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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 [airebt@yahoo.com](mailto:airebt@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](http://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)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA**

**ST. PATRICK’S DINNER DANCE AT THE HILTON, GLENDALE. (see flyer for details)**

**March 17, 2018**

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA** “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, February 4, 2018, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) February 6, 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](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net)

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL** February 11, 2018, (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.”

**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](http://www.clearyirishdance.com)

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

**IRISH VETERANS**

For information on the Irish Veterans organization visit [www.Irishveterans.org](http://www.Irishveterans.org) June Bulletin (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

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**What's Playing at the Coffee Gallery Backstage?**

**Coffee House Fare. Never a drink or food minimum**

**Backstage Reservations/Information (626) 798-6236 between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.**

**Do not make reservations by email.**

No payment necessary when you make telephone reservations.

Pay cash or check at the door at the time of the show." No Credit cards please.

Contact Bob Stane by e mail: [bstane@earthlink.net](mailto:bstane@earthlink.net)

For Bookings (Entertainers/Musicians) call: (626) 794-2902

**ACCORDIONAIRES** – Enjoy Accordion Music at Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606 (Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the month (February 20, 2018) at 7 p.m. Special entertainment by the Accordion Orchestra

**RELAXING THE GIANT** (Paul Sullivan) Universal Bar & Grill, North Hollywood, CA on **Friday, February 9, 2018 at 9:00 p.m.**

**KEN O'MALLEY**

**Brendan's in Camarillo with Jäger Malone (George Cavanaugh, Rich Cashman and Friends) at 6 p.m. February 2, March 2,**

**CONTINUING: Twilight Lords 2nd Fridays each month at Ireland's 32 in Van Nuys, Solo show Auld Dubliner in Long Beach each Thursday at 5 p.m. and Finn McCool's in Santa Monica with John Breen 3rd Tuesdays at 8 p.m.**

**Tam O'Shanter in LA (Los Feliz) February 3 + March 3  
Muldoon's in Newport Beach February 18 + March 18 [Ne'er Duwels]**

<https://www.kenomalley.com/ireland-tour-2018>.

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**Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8 p.m.**

**WINE CAVE. Montrose**

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## Irish Outreach San Diego

help@irishoutreachsd.org | (619) 291-1630  
[www.irishoutreachsd.org](http://www.irishoutreachsd.org)

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### *Poems of Love and Spring Awakening*

Compiled and Read by Joe Praml



Bocca Baciata by Dante Gabriel Rossetti

Saturday, February 17, 2018  
Noon-2:00 p.m.

Palms-Rancho Park Branch Library  
2920 Overland Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90064  
(310)821-1769

For ADA accommodations call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hrs in advance  
[www.laplib.org/branches/palms-rancho-park](http://www.laplib.org/branches/palms-rancho-park)  
[www.joepraml.com](http://www.joepraml.com)



**JOE PRAML** celebrates **Valentine's Day** with his collection *Poems of Love and Spring Awakening*. He'll read traditional and contemporary poetry of William Shakespeare, W.B. Yeats, Sylvia Plath, Song of Songs, I Corinthians 13, Robert Burns, Richard Brautigan, Elizabeth Browning, Sarah Teasdale, Eavan Boland, Ogden Nash, Conrad Aiken, June Jordan, and others. Saturday, February 17, noon to 2:00 p.m. Palms-Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064. Tel: 310-840-2142. Free parking. [www.joepraml.com](http://www.joepraml.com)

## ♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

To our friends who are  
Celebrating Birthdays!!

