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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 new mailing address is Post Office Box 901, La Canada, CA 91011.

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)

TO VIEW THE NEWSLETTER AND latest Irish News in So. California don't wait for an e-mail, please visit the website at:
www.irishcenter.org

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **June 2, 2019**, 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) Tuesday, **June 4, 2019**, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL (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 organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

See page 10 for Wild Geese events for 2019

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BINGO every Tuesday at 6.30 pm in St. Eleanor Hall, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 143 N. 5th Street, Burbank. CA 91501. Info: 818 846 3443.

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

ACCORDIONAIRES – Enjoy Accordion Music at Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Blvd., No. Hollywood, CA 91606 (Vineland/Victory) on the third Tuesday of the month. **(June 18, 2019)**

KEN O'MALLEY

events calendar: <https://kenomalley.com/shows>

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 7 p.m. **(check the schedule)**

View Irish news in North America:

The Celtic Connection

http://celtic-connection.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/celtic_sept_18_1.pdf

NOTICE

FUNERAL arrangements for Paddy Culligan at Holy Name of Mary, San Dimas on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Rest in Peace: Nuala Wilders, (sister of Tom McConville), age 94, a resident of Norfolk, England who passed away in April 2019. Condolences to sons Fergus and Brendan and the McConville family.



Located in the Lake District in England see pg.10 for more information.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN

DANCE ON Saturday, June 15, 2019 at

St. Hilary Parish Hall, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Details on page 7 of this newsletter.



Letters to the Editor

From: Matthew Nevin
matthew@ciacla.com

Hi Bridget

I am wondering if you would like to support CIACLA's activities and sign up to become a [Member](#)? After eight years of curating exhibitions in LA, I am delighted to have the opportunity to launch CIACLA's [Membership](#). We need the support of local friends, advocates, patrons, benefactors, supporters, companies, organisations, politicians - everyone - to donate to help build on the sustainability of CIACLA.

Please share this email with your network, every donation helps our artists and program :)

By building on our membership we will together be able to contribute to the growth and longevity of CIACLA. Together we can build the center into a crucial resource for the local diaspora, local communities and a whole new audience! Each tax deductible donation will contribute to the only center of its kind on the west coast of USA.

CIACLA Members' donations help directly with sustainability, operation, artists fees/materials and programming costs. Your support enables us to provide a creative platform which supports artists through creative innovation and a compelling arts program.

CIACLA is a California Nonprofit Corporation with IRS 501(c)3 approval. So your donation is tax deductible!

Members have access to Priority Booking, VIP Donor Showcases & Events, Exclusive Offers and much more! Starting at \$75 :)

Check out www.ciacla.com/support to donate and sign up and donate now :)

Irish Immersion Weekend

A chairde,

It's that time of year.

Please spread the word far and wide about our Irish Immersion Weekend.

Just 2 weeks to go and we want to make sure everyone knows about this great opportunity in LA to learn from native teachers in a new cool venue.

If you have already spread the word, go raibh maith agaibh. If you have already signed up, feicfidh mé ann sibh.

Craic go leor in store.

Here is the link for information <https://lagaeilge.wordpress.com/> and our lovely image from Lindy in the attachment.

Le meas,

Caitriona

FROM: Caitriona Weafer

DATE: May 19, 2019

Here's some links to help you learn Irish with listening.

Link for stories which is great if you have these books.

<https://soundcloud.com/rnl/sets/leabhar-do-phaist>

<https://soundcloud.com/forasnagaeilge/sets/an-gum-1>

Now you're talking and more <https://thegeekygaeilgeoir.wordpress.com/tag/now-youre-talking/>

Caitriona



SAFE HOME IRELAND
EMIGRANT SUPPORT SERVICE

(Submitted by Olivia Tracey who is acting as Ambassador in California for Safe Home Ireland)



Safe Home Ireland (Safe Home) is a Co. Mayo based not-for-profit national organisation with a global remit. We were set up in 2000 to facilitate the desire for elderly Irish emigrants abroad to return home to live in their native area. Over the years, the organisation has evolved from simply providing a housing option for older Irish born emigrants. We now provide a range of other services including information and guidance to all emigrants abroad and outreach and advocacy support to those who return home regardless of age, circumstances or geographical relocation on return.

Safe Home is staffed by a CEO, a Coordinator and two Outreach & Advocacy Officers. Our central office is located in Mulranny, Co. Mayo and our outreach offices are located in Kerry and Galway. We are core funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Emigrant Support Programme.

