



WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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.

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by U S Mail. Let us know. This goes to over 2500 email addresses.



14th March 2015. Please join us at the Hilton Hotel, Glendale and help us celebrate our heritage in a wonderful setting. --St Patrick's Celebration hosted by the Irish Center of So California Inc at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks, Glendale, 91202.

At your suggestions we are starting one hour earlier.-- DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6 pm. Ken O'Malley and his band will provide the music for your dancing. The Cleary School under the direction of Maggie Cleary will present their spectacular Floor Show of traditional Irish Dance. This function is rated "X"---Xciting---Xcellent---Xceptional---Xtraordinary.

The cover charge of \$70 includes dinner, dance, the special Floor show, tax and tip.

Call Mrs Mary Dempsey at 626 337 0075 and make your reservation now. Visa and Master Cards are accepted. Please come and bring a friend. They will be glad you did!!

We also ask if you would help with our Silent Auction by donating a painting, liquor, wine, tickets for baseball, basketball, concerts, golf, Time shares etc.

Tickets for a special opportunity drawing for two round trip tickets to Ireland have been mailed to those people for whom we have an address. (6 tickets for \$25).

We have hundreds of email addresses with no home address. As we have no way of sending those people tickets I am asking you to send \$25.00 to the Irish Center, 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201. We will put your name on the stubs and can assure that you will be in the drawing. In fact you'll be in two drawings if we receive your ticket stubs before the 14th February. On Valentine's Day at our meeting a special "early bird" drawing will take place for two admission tickets (\$140.) to our St Patrick's Celebration. The second drawing will be at our St Patrick's Celebration on 14th March for two round trip tickets to Ireland.

Please return your tickets today. Thanks in advance !!

If you are staying at the Hilton ask for our special rate of \$129.00.

Mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201 February 2015



Sunday. 1st February. 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.

Tuesday. 3rd February 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. 8th February. 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.

Sunday. 8th February. Dennis McNeil---" A gifted entertainer with an amazing voice" will perform at The Comedy and Magic Club, 1014 Hermosa Ave, Hermosa Beach at 7.30 pm.

General admission \$20. (2 items minimum)

Info: 310 372 1193. www.comedyandmagicclub.com.

Saturday & Sunday—14th & 15th February. Queen Mary Scottish Festival Long Beach from 9 am –6 pm both days. Activities and Events include: Highland & Country Dancing; Musical Entertainment; Scottish & British Merchandise; Single Malt Scotch Whiskey Tasting; Kids Zone; Sheepdog Herding; Grand Parade at noon with massed Pipes & Drums, Clans and Special Guest Grand Marshals.

Info, tickets: The Queen Mary at 562 499 1771 or visit queenmary.com.

Saturday, 28th February. Los Angeles Police Emerald Society will have their St Patrick's Fund Raiser at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos. Reception at 6 pm and dinner at 7pm.

Admission: \$55. Honoring Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Deputy Chief William Murphy.

Contact: Thomas Keleher, President, at lapdespresident@gmail.com



Sunday. 1st March. Free Celtic Festival from 12 noon to 4 pm at Bowers Museum, 2002 Main St, Santa Ana. CA 92706. Featuring the Innisfree Band and Irish dancers.

Saturday. 7th March. St Patrick's Dinner dance at St Patrick's Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad. CA 92008. Music by the Innisfree Band; plus Irish dancers. Admission is \$25.
Information & reservations: Maureen at 760 822 4478

Saturday. 7th March. Scottish Fiddlers of Los Angeles with Master Scottish Fiddler Judi Nicolson at Hermosa Beach Community Theatre, 710 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach at 7.30 pm. Admission: general \$10; Preferred seating \$20; Under 12 –free.
Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1036465. Info: Info@scottishfiddlers.org