Go to [www.irish.org](http://www.irish.org) for names of  
friends celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries

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

### CALLING ALL WHO WISH TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

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

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### VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA

e-mail: [airebt@yahoo.com](mailto:airebt@yahoo.com)

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Irish News in So. California don't wait for an  
e-mail, please visit the website at:

[www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org)

## BIG IRISH FAIR

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

June 8, 9 and 10, 2018

Orange County Great Park

6950 Marine Way  
Irvine, CA 92618

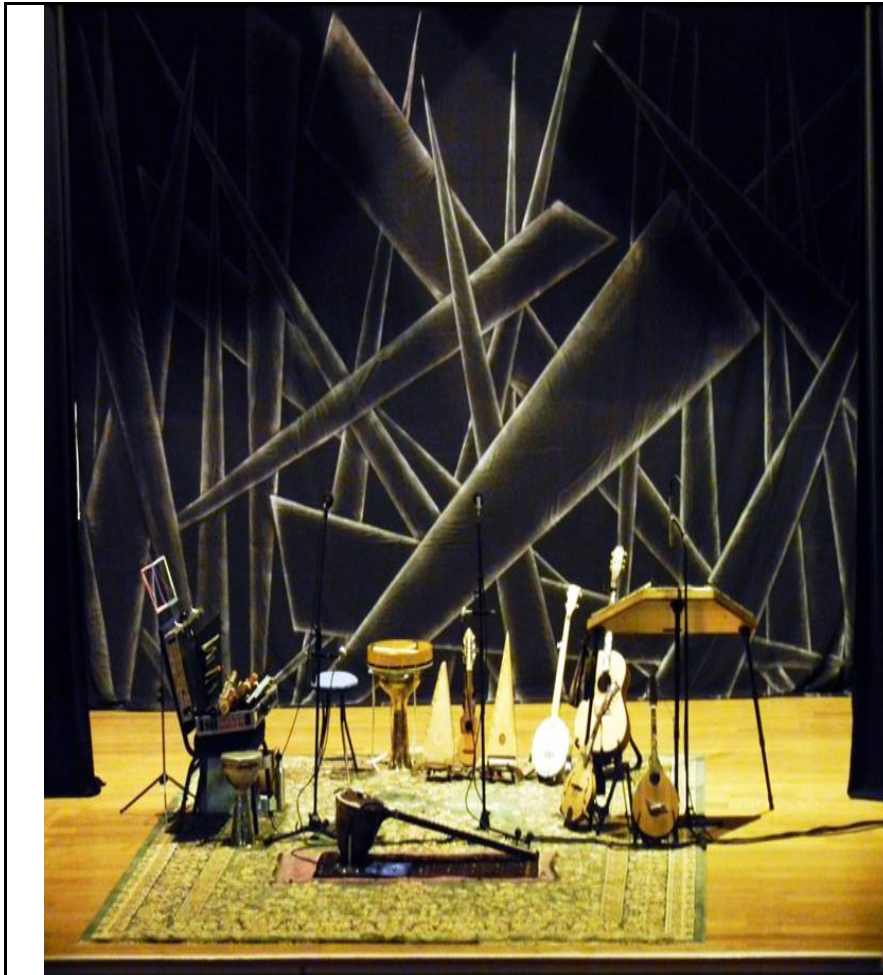
City Hall Ceremonies: March 16, 2018

[www.irishfair.org](http://www.irishfair.org)

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**FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT – CELTIC, FOLK & WORLD MUSIC**  
**FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 16, 2018**      **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**SAN CLEMENTE ARTS SUPPLY**  
1531 N . El Camino Real  
San Clemente, CA 92672



FOUR SHILLINGS SHORT Contact info:  
To request an interview or CD -  
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<http://fourshillingsshort.com>



[www.scartsupply.com](http://www.scartsupply.com)

Suggested Donation \$10-15/kids free  
**(949) 369-6603**

**The Celtic/Folk/World music duo Four Shillings Short are coming to town.** "Eclectic and unpredictable are apt descriptions of this beguiling duo. Their repertoire joins together traditional Celtic tunes, Indian ragas and American mountain music into an intoxicating mash. Through their many albums and constant touring, they've become known for thwarting listeners' expectations and finding common ground in genres not often associated with one another." (**Connect Savannah, Savannah GA**) "The delightfully surprising collection of songs and sounds this husband/wife act create, stretch the limits of Celtic and Folk music by stirring in generous amounts of Indian Ragas and Medieval flavorings via some of the tastiest sitar playing this side of Ravi Shankar." (**Valpariso Times, IN**) "Their music is a global potpourri." (**New Times, Miami FL**)

