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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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**IRISH CENTER OF SO. CALIFORNIA** “get-together” (first Sunday of the month) Sunday, **July 1, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, **July 3, 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](mailto:pbeireanua@att.net)

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL July 8, 2018**, (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach, CA 90808. **(August Social canceled)** 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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**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.

**MONTHLY ADULT CEILI CLASS** from 7:00 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)

**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 (July 17, 2018) at 7 p.m.

### IRISH VETERANS

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

## KEN O'MALLEY

Ken and the 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 Camarillo with Jäger Malone (George Cavanaugh, Rich Cashman and friends) to be scheduled. Watch the calendar!

Brendan's in Camarillo solo shows 6 p.m. July 20 and August 17

Brendan's in Newbury Park solo shows 6 p.m. June 29 and August 24

Tam O'Shanter in LA (Los Feliz) July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6 and November 3.

**August 25 - Full Moon Saturdays at Stonywood (house concert in Pasadena) with The Ne'er Duwels -**

- Contact [fullmoonsaturdays@yahoo.com](mailto:fullmoonsaturdays@yahoo.com) to make reservations and get location and other details.

### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**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):

events calendar:

<https://kenomalley.com/shows>

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

SHEILA DONOVAN on Saturday,

JULY 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

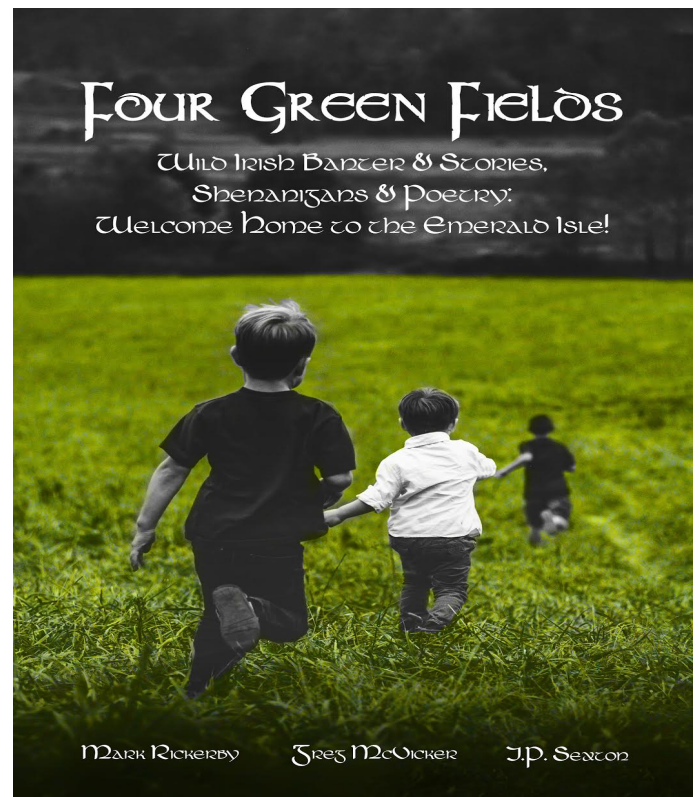
A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., with a reception to follow at: Saint John Vianney Church, 1345 Turnbull Canyon Road, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745. (Phone (626) 330-2269.

“For those of you who knew my sister Sheila Donovan or knew of her and her battle with cancer, I wanted to let you know she died in her sleep on May 31. She is survived by her partner of 35 years, Anil Kumar; mother Mary Donovan; siblings Maureen, Terry, John, Jim and Eileen. Predeceased by father Lawrence and brother Kevin. Thanks to [Marie Montclair](#) for her tender care in Sheila's last days.” (Eileen Donovan)

♪♪ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ♪♪

To our friends who are  
Celebrating Birthdays!!