Sunday. 8th March. Friends of Ireland's tenth Annual St Patrick's Celebration at the Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park. CA 90621 at 2 pm. The corned beef and cabbage dinner will start at 4 pm. \$30 per person—Under 12 free-Reservations by 3rd March. Make checks payable to: Nuala Wisdom, 10071 Green Fern Circle, Westminister. CA 92683-5740.
Entertainment by Innisfree band plus Plaid Academy of Irish Dance.
Info: Peter Walsh at 714 200 7365 or Allene Buchanan at alleneb@roadrunner.net

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



8th November---9th March. Exhibition at the Mary Lou and George Boone Gallery. Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino. CA 91108. Info: 626 405 2100
This traveling exhibition pairs for the first time approximately 150 works by American photographers Paul Caponigro (b. 1932) and Bruce Davidson (b. 1933), enlightened observers of Britain and Ireland in the 1960s and '70s. For Caponigro, Ireland and Britain became sites of creative energy to which he returned repeatedly. Davidson brought the same gritty street sensibility that had made his Brooklyn Gang series a sensation among photograph collectors. The exhibition examines the artistic, social, and historical forces informing two master photographers as they bring American eyes to enduring landscapes and changing cultural scenes.



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

Michael Watson Stout was born in London on 2nd August 1934 and passed away in Santa Monica on 27th January 2015. Growing up in London Michael loved sports especially cricket and soccer. He was an ardent supporter of Arsenal. Michael was a successful engineer. Michael and Mary were married in Arcadia in 1987. Michael Stout is survived by his wife Mary; three daughters: Karen, Susan, and Julie; sons Nigel and Kenneth; one step son John and one step daughter Arlene .

Viewing will take place from 8 am and main service will start at 11 am on Wednesday, 11th February at Heritage-Dilday Memorial Service, 17911 Beach Blvd, Huntington Beach. CA 92647. (714 842 7771). A reception will follow the services

Sister Philomena Mulholland D.M.J. was born in Co Louth on 7th August 1928 and passed away in Los Angeles on 27th December 2014. Sister was the third of nine children born to Joseph and Anne Mulholland. A devoted teacher she served in many schools including St Paul the Apostle in Westwood, Our Lady of Peace in North Hills, St James in La Crescenta and Our Lady of the Rosary in Paramount. Sister Philomena is survived by sisters Peggy Griffith, Anne O'Connell and Rosaleen McElherron; brother Noel Mulholland and several nephews and nieces.

A. J. Ellis, "Gus" was born in Newark, New Jersey on 17th August 1931 and passed away on 26th January 2015. Gus and Mary McCabe from Brooklyn were married on 26th May, 1956. Gus proudly served our country during the Korean war as an Army Lieutenant. Gus suffered from cancer in different parts of his body for over 22 years and had other health problems but he was "a warrior" Gus is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons: Donald, Stephen and his wife Melissa, Kenneth and his wife Michelle, Terence and his wife Kathleen; and enjoyed seven grandchildren; Amanda and husband Jason, Brian, Carolyn (who preceded him in death), Evin, Makenna, Rebecca, James and two great grandchildren, Daylin and Kenzie Viewing and rosary at 7 pm on Wednesday, 11th February. Funeral mass at 10 am on Thursday, 12th February. Both services at St John Vianney, 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd., Hacienda Heights. CA 91745 A. J. Ellis will be buried on Monday, February 16th at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd, March Air Reserve Base, Riverside. CA 92511



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Prayers and good wishes to our friends who “are a bit under the weather” —
Catherine Taylor, Fullerton;



Congratulations to:

Brett and Brittany Robinson on the birth of their son Jack Preston Robinson on January 5th weighing 9 lbs 13oz. Grandparents Jed and Siobhan O’Callaghan Robinson are delighted. Great grandma Hannah O’Callaghan (O’Callaghan Travel) is “Flying High”



James Walsh from Cork City writes: I work at My Ireland Tour and recently we've been working on an [Interactive History of Ireland in Images](http://www.myirelandtour.com/ireland-then-and-now/cork.php) as a promotion for local tourism. This page might be of interest to you and your members.

www.myirelandtour.com/ireland-then-and-now/cork.php

The interactivity on this page is quite unique. The magnifying glass tool really lets you look closer at the most satisfying part of the photos, the Irish people! If you think your own website visitors will enjoy it, perhaps you would be kind enough to add a link to it on your homepage? There are also social media share buttons on the page.

