



WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation. Our tax ID is 95-4442397. We are a fundraising group with no “paid” staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi-purpose facility including theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc. The mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

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

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn’t have a computer we will send by U S Mail. Let us know. This goes to over 2800 email addresses.

We would like to thank those people who donated to the Irish Center to help pay expenses (including ink and postage for this newsletter) Kathleen Murphy (Racine. WI.)

Our Directors are discussing what we should do about people who send flyers and information about “their” function and when it is included in this newsletter not a word of thanks. Also it has been suggested that musical groups and book authors should send a sample of their work to us for our Silent Auction in March and for our monthly lunch—if possible. Let us know what you think, please.



Sunday. 1st November The Irish Center’s informal “get together luncheon” at the Angeles National Golf Club, 9401 Foothill Blvd., Sunland. Ca 91040. Phone 818 951 8771.

Lets meet at 12.45pm. Free parking & wheelchair access. The brunch includes salads, shrimp, beef, sausages, omelets etc, coffee or iced tea, dessert—a variety—tax & gratuity. All for \$25. Always fun, good food and good company.

Please call Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911 for reservations.

Tuesday. 3rd November 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. 8th November. 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).

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Aer Lingus is the National Flag Carrier Airline of Ireland. Aer Lingus flies non-stop from San Francisco to Dublin –departing at 5.30 pm and arriving in Dublin at 11.35 am.

GREAT NEWS : Starting next May, Aer Lingus will be flying nonstop from Los Angeles to Ireland five days a week

For all your travel arrangements ---especially Ireland, call Hannah at O'Callaghan Travel at 818 790 1111.



Readings by Joe Praml :

Saturday. November 28, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Joe Praml will do a solo reading of selections from Dylan Thomas' radio play for voices *Under Milk Wood*. Westwood Library, 1246 Glendon Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024; (310) 474-1739.

Saturday. December 5, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Joe Praml will read his adaptation/ translation of E.T.A. Hoffmann's *The Nutcracker and The Mouse King* -- No sugar plum fairies here but the original tale told by Hoffmann. Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049; (310) 575-8273.

Saturday. December 12, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Joe will read Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales* and other holiday poems by famous poets. Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, 501 S. Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291; tel (310) 821-1769.

Saturday. December 19, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Joe Praml will read his adaptation of E.T.A. Hoffmann's *The Nutcracker and The Mouse King*. Porter Ranch Branch Library, 11371 Tampa Avenue, Porter Ranch, CA 91326; (818) 360-5706.

Now through November 22, 2015, THE PASADENA PLAYHOUSE presents WORLD PREMIERE MUSICAL *BREAKING THROUGH*

Book by Kirsten Guenther. Music and Lyrics by Cliff Downs and Katie Kahanovitz
Choreographed by Tyce Diorio. Directed by Sheldon Epps
Featuring Alison Luff of Broadway's *Matilda* and *Wicked*!

BREAKING THROUGH is told through the eyes of a young, talented singer/songwriter, as she tries to navigate the treacherous shark-filled waters of the music business. She embarks on a compelling journey to find her way back to her authentic self and in the process rediscovers the music that truly makes her alive.

World Premiere Musical #BreakingThrough @PasPlayhouse w/ @AlisonLuff @ConstantineM
SAVE 20% w/ Code BT20 <http://ow.ly/SAPxG>

Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling 626-356-7529.

The Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena.



KCET Cinema Series.

KCET public television in Southern California hosted representatives from The Irish Center of Southern California at their Screening of 'Brooklyn,' on Tuesday, October 27.

'Brooklyn' is the touching story of Eilis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) a young Irish immigrant woman who is torn between her love for Ireland and her new life in America.

The film is directed by John Crowley from a screenplay by Nick Hornby based on the novel by Colm Tóibín.

The KCET Cinema Series is a quarterly film series featuring nine weeks of anticipated new films with exclusive, engaging dialogue with filmmakers & talent hosted by Deadline.com's Pete Hammond.

Learn more about 'Brooklyn' and the KCET Cinema Series at kcet.org/Cinema Series

Brooklyn will be released in Los Angeles at the Landmark Theaters on 4th November.



From Michael Barnes michaelbarnes@britishsocialnews.org

10th October 1818 Irish opera singer Catherine Hayes, who sang at La Scala in Milan, was born into abject poverty in Limerick.

10th October 1920 Ireland's Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney, dies in London's Brixton prison after 73 days on hunger strike.

10th October 1960 Irish environmental pioneer Harry Ferguson, aircraft designer, inventor of the Ferguson tractor, dies in Co. Down.

10th October 2002 Irish actor Richard Harris, starring roles in films "Camelot" to the "Harry Potter" series, dies of cancer in London.



January 24, 2016 in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall; tickets on sale now



One of the most prolific and admired American bands of all time, The Beach Boys created some of the most beloved, innovative and iconic songs in music history. The Beach Boys return to Orange County on January 24, 2016 in the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. Tickets for The Beach Boys start at \$49 and are now available online at SCFTA.org, at the Box Office at 600 Town Center Drive in Costa Mesa or by calling (714) 556-2787. The TTY number is (714) 556-2746.



Miscellaneous--check

<http://youtu.be/BMaTMC68yN4> Fight Me Prank #3 Tom Mabe

<http://www.thejournal.ie/coastline-photos-ireland-2392797-Oct2015/>

Golfers Alert : The next monthly Irish Golf Tournament is on Sunday, 6th December at Willowick Golf Course, 5th Street, Santa Ana. Green fee is \$40 with a cart, plus \$10 for prize money. Check in time is 10 am.

