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

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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)

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Tuesday. 1st September at 9.30 am, Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

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Sunday. 6<sup>th</sup> September .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 or Mary Flynn at 818 952 0951 for reservations.



Sunday. 13<sup>th</sup> September. 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).

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

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

6<sup>th</sup> Sept—22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. At aNoiseWithin, 3352 E Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. 91107. "A Flea in Her Ear" by Georges Feydeau is simply the greatest farce ever written---a journey that leaves very little unbroken including your funny bone. Visit: anoisewithin.org. Box Office: 626 356 3100.

Sept 25th-Sept 27th. Irish Screen America, Los Angeles Festival by Executive Director--Emmy Award winner, Niall McKay The festival highlights critically-acclaimed contemporary Irish features, shorts, web shows and animation and will host a selection of filmmaker Q&A's, industry panel discussions and filmmaker receptions. Highlights of This Year's Program:

- Opening Night Film and Champagne Reception
- New Irish Talent Showcase-featuring shorts, web shows, animation and games in one entertaining program.
- Master Class with Oscar-nominated screenwriter Naomi Sheridan
- Stories From the Field: Three Irish film directors: Ciaran Foy (Sinister 2) Gary Shore (Dracula Untold), and Ruari Robinson (Last Days On Mars) will talk about how they got hired for big Hollywood films.
- Documentary film, After The Dance, directed by Daisy Asquith. (Dracula Untold), and Ruari Robinson (Last Days On Mars) will talk about how they got hired for big Hollywood films. Documentary film, After The Dance, directed by Daisy Asquith. Check out our website (<a href="www.irishscreenamerica.com">www.irishscreenamerica.com</a>) for more details about programming, how to get tickets—FREE--, how to register, where to park, times of events, etc.

Irish Screen America Los Angeles Festival, at USC School of Cinematic Arts



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If you would like to check us out and register, you are most welcome SpeakTalkChat

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A Journey in Time, published by Outskirts Press, blends history and romance as it explores the journey that John Doyle took from Ireland to the shores of Canada. John's family experiences first-hand the Irish workhouse built for the destitute as John travels steerage to America in a hope for a better life. He see the horrors of Gross Ile in Quebec but nothing has prepared him for the obstacles and setbacks he must face. With the love of his faith and family, he finds the courage to rebuild his life once more. This tightly woven story, gaining speed as it moves towards its destination of love and freedom, offers readers keys to personal insight and the power of conviction letting each of us know that no matter what challenge is before us, we can find our success. This is a must read for young and older readers alike that are interested in understanding their family heritage.

A Journey in Time: A Novel is available with online availability through all major book retailers, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

Maureen Doyle is a freelance writer and multimedia artist, spending over two decades in teacher education and as a Major in the Ohio Army National Guard before turning to write fiction full-time. A Journey in Time is based on a true story and discovered family history. She found the courage and determination of so many touching and inspirational. Maureen loves to write and wanted her debut novel to be meaningful sharing with others the hardships and heartaches that so many endured. She lives on Lake Oconee in Georgia with her husband, Major General (Ret.) Ronald G. Young. Visit: www.maureenfrancisdoyle.com





### Annual Benefit for the Brothers of St. Patrick

Saturday, October 24, 2015 at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church—Parish Hall, 16400 Springdale, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. (about 3 miles south of 405 Fwy at Springdale) Since 1948, the Brothers have taught at Catholic High Schools in Southern California including Mater Dei, St. Monica's, Pater Noster, St. Bernard's, Salesian & Bellarmine-Jefferson. We encourage all alumni and friends of the Brothers to enjoy a dinner and evening with Brother Aguinas, Brother Kevin, Brother Philip, Brother Joseph and Brother Matthew. All proceeds dedicated to the Brothers of St. Patrick.

6:00 pm Social (no host bar)

6:30 pm Catered Dinner (Tri-Tip Steak & Chicken)

7:00 pm Celtic Gold Dancers

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm Innisfree Irish Band

Dinner Reservations Must Be Received by October 20, 2015

We will have your tickets at the door.