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**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!**  
*Emerald Hope Foundation Gala*  
*Benefiting*  
*The National Brain Tumor Society*



*February 10, 2018*

*Holiday Inn Long Beach Airport*

*Doors Open: 6:00 p.m.*

*No-Host Cocktails: 6:00-7:00pm*

*Dinner: 7:00-8:00pm*

*Music and Dancing: 8:00-11:30*

*Entertainment: Ken O'Malley and The Twilight Lords*

*Raffles and Auction*

*Attire: Semi-Formal*

*Tickets: \$75 per person*

*A limited number of VIP Tickets are available: \$100 per person for tables of 8-10 (includes 4 bottles of wine per table, red or white and a choice of table location).*

*To book your ticket/table, contact us  
at: [emeraldhopefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:emeraldhopefoundation@gmail.com)*



**friends of ireland**  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*12th annual*  
**St. Patrick's Day**  
*Celebration*

**SUNDAY MARCH 4, 2018**  
**2:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

**MOOSE LODGE**  
**8651 KNOTT AVENUE, BUENA PARK, CA**

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**  
**\$35 PER PERSON (\$40 AT THE DOOR) UNDER 10 FREE**  
**DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

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**MUSIC BY: INNISFREE**

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**IRISH DANCING PROVIDED BY PLAID**  
**PAINTER LARSON ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**IRISH SINGER/SONGWRITER/ACTOR DAMIAN MCGINTY, STAR OF GLEE, CELTIC THUNDER**, and the upcoming movie *Santa Fake*, will be in Pasadena for his biggest solo tour yet, The Slow Dance Tour, on May 1. He'll be playing at Pasadena Conservatory of Music and performing his original songs for the first time.

Damian McGinty (*Glee*, *Celtic Thunder*, *Santa Fake*) Coming to Pasadena on May 1 in His Biggest Solo Tour Yet

Join Irish singer, songwriter, and actor Damian McGinty in Pasadena at Pasadena Conservatory of Music on **May 1** for his biggest solo tour to date, showcasing music and behind-the-scenes insights from his upcoming EP of original songs. This tour will be fans' first opportunity to hear these songs live, and to share with Damian in the excitement and stories behind the album.

In his 10+ years in the business and nearly half a million miles, he's met thousands of people, heard their stories, and been a keen observer of humanity. The roads he has traveled, literally and figuratively, have shaped his world view. As his father says, "every day's a school day." And, Damian has come to believe, everyone we meet has something to teach us.

His songs reflect these values. They are sometimes light and joyful, sometimes poignant and haunting, always without pretense. Underneath and through every song are woven strong threads of hope and love.

The songs on Damian's upcoming EP are filled with heartfelt lyrics that are honest, vulnerable, and true. Listeners will recognize in these stories their own lives, loves, struggles, losses, and joys. The lyrics and tunes, while personal and intimate, also reflect our shared experiences, and are infused with Damian's intense connection to and compassion for the people and the world around him.

In his more than ten years, Damian has gathered a fanbase that ranges in age from zero to their 90s. While some might shy away from such an eclectic scope, Damian embraces it with songs that are both timeless and fresh. His philosophy is that of inclusiveness. We are, ultimately, all the same, and we are all seeking the same things: truth, belonging, love.

"When I write songs, I'm trying to capture a moment, a feeling, an emotion. It's extremely personal, but also, I hope, relatable and universal."

To celebrate the release of his EP, Damian will be hitting the road in spring 2018 for his biggest solo tour yet.

The set list will feature original songs from his EP, as well as fan favorites from Damian's last ten years with *Celtic Thunder*, *Glee*, and as a solo artist. Tom Harrison, who also is a multi-talented musician, will be accompanying Damian on tour to perform on piano, guitar, and back-up vocals.

