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Subject: Berkeley Tragedy.

19th June 2015.

Shock and sadness is in evidence throughout Ireland and in Irish American communities following the tragic and sudden loss of 6 young student lives when a balcony inexplicably collapsed at an Apartment complex in Berkeley on Monday night last.

5 were from Dublin and one from California

Olivia Burke (21), Eoghan Culligan (21), Niccolai Schuster (21), Lorcan Miller (21), Eirear Walsh (21) and Ashley Donohoe of Ca.

Several other students were injured in the awful tragedy some of whom are in critical condition.

The students were some of several thousand who come to CA each summer on visas jointly promoted by governments.

Tributes, prayers and vigils were led by President Michael D Higgins and Taoiseach Enda Kenny TD.

Ireland's Minister for the Diaspora Jimmy Deenihan TD is in San Francisco to offer support. Coordination and assistance for families and friends of the dead and injured is being led by Consul General Philip Grant in San Francisco with all available Consular personnel assisting.

M.Finbar Hill,
Hon. Consul General of Ireland,
Chief of Protocol,
Los Angeles Consular Corps.

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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)

Douglas & Evelyn Dow, Owen & Eileen McGurrell, Paul & Helen Gilboy Coe, (Cedar Rapids, IA), Charles & Rita Doyle Keeshen, William & Myra McCormack, Joseph & Linnea Praml, Roger & Susan McGrath, Patrick & Joan Lavin, (Oro Valley, Arizona), Mary & Matt Flynn, Stanley & Maureen Nagle Bradford, Kyle & Valerie Dennison, Bridget Hana, Imelda McCann, John Keene, Brick & Laura Price, Michael & Maureen O'Connor, Cyril & Rosaleen Mulvey, Ethna Garcia, Mary & Eileen Donovan, Pat & Bridie McKenna, Kathleen Kiernan, Monsignor Sean Flanagan.



Monthly adult ceili class from 7pm to 9pm 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.

Sunday. 5th July.--- CANCELLED ---The Irish Center's informal "get together luncheon" at the Angeles National Golf Club. We will resume on 2nd August.

Tuesday. 7th July 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. 12th July. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach has been POSTPONED to Sunday, 13th September.

Wednesday 15th July at 7.30 pm. " Dancing with the Stars: Live!"---
All-Stars Champion Melissa Rycroft Headlines Tour Dancing, with Witney Carson, Valentin Chmerkovskiy, Artem Chigvintsev, Keo Motsepe, Peta Murgatroyd and Emma Slater. Tickets from \$49.

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts (600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa). Info: 714 556 2787.



If you are interested in getting married in Ireland here is a website you should check out: www.celebrant-services-ni.co.uk. Julie Antonette is based in Belfast and covers all Ireland.

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

California Art League presents "My Favorite Subject" now through 3rd September at Blinn House Gallery, 160 North Oakland Avenue, Pasadena. 91101.

Gallery hours: Monday –Friday: 9 am- 5 pm. Info: 626 796 0560



Prayers and good wishes to our friends who are "a bit under the weather"

Peter Geburth who is scheduled for heart surgery on the 8th July at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Peter and his wife, Eva are both Hungarian. Peter plays Irish music on the accordion. Peter got a great reception at our St Patrick's Celebration at the Glendale Hilton in March when he played Irish music during the intervals.



Congratulations to:

Stephanie Graham and Joshua Morgan on the birth of their son, Quinn Ryland Morgan, on 19th December 2014. Proud grandpa is Daniel "Dan" Graham.

Barry and Sandy O'Dea on the birth of their daughter, Greta O'Dea.

The Columban Fathers on their appointment to St Hilary's in Pico Rivera on 1st July 2015. Best of luck to Fr Diego Cabrera as pastor and Father Peter Kenny, Father Gerry O'Shaughnessy and Father T.P.Reynolds in their new assignments.



Wait no more!!!! Our newest CD ~ TRICKS UP OUR SLEEVES ~ is finally here!!!

After nine months of hard labor, pushing and stretching ourselves as musicians and vocalists; we are happy to share 16 new tracks of musical goodness with you.

This CD includes 4 original songs written by different members of the band. Kevin wanted to show our appreciation for our dear friends and Kitchen Party hosts at the Original Renaissance Pleasure Faire, so he wrote "The Rose & Key Inn". This heartwarming song contains



little references to many of our dear friends that join us in the magic that is the Renaissance Faire. Kurt (We know ... the drummer actually wrote a song!?!?) took a bit history and tells the tale of “the Great Beer Flood”. The names and events are <mostly> true. Jeremy shares the story of his families’ struggles on their journey from Ireland to America in the poignant tale of “Antrim”. Jeremy, Kevin, Aya, & Kurt all collaborated in the tomfoolery found “At the Pub”.

