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*Special Thanks to: Peter Albiez for preparing the newsletter for many years.*

***Prayers and good wishes to our friends who are “a bit under the weather”***

Thomas “Tommy” Kiernan who has STAGE FOUR lung cancer.

Brian Joseph McConville, Florence, Oregon, formerly of Granada Hills.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**MARCH 17, 2018**

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA  
ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE AT THE HILTON,  
GLENDALE.**

**IRELAND WEEK – CONNECTING MODERN  
IRELAND October 16 – October 21, 2017**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

Deirdre O'Neill Machin at

[deirdre@the-oneillgroup.com](mailto:deirdre@the-oneillgroup.com)

### **THANKS**

*The O'Connor family would like to thank all those who attended the services for Michael O'Connor, R.I.P. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to us during this time of loss.*

*(Maureen O'Connor)*

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**MONTHLY EVENTS:**

Sunday, July 2, at 1 p.m. Irish Center “get-together” 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.

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Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday the July Breakfast meeting with Friends of Ireland (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month breakfast) is CANCELED at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720. RSVP {Pete Walsh, 714-200-7365} [pbeireanua@att.net](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net) Check with Pete Walsh re the August meeting.

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REMINDER FROM SISTER ALICIA: EACH YEAR WE HAVE TAKEN A "VACATION" FROM OUR MONTHLY SOCIALS IN JULY & AUGUST & RETURN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

Irish Social from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Cornelius Church Hall, 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. The organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, says “Please come and bring a friend and a dish.”

MONTHLY ADULT CEILI CLASS from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the last Friday of every month at the Mag Studio, 173 W. Magnolia Blvd., Unit 103, Burbank, CA 91502. No partners or experience necessary. All are welcome. \$15 drop in class fee. [www.clearyirishdance.com](http://www.clearyirishdance.com)

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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 at 7 p.m.

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**KEN O’MALLEY**

Tam O'Shanter July 1, 8 p.m.  
House concert, July 8, 4:30 p.m. in Pasadena "Stonywood" (Ne'er Duwels) For more info write to [fullmoonsaturdays@yahoo.com](mailto:fullmoonsaturdays@yahoo.com) And check out their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/fullmoonsaturdays/>.

Muldoon's July 23, 2 p.m. "Sunday Brunch and Tunes" (Ne'er Duwels)

San Diego Folk Heritage August 5, 7:30 p.m. Pilgrim UCC 2020 Chestnut Ave, Carlsbad (Ne'er Duwels)

Tam O'Shanter August 12, 8 p.m.

**NE'ER DUWELS FACEBOOK PAGE, WEBSITE AND MAILING LIST:** The Ne'er Duwels also have their own mailing list and website where you can also sign up to receive notices of upcoming Ne'er Duwels shows. The website is [neerduwels.com](http://neerduwels.com) and you can "like" the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/theneerduwels](http://www.facebook.com/theneerduwels).

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**IRISH VETERANS**

For information on the Irish Veterans organization visit [www.Irishveterans.org](http://www.Irishveterans.org) June Bulletin (James Sikora & Declan Hughes from Kinsale)

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** Judy Ann Ragan who turned 60 on June 14, 2017. The day marked her official Retirement from the Air Force Reserves. She faithfully and honorably served 26 years in the Air Force with a combination of Active duty and Active Reserves. She is a Veteran of Foreign Wars, having served in Desert Storm. Currently Judy is still serving her country as a Hazardous Material Federal Agent with the Federal Aviation Administration.

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**Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.**

***BROTHER PATRICK CORR, R.I.P.***

Brother Patrick Corr was born in Co. Kilkenny on 27th April 1914 and passed away in Los Angeles on 9th June aged 103. Brother Patrick was the youngest of eleven children. He entered the Hospitaller Order of St John of God in 1939 in Ireland. After completing his education as a psychiatric nurse he was transferred to Los Angeles in 1946. Brother Patrick served in a variety of capacities for St. John of God including Vicar Provincial and Provincial. Brother Patrick was well known as a skilled fundraiser. He began a remarkable journey to raise funds over a 71-year span to develop St. John of God Retirement & Care Center on West Adams Blvd., in Los Angeles. Brother Patrick is survived by his religious family of Brothers of St. John of God and numerous family members throughout Ireland, Los Angeles and different parts of the world.

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***JOHNNY LYNCH, R.I.P.***

Johnny Lynch, brother of Maureen and Kathy, son of Bridie and Jack Lynch passed away last weekend after a long illness.

The parents are deceased and the girls live in Oregon, but the family was very involved in the Irish crowd in the 50s.

Johnny and his sisters danced with Eddie Masterson in the Irish Rovers.

There will not be a service but a memorial will be held at his home in Lomita, CA, on July 2, 2017.

(Submitted by Denise Nolan)

**CARMEL BRITE, R.I.P.**

A **Funeral Mass** for Carmel Brite will be held on Saturday, July 8th at 10.00 a.m. at Saint Bernard's Catholic Church

9647 Beach St, Bellflower, CA 90706.

Reception immediately following in the church hall.

For information contact her daughter Veronica Brite, (562)805-3994.

Carmel was born in Co Cavan on January 1st 1926.

(Submitted by Pete Walsh)

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## **DREAMS DO COME TRUE!!**

Irish-American Pat Egan left behind his yellow corvette and travelled to the Isle of Man to fulfill a lifelong dream. As a child, Pat dreamed of visiting the Isle of Man during the TT Race week and in early June he was not disappointed. During his early years Pat enjoyed riding motorcycles and was delighted to have a spin around the TT course. Pat reported that he thoroughly enjoyed his stay in the Isle of Man and thanks his “hosts” for their hospitality.

