

WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 501 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation Tax ID No. is 95-4442397

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 <u>eirebt@yahoo.com</u> Our new mailing address is Post Office Box 901, La Canada, CA 91011.

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. **JULY MEETING CANCELED** 

**FRIENDS OF IRELAND** Breakfast meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) Tuesday, 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. JULY MEETING CANCELED

**ST. CORNELIUS CHURCH HALL, IRISH SOCIAL, 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 organizer, Sister Alicia from Castleblaney, who says "Please come and bring a friend and a dish." CHECK W/ SR ALICIA

### 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.

**CAREGIVER NEEDED:** I am looking for a **weekend caregiver** for my mother. She lives in Encino. She requires assistance with preparing meals and light conversation. Please contact me if interested and have experience. Stacey Nicklas

(310) 271-8787-----8 hours a day/\$18 hour



**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.

**CELTIC ARTS CENTER**, Mondays Celtic Irish Dance and workshop at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606. CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

## **ENJOY** FACEBOOK CONCERTS BY YOUR FAVORITE IRISH ARTISTS On their facebook page

Andy Cooney Live Concert Monday night from 7-8PM New York time! It will happen on Andy Cooney and his Band FB page.: http://Facebook.com/Andy.cooney.band/ 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, April AND May income due to the Coronavirus.

### **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!

Léargas: on all podcast platforms <u>https://www.fac</u> ebook.com/newryarmagh.sinnfein/

# 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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hello@cougars.la 😲

www.facebook.com/CougarsGFC 7967

To: tomirishhour@msn.com

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 6:59 AM Subject: Irish Soprano Livestream

Hello ! I am a Soprano living in Killarney, Ireland. I recently did a Livestream for Buffalo Irish Center , New York and Seattle Irish Network!

I am enquiring if you could share the New York Performance on your Facebook page and hope that people would enjoy it!

https://www.facebook.com/112748282145426/posts/2982440898509469/

Thank You,

Best Regards,

Mary Culloty O' Sullivan

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From: Mayflower Club <mayflowerclub@gmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 2:43 PM To: Mayflower Club <mayflowerclub@gmail.com> Subject: Mayflower Club Temporary Closure - Update

Dear Mayflower Club Members,

Our Club is still closed and we are waiting for LA City government to give us the OK to reopen. We are hoping it will be in July.

As soon as we have the OK we will send out a magazine and hopefully have some events to announce:

Gina, Dave and the Choir, the "Just Us" group, and "Rock Kandy" with Paul, are all looking forward to getting back to the Club!

Also, Dues are due: Our Club dues go from June to June - so it's time to renew your memberships.

Mimi is in the office Tuesdays & Wednesdays so she can process your membership dues payments.

We are looking forward to getting back to the Club.

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!

Stay safe until we can see each other again soon,

Your Mayflower Club Board of Directors

# NEW POCKET GUIDE TO IRISH GENEALOGY



Joe Garonzik <jgaronzi@gmail.com>

To:eirebt@yahoo.com

Tue, Jun 23 at 12:21 PM

If you would like to review our new book, NEW POCKET GUIDE TO IRISH GENEALOGY, by Brian Mitchell in your newsletter, please give me your snail mail address. Here is a link to the book's contents.

https://genealogical.com/store/new-pocket-guide-to-irish-genealogy/

Best wishes,

Joe Garonzik

Marketing Director

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# University of Limerick/IARC - Certificate in History of **Family and Genealogical Methods**

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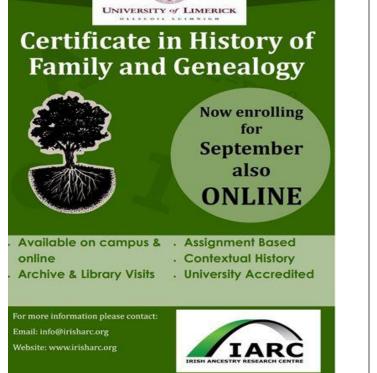
Mon. Jun 15 at 4:07 AM

Good Morning

We are the Irish Ancestry Research Centre and we are a leading provider of services designed to help people understand their past and save it for future generations. With this in mind we offer a Certificate in History of Family & Genealogical Methods which is available and accredited by the University of Limerick, which may be of interest to your members who have Irish heritage. (Details attached). This certificate is also available through distance learning online, an option particularly suited to these uncertain times and for those who live outside of Ireland. Enrolment for the academic year 2020/21 is now open.

We would be extremely grateful if you could please pass on this information to members of your organization and any interested parties and perhaps include our flyer on any social media pages.

