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You will find the newsletter and updated information on our website at <u>www.irishcenter.org</u> 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 "gettogether" (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. November **MEETING CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

FRIENDS OF IRELAND BREAKFAST MEETING (1st Tuesday of the month) November 3, 2020, 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.

ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. "CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

SEE OBITUARY FOR SR. ALICIA On Page 7



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.

FACEBOOK CONCERTS BY YOUR FAVORITE IRISH ARTISTS

On their facebook page

<u>Andy Cooney</u> Live Concert Monday night from 7-8PM New York time! It will happen on Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.: <u>http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/</u>

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 through July income due to the Coronavirus.

See Obituary for Sr. Alicia on page 7

KEN O'MALLEY



calendar:https://kenomalley.com/shows

WEBSITE:

The home page http://kenomalley.com shows all performances in a convenient monthly calendar format. information. For last minute schedule updates, ''Like'' Ken O'Malley's Artist Page https://www.facebook.com/kenomalleyirishmusic

Contact John McNally at

mcnally.realtor@gmail.com(805) 804-7558 More great online events coming our way!

8 pm with The Celtic Arts Center:

Trailer: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gq</u> <u>n-NPoI05E&feature=youtu.be</u>

Event: <u>http://celticartscenter.com/Special_Event</u> <u>s/Year_2020/Samhain_2020.html</u>

Saturday 7pm:

Halloween, The Irish Musical! Trailer: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N</u> <u>OMV8lGxh7w</u> Event: <u>https://www.celtic-rhythms.com/home</u>

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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Friends,

Just keeping us all in the loop of information. There will be a special Mass on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Pavilion at St. Cornelius Church, for the Irish Social Friends whom she loved and served. Wells of Life have already started to fund a

living Memorial Well in honor of Sr. Alicia McNally, SSL. Already \$800 have been donated. For further information, you can donate on line at wellsoflife.org. and annotate your donation "Alicia's Well". OR Send checks to WELLS OF LIFE HEADQUARTERS, 200 Spectrum Center Dr. Suite300, IRVINE, CA 92618.

Please pass on this information to all who may not use the Internet.

Thank you!

Sr. Joan, CHF

MAYFLOWER CLUB <MAYFLOWERCLUB@GMAIL.COM> Mayflower Club Temporary Closure – Update

Dear Mayflower Club Members,

Things don't seem to have changed in the last three months; the Club is still closed. Terrel has been in touch with the Local Government, but they haven't given her a straight answer as to what we can or cannot do. She will try again after the election. We hope everyone is staying safe from the COVID virus.

Mimi is still in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays if you need any questions answered. Take care and stay safe,

Your Mayflower Board of Directors

<u>IMPORTANT REMINDERS</u>: DUES ARE DUE: Our Club dues go from June to June - so it's time to renew your membership. Mimi is in the office Tuesdays & Wednesdays so she can process your membership dues payments. You can stay up to date online via the Club Website.

Also, please pass this information along to any members who may not be getting our emails. Thank you

From: Andy Rawn

Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 11:12 AM

Subject: Hello TOM & IRISH CENTER from classical singer ANDY in West L.A.

Seeking a friendly professional IRISH SONGS instrumental player to be paid as Accompanist for two St. Pat's Concerts in March 2021 with our shared hope the Corona Crisis is controlled & audiences can gather safely by the start of the New Year.

E-mail: <u>AmericanSongwriters@yahoo.com</u>Or Phone Songs Of Many Lands: (310) 459-2326

Oct 27 at 8:58 AM
PrintRaw message

Catherine O' Neill <kateoneill64@icloud.com> To: eirebt@yahoo.com

Hi

Silverwood Jewellery, in Ireland, would like to offer your membership a free gift worth \$18 on any 2020 order over \$60.

Everyone here is looking forward to next year when we can welcome people home again!

Stay safe and all the best,

Kate

www.silverwoodjewellery.com www.facebook.com/silverwood.jewellery.7 www.in stagram.com/silverwood_jewellers/

George Bernard Shaw 70th Anniversary performances FREE on 2nd NOV GMT 7.30

Oct 25 at 2:37 AM

PrintRaw message

H Tierney <tierneyhelen63@gmail.com> To: Undisclosed recipients <tierneyhelen63@gmail.com> Cc: Alexis Ward <texiward101@gmail.com> Bcc: eirebt@yahoo.com

Please forward this to any groups interested It is a FREE evening hosted by the UK Shaw Society in London on Shaw Day 2nd Nov and features performances commemorating the 70th anniversary of Shaw's death/ Just click on the link to enter. More details on the Shaw Society Facebook and Twitter sites

Best Shavian wishes

Helen Tierney

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS

A SHARING SHAW PRESENTATION The Shaw Society's special celebration on the anniversary of Bernard Shaw's death.