## **Michael Quigley from Drimnagh, Dublin helping to shape the future of football in the U.S.**



Michael is a leading coach and director of the youth academy of L.A. South Bay. He worked alongside David Beckham, Robbie Keane and Steven Gerrard. While living in Dublin Michael first got involved in coaching kids at St. John Bosco in Drimnagh and continued helping out when he joined a team in Los Angeles.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO FINBAR HILL FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE IRISH COMMUNITY HERE  
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Los Angeles and Orange County

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As many of you may know, I plan on retiring as Honorary Consul General of Ireland effective June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 after fifteen years in that position. It is time to hand over responsibilities to a younger person willing, able, and experienced to expand the outreach of the Consulate's work in serving the Irish Community. Someone positioned to fully embrace the opportunities and challenges offered by social media in that expansion.

I signaled in October 2015 my intention to step down after the Easter Rising Centenary Commemoration Ceremony of April 2016. At that time, I was informed, the Irish Government planned to appoint a career Consular Officer in Los Angeles. Pending that appointment I agreed to continue as Hon. Consul General. Now, unfortunately, eighteen months later, that decision has been put on the "back burner" with no appointment pending.

Consular work has expanded exponentially in the past fifteen years. For example, back in 2002, with no direct LAX /Dublin flights, Tourism Ireland had a representative here. Now we have eleven weekly nonstop direct flights LAX/Dublin and no Tourism Ireland representative. Post "Brexit" applications for Irish Passports both new and renewal have grown. Visa questions are being asked daily. Direct flights have increased the workload.

A Career Consular Officer in Los Angeles should be an urgent need.

The Irish Community in Los Angeles and surrounding Counties is large, diverse, dispersed, and sometimes fractured. Without a Consulate and the support that brings there is no kernel around which activities and networks can be built upon and sustained.

Reflecting on the past fifteen years I recall significant events, such as, welcoming to Los Angeles two Irish Presidents, two Taoisigh (Prime Ministers), twelve Irish Government Ministers, some several times, the Garda Commissioner, two Attorneys General, EU Ambassador, several Irish Ambassadors, First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.

Issuing 1150 Emergency Travel Certificates, handling circa 21,000 Irish Passport Applications or Renewals and 6,250 Irish Citizenship Applications.

Speaking at ten Universities – some multiple times.

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Establishing the California Legislative Irish Caucus.

Welcoming arrivals of Ethiopian Airlines and Aer Lingus on inaugural Dublin/LAX flights.

Welcoming and hosting the Irish Special Olympics participants to Los Angeles.

Supporting the ten Irish/American Organizations here.

Dealing with deaths, repatriations, suicides, injuries, accidents, arrests and deportations of Irish Persons here.

When the Irish Government announces my replacement he/she can be assured of my full cooperation and assistance, in an Emeritus capacity, in expanding the role of the Consulate in Los Angeles. As I have said to friends I am not going away but am fading away from the Leadership Role I have played in the Irish and Irish/American Communities over the past fifteen years.

To all who have assisted me in ways small and large over the past fifteen years I extend a sincere thank you. In particular, I thank Mary O'Neill and Dorys Jaramillo whom I have depended upon for legal and other advice in emergencies. Their assistance, even under trying circumstances, was always given with a gracious smile.

I thank the many Irish Ambassadors, Consuls General and Vice Consuls who have come and gone over the fifteen years most of whom I had a decidedly personal, friendly and productive working relationship with. I thank the San Francisco Consular Staff, particularly Diane Kierse-Donohoe, for their professional support.

I was fortunate to be Chief of Protocol of the 102 Country Los Angeles Consular Corps for thirteen years. This allowed me the opportunity to ensure Ireland remain center stage in all National and International events in Los Angeles. I shall miss the camaraderie of the Consular Corps.

I publically thank my wife Carmel for her unstinting support of my work despite at times great personal inconvenience.

Going forward from July 1<sup>st</sup>, for all Consular matters please call, write, or email The Consulate General of Ireland, 100 Pine Street, #3350, San Francisco 94111.

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Beannachtai oraibh go leir.

*Finbar*

M. Finbar Hill



June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

## **The Christmas Doctor, Book Two** (by Tom Weber, son)

Dr. Weber graduated from medical school at Loyola University of Chicago in 1917. He then interned at Oak Park Hospital, which was administered by an order of Catholic nuns. One wonderful nun, Sister Joan, befriended the young Dr. Weber. She encouraged him through this difficult period. He then saved her sister's life by removing a bullet from her head one night during the Christmas season. Both Sister Joan and her sister were immigrants from Ireland.

Dr. Weber later became a courageous country doctor in Wyoming and Idaho. He hiked to a mine in the primitive Chamberlain Basin of Idaho during December of 1933 to attend to a miner who had fallen from a metal capsule which ran on a cable high in the air. Dr. Weber became ensconced on a ledge high above a valley floor while hiking home. Trapped in an apparently hopeless position, his recollection of a comment made by Sister Joan during his internship years earlier inspired him to leap to a distant point of safety.

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Check out Episode 4 of The News from Irish Outreach with further links to the pieces covered available below.

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Join the Facebook Event Page [HERE](#)  
Get your Tickets [HERE](#)

Online Irish Passport Renewal link: <https://www.dfa.ie/passportonline/>

If you're an Irish J1 in San Diego, join our final J1 Summer Orientation next Wednesday, June 7th, 1pm, at St. Brigid Parish Hall, Pacific Beach. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/4kYWVyO01U4Si1I02>  
West Coast Sevens Gaelic Games - San Diego  
[www.sd7s.com](http://www.sd7s.com)

Jerome Quinn's special video report from the 2017 West Coast Sevens:

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