



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.

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. 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 will be mailed soon to those people for whom we have an address. (6 tickets for \$25)

Sunday. 4th January. 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, 6th January 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

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Sunday, 11th January. 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. (ALL FREE)

10th January—25th January. Women Painters West present their Winter Exhibit at Arena 1 Gallery, 3026 Airport Avenue, Santa Monica. CA 90405. Info: 310 397 7456.

Gallery hours: 12—6pm, Wednesday through Saturday. www.arena1gallery.com.

Opening Reception on Saturday the 10th January from 5 pm—7 pm.

A painting from artist Brenda Welsh’s After Provence Series was selected to be in the Winter Exhibit.

Sunday, 18th January. The 14th Annual Celtic Arts Center’s Robert Burns Celebration Supper at the Mayflower Club in North Hollywood. Doors open 4.30 pm. Admission: \$25 for non-members; \$20 for members of Mayflower Club and Celtic Arts Center. Admission price includes a full meal –four choices, poetry readings, bagpipes, Scottish music and dancing. Reservations by 11th January are required. Telephone- 818 760 8322.

Are you interested in undertaking a one year full-time globally ranked MBA in Ireland?

Want to learn more about studying at Ireland’s leading graduate business school?

Orla Nugent, the MBA Programme Director at UCD Smurfit Graduate Business School will be hosting an information session at 6 pm in the Renaissance Long Beach Hotel on Monday the 19th January.

www.smurfitschool.ie

Saturday, 24th January. Joe Praml will read the poetry of Robert Burns as part of the annual worldwide celebration of Burn’s birthday. Burns was known as “the Bard” of Scotland. Readings will be at Venice-Abbott Kinney Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice. 90291 at 11 am-- noon.

Info: 310 821 1769;

www.lapl.org/branches/venice;

www.joepraml.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



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.



Congratulations

Arlene Silver-Van Dyke on being an honoree at the recent Midnight Mission's Golden Heart Awards Gala.

Arlene was born in New York. Her mother was from Co Galway and her father was from Co Roscommon. As a young girl, Arlene, her mother Mary and older brother John drove a U-Haul cross-country and arrived in Arcadia. On settling down, Arlene's love of movies and television led her to Cal State Fullerton, where she earned a B.A. degree in Communications. For two years she worked in Production before discovering makeup artistry as her career. Arlene received more specialized training in Beauty, Special Effects makeup, skin care etc. She earned an esthetician's license.

Arlene has worked as a makeup artist for several years on T V shows, commercials, fashion runway shows, award shows etc.

In 2007 Arlene walked into the "Green Room" at the SAG Awards, right before Dick Van Dyke was to give the Lifetime Achievement Award to Julie Andrews. She quickly sat down. A minute later, Dick was seated next to her, introducing himself. That chance meeting led to Arlene becoming Dick's personal makeup artist and friend, which blossomed into romance. Dick and Arlene were married on 29th February 2012.

Arlene's mother Mary lives in Huntington Beach with her husband Michael Stout.

Arlene's brother John lives in the Pasadena area.



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The religious order, the Sisters of Providence were founded in 1843 to serve the poor, the sick and the elderly.

A twenty year old Rose Byrne, one of six children left her mom, dad and siblings on the family farm in County Offaly, Ireland to join the Sisters of Providence in 1948.

During Sister Rose's more than sixty years of religious life she has taught in several schools both here and in the Pacific Northwest. My oldest son was taught by Sister Rose in Holy Rosary school in Sun Valley. She also served in parish ministry here in the San Fernando Valley. Sister Rose also worked in hospitals including St Josephs here in Burbank. While teaching and working Sister Rose earned her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Sister Rose visited the sick, the lonely, and the infirm. While at St Joseph's she regularly "made the rounds" chatting with all patients.

Sister Rose loved to watch the sports from Ireland. You would see her coming in between 6 30 am and 7 am to the location where the games from Ireland were televised to support her team.

Sister Rose Byrne is retiring in January from active Ministry and returning to the Pacific Northwest. This ninety year old human dynamo will be missed.

On behalf of the Irish Community I wish you, Sister Rose Byrne, good health and good luck. I suggest that you "slow down" –you have earned it.

May laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home, May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you.



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



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

On 9th December 2014 Mary Sullivan, a native of Co Tipperary passed away in Beckenham, Kent, England. Mary is survived by her husband Michael Sullivan (from Castletownbere, West Cork) and sons Paul and Barry.

Mary is the sister in law of Neil Sullivan of Burbank.

Ed Elks was born in North Carolina and passed away from cancer in Los Angeles (Kaiser, Hollywood) on 15th December. Ed is survived by his partner Ann Taylor Philcox of Panorama City. A celebration of Ed's life will take place on Saturday, 3rd January at 1pm at the American Legion hall, 24527 Spruce St, Newhall. 91321.

John Sidney Rickerby passed away on December 21st, 2014, at the age of 81. He was born in Belfast, County Antrim in 1933. In 1957 John emigrated to Toronto. In 1960 he married Belfast born Rosaleen Anderson in Toronto. Shortly thereafter they came to the USA. John founded the John S. Rickerby Company, a business which is still thriving today. He was interviewed on television and radio and contributed numerous articles to the Los Angeles Times, The Belfast Telegraph, and other publications about the Irish situation, the most well-known being "*Who Killed Little Michelle?*"

However, his main claim to fame in the Southern California Irish community was his singing voice, as well as his love of story and joke telling. John was often asked why he didn't attempt to "go pro" with his singing, and his answer was always the same: "*It's enough for me just making my friends happy.*" Before John's death, his son, Mark, helped him write and publish his memoir titled *The Other Belfast* about his first 24 years of life there. Mark also put together a CD of his dad singing some of his favorite songs titled "*Get Rickerby Up for a Song!*" (Something someone would inevitably shout out in pubs when they knew John was present. John's memoir can also be found online on numerous websites.

Please contact Mark at 818 913 0811 for details of John's memorial service, which will be held in Burbank in late January. John is predeceased in 1997 by his son Paul William Rickerby. John is survived by his wife, Rosaleen; his son, Mark, his daughter-in-law, Claudia, and granddaughters, Mali and Emma. John's kindness and effervescent personality will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.



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From MichaelBarnes@britishnews.org:

1673. Irish MP for Dublin. Marmaduke Coghill, Chancellor of the Exchequer and judge was born in Dublin.

1883. Irish playwright, author, critic and manager of the Abbey Theatre, John Greer Ervine was born in Belfast.

1918. Irish Sinn Fein politician and suffragette, Constance Markievicz, while still in Holloway prison is the first elected woman MP.

“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.

Email: orders@bookmasters.com; Phone 800 247 6553. Also available on Kindle, Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

As the Holiday Season brings 2014 to a close our thoughts turn to you, our supporters. On behalf of the board of Directors, Committee members, volunteers and myself I extend to you and your loved ones our sincere good wishes for health and happiness throughout the New Year and always.