Go to [www.irish.org](http://www.irish.org) for names of  
friends celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries  
(e-mail information if you find the list  
needs to be updated)



(See Letters to Editor page 4)

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## Letters to the Editor

From: [Mark Rickerby](#)

To: [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com)

Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 8:44 AM

Subject: New book about Belfast

Dear. Mr. McConville,

I'm John Rickerby's son. Last time we spoke was when my father passed away on 12/21/14. If you recall, I wanted to mention his book *The Other Belfast* in his obituary and you thought it might sound crass. I've always felt funny about that and wanted to explain. The fact is I felt guilty for not helping him put his book together fast enough because he was already showing signs of the Parkinson's and Dementia that would take his life when the book was released in 2010. It will always be a regret that I didn't help him finish his memoir sooner, even decades sooner, so that he would have had more time to enjoy talking about it with his friends. I suppose I was in denial about his aging. The only consolation is that it was his responsibility to finish and publish his book more than it was mine. He talked about it for literally forty years and even wrote most of it but it was all languishing in boxes in his garage. Seeing that he was getting older with no sign of finishing it, I finally took it upon myself to format and publish it for him, but he had precious little time to enjoy it. However, the first year that it was out, his great mind was still mostly intact, and he said, "I never finished my memoir because I thought 'who the hell am I to write an autobiography? I never went to the moon and survived a POW camp. But after reading the book, I realized my life was extraordinary in its own way. Thank you for that.'" It was one of the greatest moments of my life, and I think of those words now when I'm kicking myself for not getting his book done sooner.

So that's my round-about way of explaining why I wanted his book mentioned in his obituary. Sheer

frustration, regret and shame that I didn't do more for him. I've been sharing chapters of his book ever since, anywhere I can, and especially his poem titled *Ulster* that he wrote in the 1970's during the height of "the troubles." One of the places I shared it was on a Facebook page for a book titled *Through the Eyes of a Belfast Child* by Greg McVicker. Greg and I became friends about four years ago as a result, and he recently asked me if I would like to write a book with him and another author named John Sexton, who was born and raised in Donegal. The book is called *Four Green Fields*. It's a collection of stories and poems about Belfast and Ireland, and my father is heavily featured in it. In fact, we authors are the "four green fields", and as always, it is a comfort to me to share chapters of my father's memoir in this new book, and write stories about him. It's an empty kind of comfort since he isn't here to laugh along with me, but I'll take what I can get.

He always had great respect for you and I still remember listening to your radio show when he took the family out in the old blue Corvair on weekends. Those were my father's happiest days, when he was involved in the Irish community, writing letters to the L.A. Times and Belfast Telegraph about the troubles. I recall he was even interviewed on TV once or twice. Your radio show helped him feel connected to his hometown of Belfast that he still loved so much. Thank you for that, too.

I am attaching the book and its cover as a gift to you for your kindness when my father passed. I hope you enjoy it. We haven't published it yet so if you'd like to send a testimonial when you're finished reading it, I would be very proud to feature it in the book. Thanks again and warmest wishes,

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**Subject: Official Government decision to open new Irish Consulate in Los Angeles**

A chairde, friends,

I wanted to bring to your attention the decision by the Government of Ireland today to proceed with planning to open a full Consulate of Ireland in Los Angeles. The new Consulate is part of the *Global Ireland* plan to expand Ireland's global footprint between now and 2025. I have attached the Government's statement and also remarks by the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, which I encourage you to read.

Timelines at this point are still being worked out but today's announcement is a firm commitment by the Government of Ireland, which recognises the enormous links already between Ireland and Southern California, and the potential to further develop and deepen our connections into the future.

I want to pay tribute at this point to former Honorary Consul, Finbar Hill, who during his over 15 years as Honorary Consul in LA where he was an important member of Team Ireland, made clear the necessity to establish a full Consulate in Southern California.

The Consulate in San Francisco will continue to have responsibility for consular services in Southern California until the new Consulate is established and we look forward to continuing working with you all until then.

