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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OF COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

From the Chairman

A chairde,

Well, the convention is past and things can finally return to some form of normality. We had a lot of folks from the west region (most were from our branch) in attendance, so once again we showed the province that the west is well represented.

After the convention several of us continued East to Ireland and then onwards to the Continent. More on this in later issues.

On Thursday nights, we will no longer be dancing at the Sunset Recreation Center. Classes will now be held at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) at 45th and Sloat. Classes will be held either in the St. Patricks or St. Francis rooms or in the lounge. Signs will be posted in the lounge area directing dancers to the appropriate room.

Slán,
Michael Duffy

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday June 7th at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.

CCE Nights at UICC

Following the great success of the “Comhaltas Night” at the Cultural Center back in March, we are now planning to host similar events on the third Saturday of each month starting in June. Please consider joining us every month for an evening of great music, dancing, perhaps a song or two. Music will begin around 8:00 pm, but of course a fine dinner is also available there beforehand.

Dinner is served at the Irish Center from 6 to 9 pm. You need to call the Center for dinner reservations. Tel: 415-661-2700. You pay \$27.00 on the door and that includes tip and tax (best deal in town). Menu: Choice of soup or salad, main course (choice of 4), desert, tea/coffee.

Don't forget to come out and support Comhaltas and the Irish Cultural Center at the next CCE Nights on June 18th and July 16th.

CCE Convention

The Roving Reporter strikes again, this time in Ottawa for the CCE Convention. Stay tuned next month for the who's who & what they did, complete with photos. Here is a little something to wet the appetite.

What CCE SF Branch member had a series of “day time wives” assigned to keep him on track? Give it your best guess. Find out the answer in the next Sceal Eile. (Note: the 34 SF members who attended are not eligible to participate).



FOUNDED IN 1951, COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN IS IRELAND'S PREMIERE CULTURAL MOVEMENT. WHEN YOU JOIN COMHALTAS, YOU JOIN PEOPLE IN MORE THAN 400 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL IRISH ARTS OF MUSIC, DANCE AND LANGUAGE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OR VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [HTTP://SF.CCEWEST.ORG](http://sf.ccewest.org)

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Our St. Patrick's Day Parade Float is a bit like a good recipe or a favorite jigsaw puzzle. It takes many ingredients or pieces to put it together, but the result again this year was a wonderful display of Irish Tradition.

We owe a debt of gratitude, first of all to Charlie & Karen Cunningham of Cunningham Moving & Storage who, each year, generously provide us with the flatbed and space to construct our float. Bill and Steve Welch (Duggan's Funeral Parlor-17th Street) allow us access to their facilities on Sunday to put finishing touches on our float and then tear it down after the parade. These generous folks have aided us for many years and we could not do the job without them.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Teresa Ford and Sean Heaney (The Plough & Stars) for kindly donating towards construction of the float;

Driving: Jimmy, Sheri, Theresa, Jennifer & Destiny;

Construction & Decorating: Pat Joyce, Dan McAuliffe, Pat Nash, Greg Mihan, Brad Miller, Sean Griffin, Pat Costelloe, Tim Sullivan, Terry Ritts, Connie Lynch, Florence Keighran, Moe Murphy, Joannie O'Leary, Josephine Brogan, Kasey and kids.

Singing: We were fortunate to have Paul Matthews with us to sing enroute and at the Grand Stand.

Musicians: Lew Milligan, Barb Southworth, Rich Lundy, Miliosa Lundy, Michael Riemer and Sean O'Donnell,

Flag & Banner Bearers: Theresa Joyce, Pat Joyce, Sean Griffin and Kevin Roletto

Costumes: Cindy O'Donnell

Artists Extraordinaire: Kelle DeForrest, Kevin Rutherford and Kasey & Martine Millere

Bakers: Katherine Scanlon and all who brought sandwiches, etc., for the two days.

Leprechaun of the Day: Bob O'Connor (he also hand-made many scenery items)

In the Garden: Desmond, Kiya Rutherford, Brad Miller, Danny O'Donnell, Maggie O'Donovan, Siobhan O'Donovan, Pdraig Minihane

Step Dancers: Bernadette Flynn, Martine Millere, Geli Millere

Adult Dancers: Jonathan Coxhead, Connie Lynch, Bob Benjamin, Florence Keighran, Pat Nash, Teresa O'Leary, Greg Mihan, Cathy Mibach, Frank McDonagh, Mary McDonagh, Tim Sullivan, Monica Perry, Harold Jones, Ina Brennan, Micheal Minihane, Maureen Murphy, Michael Riemer, Cathy Jones, Kasey Millere and Michael Murphy (Dance Co-Ordinator/Instructor)

Children Dancers: Tony Garcia, Coleman Millere, Aine Minihane, Ashley Velasquez, Anya Diamond, Alijah O'Rourke, Hannah Collins, Grace Zallard

Float Folks: Frank & Margaret Lynch, Carmel Garcia, Moe Murphy, Terry Ritts, Josephine Brogan, Jenny Valcov, Joannie O'Leary, Michael Jones and Miriam Kaplan the O'Connor family and the families of the children who walked with us.

We give very special thanks to Kasey Millere, Float Chairlady, for her months of hard work, creative imagination and for bringing us all together for such a happy project!!!

Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 15 Bealtaine. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrás as Gaeilge agus seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Adh an phóta" don dinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 19 Meitheamh 2005, in Hayward. Seoaldh agus treoreacha le fáil: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Hayward, Sunday 15 May, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish and a music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 19 June 2005, in Hayward. Address and directions: gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881 5958.

Song and Storytelling

The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be Friday 5/6 @ 8pm at Oceanlight's house.

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May 2005						
Dé Domhnaigh SUNDAY	Dé Luan MONDAY	Dé Mairt TUESDAY	Dé Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	Déardaoin THURSDAY	Dé h-Aoine FRIDAY	Dé Sathairn SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	5 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars	6 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Oceanlight's Palo Alto	7
8	9 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	10	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	12 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars	13	14
15 <u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House	16	17	18 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	19 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough and Stars	20	21
22	23	24 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	25 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	26 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough and Stars	27	28
29	30 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	31	1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	2 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough and Stars	3	4

Fiddler's Green - 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, (650) 697-3419

Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3rd and 4th), San Francisco, (415) 386-6173

I.O.O.F. Hall - 113 South B Street, San Mateo

Nikki's House - Call or e-mail for directions: (510) 881 5958 or gaeilge@ccwest.org

Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122

Sunset Rec Center - 2201 Lawton St. (At the corner of 28th Ave.), San Francisco, (415) 753-7098

U.I.C.C. - 2700 45th Ave. (At Sloat Blvd.), San Francisco, (415) 661-2700



Set Dancing



Every Wednesday: Fiddler's Green in Millbrae at 8:00pm. Please contact Josephine for information (650) 372-9659.

1st Thursday: Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 8:00pm. Music by the Shannon Céili Band.

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm in various rooms. Taped music.
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Music by Topsy House. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to help support the band.



Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2nd and last Mondays of each month. This is intended for beginners learning to play traditional Irish tunes. Starting at 9:00pm more experienced musicians are encouraged to join in on the faster paced, more Traditional Seisiún which follows. All are welcome to come listen as well. Contact Michael Riemer or Michael Duffy for more information.
- Plough and Stars, starting at 8:30 on the second to last Tuesday of each month. This Seisiún follows the same format as the Ireland's 32 Slow Seisiún.

Seisiún: - 8:30 Sundays at the Plough and Stars, various hosts.

Song and Storytelling Seisiún: Held on the first Friday of each month, check the for exact details.

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