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If you have “any news” re graduations, births, weddings, deaths, relocating etc please send to: tomirishhour@msn.com.

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We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help pay expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter) Cyril & Rosaleen Mulvey, Janet Uhl, Terry & Karen Fleming

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Sunday 7th February 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.

Tuesday. 5th 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. 13th March. Friends of Ireland Eleventh Annual St Patrick's Dinner and Dance at Buena Park Elk's Lodge, 7212 Melrose Avenue, Buena Park. 2 pm –6 pm.

Information Pete pbeireanua@att.net (714) 200-7365 or alleneb@roadrunner.net

Sunday. 10th January. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach. 90808. Good food, good music, good conversation, singing and dancing. FREE. Our thanks to the pastor, Fr Michael Gleeson.

The organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, says "Please come and bring a friend".



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

YES! There is a 'Scots Gaelic' class 8-9pm on Monday nights

15th Annual Robert Burns Night Celebration

Readings of Burns:

Poetry, plus Music, Piping & Scottish Country Dancing.

Menu includes your choice of Scottish Meat Pie, Shepherds Pie or Vegan Shepherds Pie.

All meals include Haggis, Tatties & Neeps and Desert plus Whisky for toasting. Give a choice when booking.

Reservations with menu choices by: Jan 10th please
Sunday, January 17, 2016.

5:30pm (doors open 4:30pm)

Admission \$20 for Mayflower & Celtic Arts Center Members.\$25 for non-members.
at The Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Blvd. in North Hollywood.

Congratulations:

Conor O'Callaghan Gould wrote and directed a short film for his Thesis prior to graduation from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. In May, his film was accepted into Chicago International Short Film Festival. On December 11 and 12, over 100 short films were viewed and judged. Conor's film made it into the top 5.

Conor starts his career at Creative Artists Agency on February 1, 2016.





The West Coast Welshes are celebrating their Uncle Ray Welsh on his



birthday. Born January 4, 1915 on Staten Island, New York to Joseph Welsh and Annie Doona, Ray attended Fordham University, New York City, class of 1937. Ray is an active centenarian who plays golf with guys who are ten to fifteen years younger and don't know his age! He keeps up with current events and still drives a car.

Drafted in 1941, Ray served in both European and Pacific Theatres: Armored Division, North Africa and the Army Air Force in Asia, flying "The Hump" in countless missions over the Himalayas. In Burma (Myanmar) Ray contracted malaria, and to this today has vivid and emotional memories of his service during World War II.

After the war, Ray started his own business and married Gladys. They have four children, our first cousins: Stephen, Annie, Linda and Eileen. Ray retired after forty years with the New York State Probation Department. Today, he is the primary loving caregiver for Gladys, 94, at their home in Schenectady, NY. Ray is truly one outstanding patriot of the "Greatest Generation" and is still going strong!



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

David Michael Booth was born in Los Angeles on 22nd December 1931 and passed away on 26th December 2015. David and Mary Higgins were married in 1951. David served our country during the Korean Conflict as a marine. He was a fourth degree Knights of Columbus and a member of the Serra Club.

David was an engineer employed for thirty eight years by Fluor Corporation.

David was predeceased by his wife, Mary, in 2008. Survived by two daughters: Catherine (Jeff) Iversen and Margaret Struss; and son Michael Booth and sisters in law Noreen Higgins Masterson and Kathleen Higgins Barela.

Also survived by four grandchildren: Kellyann and David Iversen; and Brendan and Daniel Struss.

Services took place in Holy Family Cathedral in Orange



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Celia Murray Kilgallon “Mam” was born in Belmullet, Co Mayo in February 1921 and passed away in Sallins, Co Kildare on 24th October 2015.

Celia is survived by six daughters: Mary Dempsey (Covina), Nancy, Sheila, Eileen, Bernadette and Breda; four sons: Tom, Eamonn, Paddy and Martin; eighteen grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Services were at St Brigid’s Church, Kill and burial in Bodenstown Cemetery.

Eist moran agus can beagan! Hear much and say little!

“Mam” was born four months before the end of the Irish civil war and has lived to see the history of modern Ireland first hand. In some respects her life reflects that of many of her contemporaries and in other aspects it is a life that stands apart.

Born on the last day of February 1921 on the edge of Blacksod Bay to the family of Edward and Mary (nee Mills) Murray, Celia one of five girls and one boy Mary-Kate, Bridgie, Celia, Eileen, Nancy and Martin. Living on a small holding in the beautiful setting of Bar na Tra beach may, at a distance of some almost 95years, sound idyllic but, the migration of the family to the Rath, County Meath, in 1943 speaks volumes of the hope for a better life of Edward and Mary for themselves and their children. Mam, however, was not long for the Rath as, she soon met our father, Paddy Kilgallon, and in 1946 they married and settled in Sherlockstown near Sallins, Co Kildare where they farmed. Ten children, Mary, Nancy, Sheila, Tom, Eamonn, Paddy, Martin, Eileen, Bernadette and Breda were born to Paddy and Celia. The farm, though not substantial, provided for the family. Milk, butter, eggs, chicken, pork and bacon, vegetables and fruits, homemade bread, scones and tarts fed the family. Her skills with needle and thread kept us clothed and her ability to tell a story kept us and ultimately our children captivated.