On a personal note, I wish to thank all of you for the warm welcome Caoimhe and I have received across Southern California since our arrival eleven months ago. I also want to pay tribute to your on-going efforts and support in maintaining and deepening the links between Southern California and Ireland, in celebrating Irish culture and heritage, our language, our sport and the enormous contribution that the Irish and those of Irish descent have made, and continue to make, to Southern California. From the vantage point of San Francisco, John and I know that the new Consulate, when established, will be fortunate to have such an incredibly talented and supportive Irish and Irish-American community to work with and to serve.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Robert

**Robert O'Driscoll** | Consul General | Consulate General of Ireland to Western USA | Email: [robert.odriscoll@dfa.ie](mailto:robert.odriscoll@dfa.ie) | Phone: 415 392 4214 | Mobile: 415 370 5515 |

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

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**From:** [Nick Lockwood](#)

**To:** [tomirishhour@msn.com](mailto:tomirishhour@msn.com)

**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 10:16 AM

**Subject:** Irish National Baseball Team

Hey Tom!

I wanted to reach out and give you some info about a very interesting event happening for the Irish population in the US and beyond! We love donations, but simply spreading the word about our organization is huge!

The Irish Men's National Baseball Team is hosting the 2018 European C Pool Championships. Ireland will face Greece, Finland, Slovenia and Norway in the week-long tournament. The tournament will take place from July 23-28, 2018. The tournament will be held in Ashbourne, County Meath. An exciting moment for Baseball Ireland and our Program as Ireland pushes for progression into the upper echelon of European Baseball.

The Team roster is a mix of Irish resident players, Irish-American and Irish-Canadian dual citizens. All players are citizens of Ireland.

We are seeking donations and sponsors within Ireland, the United States and Canada to assist with subsidizing Team expenses, including uniforms, airfare, lodging, meals, and other tournament costs.

You can read more about the Tournament, the Teams, the Schedule and other information at the following link:

<http://www.baseballstats.eu/2018/ashbourne/schedule.php>

<https://www.gofundme.com/baseball-ireland-national-team-fund> Your support is greatly appreciated. Go Ireland!!



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## HAPPY RETIREMENT TO RICK GOULD



Rick Gould has over 40 years of Parks and Recreation experience. For nearly 17 years, Rick has served as the Director of Parks, Recreation, Community Services, Arts and Open Space for the City of Santa Clarita. His leadership, strategic planning and ability to create partnerships with other agencies has led to the addition of 25 new parks and facilities and numerous programs and events. He's worked with staff, the community and partners to develop projects as large as an Aquatic Center/Sports Complex while also focusing on smaller, but much-needed parks in remote neighborhoods. He has worked to preserve historic sites, conserve natural resources, and served on various boards including the

Santa Clarity Valley Committee on Aging (Senior Center), Boys and Girls Club, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy just to name a few. Prior to Santa Clarita, Rick also served this profession for the Cities of Pleasanton and Santa Cruz.

In Santa Clarita, Rick utilized a forward-thinking approach to reorganize the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services department. In 2003, Rick realized that event production functions were spread across the department and had a vision of bringing these functions together as the Arts and Events Office. Rick charged the team leader to utilize a different organizational philosophy that reimagined the traditional organizational chart. Each event or project had a coordinator who would serve as the oversight role for that particular event, and the rest of the team was accountable to the coordinator. This style of management was dubbed "hub and spokes" and resulted in more capacity and flexibility.

Rick's dedication to the profession is apparent through his support of CPRS over the span of his career. Rick encourages staff to participate in this important organization because he knows that it provides great leadership and networking opportunities. This is evidenced by the fact that each year since 2008, District 14's board has been comprised of a majority of Santa Clarita staff.

In 2008 Rick helped revitalize District 14 by hosting a district meeting to encourage participation which has remained strong to this day. (*California Parks & Recreation – Spring 2018*)

(Rick and his wife, Margaret O'Callaghan live in Pasadena).