Tickets are \$40 each.

Save \$50 and purchase a table for 8 at \$270!!!

More information: www.brothersofstpatrick.com



























Today, 'Bloom' with Stephen Rea, Angeline Ball, Hugh O'Conor and Patrick Bergin has been launched on VOD (Video On Demand), making it available, for the first time, on iTunes, Google Play and Amazon Instant Video.

'Bloom' has been hailed as "Quite Brilliant" by the Sunday Independent, "Bawdy, Irreverent, Lyrical" by The Sunday Tribune and "Vigorous, Musical and Modern" by The Sunday Times. Angeline Ball, in particular, earned wide acclaim, winning a Best Actress IFTA for her remarkable portrayal of Molly Bloom, probably the most controversial and complex female character in modern literature.



Irish Outreach is currently assisting the Hennigan family from Dublin. Parent's Michael and Gabriella have recently moved to San Diego with their youngest daughter, two year old Megan, to secure ESDM autism treatment (which is not available in Ireland). The family are currently experiencing considerable financial hardship as Megan's medical bills mount and neither Michael nor Gabriella are authorized to work in the United States. Please follow the link below to read their story. Any contributions would be so much appreciated by the family. Also please consider sharing Megan's story through your network.

If you can assist in any other way, please contact Irish Outreach San

Diego. Sincere thanks, Stephen Aherne.

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Click Here to Read Megan's Story and to Support her Go Fund Me Campaign

Click here for Irish Newspaper Article on Megan's Story

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#### **CHECK THE FOLLOWING:**

The Irish Times article: "Conned"—a German view of Ireland.

www. Irishtimes.com/news/world/Europe/conned-a-german-view-of-ireland

Subject: Ireland as seen by a drone

























An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!". The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad. The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition. She tried and tried and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 2-packs of beer in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own exact model car parked four or five spaces farther down. She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake. The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun. No charges were filed. The moral of the story?

If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable.

























Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Mary McEntee was born in Ballybay, Co Monaghan in 1918 and passed away in San Francisco on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. Mary was the second eldest of fourteen children. She came here in 1958 and started her twenty five year career with PacBell. Mary and Patrick McNally married in 1963. After less than a decade Patrick died suddenly.

Mary McNally is preceded in death by her husband, Patrick; sisters: Betty (Harry) Poole, and Anne Darcy; brothers: Owen, Bernard (Bernadette), Patrick (Noreen) –in Burbank, Edward and John; She is survived by sisters: Teasie McGarry, Brigid McMahon and Kathleen (Grat) Lapuyade; brothers: Peter and Stephen McEntee; and several nephews and nieces.

Garrett O'Connor, MD., (of Annacurragh, Aughrim, Co Wicklow and Beverly Hills. CA) passed away at home in Ireland on 1st September. Beloved husband of Fionnula Flanagan and loving father of Matthew and Turlough O'Connor and Mary Lee-Woolf. Also survived by daughters in law Julie O'Connor and Mary Cleary; grandchildren: Kalina and her partner, Ryan, Tom, Finnian, Serena, Clayton, Aidan and Olivia; great grandchildren: Mason and Cove; friends and colleagues.



#### Sister Bernadette McConville, MMM

15th April 1929 \_17th August 2015

Sr. Bernadette (Josie) McConville was born in Portadown, Co. Armagh, in April, 1929. She entered MMM in November, 1948, eleven years after the Congregation was founded. Bernadette's first overseas assignment, after her initial spiritual formation, was to Nigeria where she spent a total of twenty two years, working in Abakaliki and other missions. It was there that she showed herself to be a woman of exceptional talents. Not only was she an excellent secretary and bursar but early on her administrative skills and organising abilities became apparent. She had a great eye for beauty, both interior and exterior, and could transform a mediocre room into a welcoming abode.