YOU ARE INVITED

We are delighted to invite you to the next Sharing Shaw Free Zoom Theatre on the

70th anniversary of his death

Monday, 2nd November 2020

To enter the show <u>click here</u> 'Doors' open at 7 for 7-30p.m. GMT

Darlington, 1950

by Anne Wright

A SHAW2020 production Words of Love & Loss for a Platform Spellbinder

By Helen Tierney

A Helix Production

Followed by a Q & A with writers and performers.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing LIVE CAPTIONS will be available.

The Shaw Society extends this invitation to members and non-

members, there is no need to book, and there is no charge.

We look forward to 'seeing' you there

REST IN PEACE

McNally, Sr. Alicia 1947 – 2020



Sister Alicia was born on March 30, 1947 in Monaghan, Ireland, the youngest of seven children. She came to California to enter the Sisters of St. Louis on September 8, 1964. Between 1968 and 1980 Alicia taught elementary school at St. Anthony Claret, Anaheim; Nativity, El Monte; St. Louis of France, La Puente; and St. Joseph, Long Beach. For the next ten years she worked in Ministry to the Handicapped. This solidified her passion of being a voice for the voiceless, and her commitment to serve those most in need of help. She spent another twenty years working in Assisted Care at Marycrest

Manor Nursing Home. In 2014 Alicia responded to the need for help with the Assisted Care at Louisville Convent, where she continued to work up until about three weeks before her death.

Alicia was fondly known as "Speedy" – she was always active, running from one place to the next, except when she was working jigsaw puzzles! She was diagnosed with cancer on

September 17. She was eager to start treatment and get through this illness, but God spared her the suffering and called her home on October 6. We are still reeling from the shock of how suddenly all has happened, and her dear family were not even aware of how seriously ill she was.

Alicia will be buried with her family in Ireland. May Alicia rest in peace and may all who mourn her loss be comforted and consoled.

Sr. Alicia's funeral was live-streamed at 11:00 am PDT, Friday, October 23, <u>www.vimeo.com/stmel</u>. Burial is in Ireland with her family. May she Rest in Peace.



Sr. Alicia on her recent birthday- March 2020

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Ideas for Thanking Your Family Article 8 – Nov. 16, 2020

It's almost Thanksgiving. And although 2020 may have been a difficult year for you, as it has been for many people, you can probably still find things for which you can be thankful – such as your family. How can you show your appreciation for your loved ones?

Here are a few suggestions:

• *Invest in your children's future*. If you have young children – or even grandchildren – one of the greatest gifts you can give them is the gift of education. You may want to consider contributing to a higher education funding vehicle.

• *Be generous*. Do you have older children, just starting out in life? If so, they could well use a financial gift to help pay off student loans, buy a car or even make a down payment on a home. You can give up to \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring gift taxes. Of course, you don't have to give cash – you might want to consider presenting your children with shares of stock in companies they like.

• *Review your insurance coverage*. If you weren't around, it would leave some gaping holes – financial and otherwise – in the lives of your family members. That's why it's essential you maintain adequate life insurance. Your employer might offer a group plan, but it may not be sufficient to meet your needs. There's no magic formula for determining the right amount of coverage, so you'll have to consider a variety of factors: your age, spouse's income, number of children and so on. Also, you may want to consider disability insurance – if you were unable to work for a while, it could cause a real problem for your family's finances.

• *Preserve your financial independence*. When your children are young, you take care of them. But you certainly don't want them to have to do the same for you – so it's essential you maintain your financial independence throughout your life. You can do this in at least a couple of ways. First, consider investing regularly in your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. The greater your resources during your retirement years, the less you may ever need to count on your family. And second, you may want to protect yourself from the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest a strategy to help you cope with these expenses.

• *Create an estate plan.* To leave a legacy to your family, you don't have to be wealthy – but you do need a comprehensive estate plan. You'll have to think through a lot of questions, such as: *Have I named beneficiaries for all my assets? How much do I want to leave to each person? Do I need to go beyond a simple will to establish an arrangement such as a living trust?* For help in answering all these issues, you'll want to work with an attorney.

