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

From the Chairman

I'd like to invite you all to the West Region annual business meeting, ceili and seisiun/singing session. Following the business meeting, join us for dinner at the UICC. It will not be a formal event but reservations are highly recommended.

For those of you who don't know what it's all about, once a year representatives from all the West Region branches meet up for a business meeting and ceili at a host branch. This year San Francisco will be the host city. In years past we have met up in Seattle, San Francisco, Pasadena, and Phoenix. We have always have had a wonderful time sightseeing and dancing.

The business meeting will be held at the UICC on Saturday, November 17th at 2pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Now is your chance to get more involved in what CCE is doing. We will have a set dancing workshop from 7-8pm followed by a ceili from 8-11pm with live music. During the ceili, there will be a session downstairs in the bar area. Look for your favorite musical personalities there. Sure to be great music!

Also, we are looking for people to help out with the organization of the ceili and other possible events. If you are interested, please contact Kasey Curtin at gwillhunt7@gmail.com or 707-280-1235 for more information.

These events have always been great fun, and you get to meet with dancers from the other West Region branches. More information to follow. I hope to see you all there!

Slan,
Michael (The other one!).

Welcome back from the summer!

It was a bittersweet one for Katie and I, for although we have thoroughly enjoyed watching Crane learn to smile, laugh and be the life of the party wherever he went, it was sometimes difficult to reconcile all of that with my father's unexpected death back in June, just hours before he was going to meet Crane for the first time. We deeply appreciate the support we've received from both the broader Comhaltas community and many of our friends within the membership. While my father was not particularly involved in Irish cultural activities, his most consistent advice to me over the past few years was to work less, and take more time for the things I enjoy -- so you will certainly be seeing us around CCE activities in the year ahead...

Slan,
Micheál R.

A request from both Chairmen – please see Membership Corner for details on membership renewal which starts now....



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)



Events this Month



Maldon Meehan Set Dancing Workshop – save the date – Thursday, October 18th at the Irish Cultural Center. More details to follow.

Fairfax Festival - October 19th, 20th and 21st. Flyers will be available from Josephine. See www.fairfaxfeis.com for details.

Comhaltas night at the UICC - On the third Saturday of month, Sept. 15th and October 20th, CCE hosts a night of dancing at the UICC. Music begins at 7:30 with dancing at 8PM to live traditional Irish Music. Meet us in the bar area downstairs. Admission is free. Contact: Michael Riemer at riemer@ce.berkeley.edu.

San Francisco - On Thursdays, CCE hosts classes at the UICC starting at 7:30 followed by more dancing at the Plough & Stars until midnight -- except for the first Thursday of the month when there is no class and dancing at the Plough & Stars from 8-11PM.

South Bay/ Peninsula - On Tuesdays we meet at Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 donation suggested. Info: Michael Murphy at 415-999-6062.

North Bay - Mary McDonagh and Micheal Minihane teach Set Dancing on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at Brosnan School of Irish Dance from 7 to 9PM. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Tea and cakes or sweets will be served. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com).

New address of Lisa Brosnan's Irish Dance Studio is: 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, Ca 94960.

East Bay - Starry Plough in Berkeley hosts ceili dancing on Mondays with John Slaymaker. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM.



Song and Storytelling



The next Singing and Storytelling Seisiún will be hosted by Marian and Greg McKenna on September 14th (Note the is the 2nd Friday).

777 San Antonio Rd. #31
Palo Alto
650-776-6543
chabansky@yahoo.com

In October we are back to the first Friday, the 5th
Ellen Auriti
75 Vicente Road
Berkeley
510-981-0763
euriti@gmail.com



Membership Corner



Membership renewal time is here. Please be sure to renew by the end of November.

Dues have not been increased since 1999. This increase is essential in keeping the organization of Comhaltas solvent.

Single Membership is increased from \$35 to \$40. Multi-memberships (2 or more in household) or family memberships increased from \$45 to \$50.

