and sisters. Kathleen was

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the oldest of 13. She was the oldest of the notorious "Smith Sisters". She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Marie, Tom, Hugh, Betty, Brigid, Josephine, Maggie, Francis and Iggy.

Kathleen met her husband James Fred Wisdom in 1956, was married in 1957. Fred was in the Navy. They were stationed all over the United States. Kathleen loved California and eventually settled in Garden Grove. Kathleen is survived by children Rosemarie (Wisdom) Curran, Erin (Wisdom) Walker, Nuala Wisdom, Lorna Wisdom-Cross and son Edward J. Wisdom. She has 11 grandchildren: Cavan, Jeremiah, Patrick, Sarah, Shannon, Siobhan, Eamon, Mikey, Joey, Tara and Tanner. She has 8 great-grand-children: Aiden, Finley, Fiona, Shea, Paris, Zachary, Evan, and little Maggie.

Kathleen attended Loreto College, in Cavan, Cavan Technical School, Institute of America-Programming. She was a Teamster, a firm believer in the Union for a better way of life. She had worked all her life, till the age of 75. ---Credit Manager, Computer operator and Key punch operator.

Kathleen loved life and all it had to offer, she lived life to the fullest.

She loved her music and loved to dance.

She absolutely loved Shuffle-Board. She ran tournaments, would teach anyone that wanted to learn. She held office on the Southern Calif. Shuffleboard Hall of Fame for many years.

Kathleen believed in volunteering whenever needed. She was always passionate in her work, on and off the clock. She held several offices for the Irish Games Committee, Gaelic Athletic Association, Bolsa Little League, helped the Brothers of St. Patrick's with fund raisers and feis'. No job was too big or too little... she always had a "can do" attitude.

Kathleen always supported her children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. She would attend school functions, baseball, soccer, basketball, hockey games. When they played she would be there.

Kathleen was truly loved. She was beautiful inside and out. She will truly be missed.

Kathleen was predeceased by her mother, father, sister Rose, brothers Brian and Mick and grandson Patrick.

Kathleen didn't just love you.....

Memorial Mass will be held on August 13, 2016 at the Brothers of St. Patrick in Midway City @ 5 pm, following the Mass will be Celebration of Life @ Old World Village in Huntington Beach, starting at 6:30pm.

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Memorial Mass
To be held for
Catherine aka: Kathleen Wisdom
at 5:00PM on August 13TH, 2016.
Mass will be held at the
Novitiate of the Brothers of St. Patrick,
located at 7820 Bolsa Ave, Midway City,
CA 92655.

Following the mass will be a
Celebration of Life at 6:30PM,
at Old World Village, located at 7561
Center Ave. #49, Huntington Beach, CA
92647.



Kathleen Wisdom



Margaret Fitzpatrick, nee Drum, passed away on 25 June 2016. Margaret was the second of ten children born to Eugene & Matilda Drum, in Drumcarey, Co. Cavan, in 1922. She married our father, John Fitzpatrick, (born in Belfast) in Killeshandra, Co. Cavan in 1955. They had three daughters born in Belfast & emigrated to Glendale, CA in 1958. They settled in Eagle Rock & subsequently had three sons & one additional daughter.



Margaret was involved in St Dominic's Third Order, Blessed Sacrament Confraternity, Mothers Club, Marian Award, St Dominic's Choir, The Love Ministry, Altar Committee plus many other activities for decades. Margaret was a cousin to Monsignor John Sheridan RIP. She was known for her delicious meals, soda bread & Irish baked goods. Margaret was a beloved & devoted Mother & Nana.

Predeceased by her husband John in 2002. Margaret is survived by daughters: Geraldine and Brigid; sons: Eugene, James and Paul; sons in law, daughter in law and nine grandchildren. Also survived by her brother, Seamus Drum in Portland, Oregon, sister Bonnie Drum in Co. Monaghan, Ireland, nieces, nephew & cousins in Ireland, Boston, Rhode Island, Las Vegas & Los Angeles, many extended family members, friends & longtime neighbors.

Requiem Mass and Rosary were held at St Dominic Church, Eagle Rock. Internment at San Fernando Mission Cemetery. Mass celebrants included Monsignor Timothy O'Connell (Cork)

Our mother will be forever in our hearts and sorely missed. Rest in peace.

Thank you kindly, Brigid Fitzpatrick-Gray

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Winter Sale Fares to Europe

Travel on select dates between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017.
Sample fares are round trip.

Los Angeles (LAX) to:

Madrid (MAD) from \$679*	>	Edinburgh (EDI) from \$729*	>
Amsterdam (AMS) from \$699*	>	Dublin (DUB) from \$749*	>
London (LHR) from \$719*	>	Additional cities on sale	>

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* Terms & Conditions apply. Book by August 4.

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Fare/Travel Validity:

Travel on select dates between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017. Fares are only available at aerlingus.com until 4:00 PM PT on August 4, 2016. Fares are per person including carrier and government imposed fees and taxes. Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect some taxes and fees. Fares apply to North American originating guests only. Fares are subject to availability in Economy Class; may not be available on all flights and may not be available during holidays or other peak travel days. Fares require a Saturday night stay and are valid for 12 months. Travel to Britain/Continental Europe is via connecting service in Dublin, and may be operated by our partners Stobart Air (operating as Aer Lingus Regional) and Flybe. Valid for new bookings only and must be purchased at time of reservation. Children (2-11 years) 10% off the adult fare. Infants (<2 years) charged 10% of the adult fare. Cannot be combined with any other discounts/promotions. Stopovers are not permitted. A stopover occurs when you do not depart an intermediate point within 24 hours for international travel. All fares, taxes, fees, rules and offers are subject to change or be withdrawn without notice. Fares are \$32 more if purchased from Aer Lingus over the phone or at an Aer Lingus ticket counter. To avoid paying this additional expense, book and ticket your reservation on aerlingus.com. Fares are nonrefundable, except that if the reservation is cancelled within 24 hours after it was made, the amounts will be refunded provided the reservation was made one week or more prior to departure. View baggage and optional service fees: <https://www.aerlingus.com/support/fees>.