## How to Lock Your Car and Why!!



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I locked my car using the remote fob. As I walked away I heard my car door unlock. I went back and used the fob to lock my car again three times. Each time, as soon as I started to walk away, I would hear it unlock again!! Naturally alarmed, I looked around and there were two guys sitting in a car in the fire lane next to the store. They were obviously watching me intently, and there was no doubt they were somehow involved in this very weird situation. I quickly chucked the errand I was on, jumped in my car and sped away. I went straight to the police station, told them what had happened, and found out I was part of a new, and very successful, scheme being used to gain entry into cars. Two weeks later, my friend's son had a similar happening. While traveling, my friend's son stopped at a roadside rest to use the bathroom. When he came out to his car less than 4-5 minutes later, someone had gotten into his car and stolen his cell phone, laptop computer, GPS navigator, briefcase, you name it. He called the police and since there were no signs of his car being broken into, the police told him he had been a victim of the latest robbery tactic -- there is a device that robbers are using now to clone your security code when you lock your doors on your car using your remote fob locking device.

They sit a distance away and watch for their next victim. They see you go inside of the store, restaurant, or bathroom so they have a few minutes to steal and run. The police officer said **to manually lock your car door-by hitting the lock button inside the car -- that way if there is someone sitting in a parking lot watching for their next victim, it will not be you.**

**When you hit the lock button on your car upon exiting, it does not send the security code, but if you walk away and use the remote door lock on your key chain, it sends the code through the airwaves where it can be instantly stolen. This is very real.** Pass this note on. Look how many times we all lock our doors with our remote just to be sure we remembered to lock them -- and bingo, someone has our code...and whatever was in our car.

Snopes Approved --.

Please share with everyone you know



- ***Judy Meister***. Judy lived in Burbank for years but moved to Florida to be close to her only child this year. She worked for years in Administration in a hospital close to Dodger Stadium. Judy was a "regular" at Des Regans' Pub. She supported the Irish Hour for years. Until a few years ago she was always at the Irish Center's St Patrick's Celebration with her friends--Janet, Olivia, Roxanne etc. About two years ago I met Judy in Costco. We chatted a good while about the Irish people she had known --and missed!! She had retired. She said that her married (and only) son had discussed her moving to Florida. (I think Judith Meister was born in Racine, Wisconsin.

Hi all,

Just wanted to send a note with updates on Judy.

She is doing real well. She moved in late March to a building with more assistance and she really likes it.

Her days are filled with 3 meals a day, fitness classes, music, movies, crafts, and lunches out every Thursday. Her days are pretty much filled with fun things to do.

Her ability to communicate verbally is getting diminished, but she is always laughing and just takes it in stride. She is really in a good mood all the time.

She enjoys getting letters, it's the best way to give her news on what is going on. I always read them with her and she re-reads them a few more times.

Jen and I see her 3-4 times a week and we enjoy our time together. Our main event is feeding bread to the turtles in the lake outside her apartment and going for walks.

The attached pictures are from a day doggies came to be pet by the residents, a day trip out, and from our turtle feeding adventures and walks.

That's all for now

Dan

**(see below for pictures).**





Our Airline partner [Aer Lingus](#) asked us to pass on this wonderful news.

Check out Aer Lingus' fall sale! Fly from L.A. Los Angeles (LAX) to Ireland from \$579\*

\* Roundtrip per person, includes air transportation charges, taxes & fees. Restrictions apply.