If you receive the Seal by US Mail, a form is attached. If you receive the Seal by email you will receive a notification from Josephine asking you to renew.

Here are the ways you can renew:

- Renew on-line through our website and remit payment through PayPal; <http://sf.ccewest.org>
- Renew on-line through our website and send your check to our PO Box. (we do not bill).
- Complete your membership form and mail it with your check to our PO Box.
- Complete your membership form and include either a check or cash – give to Josephine at dancing.

PLEASE RENEW NOW!

If you have any questions, please call Joannie at 415 664-6579; email Joannie at olearyj@urology.ucsf.edu; or talk with Josephine at dancing. Thank you for your support.



Oireadh Seachtaine Caeltachta



Irish Immersion Weekend at the United Irish Cultural Center – see attached flyer. Bain sult as do chuid Gaeilge! (Or learn to speak Irish!)

There is still time to sign up.

Special bilingual entertainment on Saturday, September 29th (approximately 9pm) featuring our special guest celebrity, Ray Mac Mánaís.

You are welcome to come along and enjoy Ray's presentation with music session by weekend participants, to follow.



BRIDGET "RITA" MURPHY (1925-2012), RIP



One of the fondest memories of my dear mother, Rita, was when I was a young step dancer, about ten years old practicing my reels to the album, "Off to California" featuring excellent musicians such as Miliosa Lundy and Joe & Maureen Murtagh. My ma's attention to detail, ceaseless support and constant coaxing helped me not only to jet through my sometimes exhausting practices, but also to fully appreciate Irish dancing in all its forms: step, ceili, set and sean nos.

Another treasured memory is that in 4th grade, around St. Patrick's Day, I was stuck in a dilemma: a feis at the Irish Center was scheduled on the same day as a basketball game at my school, St., Anne's. Hmmm... Dancing vs. Basketball. Indeed a hard choice had to be made, my favorite art form (risking my teammates ire if I bailed) or my favorite sport (mindful of disappointing my entire dancing school and not least of all, my formidable mother, which at that time a young kid like me would interpret mortal danger.). But for Mrs. Murphy, it as an easy call, so off to the Irish Center I went.

Despite not too happy being overruled, I managed to garner the most medals ever in my life. My dissatisfaction immediately dissipated. I was pleasantly embarrassed by my Mom draping those medals around my neck and parading me throughout St. Patrick's hall. All smiles were upon us. My smile upon my mother brightened with deep gratitude because I was fascinated by her faith in me and the immense pride in her son.

The following Monday at school, my basketball teammates gave me a devil of a time for not playing in a close game they lost. I suggested that they speak to my mother, and the quibbling quickly quieted down. That would be another contest that they certainly could not win.

This is a memory that will always raise the corner of my mouth in a smile, but now that she has gone to a place of peace she so greatly deserves, a few tears as well.'

Many of you out there have asked me how my sister, Moe, and myself as well as the rest of the Murphy clan are doing. Easy question to answer, with all of the loving expressions of support and sympathy in the form of cards, flowers, Mass offerings, phone calls, visits and inquiries, we are doing very well under the circumstances.

It means so much to us Murphy's that many of our friends in the Comhaltas, music, dancing, and Irish communities were present at Rita's wake, funeral and burial. A cherished, new memory is born, and that is hearing "Our Lady of Knock", "Cliffs of Doneen" sung at the wake, and Schubert's "Ave Maria" resounding through St. Cecilia's at her funeral. Her all time favorite songs. Mother would be pleased.

Go Raibh maith agat. Thank you,

- Michael Murphy.



General Meeting



General Meetings of the Membership are typically held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next ones will be on October 2nd starting at 7:30 at the UICC.

This is a members' meeting and all members are encouraged to attend in order to plan activities for 2012.



CCE Classes



CCE sponsors the following classes at the UICC.