Blackouts:

Los Angeles to Dublin: December 15, 2016 - January 9, 2017
Dublin to Los Angeles: December 15, 2016 - January 9, 2017
Los Angeles to Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Edinburgh: December 20, 2016 - January 7, 2017
Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Edinburgh to Los Angeles: December 20, 2016 - January 7, 2017

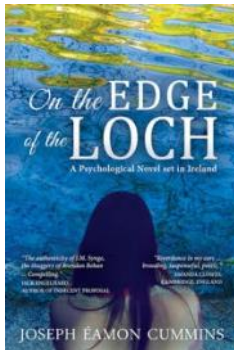
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Joseph Éamon Cummins, Author

First, about *On the Edge of the Loch: A Psychological Novel set in Ireland* (July 2016): This book had been gestating for a long time. When the story idea came to me I knew I wasn't ready to sit down and write it, even though I was routinely producing a lot of academic and corporate material.

One reason was that it required research - significantly, psychological character studies, which is within my field, and also prison research and contemporaneous news event dating (the story happens in the 1990s; I had to know accurately what was going on then in the world).



Plus - and this might sound strange to non-writers - I had to get to know about fifteen of the book's characters better than I knew my best friends. I mean that without exaggeration; a writer's relationship with important characters is that intimate (or should be).

Was it a labour of love? Yes, it was; otherwise, writers would do the sensible thing - quit.

As I have said many times, all artists suffer the torture of creativity. No short cuts, no pain killers. Hemingway talked about 'opening a vein', the need to bleed for art. Nothing changes, even when everything changes.

Second, about the author: I've always been a writer; maybe it comes in the blood, I'm not sure. But I was certain from a very early age that a 'routine' life was not for me. I wanted to travel, seek out the world, find adventure, learn to fly on the way down. And I have no problem admitting that writing came second to 'living' - yet was never far away.



After college I went 'on the road' in America, working anywhere, still writing everything down. I travelled with carnivals and hitch-hiked to wonderful places I'd read about as a kid growing up in Ireland. I also had a love of photography (still do); I photographed a continent then, 'from sea to shining sea'.

After a number of years of this I went back to academic study (psychology, human learning, film production) and simultaneously entered the world of business and teaching.

Yet the urge to explore never abated, taking me into work in different fields, from mining pits to mountain tops to corporate boardrooms and lecture halls (literally in each case) and other theatres of endeavour. Sometimes with a camera and microphone, sometimes a pencil and notepad, often just to listen, absorb, advise, or teach. Always learning. When I achieved a professional standard in a particular specialty I moved to a new challenge, frequently a totally new field. That's not for everyone, I do understand that; for me it has meant living who I am.

I've always loved teaching, a constant in my career, and have served on faculties in Ireland and the US and taught in a half-dozen countries. Currently, my work is in leading workshops in the area of organizational psychology, personal achievement and resilience, which I thoroughly enjoy.

... And writing, of course.

MEDIA: Author promoting new novel. Available for interview, or can write guest post on agreed topic (wide subject range). See author's website JosephEamonCummins.com for interviews, articles and images, or contact Joeatleamon1998@gmail.com.

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The Celtic Arts Center meets every Monday evening at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood. (Just west of Vineland).

To the best of our knowledge the information provided in this newsletter is correct but please check to finalize event dates etc.

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If you are interested in getting married in Ireland here is a website you should check out: www.celebrant-services-ni.co.uk. Julie Antonette is based in Belfast and covers all Ireland.

AUGUST 2016 BIRTHDAYS

1. Erin Garvey, Michael Hawe, Paula Doyle, Audrey Doherty, Geraldine O'Sullivan
2. Casey Doyle, Siobhan O'Callaghan Robinson, Sister Margaret Oman
3. Francis McCaughey
4. Marie Shivan.
5. Mary Barrett, Rachel Copley.
6. Sarah Noone, Jarlath Kane, Robert Cleary
7. Betty King, Nick Jordan, Rosaleen McKenna, Frank Albert
8. Ashley Crowell, Rob Driscoll, Anne Donohue
9. Aileen McBride, Patrick Drohan
10. Margaret Cleary, Helen Cox, Timothy O'Toole, Jimmy Curran, Tara Dilloughery, Marge Sweeney
11. Bridie McDermott, Deirdre Gibson, Aidan Stewart, Alexia Prokop
12. Tommy Kiernan, Niamh Kennedy, Terrance Murphy, Patrick Houser, Michael O'Sullivan, Ciaran Thornton.
13. Tommy McDonagh, Ann Fallon
14. Sue Cutshaw, David Curran, Brian Dunn
15. Sean Cleary, John Evans
16. Jim Kennelly Jr.
18. Lena Gregg.
19. Margaret Courtney
20. Brick Price
21. Deirdre McLaughlin, Maureen Smith, Kevin Roberts
22. Maeve Shivan, Emily Van Seggern
23. Kevin Murphy
24. John Cahill, Noreen Maricich
25. Tess Cooke
26. Richard Grady, Finbar O'Brien, Eileen McHaffie, Geannine Doherty.
27. Jessica Houser, Joy Kennelly, Brendan Copley
28. Peggy O'Brien
29. Imelda McCann, Kristy Andrews
30. Annmarie McErlaine
31. Ethan Van Seggern

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