Emigration is an intrinsic part of Irish life and has directly and indirectly affected every family and community throughout Ireland. No country has been as affected by emigration over the past two centuries as has Ireland. Approximately 10 million people have emigrated from Ireland since 1,800 and current estimates indicate that there are up to 70 million people who claim Irish heritage worldwide. The Irish diaspora is diverse and comprises people of different interests, different beliefs and different reasons for living outside Ireland. What is common with most is the desire to 'stay connected' with Ireland and for many others is the desire to 'come home' at some point in the future.

While the process of returning home (to Ireland) can be straightforward in some cases, particularly for people who have lived overseas for no more than a few years, others can face more challenging decisions when factors such as age, family circumstances, health condition, housing and income become factors to contemplate. The decision to 'stay or go' can then become more complex with multiple factors and people to consider and Safe Home Ireland can assist people in the process.

Safe Home Ireland offer an **information and advocacy service** to anyone (regardless of age, geographical location or circumstances) who may be contemplating returning or moving to Ireland. While we do not manage or build any properties of our own, we can assist **qualifying older Irish born emigrants** to return home, primarily to social housing schemes back in their native areas. We work in conjunction with

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Local Authorities and Housing Associations who provide housing for our qualifying applicants throughout Ireland

As part of our outreach work we can carry out **home visits and information clinics**. This is restricted to the UK only due to limited resources. We have recently partnered with the US based, County Mayo Foundation, who are working with us to enable us to reach out to US based emigrants who are considering moving home to their native areas.

We provide an **outreach and advocacy service** to people who **have returned home** (regardless of age, geographical location or circumstances) and who need assistance with general adaptation and re-integration in Ireland. This could include assistance with paperwork involved in applying for services, accessing rights as well as signposting on to other relevant services that may be of assistance.

Finally, Safe Home Ireland **acts as a link** with home for emigrants who decide to remain on in their adopted countries. We do this primarily through our monthly Newsletter, which is disseminated widely as well as through the various social media platforms. We realise that 'Coming Home' is not for everyone but we know that staying connected with Ireland is particularly important for most emigrants.

The most important message we would like to get across to anyone considering returning or moving to Ireland is to 'do your homework first', plan your move well in advance, get as much information as possible and be prepared for the emotional challenges involved in returning home. This is particularly important if you have lived abroad for a long time or if you were not born in Ireland. Finally we suggest you treat the return as a new emigration experience, allow enough time to settle back in and most importantly enjoy the new experience of reconnecting with the Irish life style.

Since our inception in 2000, Safe Home Ireland has supported almost 2,000 older Irish born people return 'home' to live. Our applicants have come from all corners of the globe and to all 26 counties. For the majority, their return was a positive lifelong dream and could not have been fulfilled without the intervention and support of Safe Home.

If you or someone you know is thinking about returning or moving to Ireland you can get in touch by email at info@safehomeireland.com; by phone +353 96 36036 or by post: Safe Home Ireland, St. Brendan's Village, Mulranny, Westport, Co. Mayo. Also, check out our website www.safehomeireland.com and you can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Additional Notes

- Safe Home Ireland is a national organisation with international remit. We were set up in 2000 to facilitate the desire for elderly Irish emigrants abroad to return home to live in their native area. Over the years, Safe Home has evolved from simply providing a housing option for older Irish born emigrants. We now provide a range of other services including information and advice to all emigrants abroad (regardless of age/circumstances) and outreach and advocacy support to those who return home.
- Our **Vision** is to ensure that anyone considering of returning or moving to Ireland is given every opportunity to make an informed decision'

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- Our **Mission** is to act as the link for Irish emigrants both at home and abroad by providing advice, information, guidance and supports for those seeking permanent repatriation, as well as those who chose to stay in their adopted country.
- To apply for **housing** through Safe Home, applicants must be: (a) Irish born emigrants living abroad (b) aged 57 years or older (c) capable of independent living (d) living in rented accommodation abroad and unable to provide accommodation for themselves out of their own resources on their return to Ireland.

My Contact Details; Company/Charity Numbers and link to County Mayo Foundation

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Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Safehomeireland>
Charity No: 20049119; Company No: 351678

Link to County Mayo Foundation: <https://countymayofoundation.org/safe-home-ireland/>

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. COLUMBAN

2019 DANCING FOR THE WORLD celebrates ..

The year of the “Extraordinary Missionary Month & Year of the Founding of Columban Region USA”

Come and enjoy Dance night on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at St. Hilary Parish Hall

5465 South Citronell Drive, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Cocktails starts at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner (6-8 p.m. ONLY) and dance till 2 a.m.