**Adult Irish Language
Children's Tin Whistle
Children's Fiddle
Children & Adult Bodhran**

For more information, please contact Josephine Brogan at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or 415-681-4803. **Pre-registration and payment is required to secure a place for all classes.**



Bill Driscoll (1936-2012)



Bill and Jan Driscoll were an inseparable team since they met at the famed KRB Hall in the early 60s. It is easy to understand the rapport Jan and Bill shared for so many years. He was a kind, enthusiastic man with a wide array of talent; not the least of which was playing bagpipes.

Bill was a most solid piper, and he frequently shared this talent with a strong pair of lungs and a generous heart. With no persuasion required, he gladly made grand entrances, entrancing pub patrons with powerful music blasting from his pipes during Wren Boys nights in the mid-1990s.

Bill and Jan also contributed to Comhaltas by being frequent Ceili and Set dancers, and they were treasured volunteers helping the Cooley-Keegan branch run a successful Comhaltas Convention in 1998.

Sincere condolences to Jan and the rest of the Driscoll family. Bill is tremendously missed but fondly remembered.

- Michael Murphy



Member News



Our best wishes to Kasey Curtin who is recovering from knee surgery. Kasey is earnestly keeping up her physiotherapy so she can get back in the dancing ring soon again! We miss you in the meantime, Kasey. Get well soon.

Hello to our faithful member, Anne Burke, who is making new friends and enjoying her life at Westborough Royale. Anne has no shortage of visitors...especially her daughter and granddaughters, Bridget, Lily and Nora. She was spotted last week having dinner with daughter, Kathleen at the Boulevard Café! We wish you all the best, Anne.

Congratulations to Lew and Judi Milligan and Jennifer (Milligan) and Howie West on the arrival of Lew & Judi's new grandson, Liam Brody West on August 16th. Lew is taking Liam and his brother, Connor (age 2) fishing soon

Sincere condolences to Michael Riemer and family on the sudden passing of his father, Donald N. Riemer.

We would like to express our sincere sympathy to Morgan Kulla on the passing of her mother, Mrs. Diana Treadway on July 15th. Mrs. Treadway led a full and fulfilling life as a career woman, homemaker ("known for her kitchen and formidable dinner parties"), golfer, traveler, devoted letter-writer and was a loving and caring mother who taught both her children self-reliance and personal responsibility. May she rest in peace.



Kevin Mallen Scholarship



The deadline for submission of this scholarship application is January 30, 2013. Applications may be obtained by calling Josephine at 681-4803 or emailing her at josephinebrogan@yahoo.com or Joannie at 415-664-6579. For some years now, thanks to the generosity of our good friend, Kevin Mallen, RIP, we offer music scholarships to children who are members of the SF Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas. Many have benefitted from this scholarship through fiddle, tin whistle and bodhran classes. 2012 Scholarship winners and their teachers gave us a few lively tunes at the Christmas Ceili.



Volunteers Needed



Please help support Celtic music, folk music, and public radio by taking pledges at the KALW pledge drive on Saturday, September 15th.

Volunteers are needed between 2pm and 8pm during the station's Celtic, folk and bluegrass programs. Any amount of time you can volunteer during those hours will be appreciated. Food and training provided as well as on-air recognition for Comhaltas. Please contact Jennifer Mahoney at jenny.mahoney@gmail.com or 415 216-5490 if you can help out.



Set Dancing



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

2nd through last Thursdays:

- Lessons at the United Irish Cultural Center (UICC) in San Francisco at 7:30pm -- check at bar for room. Taped music:
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Shannon Ceili Band typically plays on the 1st and 2nd Thursday; Topsy House on the 3rd and 4th and last Thursday;
- Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

Tuesdays:

- Lily Mac's in Sunnyvale. Lessons: 7:30; Dance to live music 8-10. \$5 suggested to support the live music.

