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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](mailto: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](http://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)

### MONTHLY EVENTS

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA** “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) 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. Order what you want – a cup of coffee to full breakfast or lunch – and pay separately. **JUNE MEETING CANCELED**

**FRIENDS OF IRELAND** Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, at 9:00 a.m. at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP (Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365) pbeireanua@att.net CA. **JUNE MEETING CANCELED**

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, 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.” **CHECK W/ SR ALICIA**

**DRAWING FOR TRIP TO IRELAND FOR TWO OR \$2,000**

**The Drawing for the Trip to Ireland for two, or \$2,000, will be held at a public event later in the year.**

**An announcement will be distributed regarding the event.**

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**BINGO** every  
Tuesday at 6.30  
p.m. in St. Robert  
Bellarmine Church,

143 N. 5th Street, Burbank. CA 91501.

Info: 818 846 3443. Check the schedule.

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

## ENJOY

**FACEBOOK CONCERTS BY YOUR  
FAVORITE IRISH ARTISTS**  
On their facebook page

**Andy Cooney** Live Concert Monday night  
from 7-8PM New York time! It will happen on  
Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.:

<http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/>

**Patrick D'Arcy**

**John Whelan**, Irish Button Accordion  
(facebook Mondays)

**Ken O'Malley**, facebook Sundays at 2 p.m. .

<http://kenomalley.com>

**John McKenna**, Accordion

**Terry Casey** (The Fenians)

**Dennis McNeil**, facebook  
and others

You can support your favorite  
musicians/artists' online facebook  
concerts. Remember that they lost their  
March, April AND May income due to the  
Coronavirus.

## KEN O'MALLEY



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

### WEBSITE:

The home page <http://kenomalley.com> shows all  
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<https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic>

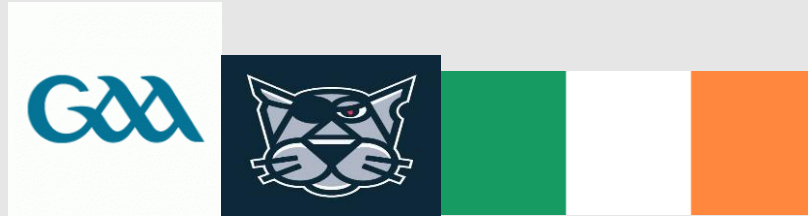
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More great online events coming  
our way!

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# LA Cougars GAA Irish Community COVID-19 Support



With a relatively young, fit and healthy community, the Cougars are in a privileged position of being at low risk to COVID-19. In line with the GAA's and our own club's culture, we are committed to being a force for good during this extraordinary (and stressful) time!

If you are a vulnerable member of the Irish in LA community, Cougars GAA is here for you! With members spread out all over Los Angeles, we will work to match anyone who needs help with one of our volunteer members who can support you.





We can:

- Do grocery runs for you helping you stay safely isolated at home
- Pick up any prescriptions and run other essential errands
- Make a socially distant visit to your home just to give you some company
- Help you connect with family back in Ireland via video technology
- Connect you with other Irish community members for more social support

And we'll consider helping in other ways just let us know!

## How to Contact Us:

(Make sure to tell us your name, contact info, what you need and whereabouts in LA you're located!)

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## REST IN PEACE

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOUGLAS H. DEEMS JOIN US IN HIS FIGHT AGAINST MULTIPLE MYELOMA



[Maeve, Debbie, Kathleen, Doug, \(RIP\), and Rory](#)

Our beloved Doug passed away on May 14, 2020. His bout with cancer was guided by the brilliance and kindness of Dr. Stephen J. Forman, and City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles. Doug's final wish was that donations made in his name go to support [Dr. Forman's Immunotherapy Research Program](#) for the treatment of Multiple Myeloma, the disease which took his life.

Multiple myeloma is the second most common blood cancer diagnosis. It is estimated that 12,830 deaths from this disease will occur this year. Dr. Forman's active research program at City of Hope is on the verge of developing an immunotherapy treatment for patients suffering as Doug did. [Your donations will go DIRECTLY to that research and will contribute to the perpetual memory of Doug!](#) Thank You.

