



WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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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 address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale, CA 91201.

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

MONTHLY EVENTS

IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **September 2, 2018**, 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, **September 4, 2018**, 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 Pastor, Fr. Michael Gleeson and the organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

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VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST THE IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA
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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.

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..

Brendan's in Newbury Park with Jäger
Malone (George Cavanaugh, Rich
Cashman and friends) September 28.

Brendan's in Newbury Park solo show
6 p.m. August 24.

Tam O'Shanter in LA (Los Feliz)
September 1, October 6 and
November 3.

Shelley's Frankenstein or The Modern Prometheus.

"The Palms-Rancho Park Branch Library asked
Joe Praml to contribute to their celebration
of the 200th year anniversary of Mary
Shelley's *Frankenstein or The Modern
Prometheus*. He will read an excerpt from his
upcoming autobiographical novel, *JFC!*

As a school boy prank, Joe, as an 11-year-old
boy, offered Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* to
read, review and report as a class-wide project
and the teacher unexpectedly accepted. The
chastened boy found the book difficult to read at
first but was drawn into a fantastic and moving
story, and emerged a changed boy who came
face to face with powerful ideas of yearning,
vengeance, responsibility and death.

This book is definitely not the *Frankenstein* of
the movies. This is a sometimes moving,
sometimes funny account of Joe's confrontation
with the book.

**Saturday, September 29, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
to 5:00 p.m., Palms-Rancho Park Branch
Library, 2920 Overland Avenue, Los
Angeles, CA 90064. Free parking. Tel: (310)
840-2142. www.joepraml.com "**

(See Flyer)

IRISH VETERANS

For information on the Irish Veterans
organization visit www.Irishveterans.org
(James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

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Letters to the Editor

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert.O'Driscoll@dfa.ie <Robert.O'Driscoll@dfa.ie>

Sent: Saturday, August 18, 2018 2:12 AM

To: John.Callaghan@dfa.ie; Noeleen.Pattison@dfa.ie; Michael.Treacy@dfa.ie

Subject: Consulate news

A chairde, friends,

From this September the Consulate will be publishing a monthly e-zine showcasing the connections between Ireland and Western US and celebrating the achievements of our community. The e-zine will also look forward to significant events over the month ahead both in Ireland and across Western US.

In advance of publishing the newsletter we are asking for your assistance in advertising our sign-up sheet, which can be accessed here: <https://mailchi.mp/c354a12c282b/irelandinsf>. We would be grateful if you could share with your members as appropriate.

The e-zine is part of a broader effort by the Consulate to raise awareness of Irish activities across Western US.

We will shortly also announce the first "First Friday breakfast" which will take place in the Consulate on 7th September and every first Friday of the month thereafter. This will provide a standing monthly engagement for all members of our community in the Bay Area, and those passing through, to meet, mingle and hear about the work of the Consulate. We will also have a keynote speaker each month drawn from across the worlds of business, the arts and civil society. Please follow our twitter handle: @IrelandSanFran for sign-up details in the coming days.

This initiative is being led in the Consulate by Noeleen Pattison, who has joined as our Communications and Public Outreach Officer.

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, John Callaghan, who will depart on Wednesday next week for Dublin having received a promotion. John has been with us here in San Francisco for a year and has contributed an enormous amount in a very short time. While we are very sad to be losing John, we are also delighted to welcome Michael Treacy who will join us following a stint in our Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi. Michael arrives with great experience and will be a valuable member of Team Ireland in Western US.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your friendship and support over the first year since Caoimhe and I arrived from Ireland. We have had the most wonderful experience getting to know so many of you. I find myself constantly in awe of the vitality of our community and the enormous dedication of so many of you in celebrating Irish culture and heritage and the links between Ireland and Western United States.

Le gach dea ghuí,

With best wishes,

Robert

Robert O'Driscoll

Consul General of Ireland to Western United States

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From: John McNally <mcnally.realtor@gmail.com>
Subject: Half-Way to St Patrick's Day & Irish Goings-on
Date: July 27, 2018 at 4:00:12 PM PD

A Cairdé,

Please save the date, **September 29th**, for our third annual and hugely successful **Irish dinner party**. This year features the Irish music and ballads of Dublin's own **Ken**

O'Malley <https://kenomalley.com/home>

And the **Champion Dancers of the Claddagh Dance**

School http://www.claddaghdance.com/irish_dance.html

We'll top the night off with a Ceili!

6:30-9:30pm Our Lady Of Assumption's Mulcahy Hall, Ventura. \$25 includes Irish Dinner and Irish Beverages. We sold out the previous two years so don't wait too long to get your tickets!