Thank you for your assistance. Regards Irish Ancestry Research Centre New UL Flyer 1.JPG 48kB online Archive & Library Visits For more information please contact: Email: info@irisharc.org Website: www.irisharc.org



### Bringing Irish to your home/Gaeilge i do bhaile féin

I am the founder of a new Irish language streaming global audiovisual app service called ÉIREPORT. Of course, as a founder, I am really excited about this new app service. I believe that, when launched, it will be of great interest and enjoyment to all Irish communities throughout the world and has the potential to be a game changer for all who hold the Irish language dear to their hearts. Making it interesting is where you come in and where you can help by simply filling out the survey included in this article. It will take very little of your time but will help me immensely in creating a service that truly will bring the Irish language to your home.

ÉIREPORT will be enjoyable, engaging, engrossing, and entertaining for all, whether you are beginning to learn the Irish language, are an accomplished speaker or if you would like your children to speak Irish. Even if you are none of these and just enjoy watching Gaelic games this service is still for you for with ÉIREPORT you could enjoy watching Gaelic games with the added bonus of picking up a bit of Irish along the way by listening to commentary through Irish. I am in no doubt that ÉIREPORT will benefit all Irish communities throughout the world and will bring the Irish language to all communities in new, exciting and enjoyable ways. Crucial to this will be your responses to the <u>questionnaire</u> for they will help me bring an Irish language audiovisual service to all, throughout the world, who want to learn, experience and enjoy the richness of the Irish language or who wish that for their children. In anticipation I would like to thank you for helping me to bring Irish home, wherever your home is.

Is bunaitheoir seirbhíse nua aipe as Gaeilge mé ar seirbhís shruthuithe chlosamhairc í a bhfuil ÉIREPORT mar ainm aici. Dár ndóigh, mar bhunaitheoir, tá mé iontach tógtha faoin tseirbhís seo nó creidim, agus an tseirbhís beo, go mbeidh dúil nach beag ag pobal na nGael ar fud na cruinne inti. Ní amháin seo ach thiocfadh dó go mbeadh an mianach inti lámh mhór chuidithe a thabhairt don Ghaeilge lena cur san áit ar mhian linn, a bhfuil an Ghaeilge deas dár gcroíthe, go mbeadh sí. Is sa déanamh suimiúil an áit dtagann tú féin isteach sa scéal agus an áit ar féidir leat bheith ina chuidiú trí líonadh amach an cheistneora a thagann leis an alt seo. Ní ghlacfaidh seo ach fíorbheagán do do chuid ama agus beidh sé ina chuidiú mhór domsa i ndearadh seirbhíse a thabharfaidh go fiorúil agus go fírinne an Ghaeilge isteach chuig do bhaile féin.

Beidh ÉIREPORT siamsúil, spéisiúil, sultmhar agus suimiúil d'achan duine óg nó aosta, le Gaeilge nó gan. Níl mé in aon amhras go rachaidh ÉIREPORT chun leasa phobal na nGael ar fud na cruinne ar bhealach nualaíoch, sultmhar agus sásúil. Beidh, áfach, freagraí an cheistneora ríthábhachtach nó cuideoidh siad liom seirbhís chlosamhairc as Gaeilge a chur ar fáil ar fud na cruinne d'achan duine ar suim leo teacht a bheith aige/aici agus ag an chlann ar an Ghaeilge agus sult a bhaint as a saibhreas. I ndúil leis na freagraí, ba mhian liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leat as cuidigh liom an Ghaeilge a thabhairt chuig baile s'agat, cib é áit a bhfuil an baile sin.

Mise, le meas,

Dr. Micheál Ó Duibh

Stiúrthóir/Director ÉIREPORT

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The questionnaires can be returned to me directly.

# **REST IN PEACE**

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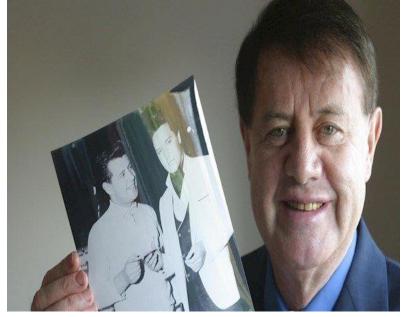


Martin Whelan May 1, 1940 May 3, 2020

Martin Whelan, twin brother of the late Philip Whelan, passed away on May 3, 2020 in Cocoa Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife Barbara, brother Don Whelan (Santa Barbara), sister Lucy Robinson, and brothers Brian and Joseph in Ireland. His brother John Whelan (Chicago) passed away recently.

Nora McGovern passed away recently in North Hollywood. She was predeceased by her husband Pat Mc Govern and her daughter Margaret.

# Brendan Bowyer (facebook)



It is with deep sadness and regret that we announce the passing of Brendan Bowyer, Ireland's most beloved International entertainer for 62 years.

Brendan passed away peacefully in Las Vegas on the late evening of May 28, 2020. He was surrounded by the unending love of his wife of 53 years, Stella, his three children, Brendan Jr., Aisling, Clodagh, and his two grandchildren, Liam & Nora Stella.