In our new song “At the Pub”, as a special treat, we were joined in the studio by the renowned musical group, the Knot-In-My-Right-Mind choir. The choir can be heard singing exquisite back-up vocals. We are forever in their debt. Our new CD can be purchased wherever Tricks are found. For those who can’t wait, you can also download the CD from our website (www.sportivetricks.com), or at CDBaby as well as traditional on-line distributors (iTunes or Amazon).



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Noreen Frances Carpenter was born on 26th August 1958 in Lewisham Hospital, London and passed away on 31st March 2015 in Chino Hills, California She, like her parents before her, supported Irish functions including the Irish Radio Hour. Noreen was predeceased by her dad, Francis Devine from Belturbet on 14th October 2008; and her mother, Mary Francis Moyna Devine from Scotstown, Co Monaghan on 3rd April 2005. Noreen is survived by: her daughter Tara Frances Carpenter; her three brothers Nigel Devine, Norman (Debbie) Devine and Neil (Mandy) Devine; and her longtime partner Jamey Giraldi. Noreen Frances Carpenter’s burial took place in Scotstown, Co Monaghan.

Margaret Celine McClenaghan Kyle was born in Derry City 19th September 1927 and passed away in Long Beach on 29th May 2015. Celine grew up in the troubled times of World War II. Traditional Irish dancing took their minds off the war that was so close they could hear it. A dancing competition put Celine and Jerry Kyle together on the same team. Six months later, in 1943, they were married on the birthday they both shared - September 19th. Two children were born in Ireland, Terence and Geraldine.



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Jerry came to America in 1948, and Celine and her two children followed a few months later in January 1949. They lived in New York for a few years before moving to Long Beach in 1952, where Brian and Kathleen were born. Jerry ran a dairy in Seal Beach. He and Celine made their home in Old Town in 1959. When Jerry's heart condition forced him to slow down, he and Celine went into early retirement. Mexico became a second home to Celine and her family and it provided a home away from home for them for much of the year, and a wonderful gathering place for the entire family. Jerry passed away in May 2002. Celine died on Friday, May 29th, at 8 a.m., surrounded by her devoted family. She also leaves behind a wonderful daughter-in-law, Shirley Kyle, and two sons-in-law, Tony McWeeney and Mike Keane, in addition to eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Peter Joseph Glenane was born on a farm in Bawnmore, Claregalway, Co Galway on 11th May 1933 and passed away in Laguna Woods on 7th June 2015.

Peter was the oldest of 12 children, ten of whom are still living., He immigrated to Montreal, Canada where he joined the GAA and met people like Brendan Mc Coy, Joe Conroy, The McErlaine brothers etc. He met Mary Mac Donald, a Scot in 1954 and they were married in 1957 and moved to California in 1958. Next month would have been their 58th Anniversary. Peter is survived by his wife Mary; daughter Cheryl; two sons, Peter (wife Amy) and Ronald (wife Susan); Eight grandchildren Emma, Aidan and Maeve are Ronald's & Susan's children and Liam, Declan, Maire, Ciaran, and Darcy are Peter & Amy's.

His love of Ireland knew no bounds and when he was taking his last breaths with the three children and Mary holding his hands in the background the music playing was "A Nation Once Again" The family know Peter was happy with that.

Peter will be remembered for his unaffected kindness and his honest sincerity. His passing is an irreparable loss not alone to Mary and the family but all the countless people who knew him. He enriched his community and whether we know it or not, all of us are better off for having been touched by his wise and benevolent influence.





The city of Downey bears the name of John Gately Downey at thirty two the governor of California (1860-1862) and the first Irish-born chief executive of any state in the Union. When Downey, a native of Castlesampson, Co Roscommon came to America he settled in Maryland where his two half-sisters operated a female academy. For a while he attended a Latin school under the tutelage of a Mr Cochran. He later turned his attention to learning about pharmacy from John Callan in Washington D.C. He soon became a journeyman pharmacist.

En route to the West Coast, John Downey was employed in a drug store in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He finally arrived in San Francisco after an eighty nine day journey from New Orleans by way of Panama. The Irishman was forced to sell his gold watch in order to pay his way to the mines. After a stint in the mines he returned to San Francisco virtually penniless. By chance he saw a newspaper article advertising a consignment of drugs in San Pedro waiting for a buyer. With an investor, John Downey bought the drugs at 24 per cent less than the original cost and opened the first pharmacy in Los Angeles. (The only such shop between San Francisco and San Diego).

Some years later John Downey got involved in politics. In 1859 he was nominated for lieutenant Governor and won. The Governor resigned after only one week in office to take the Senate seat vacated by the death of David Broderick. As Chief Executive, John Downey faced several challenges and opportunities. First of all he eliminated the \$4 million debt which he had inherited from the previous administration.

Although a Democrat, he supported President Lincoln's war effort and guaranteed Californian's loyalty to the Union. He helped finance a trip to Europe by the Hungarian winemaker Agoston Haraszthy to obtain the cuttings that would respond to the climate and soil conditions in northern California.

