



WORKING TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH AN IRISH CULTURAL CENTER IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Irish Center of Southern California Inc., is a 503 c (3) Not for Profit Corporation. Our tax ID is 95-4442397. We are a fundraising group with no "paid" staff. Our primary aim is to acquire a multi-purpose facility including theater, library, social hall, meeting rooms etc. The mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201.

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

If you know anyone who would like to receive this newsletter and doesn't have a computer we will send by U S Mail. Let us know. This goes to over 2500 email addresses.



14th March 2015. Please join us at the Hilton Hotel, Glendale and help us celebrate our heritage in a wonderful setting. --St Patrick's Celebration hosted by the Irish Center of So California Inc at the Hilton Hotel, 100 West Glenoaks, Glendale, 91202. Starts at 5 pm!! Ken O'Malley and his band will provide the music for your dancing. The Cleary School under the direction of Maggie Cleary will present their spectacular Floor Show of traditional Irish Dance.

The cover charge of \$70 includes dinner, dance, the special Floor show, tax and tip. Call Mrs Mary Dempsey at 626 337 0075 and make your reservation now. Or call the Irish Center at 818 238 0445 and leave a message . Visa and Master Cards are accepted. Please come and bring a friend. They will be glad you did!! Starts at 5 pm!!

We also ask if you would help with our Silent Auction by donating a painting, liquor, wine, tickets for baseball, basketball, concerts, golf, Time shares etc. Tickets for a special opportunity drawing for two round trip tickets to Ireland have been mailed to those people for whom we have an address. (6 tickets for \$25)

Gay Hendrie of Fullerton won the two admissions (\$140.00) to our St Patrick's Celebration at the Hilton Hotel on the 14th March. Gay won the early bird drawing at our meeting in February. If you haven't sent in your tickets for the trip to Ireland please do so now and maybe your name will be drawn. Don't forget the dinner will be served at 6 pm!!

Sunday. 1st March. The Irish Center's informal "get together luncheon" will be held at the Angeles National Golf Club, 9401 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA 91040. Telephone # 818 951 8771. Let's meet at 12.45 pm. Free parking & wheelchair access. Bring your children. (Half price). The brunch includes lunch (salads, shrimp, beef, sausages, omelets, etc) coffee or iced tea, dessert (a variety) tax & gratuity. All for \$25. Bring your musical instrument or song book.

Always fun, good food, good company+ singing etc. Remember, the brunch starts at 1 pm. Call Bridget Hana at 818 249 7911 for reservations.

Mailing address is 1931 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale. CA 91201 March 2015



Saturday. 28th February. Charles Shaughnessy, the actor, is appearing in "A Chekov Humoresque" at the Beverly Garland Hotel in The Little Theatre at a 1:30PM matinee, others stars will be Samantha Eggar, Jo Anne Worley, Marvin Kaplan, Richard Herd and Tom Williams.

Purchase tickets at door of Little Theatre or/and reserve seats by calling California Artists Radio Theatre:213 683 3422. (From Peggy Webber McClory)

Saturday, 28th February. Los Angeles Police Emerald Society will have their St Patrick's Fund Raiser at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos. Reception at 6 pm and dinner at 7pm.

Admission: \$55. Honoring Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Deputy Chief William Murphy.

Contact: Thomas Keleher, President, at [lapdespresident@gmail.co](mailto:lapdespresident@gmail.com)

Sunday, 1st March. Celtic Festival at Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St, Santa Ana. 92706.

11 am to 4 pm. Face painting, art projects, Shamrock cookie sampling

12 noon. Forrest Cormany, bagpipe musician; 12:30. Innisfree Irish Band; 1:30 Butler-Fearon-O'Connor School of Irish Dance; 2 pm Innisfree Irish Band.

Kidseum is free and open 10 am-4 pm. Located 2 blocks South of Bowers at 1802 N. Main

Tuesday, 3rd March at 9.30 am, Friends of Ireland monthly breakfast at Katella Restaurant, 4470 Katella Ave, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

RSVP Pete Walsh, 714 200 7365 or pbeireanua@att.net

Saturday, 7th March. Tir Ruaidh Irish Dance Company is Hosting it's 2nd Annual Ceili Fundraiser. Tir Ruaidh is a Non-Profit Organization raising funds to support the school and dancers traveling to Dusseldorf Germany to compete in the World Championships of Irish Dance.

March 7th 7-11pm Hangar 17 3/4 1795 Sessums Dr. Redlands 92373. Music by The Ceili House Band. Admission \$10.00 Children 5 and under free. Info: 909 499 4586.

Roisin Robson, ADCRG, WIDA Development Director, Tír Ruaidh Irish Dance Co.