By making these moves, you can show your loved ones, in a tangible way, how much you value them – and that can help you keep the spirit of Thanksgiving alive all year long.

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Two Irish cities named as the friendliest in Europe

More than 100,000 Condé Nast Traveller readers have voted these two cities in Ireland as the friendliest in Europe.

Andrea M. Meek @AndreaMMeek Oct 25, 2020



GETTY

Two cities in Ireland have ranked at the top of Europe's friendliest city list in this year's Condé Nast Traveller Reader Travel Awards.

More than 100,000 Condé Nast Traveller readers have voted Galway as the number one friendliest city in Europe, while Dublin was named number two.

"While Europe's best cities are often judged on their ancient history, intricate architecture, unrivaled art scenes or amazing restaurants, sometimes what makes a place so great are its people," said the travel magazine.

Tourism Officer Ruairí Lehman said Galway City Council saw the honor as a recognition of the city's people, especially those working in the hospitality industry.

"This gives a much-needed boost and recognition to our industry who have worked so hard these last few months to offer a world class service within the safety guidelines and restrictions in place.

"While it is a difficult time for the industry, we will be open again soon and look forward to offering our award-winning welcome to visitors again."



Dublin, Ireland. Credit: Getty

The 2020 Condé Nast Traveller Reader Awards also saw four hotels in Ireland recognized among the top 10 resorts in Europe.

While the awards took place during the COVID-19 lockdown, "readers voted for the places that they love and would return to."

Tourism Ireland CEO Niall Gibbons stated, "I am delighted to see that two of our cities feature in the prestigious Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards 2020. It is another well-deserved accolade for Galway and Dublin.

"In what has been a devastating year for travel and tourism, this is some good news, reminding people everywhere that, when the time is right, the island of Ireland is a great choice for a holiday.

"Once this crisis is past and Ireland is open again to international visitors, we in Tourism Ireland will be ready to roll out an extensive recovery kick-start program and to play our part in delivering a sustainable recovery for the long-term future of our industry."

Here are Europe's 10 friendliest cities, according to Condé Nast Traveller readers:

- 1. Galway, Ireland
- 2. Dublin, Ireland
- 3. Valletta, Malta
- 4. Oporto, Portugal
- 5. Lisbon, Portugal
- 6. Bologna, Italy
- 7. Edinburgh, UK
- 8. Reykjavik, Iceland
- 9. Athens, Greece
- 10. Helsinki, Finland

The full results of the awards are revealed in Condé Nast Traveller's November issue,

WATCH: Trailer released for new Shane MacGowan biopic produced by Johnny Depp

"Crock of Gold - A Few Rounds with Shane MacGowan" blends archival footage with new animation for look at the life and career of the Pogues frontman.

Kerry O'Shea @kerry_oshea Oct 27, 2020



The trailer for "Crock of Gold - A Few Rounds with Shane MacGowan," which is produced in part by Johnny Depp, has been released, and it looks like fans are in for a treat.

"God looked down on this little cottage in Ireland and said, 'that little boy there, he's the little boy that I'm going to use to save Irish music," Shane MacGowan, 62, says in the trailer which released on October 27.

The official synopsis for the forthcoming film reads: "Crock of Gold - A Few Rounds with Shane MacGowan deep dives into the life of the tortured Irish vocalist, best known as the lead singer

and songwriter of the Pogues, who famously combined traditional Irish music with the visceral energy of punk rock.

"Featuring unseen archival footage from the band and MacGowan's family, as well as animation from legendary illustrator Ralph Steadman, Julien Temple's rollicking love letter spotlights the iconic frontman up to his 60th birthday celebration, where singers, movie stars and rock 'n' roll outlaws gather to celebrate the man and his legacy."

Speaking with Deadline, director Julien Temple explained he was keen to explore MacGowan's cultural identity as an Irish boy being raised in London."It's been kind of written out of English school history, what happened between England and Ireland. So, it was interesting on that level," Temple said. "I think of the films I've done as all joining up to be one big map of this post-war English cultural history, and certainly, the Irish-London-Shane MacGowan thing was a gap in that map. So maybe it was meant to be." The film, released via Magnolia Pictures, has been nominated for Best Music Documentary by the Critics' Choice Documentary Awards and already picked up the prestigious Special Jury Prize at the San Sebastián International Film Festival in Spain in September.