Fans know Damian as one of the original performers with the international hit group Celtic Thunder, as well as from his role as Rory Flanagan on *Glee*. His upcoming film, *Santa Fake*, is currently in production and will be released November 2018.

Information about Damian, the tour dates, and ticketing can be found at [www.damianmcginty.com](http://www.damianmcginty.com).

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# Saturday February 24th, 2018

## 26th Annual St. Patricks Day Police Survivors Fund Raising Dinner

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National Law  
Enforcement Officers  
Memorial Fund

**Steve James - LBPD**  
**2018 LAPES Member of The Year**

**Steve Cooley**  
**Guest Speaker Former L A District Attorney**

Advance ticket sales only  
\$65/person - \$650 per table of ten  
LAPES P.O. Box 254  
Seal Beach, CA 90740  
(562)810-6907 or (424)218-6216

Entertainment @ 6pm  
McNulty School of Irish Dance  
Emerald Society Pipe Major Scott Walton  
Trooper Thorn Band

*Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base  
4745 Yorktown, Los Alamitos CA*

*Dress code: Business Formal, Class A Uniform or Kilts*

*for more information, contact Dennis Sullivan - 562-818-6969 dsullivan2@msn.com*



# Mountain Gate Country Club



Culver City  
Cougars Gaelic  
Football Club are  
proud to present the 4th  
Annual SoCal Irish  
American Golf  
Tournament at  
Mountain Gate Country  
Club. Join us for a great  
day out, no matter your  
handicap, and support

your local Los Angeles gaelic football club!

- BBQ lunch included!
- Putting contest!
- Raffle/silent auction!
- Reception with live music following the golf!

**Monday January 29, 2018** at Mountain Gate Country Club.

Format: Scramble (Beginners Welcome!)

Entry fee: \$120 per person or \$400 per foursome.

Times: 09:00 a. m. Registration

10:00 a. m. Shotgun

Register now at <http://www.cougars.la/>

Have questions or interested in sponsorship? Message us and we will get back to you promptly.

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## *REST IN PEACE*

**MARY FERGUSON (NEE PIDGEON)** was born July 20<sup>th</sup> 1929 in Dublin Ireland. Mary moved to Los Angeles in 1958 and married her husband Paul Ferguson in 1964. They settled in Montecito Heights. After a painful battle with cancer Paul died in the late seventies. Mary died last Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January of alzheimers after eight years of struggle with loss of intellectual and social skills. Mary is survived by her very devoted sister Joan, her daughter Tina and husband Mark, her three beautiful grand kids Hannah, John and Connor and her very devoted companion and friend Ed. Vaughan.

**Her memorial Mass and service will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption in Pasadena at 2640 E Orange grove Boulevard on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 11:00 a.m.** The reception will be immediately afterward at the church facility.

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Condolences to Margaret Cleary and family on the death of her sister Pauleen Cleary who passed away recently in London.



In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations in memory of Pauline to Pancreatic Cancer UK. The link is:

[Read Margaret's story](#)

Margaret is raising money to help Pancreatic Cancer UK  
JUSTGIVING.COM

<https://www.facebook.com/margaret.cleary.79/posts/10155668558617529>

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**HELEN FLANAGAN**, daughter of Paddy and Nellie Dever, and wife of Colm Gallagher, passed away peacefully on Saturday January 13, 2018 at home with her family and friends by her side. Funeral services were held on January 19, 2018.

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REST IN PEACE CHARLES LEO  
GILLESPIE

Born August 15, 1929 (Cashel, Kilcar, Co.  
Donegal). Visit [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org) to view  
the Eulogy

**The following Poem was written by Leo  
Gillespie about his favorite place on earth:**

Many years have passed and gone  
Since I left my native land  
When I walked away from the folks I loved  
They were loath to understand

I wearied of the simple things  
And yearned for far off shores  
I dreamt of cities big and bright  
As others had done before

But as I sit alone tonight  
And reflect on events gone by  
Those simple things have turned to gold  
As the bright lights slowly die

I've seen the sights of London  
And walked New York's Broadway  
But the sunshine on an Irish hill  
Is fairer far than they