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Please be advised the **Aer Lingus Fall Fares** have been extended until July 12, 2018. Please use link . . . . . <https://bit.ly/2trDSmL>

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May 18, 2018

**Andrew Lloyd Webber's Smash Hit**

# SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

**Comes to Segerstrom Center for the Arts**

**July 24 – August 5, 2018**

**Seegerstrom Hall**

**Tickets On Sale Now**

Seegerstrom Center for the Arts is pleased to bring the second of two brand new Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals to Orange County: ***School of Rock – The Musical***. Following two weeks of packed houses for Webber's *Love Never Dies*, this high-octane Broadway and West End hit comes to Seegerstrom Hall July 24 – August 5, 2018. This hilarious musical features all the original songs from the 2003 film plus 14 new songs written specially for the show by Andrew Lloyd Webber and musical theater's first-ever all-kids rock band.

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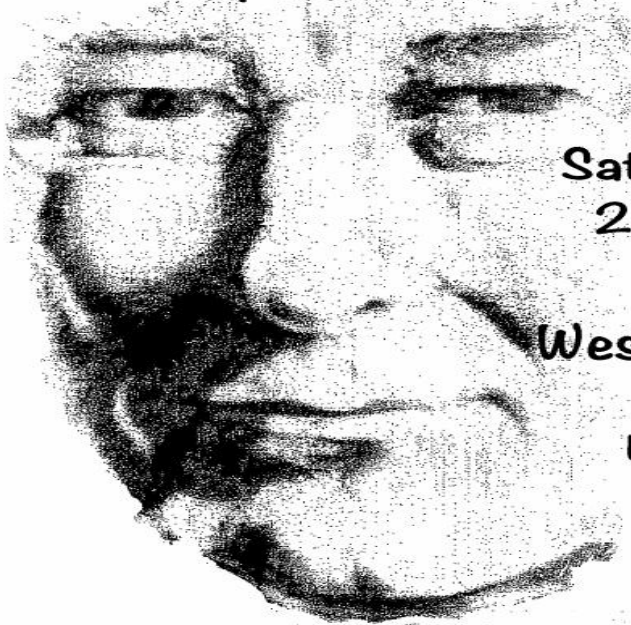
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# Seamus Heaney

## "Keeping Going"

The Life and Poetry of Seamus Heaney  
Irish poet and  
recipient of 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature



Read by Joe Praml


Saturday, June 30, 2018  
2:00 p.m to 4:00 p.m.

**Westwood Branch Library**

1246 Glendon Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90024  
Tel: (310) 474-1739  
[www.joepraml.com](http://www.joepraml.com)

*Drawing by Isabella Falla*

*For ADA accommodations call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hrs in advance*

LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY 

***: Joe Praml will read his compilation of the poetry of Seamus Heaney, Irish poet and recipient of the 1995 Nobel Prize in***

***Literature.*** The Nobel Committee described Heaney's poetry as "works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past." Joe's reading centers around three of Heaney's themes: the Troubles, the Irish people and the land and soil of Ireland. Joe brings out the humanity and humor of Seamus Heaney's poetry. Westwood Branch Library, Westwood Branch Library, 1247 Glendon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. **Validated parking.**

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The Celtic Arts Center presents Scottish Country Dancing taught by Ann McBride, certified instructor by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.



**Mondays from June 4 through July 9, 2018**  
**7:00–8:00 p.m.**  
**at The Mayflower Club**  
**1110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood**  
**SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING**

with Ann McBride

This class will be held in the main auditorium at the Mayflower Club. Join us at 7:00 p.m. If you haven't gotten enough exercise, join in the Irish céilí dance class at 8:00 p.m. Or you can just chill with a pint or anything else from our full cash bar, which is always open on Monday nights as you listen to the tunes from our seisiún musicians or hang around and chat with friends new and old.

## ***CEILI & COCKTAILS***

***Saturday Night, June 30, 2018***

***7:00 – 11:00 p.m.***

At the Mayflower Club  
 1111 Victory Blvd.,  
 North Hollywood, CA

***Admission: \$8 for Celtic Arts Center or Mayflower Club Members***

***\$10 for Non-Members (before June 27, 2018)***

***Wishing a Speedy Recovery to:***

***Mike Noone who is recovering from open heart surgery.***

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