For further information call Kevin Niland at 562 799 0740.

My niece Jeri and her husband Ben live in Tehachapi. They were in Ireland last month on vacation. They did the usual tours. A few days before they were to return home they went from Dublin to Portadown by train to visit Mona Taggart. When they arrived in Portadown there were no cabs, when they tried the telephone it was out of order. They spoke to the lady clerk in the office. Kathleen Carville Hamill was "sorry" She offered to make the call for them. When she heard "Mona Taggart" Kathleen said she knew her well. She added I'm going on a break soon so I will drive you out to Mona's. (About 4 miles). She did. That will be etched on Jeri and Ben's memory. When they arrived back in the Valley it took them two days to get to Tehachapi because of floods, mud slides etc.

A week or so later I called Kathleen to thank her and to remind her that I worked with her father in the 1950's for her employer.

*From
St. Robert Bellarmine Church Bulletin*



In fact Halloween has Christian origins. In 835 Pope Gregory IV moved the commemoration of martyrs (later All Saints Day) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hollows Eve or "holy Evening," and eventually Halloweep. (November 2 became All

Souls Day.) Hundreds of years ago in Ireland, farmers prepared for the All Saints Day and All Souls Day the night before by going door-to-door collecting food and goods for a village feast and bonfire. Those who contributed were promised prosperity; those who didn't received threats of bad luck. The Irish Catholics who immigrated in the 1800s brought this practice of trick-or-treating with them. Halloween can be a good chance to focus on the three holidays as celebrations of the communion of Saints. It's a time to remember the believers who have gone to Heaven before us and the hope we have of joining them.



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MEAN MACHINE Productions
and **Georganne Aldrich Heller**
in Association with Theatre Banshee
Presents



Written by Dermot Davis
Featuring **Elizabeth Lande & Johnny O'Callaghan**
Directed By Tim Byron Owen

Runs through November 22, 2015
Thursday, Friday & Saturday at 8 PM, Sunday at 3 PM
General admission tickets are \$20
Available online at
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or by calling (800) 838-3006

THEATRE BANSHEE
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Luke Wadding: You may never have heard of him, but we owe him a deep debt of gratitude. Luke Wadding is the man we can all thank, praise, or blame for making St. Patrick's Day the day it is. Wadding, a Co. Waterford native born in October 1558, was a Franciscan priest ordained in 1607 and sent as chaplain to Rome in 1618.

Once there, he soon began raising funds for an Irish college for clerical students studying for the priesthood. He had accumulated great power in Rome and succeeded in his quest, opening the college in 1625. Wadding acted as head of the Irish College for decades after.

A fierce Irish nationalist, he had no time at all for the English and their occupation of Ireland. He strongly supported the Irish Catholic uprising in the war of 1641, and his college became a hotbed of opposition to the English. Wadding sent soldiers and arms to Ireland, and persuaded Pope Innocent X to send Archbishop Giovanni Rinuccini there as his representative.

Rinuccini went to Ireland with a huge quantity of arms, including 20,000 pounds of gunpowder, and a large sum of money to help the Irish rebels who he hoped would declare an independent Catholic Ireland.

Alas Rinuccini failed in his task, partly because of internal Irish strife (whats new?). He returned to Rome in 1649, leaving Ireland at the mercy of Oliver Cromwell, who later crushed the Irish rebellion.





Efforts were made to make Luke Wadding a cardinal, but his enemies prevented it. He was by far the strongest advocate of the Irish cause in Rome and met with several popes to push the issue. He was so effective that generations later his spirit lived on in the Irish college.

In the late 19th century, Sir George Errington was sent by British Prime Minister William Gladstone to Rome to explain the Irish question and ask for support for the British position.

He came back empty-handed, however, explaining that the Irish politicians in Ireland were utter moderates compared to the priests and staff at the Irish College.

Wadding succeeded, against all the odds, in making St. Patrick's Day a feast day. After it was decreed a holy day of obligation, it was wholeheartedly embraced by the Catholic Church and soon became a worldwide day of celebration. Though the day had been observed from around the 10th century, Wadding was the one who put the power of the church behind it. His legacy has come down the ages to us. In 1900, his portrait and part of his library were placed in the Franciscan convent on Merchant's Quay in Dublin and his life story was written by Francis Harold, his nephew.

So spare a thought for Luke Wadding this St. Patrick's Day. Without him we would likely never have the grand occasion we all celebrate .

(Irish Voice Editorial @irishcentral)-- Sent to I.C.by Loretta Mullen.



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Maureen FitzSimons was born in Dublin on 17th August 1920. FitzSimons studied music and dancing from a young age and enrolled in Dublin's Abbey Theatre School at the age of fourteen. She came to Hollywood for a screen test in 1938. Actor Charles Laughton in Hollywood insisted that her last name be changed to O'Hara. At the age of eighteen and forever more she became known as Maureen O'Hara.

The world famous actress passed away on the 24th October in Boise, Idaho where her grandson resides.



Maureen O'Hara made more than fifty movies and was the star in several of them. Who hasn't seen "The Quiet Man" or "Miracle on 34th Street" or "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"? In addition to her grandson in Boise Maureen O'Hara is survived by her daughter Bronwyn FitzSimons and two grandchildren in Ireland.



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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Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour November 1st