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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 eirebt@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 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.

March 17, 2018

MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA "get-together" (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, January 7, 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 (1st Tuesday of the month) January 2, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pheireanua@att.net

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL January 14, 2018, (2nd 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

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 June Bulletin (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

WAKING KATE is a traditional Irish Music group headed by Brian Walsh – they play at the Tam O'Shanter – call for info.

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

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 (January 16, 2018) at 7 p.m.

KEN O'MALLEY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 "IRISH NEW YEAR" AT THE AULD DUBLINER IN LONG BEACH 3:00 TO 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:00 p.m.
BRENDAN'S IN CAMARILLO - Ken O'Malley with Jäger Malone (George Cavanaugh, Rich Cashman and Rachel Grace).
Brendan's 1755 E. Daily Dr.
Camarillo http://www.brendans.com/camarllo.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 8:00 p.m.

TAM O'SHANTER WITH KEN O'MALLEY

AND FRIENDS: Ken O'Malley and friends will
perform from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Address: 2980

Los Feliz Bl. LA 90039.No cover/no age limit:
: http://www.lawrysonline.com/tamoshanter/

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2:00 p.m.

MULDOON'S IN NEWPORT BEACH

"SUNDAY BRUNCH AND TUNES. Reservations recommended; call (949) 640-4110. More information http://www.muldoonspub.com/

SAVE THE DATES

February 3 and March 3, 2018.

Fireside Concert Series with the Ne'er Duwels on April 13, 2018.

Check out Ken O'Malley's Ireland Tour **April 20-29, 2018** at

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

VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA

e-mail Bridget Hana at: eirebt@yahoo.com

Thanks to: Cyril & Rosaleen Mulvey in Los Angeles, Kathleen Murphy in Racine WI and Jerry Donnelly who donated to the Irish Center.

BE ON YOUR GUARD.

TOM MCCONVILLE sends his apologies. ApparentlyTom's computer was "hacked" and many people received an e-mail. This scam has been around for some time.

Tips to avoid being scammed:

The Court does not call you about a lawsuit. (this happened recently to a friend) A demand was made for \$3,000. Another person received a call about jury duty. Both of these are scams -- do not entertain these callers.

Remember that banks and other card issuers don't use text messages or emails to alert you to problems with your account. That's always a scam. You should never give your card details (or Social Security Number) to anyone without independently and thoroughly confirming who they are — least of all in response to a recorded message.

Call the number on the back of your card and ask them to verify if there are any problems.

Law enforcement are still trying to establish how the crooks are pulling off some of these latest phone hijacking and hacking tricks.

Irish Outreach San Diego

help@irishoutreachsd.org | (619) 291-1630

JJ HAPPY BIRTHDAY JJ

To our friends who are Celebrating Birthdays!!

Go to www.irish.org for names of friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

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

www.irishoutreachsd.org

CALLING ALL WHO WISH TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

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

SAVE THE DATES BIG IRISH FAIR

Friday, Saturday & Sunday June 8, 9 and 10, 2018

Orange County Great Park 6950 Marine Way,Irvine, CA 92618

www.irishfair.org



Matt and Kathleen Hunt at St. Cornelius Church Hall





Enjoying the afternoon at St. Cornelius Church Hall Irish Social in December 2017

Gerard O'Hanlon presented the Certificate and the Father James Cullen Memorial Medal to Tom McConville In recognition of outstanding and long serving pioneer



Congratulations Tom!

Tom Kennedy was busy visiting with old friends and entertained the audience with a song. There was discussion too about a bus trip to Laughlin in the Spring 2018.



Pete Walsh, Pat Egin and John Dempsey enjoying the entertainment!



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A REMINDER FROM PETE WALSH

12th Annual St Patrick's Day Corned Beef and cabbage dinner

Sunday March 4th 2018, 2.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Moose Lodge 8651 Knott Avenue, Buena Park, CA

Music by Innisfree Band Irish dancing provided by Plaid Painter Larson Academy of Irish dance.

For information contact:
Pete Walsh (714) 200-7365,

pbeireanua@att.net,
Tom Kennedy, (562) 425-2636
allene Buchanan, alleneb@roadrunner.net
\$35.00 per person in advance, \$40.00 at door
10 years and younger free.