It was during Governor Downey's tenure that a permanent site for the capital buildings in Sacramento was finally selected.

Following his two year term, Downey devoted himself to various commercial and real estate ventures. He was particularly keen to develop the Santa Gertrudes Rancho in the San Gabriel Valley.

Downey donated land worth \$1 million toward the creation of a Methodist college known as the University of Southern California



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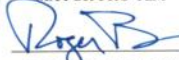
GIVEN THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2015




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FERNANDO VASQUEZ
COUNCIL MEMBER


ROGER C. BROSSMER
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SEAN ASHTON
COUNCIL MEMBER

(The Irish Center of Southern California donated \$1000.00 to help cover the costs of this event.)



LOS ANGELES CELEBRATES THE LAUNCH OF ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES DIRECT FLIGHT TO EAST AFRICA

06/21/2015 – More than 400 friends of Ethiopian Airlines and dignitaries in Los Angeles, celebrated the launch of Ethiopian Airlines' newest service Saturday evening, June 20th, at the Ray Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. An evening filled with good food, drink and entertainment heralded the only direct flight to Addis Ababa and the shortest flying time to East Africa from Los Angeles with connections to 52 destinations throughout Africa. In addition, with a stop in Dublin, Ireland, it is the only non-stop flight between Los Angeles and Dublin.

In attendance to kick off the new service in high style and adding significance to this coveted event was Te-wolde GebreMariam, CEO of Ethiopian Airlines; official Los Angeles delegates; the Ambassador of Ireland; and other dignitaries from all three countries.

There were many highlights during the evening with performing artists from both Ethiopia and Ireland, and greetings from special guests, emceed by the well-known TV host Joseph Rosendo of *Joseph Rosendo's Travel-scope*. Speakers included Mr. GebreMariam; Ambassador Zerihun Retta, Consul General of Ethiopia in the US; Ambassador of Ethiopia to the US H. E. Girma Birru; Niall Gibbons, CEO of Tourism Ireland; Samson Mengistu, Deputy Executive Director Administration of Los Angeles World Airports. Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles greeted the audience from a video message.

Noted chef Wolfgang Puck catered the event and he was a guest accompanied by his Ethiopian-born wife, Gelila. At drawings throughout the evening, four fortunate individuals received a complimentary trip to Ethiopia on Ethiopian Airlines. Happy guests departed with gift bags filled with a model Boeing Dreamliner, pens from Boeing, luggage tags courtesy of Discover Los Angeles, miniature bottles of Pernod-Ricard's Jameson Irish Whiskey and half pound bags of Keffa Ethiopian Coffee. Preceding the gala, media from the Los Angeles area were invited to a press conference at the Ray Dolby theatre.

LAX marked the arrival of Flight 504 on the morning of June 20th, with a separate celebration at the airport. The plane was saluted by fire trucks with flashing lights driven out to meet the arriving plane.

A reception, with food and beverage, followed at the airline's designated gate in the Tom Bradley International Terminal, featuring cultural dancers of both Ethiopia and Ireland. The highlight was a ribbon-cutting ceremony executed by the Ethiopian Airlines CEO, Tewolde GebreMariam, and Eric Eide, Director of International Trade for the city of Los Angeles. Brief speeches were followed by cake cutting and a champagne toast. Irish and Ethiopian musicians accompanied guests as they departed the airport.

The three-times-a-week flights stand to be very popular with Ethiopians living in the Los Angeles area as well as other international travelers going to Ethiopia for leisure or business or who wish to spend time in Ireland. The Dreamliner is known for being quieter in the cabin, is equipped with a state-of-the-art entertainment system, and spacious lie-flat seats in Business Class.

For more information or booking, visit www.ethiopianairlines.com



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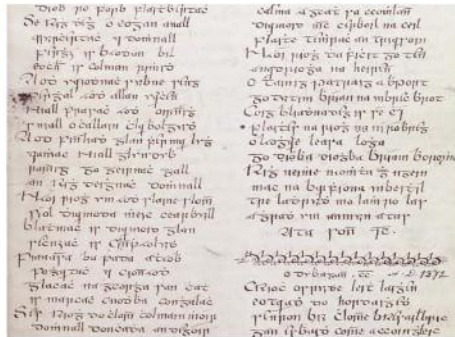
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Taoiseach Enda Kenny congratulating Team Ireland 2014.
World Championships Of Performing Arts - Long Beach

10th July to the 18th July

Parade---Boardwalk along the water front near the Nautilus Stage in downtown Long Beach. (Free)
Worldstar Village--in front of the Long Beach Performing Arts Center in downtown Long Beach (Free)
Finale competition---Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

Tickets: ticketmaster.com/world-championships-of-performing-arts-long...

To see Team Ireland 2015 go to "wcopa" and scroll down to teams participating and look for Ireland.


To the best of our knowledge the information provided in this newsletter is correct but please check to finalize event dates etc.