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## **From Kathleen Deems, on behalf of the Family of Doug Deems**

My Dad was a lifelong Angeleno.

He was an altar boy at Our Lady of Peace in Sepulveda, a Saint Genevieve's High School "Valiant."

Dad and Mom met at Saint Gen's when they were 14, and were not to meet again until the late 80s. He was voted "most likely to succeed" by his fellow students as a senior and carried the title only about a thirty minute drive to Occidental College ("Oxy") the following year.

At Oxy, Dad played football and studied economics - and reveled in the pranks of his older brother Dan and his fraternity. Dad was a prankster, too. As the youngest of six, he was the family's memory and comic relief-ventriloquist: constantly regaling us with stories from the past with the same enthusiasm that he performed Nixon and Daffy Duck impersonations since the age of 8.

During his Junior Year at Oxy, Dad studied for a semester at American University in DC.

After Oxy, Dad went on to pursue law at UC Hastings where, just as he had at every other stage of his life, he made lifelong friendships. That was Dad: he was a nexus between people, generating the energy and life of the party that suffused rooms full of strangers with the sense that they had known each other for years. He had a memory like the stratum of soil that preserves a pristine archeological site, each layer with its own significance and texture.

After Law School, Dad re-met Mom. A loving 33 year relationship marked by three children, seven dogs, two rabbits, one cat, and an open-door policy towards goldfish. Dad practiced Law and accumulated an even greater network of friends during his time at Peterson Ross, Pillsbury Madison & Sutro, and Arthur Andersen. Collaborating with some of his colleagues from Arthur Andersen, Dad went on to be a co-founder of The Claro Group in 2005.

Dad loved the Dodgers and didn't miss opening day for 33 years, accompanied by the same group of boys. My sister Maeve said, "He was an amazing father: he never let the Myeloma get him down. He went to every Dodger game, even in the worst shape—a true Angeleno." He always went to spring training in Arizona and claimed to know the best shortcuts through Elysian Park.

Though the Dodgers were his team, he developed a love for Hockey during the Kings' heyday as Stanley Cup victors in 2012. He was a season ticket holder at both the Staples Center and Dodger Stadium, always excited to bring us along for the ride.

Dad's battle with cancer was progressive, but he never seemed sick nor was he willing to allow his diagnosis to alter his life. For nearly five years, he drove himself to treatment, worked, played poker with his friends, brought his children to Kings and Dodger games, traveled, carved the turkey on Thanksgiving, collected wine, edited our papers, ate blocks of cheddar by the light of the TV, celebrated birthdays, cried at graduations, and was always Dad. He was diagnosed May 1st, 2015 and passed away in the midst of family almost exactly five years later.

We will miss Dad for his kindness, his sense of humor, his perfect words.

Deborah McConville and Douglas Deems were married at San Fernando Mission Church followed by a reception at Holy Rosary hall in Sun Valley on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 1990.

[Please help us honor my Dad's life and legacy by donating to the innovative research of Dr. Stephen J. Forman](#), oncologist at City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dad's wish was for donations made in his name go to support Dr. Forman's Research Program for the treatment of Multiple Myeloma, the disease which took his life.

## Friends and Colleagues of Doug

*"Doug was the best of all of us. He was my best friend and like a brother to me. Through our formative high school years; meeting the President at Andrews Air Force Base; visiting NATO headquarters in Brussels--Doug was there for all the key moments in my life. I will miss him and hope to help honor his memory."*

**- Lt. Gen. Steven M. Shepro (retired)**

*"Doug was a key senior member of The Claro Group since its inception. His guidance as our General Counsel was invaluable as we grew from a small boutique company to a 100+ person professional services firm with offices in 5 cities. He always brought his thoughtful intellect, practical point of view and wonderful sense of humor to even our most complex issues. Doug will be sorely missed by everyone here at Claro, not only professionally, but even more so on a personal level. We were blessed to have him as our Partner, General Counsel and friend for the time he was with us."*

**- John Cadarette, Chairman of The Claro Group**

PLEASE DONATE IN HONOR OF DOUGLAS

<https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/give/286869/#!/donation/check-out>

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***Anne Henry*** who passed away in Enniskillen was the sister of Bridie McKenna. Anne was predeceased by her husband, John who was born in Edinburgh. Anne leaves a daughter, Sandra, and a son, Nigel.