Brendan was hoping to get back to his homeland, Ireland, one last time. He was 81 years old.

# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES BRENDAN

# Deoraí Releases Dystopian Disco Music Video in the Irish Language

Dear Irish Cultural Center South California,

We are writing to you to let you know that we have just released the 3rd song and music video of the year (not bad going considering the lockdown restrictions). We hope you enjoyed the first two and we are sharing the latest one with you today. It's called 'Digiteach' (Digital) and it's a song about humanity getting trapped in a virtual world. Oh, and it's in the Irish language! Please take a look and write a comment, like and share. Art is very important for languages to thrive and we are continuing to use the Irish language to keep it alive.

Take care and Stay Safe.

Deoraí

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"A superb writer-the Irish Jojo Moyes. -Irish Examiner A Novel Two friends. One life-changing journey. Ciara Geraghty

Perfect for the beach and book clubs alike, RULES **OF THE** ROAD sparkles with unforgettable characters, surprising humor, and a fresh voice. In this emotional. life-affirming novel, two women embark on an extraordinary road trip and discover the transformative power of female friendship.

# **CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for a few of Mary Cox's grandchildren.

Maggie Champeny was recently hired as an Engineering Geologist in the Materials Management Unit for the State Water Resources Control Board in Sacramento.



Her sister, Mary Champeny, completed her Master of Science of Public Health at Johns Hopkins.



Jillian Cox graduated from Northern Arizona School of Nursing with a degree as a Registered Nurse, and

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# Congratulations to Katie Flynn who

received her B.S. in Business Administration-Accounting-Cum Laude from Oregon State University. Option in International Business.

and



# Congratulations to Aiden Flynn, Katie's brother, on graduating from St. Francis High School, La Canada.

Katie and Aiden are the children of Matt and Kim Flynn---(State Farm, 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale.)

Matt & Mary Flynn, La Canada, are the proud grandparents of Katie and Aiden.

## **FINANCIAL FOCUS**

#### Work to Achieve Your Financial Independence

#### <u>Article 1 – June 29, 2020</u>

Over the past few months, just about everyone has felt the loss of some type of freedom, whether it's being able to travel, engage in social gatherings or participate in other activities we previously took for granted. Still, as we prepare to observe Independence Day, it's comforting to realize all the freedoms we still have in this country. And taking the right steps can also help you achieve your *financial* independence.

Here are some moves to consider:

• **Build an emergency fund**. It's a good idea to create an emergency fund consisting of three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. With this fund in place, you can avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term, unexpected costs.

• Keep your debts under control. It's not easy to do, but if you can consistently minimize your debt load, you can have more money to invest for the future and move closer toward achieving your financial liberty. One way to keep your debts down is to establish a budget and stick to it, so you can avoid unnecessary spending.

• Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans. The more money you can save for retirement, the greater your feelings of financial independence. So, it's essential that you contribute as much as you can to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered, and every time your salary goes up, boost your annual contributions. Even if you participate in a 401(k), you're probably also still eligible to contribute to an IRA, which can help you build even more funds for retirement. And because you can fund an IRA with virtually any type of investment, you can broaden your portfolio mix.

• Explore long-term care coverage. One day, your financial independence could be threatened by your need for some type of long-term care. It now costs, on average, over \$100,000 for a private room in a nursing home and more than \$50,000 for the services of a home health aide, according to Genworth, an insurance company. Most of these costs won't be covered by Medicare, either, so, if you want to reduce the risk of seriously depleting all your financial resources – or burdening your adult children with these heavy expenses – you may want to consider some type of long-term care insurance. You could choose a traditional long-term care policy – which can cover a nursing home stay, home health care, or other services – or a hybrid policy, which provides long-term care coverage plus a death benefit.

• Manage withdrawals carefully. Once you retire, your financial freedom will depend a great deal on how skillful you are in managing the money in your retirement accounts. Specifically, you need to be careful about how much you withdraw from these accounts each year. If you set a withdrawal rate that's too high in your early years of retirement, you might eventually risk outliving your resources. So, set a withdrawal rate that reflects your age, assets, retirement lifestyle and other factors. You may want to consult with a financial professional to establish an appropriate rate.

As you can see, working toward your financial independence is a lifelong activity – but it's worth the effort. Neal Eckerlin

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# **CELTIC ARTS CENTER**



We're still here and thinking for you...

Even though we may be indoors and socially distanced, the Celtic Arts Center is waiting for the allclear to bring you exciting classes and events for our 35th anniversary year. Among other things, we plan to bring you a rising young singer from Scotland, a class on Irish revolutionary literature, our annual September members' meeting/ice cream social, the most unique Samhain/Halloween celebration anywhere in SoCal, and of course our language classes, dancing lessons, the longestrunning session in Southern California, more Céilís and more fun!