As my restless spirit wanders  
Back to those distant hills  
To young and old, I do unfold  
My thoughts are with you still

I long once more to take a walk  
Down a quiet country lane  
When the dew is still upon the grass  
And hear the lark's refrain

At evening when the sun goes down  
And the long day's toil is o'er  
I'd drop into the village bar  
And meet my friends once more

I'd gaze across at Teelin  
As I trudge towards Carrick town  
And in quiet meditation  
Enjoy sweet nature's sound

There are some other places  
That I think of from afar  
Glencolumbkille and Killybegs  
And lovely Ardara

But now before I bid adieu  
I'll tell you one and all  
Kilcar is the place I long to be  
In my native Donegal.



Co. Donegal



PRESENTS

**WINTER EXHIBITION**

January 11 through February 5, 2018

**OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018**

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



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## *Letters to the Editor*



----- Original Message -----

**From:** [James Walsh](#)

**To:** [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com)

**Subject:** Irish Center and My Ireland Tour

Hi there,

James here from My Ireland Tour. I thought that the following review might be of interest to you and the visitors to your website:

[www.myirelandtour.com/about-ireland/our-travel/inishturk.php](http://www.myirelandtour.com/about-ireland/our-travel/inishturk.php)

It's a review, we've written recently, about a weekend we spent in the tiny island of Inishturk, off the coast of County Mayo, last Summer. Inishturk has a population of 53 people and a school with just 3 pupils

Would sharing this review on your website be of interest?

I'd love to hear your input, either way, so please do drop me a line to let me know what you think!

Cheers,

James

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See our Website:



[MyIrelandTour.com](http://MyIrelandTour.com)

Or come and say hello:



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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Conor Donnan](#)

**To:** [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com)

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 6:34 PM

**Subject:** Irish Doctoral Student

Dear Irish Center of Southern California,

My name is Conor Donnan and I am a doctoral student who studies the Irish in America. I moved to the United States from Ireland around 4 years ago and I have been working on my dissertation since then. I noticed that historians often neglect the Irish community of the West Coast in their research and I want to write a book on the subject. I am specifically interested in Irish-American support for the Irish Republic. I was wondering if your centre knew about anybody doing similar research or if there would be an opportunity to visit you in California?

Sincerely,

Conor

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## **NOTICE**

Clarke Noone, a graduate student at Claremont Colleges is working on a HISTORY project re the Irish in California. If you are interested in contributing to this project please contact Bridget Hana at [eirebt@yahoo.com](mailto:eirebt@yahoo.com). Below is Clarke's information:

“The goal of the oral history project is simple: to document the experiences of the Irish émigré community in So. California. The project is all about stories – stories about migration, about life in Los Angeles, about the contributions Irish people have made to their communities, and about the social and familial networks people have built here. Not only can the sharing of these stories be a powerful experience for the ‘teller’ and the ‘listener alike’, but they will form a lasting record of the Irish community in Southern California. To that end, I’m in talks with the Special Collections librarian at the Claremont Colleges about establishing a permanent collection and online presence for these interviews, so that people can share them and researchers can draw from them long into the future.”

*Saturday, March 17th, 2018*

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual**

St. Patrick's Day

Celebration

Hosted by

*The Irish Center of Southern*

*California Inc.*

Entertainment by

**Ken O'Malley & The Twilight Lords**

and

**Cleary School of Irish Dance**

Dinner and Dancing

Silent Auction

**Grand Prize Drawing, Trip for two to Ireland donated by Aer Lingus**

Door Prizes

**Donation \$75.00 (includes dinner, dance, tax, & gratuity)**

**Reservations: Mary Dempsey (626) 337-0075**

Location: The Hilton Hotel, 100 W. Glenoaks, Glendale, CA 91202

Off the 134 (Ventura Freeway) at Brand or Central on North Side

Website: [www.irishcenter.org](http://www.irishcenter.org) Email: [TomIrishHour@msn.com](mailto:TomIrishHour@msn.com)

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