Anne visited Patrick & Bridie McKennas in Covina several times and enjoyed every minute!

Anne, Your life was one of friendly deeds, Helping hands to others in need, Unselfish true and kind, These are the memories you left behind.



*Jack Smith*

*REST IN PEACE*





By Irish Echo Staff

***Paddy Noonan***, for years one of the most popular figures on the Irish American entertainment scene has died after a long illness aged 83.

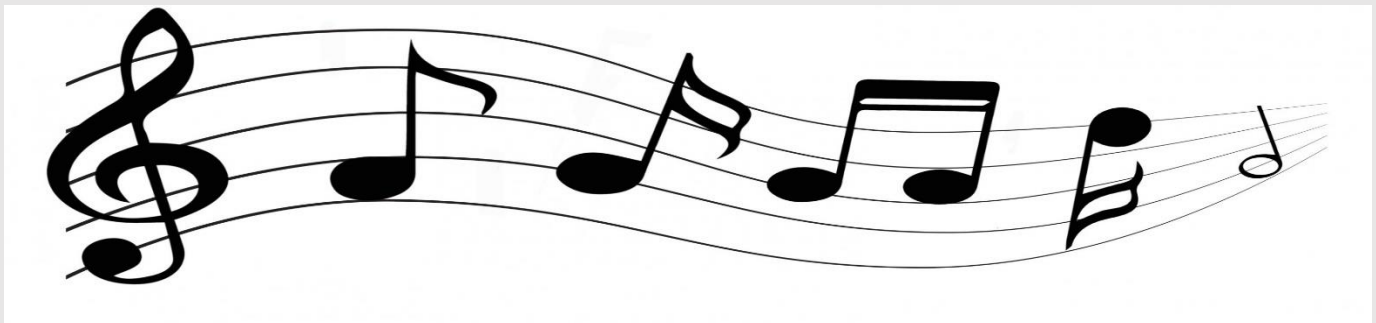
Noonan's passing was announced by his daughter, Sheila Noonan Gorham. IGTO TRISH

The Mallow, County Cork native was a New York City resident for most of his life but his musical work saw him criss-cross the United States. He was a star attraction on many Irish American ship cruises.

Sheila Noonan Gorham announced in a facebook posting: "It is with a heavy heart that I announce, after a long illness, the passing of our father Paddy Noonan.

"As his passing happens at such a strange and difficult time, and we will be unable to gather to send him off with the fanfare he so deserves....the music and song, the laughter and sharing of memories and stories of old, the held hands and warm, healing hugs, I wanted to take just a few moments of your time to share my thoughts on a man, a father, a friend and a life so beautifully lived."

Noonan, who is survived by his wife Margaret, three daughters and five grandchildren, would have celebrated his 84th birthday on May 5.



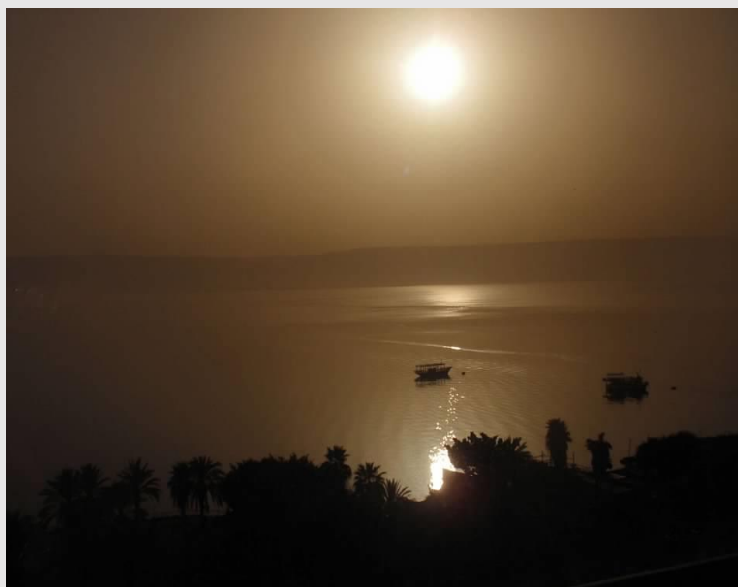
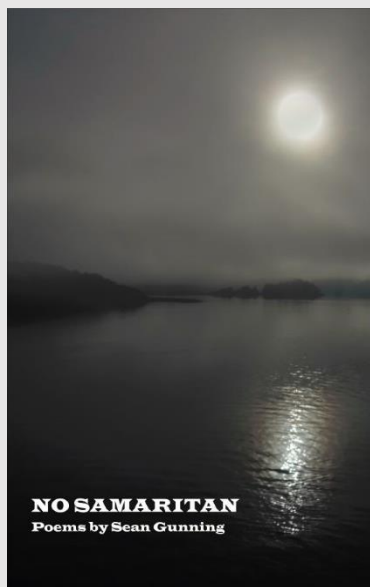