Johnny Depp, who produced the film alongside Julien Temple, Stephen Deuters, and Stephen Malit, said: "I've been very, very lucky to have a long, long history with Shane MacGowan. "About 35 years ago when I first met Shane, he was exactly who he has always been and will always be."

Bono, Nick Cave, Bobby Gillespie, Elvis Costello, Gerry Adams, and President Michael D. Higgins are all featured in interviews in the film.

"Crock of Gold" will be released theatrically for one night only on December 1, and will be made available for streaming and on-demand on a number of outlets from December 4.

You can watch the trailer for "Crock of Gold - A Few Rounds with Shane MacGowan" here: You can keep up to date with news about "Crock of Gold" on its website, Facebook, and Twitter, and Instagram pages.

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The friendship between Princess Diana and an Irish nun

How an Irish nun gave comfort to Princess Diana during her fraught marriage from 1992.

IrishCentral Staff @IrishCentral Aug 31, 2020



Letters and a Christmas card, which went to auction in 2017, revealed a previously undocumented friendship between the "People's Princess" and the nun from County Kildare.

Editor's note: On this day, August 31, 1997, Princess Diana was killed in a high-speed accident, in Paris. Today we remember the Queen of Hearts links to a nun in County Laois.

The missives, dating from 1992, were sent from Kensington Palace by Princess Diana to Sister Teresa of the Little Sisters of the Assumption. At the time, the nun was based in the order's convent in Wrexham, North Wales. <u>The Irish Times</u> reported that the nun met the princess through a mutual friend, the mother of a palace butler.

In 1992 when the letters started, Princess Diana was the

subject of intense scrutiny in the media as her marriage to Prince Charles started to break down. Late that year, newspapers published transcripts of taped, intimate conversations between Princess Diana and an alleged lover as well as private conversations between Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles.

In December 1992, British prime minister John Major announced to the House of Commons in that the <u>Prince and Princess</u> of Wales were separating.

Following the death of Diana's father, the 8th Earl Spencer, in March 1992, Sr Teresa wrote to the princess expressing her sympathy. Princess Diana replied to "Dear Sister Teresa" with a typed letter expressing her gratitude and saying her father had been a "strong and positive force" in her life. She hand-signed the letter "with my love, from Diana."

In one handwritten letter dating November 1992, Princess Diana thanked Sr Teresa for her "prayers, support and, most importantly . . . care" for which she was "deeply touched." She goes on to express her "deepest admiration for the wonderful work" the nun was doing, which included visiting and tending to the needs of the poor and sick.

In December, the princess sent the Irish nun a Christmas card featuring a photograph of Princes William and Harry, which she hand-signed "with much love from Diana."

Princess Diana died five years later in a car crash in Paris on August 31, 1997. The correspondence was cosigned to Sheppard's Irish Auction House in Durrow, County Laois, in 2017.

Auctioneer Philip Sheppard said at the time that Sr. Teresa did not want to discuss her friendship with the princess. She had gifted her correspondence with the princess to a relative, also now elderly, who decided to sell the letters and card "because of concerns about what might happen to it long-term" and in the hope that it would be acquired by "either an archive or by a collector of Princess Diana memorabilia."

WHO DOES WHAT?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who Should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, 'You should do it because you get up first, And then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee. The husband said, 'You are in charge of cooking around here and You should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee.' Wife replies, 'No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.' Husband replies, 'I can't believe that, show me.' So, she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says

'HEBREWS'



Previous Zoom Meetings available on our FB page and Youtube

Back Home

If I had the power to turn back the clock, Go back to that house at the end of the block The house that was 'home' when I was a kid, I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee, And hear once again all the things she told me, I'd listen as I never listened before, For she knew so well just what life had in store.

And all the advice that my dad used to give His voice I'll remember as long as I live; But it didn't seem really important then; What I'd give to live it all over again.

And what I would give for the chance I once had To do so much more for my mother and dad, To give them more joy and a little less pain, A little more sunshine - a little less rain.

But the years roll on and we cannot go back, Whether we were born in a mansion or shack, But we can start right now - in the hour that's here, To do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is travelling so fast, Let's not spend it regretting that which is past, But let's make tomorrow a happier day By doing our 'good unto others' - today.

Author - Unknown

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Taken from Facebook page.... Ina Quigley. Thank you.

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