If you have an interest in the Irish involvement in World War I the link below may be of benefit, It is a free online World War I exhibition titled “It's a long way to Tipperary: An Irish story of the great war”. This project follows the lives of a single family throughout the Great War to illustrate the social, physical and emotional impact of the conflict at an individual level and the irrevocable personal, cultural and societal changes wrought by the war. It is based on the diaries, correspondence, photographs and memorabilia accumulated by the Armstrong family of Moyliffe Castle, County Tipperary, between 1914 and 1918. Hit the 'follow' button on the bottom right hand of the page (it's is totally free-just needs an e mail from you and on receiving your confirmation, it will send you the weekly updates) The weekly posts consist of extracts from diaries and correspondence created and collected by the Armstrong family during the war years. Hope you enjoy!

<http://longwaytotipperary.ul.ie/>

Regards, Dr Pat McMahan, Special collections, Glucksman library, University of Limerick



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A native American tribal leader, who now lives in the Donegal Gaeltacht, says he feels a connection to the spirit of the land around Mount Errigal and that living in Ireland has healed him. Gary Issi-Tohibi – or White Deer – says he has been ‘invited’ to Ireland 17 times. The 63-year-old Choctaw Nation professor has lived in Donegal for only four months, but told the Irish Independent that he has found ‘home.’

"We believe that you carry a piece of your home with you wherever you go so that is with me today, here in Donegal. It is a very easy place to feel the spirit of the land. There is a great sense of place here, the spirit of the land is very much here," he said.

White Deer resides in a small cottage in the townland of Cashel na gCorr, near Gortahork and overlooking Mount Errigal. According to the Irish Independent, he is learning Irish phrases and spends his days painting in the Donegal countryside and working on a novel that looks at the modern day tribe.

In 1847, his tribe, the Choctaw, sent \$117 to Ireland after learning about the Great Famine. The Choctaw lost thousands of its people when it was forced to relocate from Mississippi to Oklahoma in 1831 in what became known as the Trail of Tears.

Artist Tomm Moore, 38, is "living the dream" read the headlines in Los Angeles Times. Cartoon Saloon, the the animation company Moore had founded while a student at Ballyfermot College, Dublin. Moore's "The Secret of Kells" was nominated in 2009 for an Oscar. Tomm Moore's latest "Song of the Sea" is nominated for this year's Oscar. "Song of the Sea" features the voices of Brendan Gleeson, Fionnula Flanagan, David Rawle, Lisa Hannigan, Pat Shortt and Jon Kenny. "Song of the Sea" is now playing in select theaters here.

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts (600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa) presents on the 15th March, multi-platinum and multi-grammy-winning artist Jason Mraz's "Yes!" world tour. Tickets go on sale on 5th February. Info: 714 556 2787.





Friday, 6th February. Professor Sofia Gruskin, director of the Program on Global Health & Human Rights at the University of Southern California Institute for Global Health has been invited to serve as a keynote speaker under President Michael D. Higgins President's Ethics Initiative. The event will be held at the National University of Ireland in Galway and is entitled "The Human Right to Health". With collaboration from the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at NUI Galway, the event will take place on February 6th. In the presence of President Higgins, the meeting is structured to examine how a human rights framework can be useful in the Irish context to inform ethical means to improve the health and wellbeing of all and deliver healthcare fairly.