I imagine Mam gets a great kick out of hearing storiés of Ireland’s new found environmentalism and the demand for safer, healthier and even organic food; isn’t that what she was at for years! the language is not unsurprising given where she spent the early years of her life. But her turn to Irish at times of happiness and sadness suggests the link that the language gives her to people, events and places. How frequently do we all remember the tears of laughter rolling down Mam’s face as she paused from working in her kitchen to deliver a lyrical, melodious and wittingly devastating one liner that would leave you speechless?



Rick Cluchey, renowned actor, director, playwright and disciple of Samuel Beckett, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28th at St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica with his family at his side, after a brave fight with complications from Congestive Heart Failure, COPD, and Emphysema.

Celebration of Life will be on Monday, January 18th at 11am at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 10750 Ohio Ave, L.A. 90024. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Jameson Cluchey Scholarship Fund.

Beloved husband of Nora Masterson Cluchey, beloved father to sons Rick, Louis, and Jameson, and daughter Maya Cluchey Carrol. Rick is also survived by sisters Lynn and June and several nieces and nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews in the Chicago area.

Rick led a life of many paths. His personal story of an upbringing in difficult circumstances, his youthful involvement in crime, and imprisonment in San Quentin for 12 years was followed by a Phoenix like rise above such adverse circumstances through dedication as a sacristan in the prison chapel, reading, writing, acting, and directing, and founding the San Quentin Drama Workshop as a form of rehabilitation. It merits a fitting description as a triumph of the human spirit. Rick turned a sentence of Life Without Possibility of Parole into a parole granted by former Governor Pat Brown (with much encouragement from priests at the prison chapel) and a pardon by Governor Jerry Brown, which was given to Rick while he was working with Samuel Beckett, the renowned Irish writer. Beckett was captivated by the triumph of Rick's spirit, and helped to continue Cluchey's development in his different theatrical areas by his continued financial and moral support.



CALADH NuA, Beckman Auditorium, California Institute of Technology; free parking located at 332 South Michigan Avenue, Pasadena (south of Del Mar Boulevard). 8 p.m. With banjo, fiddle, guitar bodhran, tin whistle, a button accordion and vocals, this ensemble captures traditional Irish music with contemporary flourishes. Admission: \$35.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00; \$10.00 youth high school age and under. Call (626) 395-4652 for information.



The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., will hold its annual St Patrick's Celebration on Saturday the 12th March 2016 at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks Blvd, Glendale. The cover charge of \$75 includes dinner, dance, tax, gratuity plus the spectacular Floor Show by the Cleary School of Irish Dance and music by "the maestro" Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords.

For dinner reservations please call Mrs Mary Dempsey at 626 337 0075.

The evening begins with cocktails at 5 pm; dinner served at 6 pm; presentations at 7 pm; followed by dancing for the evening with Ken O'Malley and the Twilight Lords.

The Floor Show of Irish Dance by the Cleary School of Irish Dance under the direction of Maggie Cleary at 9 pm.

Tickets for a special opportunity drawing for two round trip tickets to Ireland. Suggested donation is \$5 per ticket or \$25 for six tickets. This drawing is our major fund raiser. A special "early bird" drawing (of returned raffle tickets) will take place at our meeting on 13th February. The lucky winner will receive two admission tickets (worth \$150) to our St Patrick's Celebration.

We hope that everyone of the 2800 plus who receives our monthly newsletter by email (and we don't have their home address) will send their check and we will complete the "stubs". By sending your \$25 we will know you are supporting our efforts to keep us all informed of local Irish and Irish American news. (Irish Center, 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. 91201)

The Silent Auction will have a wide array of items to bid on--gift tickets to concerts, baseball games, Import Shops, restaurants, paintings etc

If you intend to stay at the Hilton call 818 956 5466 and ask for "Reservations", and ask for Irish Center's rate of \$139.00 using code 64x.

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With all goods wishes,



Mark your Calendar for the 24th of April 2016
1916 – 2016: The Centenary of THE RISING



I wanted to inform you that a new Ancient Order of Hibernian Division has been formed in Ventura County. The official name is Easter Rising Division 1 Ventura County. We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus in Ventura. Any men of Irish decent who are practicing Catholics and interested in joining should contact Bill Ferguson 805-340-2619 e-mail wfergusobill@aol.com. Thanks for all your great work.

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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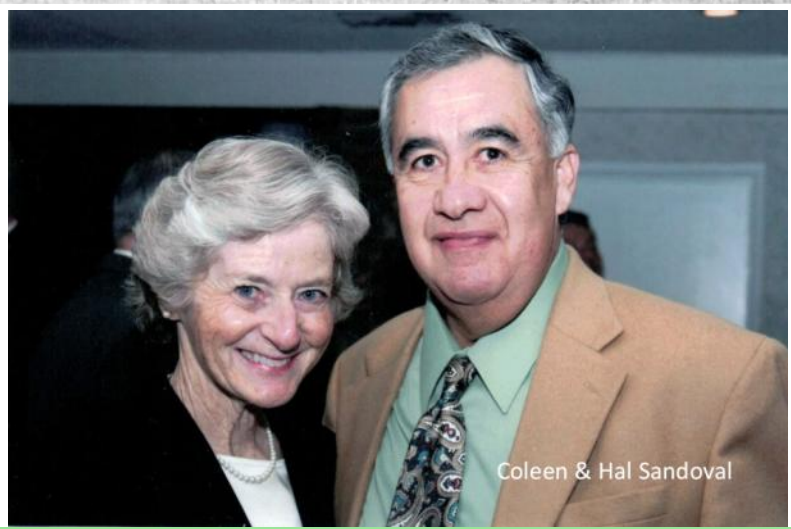




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