Quietly spoken, she could 'get things done' with the ability to empower people to do what was necessary for the project in hand. She was a born fund-raiser and also had the capacity to 'find' materials when supervising the various buildings with which she was involved. She was a compassionate community leader with great understanding of the frailties oft he human condition. She was known as the 'Red One', a tribute to her beautiful red hair. It was no secret that she left a large part of her heart in Nigeria! She spent the next seventeen years in City Island, New York State, USA, as financial administrator of the American Zone. This involved great skill and expertise and she was well suited to the job dealing with the challenges involved with quiet efficiency. She kept in close contact with all the various missionary fund-raising bodies in the New York area .

Bernadette was a versatile and gifted woman with a great sense of humour who lived the MMM charism quietly and unassumingly. She loved playing bridge and encouraged newcomers to the community to get involved. She was thoughtful and it gave her great delight to prepare little gifts for all kinds of people to celebrate big and small events alike. .

Bernadette loved style and went to great lengths to keep her wardrobe up to date within her budgetary limitations. She had a gracious and queen-like air about her and was actually confused with the reigning queen of England on one occasion!

Her unexpected illness has been a huge shock to everyone; but we are grateful to the Lord that her suffering has not been prolonged.

Ar dheis De go raibh a hanam dhilis





In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving for the life of Sr. Bernadette McConville, MMM who died on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 May She Rest In Peace

## Sister Bernadette McConville (Medical Missionaries of Mary)

(Beechgrove, Drogheda, and formerly from Portadown, Co. Armagh)
- Aug 17, 2015, (peacefully) in Aras
Mhuire Nursing Home, Drogheda.
Predeceased by her brother and sister Rory (Sun Valley) and Geraldine.
(Oceanside) (CA, USA); deeply
missed by her brother Tom
(Burbank) (CA, USA) her sister Nuala
(Norfolk) (UK) her nieces, nephews,
relatives and friends, and her MMM
Community.

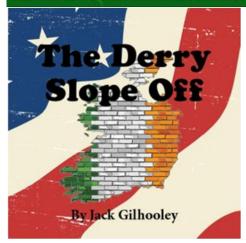
Funeral Mass was in the MMM Convent on Thursday August 20th followed by burial in St Peter's Cemetery.

Fifteen priests concelebrated the mass including Father Michael Gleeson, Pastor of St Cornelius Church, Long Beach.

Bernadette was an ordinary wom

Bernadette was an ordinary woman who was extraordinary.





# The Derry Slope Off World Premiere Drama by Jack Gilhooley Director N.J. Smeets

#### September 4 - October 4

Deirdre Lynch moved to America from Derry, Northern Ireland, after an early tumultuous life in the notorious Irish Republican Army and two days after a terrorist's bomb killed seven, including four British soldiers. While the young men who planted the bomb were arrested and convicted, a young woman accomplice was never found. According to the locals she "sloped off" (or disappeared).

That was 40 years ago. Deirdre settled into American respectability, married a Derry immigrant and raised a family. While her children were aware of their mother's anti-British sentiments and youthful IRA sympathies, they viewed her political musings as nostalgic bravado. But her daughter Erin entered the US military after 9/11 and was wounded in Iraq — while her mates were killed — by a terrorist's hidden bomb. After her discharge, Erin took a trip to her parent's Derry neighborhood strictly to discover her roots. But old timers who remembered the fearsome Deirdre were convinced that she was the missing killer. Having been the victim of the same sort of deadly cowardice, Erin is horrified.

Now the family patriarch is dying and the siblings reconnoiter at their parents' home. With her newfound information, Erin will confront her mother with the shattering facts.

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**Irish Sayings.** 

May you have enough happiness to make sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough hope to make you happy.

May the saddest day of your future be no worse than the happiest day of your past.

May the roof above you never fall in and those below it never fall out.

May goodness and kindness come to your door, and friendship and laughter may you never want for more.

May God in His wisdom and infinite love, Look down on you always from Heaven above, May He send you good fortune, contentment and peace, And may all of your blessings forever increase.

May your dreams be delicious and filled with delight, And may Leprechauns charm you from morning to night.



























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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