President Higgins will open the event and then introduce Professor Gruskin's presentation, which will identify and discuss the complex interactions between health and human rights, with particular emphasis on the use of human rights norms and standards for public health thinking and practice. With reference to the links between ethics and rights, frameworks for analyzing the interactions between health and human rights will be introduced including: the effects of health, law, policies and programs on human rights; health consequences of human rights violations; and the linkages between promoting and protecting health and promoting and protecting human rights.

Health topics including HIV, sexual and reproductive health, non-communicable disease, child and adolescent health and health systems strengthening will be used to illustrate and explore practical applications of human rights to public health. With attention to the linkages between the right to health and other rights, a rights-based approach to health will be introduced with implications for accountability, advocacy, policy and service delivery. The keynote will be followed by a series of presentations by leaders from around Ireland who work on these issues including the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission as well as George Ulrich, professor at the Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia.

This is a historic event and one that we hope will result in significant collaboration and be of use to the people of Ireland. Participants can register to attend for free at <http://www.conference.ie>



“It’s a small world”

I went on my first trip to Ireland in the spring of 2000, and some of my best memories were of listening to traditional Irish music being played in the Dublin pubs. On my last night there (a Sunday), my friend and I sat and listened to a group that had a particularly cute fiddler - we even took a picture of the musicians to preserve the memory! That summer my aunt and uncle were having their house painted in LA. I lived in the guest house at the time and I saw the painter’s van parked in front of the house all week - and noticed it had a Shamrock on it. Finally, at the end of the week, they got around to painting my little guest house and I struck up a conversation with the painters. Turns out one of them was from Dublin so I excitedly started telling him all about my recent trip. I mentioned how much I enjoyed traditional music and he said that his brother played in a Dublin pub on Sundays. I asked him which pub and when he told me, I immediately recognized the name. I then opened up the album of my trip pictures and flipped to the one I had taken of the musicians on my last night there. "Is your brother in this picture?" I asked. The painter couldn't believe his eyes when he saw his own brother in my photo album!!---Jeny Quine.

(Jennifer “Jeny” is a television writer. She is also a dancer with the Cleary School of Irish dance)



3rd February ---1st March. The Pasadena Playhouse presents THE WHIPPING MAN by Matthew Lopez. Directed by Martin Benson. Presented in association with South Coast Repertory.

Stage and television star Charlie Robinson plays Simon in this Obie Award-winning drama the New York Times proclaimed “haunting” and “powerful”. The production also stars Adam Haas Hunter and Jarrod M. Smith.

Info & tickets : www.pasadenaplayhouse.org/box-office/mainstage/the-whipping-man.html or call 626 356 7529. Save 20% by using code: WM20.

The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molina, Pasadena. CA 91101.



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7th February---15th March. “The Night Alive” by Dublin born Conor McPherson, an Irish playwright that the New York Times called “Quite possibly the greatest playwright of his generation” Randall Arney directs.

In *The Night Alive*, Tommy owes more than he earns. When he is unexpectedly compelled to help Aimee, a young woman with much harder luck than his own, the taste of turmoil he suffers becomes a full-blown meal. With his trademark humor and humanity, three-time Tony Award nominee Conor McPherson makes Phoenix Park, Dublin a place where anyone can rise from the ashes.

The acting talent in *The Night Alive* includes three Irish actors providing a hint of the Old Sod themselves to the proceedings...

Paul Vincent O’Connor (Tommy) has starred in two other McPherson plays directed by Arney at the Geffen ... *The Weir* and *The Seafarer*.

Fiona O’Shaughnessy portrays Aimee, a young woman, homeless and alone, doing what she has to to survive in a world of men.

Los Angeles-based actor Dan Donohue (Doc) is a favorite of Oregon Shakespeare Festival and several other regional rep theaters.

The cast also features Peter O’Meara as Kenneth and Denis Arndt as Maurice.

www.geffenplayhouse.com.

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“That’s Just How It Was” by Mary Thorpe. “This is a moving family tale through which much can be gleaned about life during the push for Irish independence. This is a satisfying emotionally involving read”—Clarion Review.

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