Sunday, 8th March. Irish Social from 2 pm to 6 pm at St Cornelius Church hall, 5500 E. Wardlow, Long Beach has been POSTPONED to Sunday, 12th April

Saturday, 14th March. 11 am to 12 noon at the Mar Vista Branch Library, 12006 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90066, Joe Praml will read his compilation "Heirs of Brighid: Poetry of Ireland" including poetry of Seamus Heaney, Eavan Boland, Oliver Goldsmith, Oscar Wilde, W.B.Yeats, Patrick Pearse, and others. Info: 310 390 3454;

www.lapl.org/branches/mar-vista ; www.joepraml.com.



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Saturday, 14th March. St Patrick's Day Festival at Agoura/Calabasas Community Center, 27040 Malibu Hills Rd, Calabasas. From 11 am to 3 pm. FREE ADMISSION. Featuring: Irish Dancers, Green Belly Dancers and the Innisfree Irish Band.

Saturday, 14th March. 30th Year Celebration of St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at American Martyrs Church Hall, 624 15th St., Manhattan Beach. 90266 at 6:30pm. Admission: \$25.

Entertainment: Innisfree Irish Band and Kelly School of Irish Dance. Info:310 514 3265.

Sunday. 15th March. Dennis McNeil---" A fabulous singer and entertainer" (Broadway World) will perform at The Comedy and Magic Club, 1014 Hermosa Ave, Hermosa Beach at 7.30 pm. General admission \$20. (2 items minimum). Dennis McNeil with Ed Martel on the piano. Info: 310 372 1193. www.comedyandmagicclub.com.

8th November---9th March. Exhibition at the Mary Lou and George Boone Gallery. Huntington Library, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino. CA 91108. Info: 626 405 2100
This traveling exhibition pairs for the first time approximately 150 works by American photographers Paul Caponigro (b. 1932) and Bruce Davidson (b. 1933), enlightened observers of Britain and Ireland in the 1960s and '70s. For Caponigro, Ireland and Britain became sites of creative energy to which he returned repeatedly. Davidson brought the same gritty street sensibility that had made his Brooklyn Gang series a sensation among photograph collectors.

"The Night Alive" closes on 15th March. !! 7th February---15th March. " The Night Alive"by Dublin born Conor McPherson, an Irish playwright that the New York Times called "Quite possibly the greatest playwright of his generation" Randall Arney directs. In *The Night Alive*, Tommy owes more than he earns. When he is unexpectedly compelled to help Aimee, a young woman with much harder luck than his own, the taste of turmoil he suffers becomes a full-blown meal. With his trademark humor and humanity, three-time Tony Award nominee Conor McPherson makes Phoenix Park, Dublin a place where anyone can rise from the ashes.

The acting talent in *The Night Alive* includes three Irish actors providing a hint of the Old Sod themselves to the proceedings...

Paul Vincent O'Connor (Tommy) has starred in two other McPherson plays directed by Arney at the Geffen ... *The Weir* and *The Seafarer*.

Fiona O'Shaughnessy portrays Aimee, a young woman, homeless and alone, doing what she has to to survive in a world of men.

Los Angeles-based actor Dan Donohue (Doc) is a favorite of Oregon Shakespeare Festival and several other regional rep theaters. The cast also features Peter O'Meara as Kenneth and Denis Arndt as Maurice. www.geffenplayhouse.com.



Tuesday, 17th Mar. Irish Hooley on the waterfront in San Pedro. from 2 pm to 6 pm. Free admission

Great food, Great Craic, and fun for the whole family & friends at the Ports O'Call Restaurant & Ports O'Call Village, San Pedro. Featuring the Innisfree Irish Band

March 17 - April 12. *PYGMALION* by George Bernard Shaw. Directed By Jessica Kubzansky.

In this delicious and gritty interpretation of Pygmalion phonetics professor Henry Higgins bets after he finishes transforming Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle, her flawless speech and delicate facade will allow her to pass for a duchess at an ambassador's garden party. Centering on language as a defining characteristic, social satire about class barriers and the stifling of female independence, *PYGMALION* manages to be both playful and heart-breaking with a narrative whose relevance to our world today is as profound as ever.

Tickets are available online at PasadenaPlayhouse.org or call 626 356 7529—Discount code: PYG20. Pasadena Playhouse, 39 S El Molina, Pasadena. CA 91101.



The Auld Dubliner.

Going on 11 years of offering a taste of contemporary Ireland. Modeled after a century old country pub we are proud to offer a contemporary array of food and drink reflecting a modern pub of today in Ireland. With a focus on Irish products we feature Burren Smokehouse smoked salmon, Kerrygold butter and cheese, Tayto's, Barry's Tea to name but a few. On the beverage side we are proud to carry over 65 Irish Whiskeys along with a extensive list of import and craft beers without losing sight that a perfect pint of Guinness is our top seller by a long ways.