## Letting go

When I was a young and handsome lad  
 I was grabbed and whirled by tipsy Irish women  
 when the cassette tape in the Panasonic  
 played "Wild Rover" and "Wild Colonial Boy"  
 in a wallpapered room in West London  
 carpeted with men and women who believed in hard work,  
 family, Catholic mass, and justice;  
 and I learned about being a man  
 by accepting kisses on the cheek at the end of the night  
 from women named Bridie and Bernie and Kay;  
 by listening to the spirit that ran  
 through conversations flowing over and around each other  
 to the pop of cans of McEwan's pale ale opening like  
 hundreds of small explosions, and to the clink of glasses  
 filled with Babycham, Jameson, or Johnnie Walker;  
 by travelling back to an earlier time  
 when the room went quiet  
 and John Galvan sang "The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee"  
 in an untrained yet tender tenor;  
 by understanding sixty years after 1916,  
 four years after Bloody Sunday,  
 and only weeks after pub bombings  
 in Guildford and Birmingham,  
 that our little dining room,  
 beside our little kitchen,  
 was home this Saturday night  
 to men who cut sheet-metal and paved driveways,  
 and women who raised families on not much more than perseverance and selflessness;  
 was Church for the singing of patriotic songs  
 of freedom, loss, and pain;  
 was a kind of heaven,  
 where my generation first prayed theirs would one day find a way  
 to let go...  
 of the prejudices, grudges, and resentments  
 the hardest among them clung to,  
 on *both* sides of the Isle,  
 so we can build peace  
 and live in harmony...

so we can *all* be free.

The above poem is one of 49 in my book, **No Samaritan**, available at [www.seangunning.com](http://www.seangunning.com) for \$10. Mention "Irish Newsletter" and I'll pay the shipping (saves you \$3).



Also, I have a new book coming out soon called *The Best Present Ever: A Sinner's Guide to the Holy Land*. The publisher hasn't set a release date yet, or the price, but if you'd like to be added to the interest list, please email me at [seangunning1@verizon.net](mailto:seangunning1@verizon.net), or contact me on my web site and I'll email you when I'm ready to start taking orders. **50% of the sale proceeds will go to [Wells of Life](#)**. Thanks so much for your support!

### *The Best Present Ever: A Sinner's Guide to the Holy Land*

I didn't want to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land because I thought it would be hot and dry and boring, and I'd have to drag around on someone else's schedule with a group of serious religious types looking at one ancient shrine after another. *No, thanks*. This is what I told my wife every time she asked me to go with her and her parents. Then, a week before Christmas, in my usual state of panic over what to get her, I signed up, put the receipt in a box, and gave her the gift of myself.

Two months later, we joined a Dutch couple who owned a Catholic gift shop; a soft-spoken priest devoted to Mary, who had never been to the Holy Land before; some Americans; an opinionated teacher and her photog husband; two young Brazilians learning to be tour guides; and thirty Filipinos oblivious to the shopaholic stereotype, for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Decidedly non-preachy, *The Best Present Ever: A Sinner's Guide to the Holy Land*, lays bare the narrator's unfiltered thoughts and observations as the days and nights unfold. Readers experience the constant hawkers; an argument at the Shrine of the Nativity involving a Russian tour guide; a night-time lovers tiptoe across the rooftops of old Jerusalem; a disastrous three minutes at the Tomb of Jesus; a pilgrimage-ending confession described by the tour group priest as "a good one"; and an impromptu sojourn through the poverty-stricken Muslim District of Jerusalem that the narrator will never forget. The bus driver is Muslim, the tour guide is seriously Catholic, and the story is universal...*how do we all get along?*

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## CONGRATULATIONS



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Ms. Sheila Dempsey received her Masters from Cal State Northridge.