Beautiful dance music shall be provided by the Boyd’s and catered food by Lorna’s Cuisine.

All donations shall go to the Columban Missionaries serving around the world. For more information, Please call :

Carmencita Enriquez (213) 880-5075 or
Ellen Gabriel (626) 274-5191
Mary Dempsey (626)484-6215
Tickets: \$40.00

Drawing of raffle tickets include:
First Prize: Alaskan Cruise for two
Second Prize: Flat Screen TV
Third Prize: \$200 cash w/large duffle bag w/wheels.

Consolation Prizes: Knott’s Berry Farm tickets

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**Popular Musical Ensemble Scott Bradlee's Postmodern
Jukebox Returns to Segerstrom Center with**

Welcome to the Twenties 2.0 World Tour



June 15, 2019

Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall

Segerstrom Center for the Arts announces the return of popular musical ensemble **Postmodern Jukebox** on Saturday, June 15, 2019 in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall as part of its ***Welcome to the Twenties 2.0 World Tour***. Their new tour is meant to prepare the world for a new decade – one that creator Scott Bradlee hopes will see a return to the style and craftsmanship that typified the music of past generations. “Last time around the 'Twenties gave us Jazz, America's one true art form,” says Bradlee, “Who knows what is possible in the 2020s?” Originally a YouTube sensation, the famed time-twisting musical collective has continued to find new ways to put Bradlee's trademark vintage twist on modern pop hits. Since its inception, the project has come to shine playing hundreds of shows to sold-out houses across the globe, from intimate standing-room gigs to large-scale, theatrical extravaganzas.

Tickets for Postmodern Jukebox start at \$39 and go on sale Sunday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m. and will be available online at SCFTA.org, at the Box Office at 600 Town Center Drive in Costa Mesa or by calling (714) 556-2787. For inquiries about group ticket savings for 10 or more, please call the Group Services office at (714) 755-0236. A limited number of VIP ticket packages are available for this show.

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New Shop Hours

Many of you have asked about evening hours for the shop.

We are shifting our schedule to accommodate those who can't make it in before our usual closing time at 6pm.

As of today, we have new posted hours.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday..3pm to 8pm

Thursday, Friday and Saturday..11am to 6pm
Sunday..12pm to 4pm

Traditional Music Session

The first and third THURSDAY night beginning at 8 pm.

All are welcomed to participate by playing, dancing or just enjoying the music. Admission is **FREE** and open to all members of Clan Craic and their guests

Stop by any first and third THURSDAY night OF THE MONTH.! Cold frothy refreshments are always available.

Welcome to the Clan! We have created a non-profit, cultural wing that will be known as

Clan Craic

It will host all our events as private function fundraisers. This will allow us to offer food and beverages to our "members" in the least complicated way.

Only our patrons that are on our email list will be allowed to attend and partake of the concerts, live theater, classes, music sessions, readings, televised sporting events and refreshments available.

There is no cost to join, **you don't have to do anything**, your email is your membership pass to Clan Craic. If you know anyone that would like to join the Clan, have them stop by the shop or just email us at

joinclanraic@gmail.com.

The Wren Theater *Hollywood's Biggest Small Theater*, a performance space that can seat up to 40 people has been added to the

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Hollywood California 90038
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BRIDGE OF TEARS Co. Donegal



From Dunfanaghy, there is an attractive little stone bridge, which most people pass over nowadays, without a second thought. But if you look more carefully, and pay attention to the nearby plaque, your curiosity may be raised somewhat. The plaque is written in Irish, and a rough translation into English would be, "Friends and relatives of the person emigrating would come this far. Here they parted. This is the Bridge of Tears".

Long before the building of the railway, or modern roads, this was the most common route leading from this area, to Derry, and hence to the ships which would take them

to England, Scotland, Australia and America. The relatives of those emigrating would accompany them along the long walk up towards Muckish Gap, and here their Goodbyes would be said. There was no "See you soon"s or "Catch you later"s. The departure was treated like a death, for they would never be seen again. Crossing The Bridge had a finality for those who left, and for those who were left behind. And many tears were shed in this lonesome and beautiful place.

A simple plaque in stone beside the bridge reads:

**"Fad leis seo a thagadh cairde agus lucht gaoil an té a bhí ag imeacht chun na coigrithe.
B'anseo an scaradh. Seo Droichead na nDeor".**

("Family and friends of the person leaving for foreign lands would come this far. Here was the separation. This is the Bridge of Tears".)