Live music is an integral component of our business model and we are proud to present live performances without a cover charge 7 days a week. Ranging from local talent to some of the best Irish performers in the Southland there is something for everyone. But most of all the Auld Dubliner encourages all the staff to be themselves, to let their personalities shine through and to enjoy a little banter with each guest in the spirit of Ireland. The Auld Dubliner, 71 Pine Street, Long Beach. CA 90802- 8158. Phone 562 397 1958.



Mary Pat Kelly's second novel in her Irish Trilogy, 'Of Irish Blood', is a riveting novel that brings the heroines of the Irish Revolution to vivid life...a great read and a wonderful addition to every Irish-American's library."- Patrica Harty, Co-founder/ Editor-in-Chief of *Irish American Magazine*. "Kelly is a wonderful, creative, and intelligent writer who's endowed with a sense of humor."- Malachy McCourt.

In the first installment, "Galway Bay", heroine Honora Kelly sets out for "Amerikay" fleeing the tyranny and devastation of the Great Starvation. She raises her family in late nineteenth century Chicago. In "Of Irish Blood" granddaughter and namesake, Nora, is forced to flee her home and finds refuge in pre-World War One Paris. There she rediscovers her "Irish blood" and joins the struggle to free Ireland. "Of Irish Blood" is available in hardback at bookstores, Amazon.com and in eBook format. Galway Bay is available in paperback. Go to marypatkellytour.com for book signing tour details.



Our condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

Mark O'Brien was born in Lissamullaney, Swinford, Co Mayo on 13th November 1927 and passed away in Burbank on 12th February 2015.

Mark emigrated to Chicago in 1952. Moved to San Francisco for a while before coming to Los Angeles. Mark was a painter by trade and worked in the Studios for 34 years.

Mark O'Brien was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis in 2001 and their son James in 2000. He is survived by his son Tom O'Brien, and children: Torrey, Tyler and Tawni ; also by James's children: Jimmie and Shannon.

Mark O'Brien's Memorial Mass will be on Tuesday, 3rd March at 10:am at Saint Robert Bellarmine Church, 133 N. Fifth Street, Burbank. 91501. May the good Lord have mercy on his gentle soul.



The Celtic Arts Center meets every Monday evening at the Mayflower Club, 11110 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood. (Just west of Vineland).



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Congratulations: Tomas O’Grady is a farmer’s son from Galway who lives in the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles. In the Los Angeles Times of the 11th June 2014, Steve Lopez wrote an article about L.A. schools and highlighted Mr O’Grady as the founder of Friends of Thomas Starr King Middle School. He and other parents worked together to install a garden. The “Friends” kept fundraising and before long they had raised enough money to do lots of other things for the school. The Galwayman has received numerous awards from various Civic groups. Tomas O’Grady is now running to replace termed out Councilman Tom LaBonge in the Los Angeles 4th District.



May laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home, May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life’s passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.



Subject: Painted Clans - Hand painted contemporary Irish
I'm an Irish designer and artist based in Monaghan, Ireland.
I paint contemporary Irish crests. Each crest is researched and redesigned with a modern minimalist style keeping all the original elements that make up the crests. Symbols are hand painted using fine acrylic paint, framed, rubber embossed and signed, producing the perfect wedding gift, birthday or Christmas gift, or treasured family heirloom.
I've started a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds to help further market Painted Clans in Ireland and the US. Check it out what rewards on are offer.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1946917115/painted-clans-hand-painted-contemporary-irish-crests>

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From Ian Wilkinson:

I have just released a book in America titled “Crossing the Water” (a novel about Irish emigration) which you can see on Amazon

Link to book : <http://www.amazon.com/dp/0992848539>

I wondered if you’d be kind enough to mention it in your newsletter

If you would like a copy, the kindle version is on a free promotional download tomorrow

“That’s Just How It Was” by Mary Thorpe. “This is a moving family tale through which much can be gleaned about life during the push for Irish independence. This is a satisfying emotionally involving read”—Clarion Review.

Email: orders@bookmasters.com; Phone 800 247 6553. Also available on Kindle, Amazon and Barnes & noble.



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MoveOn/Brits and Irish United against Hershey. That is the website needed to sign the petition against the ban on importing Irish and British candy. Please sign this worldwide petition and pass along to all your friends via facebook etc.

The Independent Directors may be contacted as follows: Mr John Bilbrey, CEO., The Hershey Company, 100 Crystal A Drive, PO Box 810, Hershey, PA 17033;

Email: independentdirectors@hersheys.com. Then in the body, address to Mr. John Bilbrey

In addition, the Hershey Concern Line may be used by calling 1-800-362-8321 and by accessing the website www.HersheysConcern.com



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