Sheila is the daughter of John and Mary Dempsey.



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Ms. Claire Siobhan McConville, received her B.S. Psychology and Music from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Claire is the daughter of Daniel & Nellie McConville.



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*CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED  
FROM HIGH SCHOOLS AND  
UNIVERSITIES  
In 2020*



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Newport Film Festival

**Marbrisa Rabadan** <[mrabadan@csu.fullerton.edu](mailto:mrabadan@csu.fullerton.edu)>

To: Bridget Hana

Wed, May 13 at 6:10 PM

Dear Bridget,

This is to let you know that we are wrapping up our semester and will be passing on this project to the next class. It's unfortunate that the event did not occur when it usually does and it slowed us down.

**As of now Newport Beach Film Festival is set to occur from August 6th - 13th 2020.** We continue to have communications with the Center of Disease Control and Prevention so if any changes occur they will be announced.

As of now I have left a note to the next team to send you a flyer by June or July so the event information can be announced on your newsletter.

Please also follow us on the main page of the Newport Film Festival on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) for immediate updates.

Best,

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Marbrisa "Bri" Rabadan  
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## **FINANCIAL FOCUS**

### Sticking to Budget Can Boost Your Emergency Fund

Article 9 – June 1, 2020

During the coronavirus pandemic, our health concerns – for ourselves and our loved ones – have been at the top of our minds. But financial worries have been there, too, both for people whose employment has been affected and for investors anxious about the volatile financial markets. And one aspect of every individual’s total financial picture has become quite clear – the importance of an emergency fund.

Even in normal times, it’s a good idea for you to keep three to six months’ worth of living expenses in a liquid, low-risk account. Having an emergency fund available can help you cope with those large, unexpected costs, such as a major car repair or a costly medical bill.

Furthermore, if you have an adequate emergency fund, you won’t have to dip into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs. These investment vehicles, such as your IRA and 401(k), are designed for your retirement, so the more you can leave them intact, the more assets you’re likely to have when you retire. And because they are intended for your retirement, they typically come with disincentives, including taxes and penalties, if you do tap into them early. (However, as part of the economic stimulus legislation known as the CARES Act, individuals can now take up to \$100,000 from their 401(k) plans and IRAs without paying the 10% penalty that typically applies to investors younger than 59½. If you take this type of withdrawal, you have up to three years to pay the taxes and, if you want, replace the funds, beyond the usual caps on annual contributions.

Of course, life is expensive, so it’s not always easy to put away money in a fund that you aren’t going to use for your normal cash flow. That’s why it’s so important to establish a budget and stick to it. When developing such a budget, you may find ways to cut down on your spending, freeing up money that could be used to build your emergency fund.

There are different ways to establish a budget, but they all typically involve identifying your income and expenses and separating your needs and wants. You can find various online budgeting tools to help you get started, but, ultimately, it’s up to you to make your budget work. Nonetheless, you may be pleasantly surprised at how painless it is to follow a budget. For example, if you’ve budgeted a certain amount for food each month, you’ll need to avoid going to the grocery store several times a week, just to pick up “a few things” – because it doesn’t really take that many visits for those few things to add up to hundreds of dollars. You’ll be much better off limiting your trips to the grocery, making a list of the items you’ll need and adhering to these lists. After doing this for a few months, see how much you’ve saved – it may be much more than you’d expect. Besides using these savings to strengthen your emergency fund, you could also deploy them toward longer-term investments designed to help you reach other objectives, such as retirement.

Saving money is always a good idea, and when you use your savings to build an emergency fund, you can help yourself prepare for the unexpected and make progress toward your long-term goals.

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