Make checks payable to: Nuala Wisdom, 10071 Green Fern Circle, Westminster, CA 92683

REST IN PEACE

PATRICIA MCNAMARA (née Mahoney) was born March 22,1942 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She moved to Los Angeles in 1965 and met her husband, John McNamara, soon after. The couple wed in 1973 in Limerick, Ireland. They settled in Hancock Park and had two children, Kelly and Robert, and they have four grandchildren. After a two year battle with cancer, Patricia died December 10th with her family surrounding her. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and friend and she will be deeply missed by so many. She is survived by her loving husband, John, her children and grandchildren, her sisters Annette, Phyllis and Elizabeth, as well as her brothers Chris and John Paul Mahoney. She is predeceased by her parents, Robert and Mary Catherine Mahoney, and her two brothers, James and Anthony Mahoney. According to her wishes, her ashes will be laid to rest in Belfast this where will home forever. summer. she be





REST IN PEACE

Andrew Finnerty (May 18, 1934 – December 13, 2017)



PRESENTS

WINTER EXHIBITION

January 11 through February 5, 2018

OPENING RECEPTION: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

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



LaMujer Del Fuego

15" X 18"

acrylic monotype on paper

The Ebell Los Angeles 741 SOUTH LUCERNE BLVD. LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

323-931-1277

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Robert Burns!

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lloyd Taber Marina del Rey Library, 4533 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292. Tel: (310) 821-3415. The Lloyd Taber-Marina del Rey Library presents Joe Praml's reading of the poetry of Robert Burns, including his epic narrative masterpiece "Tam O'Shanter" based on an old Scots legend.

Joe Praml describes "Tam O'Shanter" as "a rollicking, funny poem about Tam, a farmer who often gets drunk with his friends in a pub in Ayr, Scotland. One night, anxious to get home as a storm of driving rain and lightning is brewing, and riding his faithful horse Maggie, takes a short cut through the dark woods. Along the way, he comes across an old haunted church, lit up with fire in the dark night. In and about the church a feral bacchanal is in wild progress, with witches and warlocks wildly dancing, and the devil himself playing the pipes. Tam is spellbound. He spies one witch in particular, a lovely young creature who is barely clad in an extremely short cutty sark or skirt, outdoing everyone with her own exuberant dancing. Tam, transfixed, without thinking, yells out "Weel done, Cutty-sark!" giving himself away. The mob of witches and warlocks, led by the lovely young witch, Nannie Dee, chases Tam and Maggie. They barely escape, but sadly they leave behind Maggie's lovely cherished tail."



"In the New Year, may your right hand always be stretched out in friendship and never in need."

Letters to the Editor



Live Music Review - relaxing the GIANT Universal Bar & Grill North Hollywood, CA 11/24/17

By Brian J. Kennedy

Life has a way of teaching us new things if we're open and willing to move in new directions. This is the case with rtG, or relaxing the GIANT, a power-pop band that formed in 2016. The idea was born of the imagination of Paul Sullivan, a local Angeleno who found himself learning guitar and writing songs amid his 30-year career in education. After commandeering an excellent line-up of local musicians, the band released its debut record, "Fully Charged" in July of 2017 to very good reviews and has been showcasing the release at local clubs across Los Angeles.

rtG's most recent show was at the Universal Bar & Grill in North Hollywood on November 24. The band, comprised of Paul Sullivan on rhythm guitar and vocals, Chris O'Flaherty on lead guitar, Rev. Rooster Kingfish on drums and Karim Elgobashi on bass, rocked a good-sized crowd with a combination of their original tunes from the record and a mix of fun covers from the Smiths, David Bowie and Crowded House. The members are seasoned musicians from the Los Angeles music scene as far back as the mid-1980s.

The band's gig was filled with hard-rocking, bright melodies, anchored by a seasoned rhythm section with Kingfish's dynamic backbeats and Elgobashi's exciting bass lines. O'Flaherty's leads soar throughout, accenting prolifically Sullivan's melodies in a hard-rocking, yet stylistic manner. Sullivan's guitar playing is not unlike a metronome of sorts allowing his voice to accentuate vocal melodies in a catchy, unique way. He also has a strong presence on stage. The bottom line is this band is very entertaining! Hearing the tunes, observing both the band's prowess and crowd response, relaxing the GIANT is clearly on to something. And all of this since 2016! Sullivan mentioned a line from the tune, "Seven&Seven" from the record, that reads, "...it's never too late to start over." I think you can say for this group better later than never! Catch these guys if you can!

relaxing the GIANT continues to cultivate relationships with local promoters to secure monthly shows around town. Their next show is a freebie and takes place on Friday December 22, 9:00 PM at the legendary blues/rock club Maui Sugar Mill Saloon in Tarzana.