See attached flier for more details.

Here is Summer issue of Southern California's **Irish Arts and Entertainment** online Magazine:

<https://issuu.com/jamesmichaelmcdonough/docs/irish-arts-july-2018-final>

The **Gaelic League** of Southern California organizes Irish language lessons, Ceili dances, Hikes, Films, and Hurling:

<https://www.gaelicla.com>

New Irish Film Coming

BLACK '47 (2018) TRAILER:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt_lnhguHpg

Historians who have seen the film say it does a great job depicting the devastation of Gorta Mor but then injects a fictitious Rambo like character to revenge the Irish starvation as the result of British mis-rule.

John McNally

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Subject: Irish Interest Book

Hi,

I would like to introduce you to my book that may interest members of your Society.

Walk East Until I Die: A Trek through Irish History and beyond

Available on Kindle from **Amazon** at \$7.87. Also available from iTunes and Kobo

website: **Walk East Until I Die/Mike Pinnock**

Regards

Mike Pinnock (author)

From the desk of
John McKeagney

Wells of Life honors Sr Joan Hogan

On July 23, 2018, a Mission Viejo-based nonprofit that raises money to drill water wells in Uganda honored the contributions and life of Sr Joan Hogan of the Holy Faith Sisters.

Dedicating Well #373 in Kyedikyo village, Wells of Life founder Nick Jordan said Sr Joan is “an unsung hero who approaches everyone with compassion and a twinkle in her eye.” She has given many presentations on behalf of Wells of Life despite her already crowded schedule.

Sr Joan is a native of Kilkenny, Ireland. She became a Sister in 1952, one of four girls in her family to enter religious life. Sister has served in many roles: teacher, principal, Area Consultant for the Office Of Religious Education, RCIA Director and parish pastoral associate. Now that she is retired, Sister volunteers at St Mary’s Hospital and teaches in the TAP program for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Sr Joan first heard of Wells of Life in late 2015. Since then, she has co-led Team Ireland twice, raising enough money to drill two wells in Uganda.

Wells of Life was founded in 2008 by Nick Jordan, a native of Wexford, Ireland. Nick set himself the ambitious task of raising enough money to drill 1000 wells for the least water-secure region of Uganda, the Mubende District. Only 33% of people there have clean drinking water. The rest get all their water from contaminated and disease-ridden surface ponds shared by animals. Child mortality is so high that many parents do not name their baby until it is two years old.

To date, Nick’s unflagging efforts have funded 374 wells, saving countless lives, and built four schools. To drill a well costs \$6000, and each one serves approximately 1000 people. In the following year, infant mortality typically drops by 50%. To achieve maximum bang for the buck, Nick developed a 100% donation model. All donations go toward the drilling of wells. Overhead expenses are funded separately.

Nick was inspired to do this work from memories of his childhood. He recalls seeing his mother carry buckets of water several times daily from their farm well. Water is heavy, and exhausting to carry. The burden of carrying it falls all too often to women and girls in Uganda, who lose out on their education.

This work resonates with Sr Joan too, as her youngest sister is a Holy Cross Sister in South Africa whose entire daily water supply is a bucket-full. Think about that! How many of us could get all our washing, cooking and drinking water from one bucket per day?

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Each well is God's gift to its village. One village elder emotionally told Nick on a visit: "Since Jesus walked the earth, our village never had clean water, but now we do."

Well #373, donated by Team Ireland 2, will sustain human life for many years to come, and enable many babies to thrive!

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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

FYI - We will be closed on Labor Day Monday September 3rd

Traditional Music Session

Every Tuesday 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 Tuesday night! 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.

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SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER - SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER



2018



- Here's a quick recap on what we did last year. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0hA7Kjt_rl&t=9s
- We return this year with an expanded package of events.
- Our anchor conference takes place on Thursday 1st Nov.
- It sold out last year, and we expect it to do so again this year.
- Full details of all the events coming very soon.

See you in October.
The IrelandWeek Team.

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Broadway World Winner

DENNIS MCNEIL

The Birthday Show

SUNDAY AUGUST 5
DOORS: 6PM - SHOW: 7:30PM

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 WITH **ED MARTEL**
 ON PIANO

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SELECT **SUNDAYS**
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JUNE 10
Celebrate the Beatles

AUGUST 5
My Birthday Show
(Singing what I want!)

SEPTEMBER 9
The Back to School Show
(Ed's Picks!)

OCTOBER 28
Our 7th Anniversary Bash!
(Request Mahem!)

DECEMBER 16
The Christmas Show

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