The Bridge inspired Percy French to write one of his most famous songs "The Irish Mother", and inspired Clannad's beautiful "The Bridge of Tears".

(facebook post 2019)

A few doors away to the cottage on page 2 is Dove Cottage a house on the edge of [Grasmere](#) in the [Lake District](#) of England. It is best known as the home of the poet [William Wordsworth](#) and his sister [Dorothy Wordsworth](#) from December 1799 to May 1808, where they spent over eight years of "plain living, but high thinking". During this period, William wrote much of the poetry for which he is remembered today, including his "[Ode: Intimations of Immortality](#)", "[Ode to Duty](#)", "[My Heart Leaps Up](#)" and "[I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud](#)", together with parts of his autobiographical epic, [The Prelude](#).

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Overview of all Wild Geese Events – 2019

Last Updated: Sunday May 19th 2019

**Please note dates, locations and times are subject to change. Check social media for more up to date information.*

**Club training days subject to change but are tentatively every Saturday Morning when no game is scheduled and Thursday nights prior to any games that weekend.*

May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd – Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 24th - 27th – West Coast 7s 	June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Youth Day • 6th – Training – Edison – 8pm • 8th – Southland Cup #1 Vs Cougars – Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (2 x Men’s Games, No Ladies Game) • 15th + 16th - Irish Fair Irvine • 29th - Hurling Vs San Fran – Away • 29th – Football Training – 9am - Edison
July <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th - Hurling Vs San Fran – Away • 13th - Football Training – 9am - Edison • 18th - Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 20th - SoCal Cup Vs San Diego – Away (1 x Men’s Game - TBD, 1 x Ladies Game) • 25th - Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 27th - Southland Cup #2 Vs Cougars – Away (2 x Men’s Games, 1 x Ladies Game) 	
August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 3rd - SoCal Cup Vs San Diego – Home (1 x Men’s Game – TBD, 1 x Ladies Game) • 3rd - Hurling Vs San Fran – Away - Finals – TBD • 8th - Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 10th - Southland Cup #3 Vs Cougars – Home (2 x Men’s Games, 1 x Ladies Game) • 15th - Training – Edison – 7:30pm • 17th – Training – Edison – 9am • 23rd - 25th – Nationals – Virginia (1 x Men’s Team, 1 x Men’s Hurling Team) 	
October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual 5k – TBD 	September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st – Annual Golf Tournament • 28th - Annual Catalina Trip
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 	December <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th – AGM • 7th - Annual Christmas Party

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See and hear Frank Petrilli (accordion) and his gypsy jazz combo, "*Swing Ambiance*". Buckle up for a great set of lively gypsy jazz style music that is taking the clubscene by storm. **First Wednesday of the month** @ 9:30 p.m. at Ireland's 32. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgJHOHJzOE&feature=youtu.be>



Nathan Carter with Bridget Hana, Mary Sullivan, Ina Quigley and Mary Dempsey at the Wilshire Ebell Theater concert on May 22, 2019.

WHAT A
GREAT
SHOW!!!!

Celebrate Bloomsday with Joe Praml at the Palms-Rancho Park Library! Joe Praml will read selections from two episodes of James Joyce's *Ulysses*: Episode 9, *Scylla and Charybdis*, and Episode 12, *Cyclops*, and emphasize the theme of father and son. Stephen Dedalus and Leopold Bloom are outsiders, fighting for their honor and position. In *Scylla and Charybdis*, Stephen Dedalus is with some of Dublin's literati at the National Library. He gives his take on Hamlet and Shakespeare. In *Cyclops*, Leopold Bloom is up against The Citizen, the bigoted bully at Barney Kiernan's pub. He escapes The Citizen's wrath on Elijah's chariot.

Saturday, June 22, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Palms-Rancho Park Branch Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064; tel: (310) 840-2142. Free parking. <http://www.joepraml.com>

A Bloomsday Reading 2019
Selections From
James Joyce's ULYSSES
Read by Joe Praml

**Episode 9,
Scylla and
Charybdis**
A challenged Stephen
Dedalus and his
theory on Hamlet
and Shakespeare at
the National Library



James Joyce as a Young Man

Episode 12, Cyclops
Leopold Bloom in a
free-for-all at
Barney Kiernan's
pub. He flees the
wrath of the
bigoted bully Citizen
in Elijah's chariot

Saturday, June 22, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Los Angeles, CA 90064
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For ADA accommodations call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hrs in advance