#### We are all looking forward to brighter days ahead in 2020!

Do you have any ideas for us? What would you like to see us offer, both now and after the emergency is over? For example, do you think we should re-do some "missed" holidays? Do write to us, keep in touch, because that's what's keeping us all going right now!

## We're still teaching Irish!!

Our brilliant and dedicated teacher, Micheál, is still remotely teaching the Irish language to a booming and growing class of *daltaí gaeilgeoirí*, same day and time! For instructions on how to make contact and participate, please go to

http://www.celticartscenter.com/COVID-19\_Gaeilge.html

Please keep checking in with us, in case we are able to offer more remote classes and activities.

# Fanacht sábháilte – Stay safe.

CONTACT US <u>celt@celticartscenter.com</u> (747) 444-0876 MAILING ADDRESS 5062 Lankershim Blvd. #3003 North Hollywood, CA 91601 WEBSITE http://www.celticartscenter.com/Main.htm

We've been forced to slow down recently. Here's a poem for those of us who find peace in a garden.

### At this time of the afternoon

At this time of the afternoon when the shadow of the mulberry darkens the breeze block wall, and little leaves of light appear and disappear on the mulberry shadow in step with the melody of the wind's lullaby to the bough, and the shadow of the triangle palm, shaped like a quiver of arrows across the dark virile blades of the sod, sashays from side to side in rhythm with the mood of the breeze;

when the clay pots of geraniums framing the statue of St. Francis at the base of the mulberry lose a drop or two of their orange hue and remind me of the blood of martyrs;

when the bird in the palm and the squirrel at the feet of St. Francis sing only of the softness of flight, and the zigzagging nature of life...

at this time, when so much work is being done by white flies and black ants, and with so much feeding and nurturing and competition and aging – seen and unseen – and with this heavenly temperature and this heavenly absence,

I think of the forge of Blake, who crafted poems of boy chimney sweeps and jewel-eyed tigers and England as Jerusalem in a glimmering white-heat of protestant fire.

And I wonder on the blacksmith and the mill worker (long gone) and the toil of the hands that shaped this youthful eden before me: papal-white roses and lime-colored golden bamboos, lavender, and Japanese red grasses, all perfectly content to flirt with the eye that wonders from the virile blades to the soft seductive periphery.

Now a small brown triangle, thin as rice paper, ascends from the corner edge of the barbeque, swooping and curling like a calligrapher carving a poem from the past; and suddenly a small bird flies past my ear and disappears into the neighbors' garden like a dart thrown by Nike before I can tell if it's one of those rust-breasted, incessantly chirpy little fuckers —An American Robin, says Roethke, —Like a spark from the forge, says Blake.

Then Gaspar tells us the green blades will brown and the cacti will get too much water, and do whatever cacti do when they get too much water, and that (knowing Blake will value the simile) the night jasmine vines climb and twist and hang from their trellises like boys in a playground.

And Blake, smiling, nods to the ivy climbing the palm, only months from reaching the new fronds, and suggests (for Gaspar's benefit) that it's growing like a nappy green 'fro. And I say the teak patio furniture, stained dark brown just yesterday, smells of brandy and oranges and licorice and some kind of nut. but my description could be way off because only last week I thought the chocolate-bananabread Reg was baking in the oven smelled like carrot cake. We laugh, and dig the soil our feet are planted in, looking for each other's humanity, trying to get to the quality of it.

But those conversations are not real. Because at this time of the afternoon, when the light is just so, and the air is cool and certain, and the numinous night is an hour away from waking, I am my truest self... listening for the song in the wind, looking not on Whitman's water, sun and hill – *it's more personal than that* – but breathing in my brother, Steve, and my dad, who left this earth much too early in the day.

To view more poems, check out my website at: <u>www.seangunning.com</u> **Sean Gunning** (562) 209-3051 mobile <u>seangunning1@verizon.net</u> <u>www.seangunning.com</u>

For updated news from Ireland via e-mail: IrishCentral newsletter@enl.irishcentral.com

### **REMINDER**

If you have an article of interest, a story, a poem, an event of interest to the Irish community please forward it to me for inclusion in the newsletter. (eirebt@yahoo.com)

If you need to contact the Irish Consulate in Los Angeles please:

Phone: 310-424-5538 or e-mail

losangelescg@dfa.ie (preferred)

To view and add your name to receive the NEWSLETTER at the Irish Consulate San Francisco

Please visit their website or check

out the most recent newsletter at

Irishcenter.org website

# **STAY HOME UNTIL THE NEXT GET-TOGETHER**

### **IRISH OUTREACH – SAN DIEGO**

2725 Congress Street, Suite 2G San Diego, CA 92110 Cathy Ward - 619-291-1630 e-mail: <u>help@irishoutreachcenter.org</u> Hours: M –F 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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