Mondays:

- Starry Plough in Berkeley: Ceili dancing on Mondays. Lessons from 7 to 9PM and dancing to live music from 9 to 11PM. Contact: John Slaymaker.

2nd and 4th Fridays:

- Brosnan School of Irish Dance in San Anselmo: From 7 to 9 pm. There is a \$5 charge for this class. Contact: Mary McDonagh (irishsetdancer@yahoo.com), Micheal Minihane (michealminihane@yahoo.com)



Seisiún



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

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

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MEÁN FÓMHAR 2012

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
Sept 2 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	3	4 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	5	6 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars	7	8
9 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	10	11 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	12	13 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	14 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Marian & Greg McKenna Palo Alto <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Anselmo	15 <u>CCE Ceili</u> UICC 8PM w/ Live Music
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23 <u>Seisiún</u> - Plough and Stars	24	25 <u>Set Dancing</u> Lily Mac's, Sunnyvale <u>Song Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	26	27 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	28 <u>Deireadh Seachtaine</u> <u>Gaeltachta</u> UICC <u>Set Dancing</u> Bronsan Dance Studio San Anselmo	29 <u>Deireadh Seachtaine</u> <u>Gaeltachta</u> UICC
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Plough and Stars - 116 Clement Ave. (Between 2nd and 3rd), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122 theploughandstars.com

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

Lily Mac's - 118 S. Murphy St. Sunnyvale (between Washington and Evelyn Aves)

Starry Plough - 3101 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 841-2082 starryploughpub.com

Beckett's Irish Pub - 2271 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley (510) 647-1790 www.beckettsirishpub.com

Bronsan School of Irish Dance - 11 Belle Avenue, Suite B, San Anselmo, Ca 94960 bronsanschool.com

You can also visit the following websites for events:

San Francisco CCE - Cooley-Keegan Branch - sf.ccewest.org

Santa Cruz CCE - Clifford-Hoban Branch - www.folkplanet.com/cce



The Mallen Scholarship Fund Application for Scholarship

The Mallen Scholarship was established through the generosity of Kevin Mallen, an enthusiastic supporter of Comhaltas during his lifetime. The purpose of the scholarship is to support students learning to play traditional Irish music. Mr. Mallen's generous bequest to our Branch allows us to fund this scholarship in his name.

Criteria for application:

1. The application for a scholarship award is open to any Cooley-Keegan member up to and including age 16.
2. Applicant's family must be a member in good standing of the Cooley-Keegan Branch of Comhaltas.
3. Applicant must currently be enrolled in music lessons (for one of the eligible instruments below), or enroll within thirty days of receipt of the scholarship.
4. The list of eligible instruments is as follows. (This list is based on the adjudicated categories at the Fleadh Cheoil, held annually.)

Banjo	Harp
Bodhran	Mandolin
Button Accordion	Piano
Concertina	Piano Accordion
Fiddle	Uilleann Pipes
Flute	Whistle
5. A scholarship award may be used either for music lessons, or to purchase the instrument.

Your name _____

Your parents' name _____

Your address _____

Your telephone number _____

Are you currently enrolled in music lessons? _____

If Yes, what instrument? _____

If No, what instrument do you plan to study? _____

Your signature _____

Your parents' signature _____

Please enclose a brief essay (250 words or less) telling us why you are applying for the scholarship. Please return this form with the essay to:

Chair, Cooley Keegan Branch

PO Box 16244

San Francisco, CA 94116

Note: Applicants for scholarships must be received no later than January 31. Scholarships will be awarded next year. Applications received after the deadline will be held and considered next year, with the scholarships awarded the following year.

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2013

Comhaltas (CCÉ) is a worldwide organization, based in Dublin, Ireland, dedicated to preserving and fostering the traditions of Ireland, through music, song, dance, storytelling & language. Founded in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath in 1951, CCÉ has over 400 branches and 36,000 members throughout the World. Information on CCÉ and its events are available on our Website at <http://sf.ccewest.org>.

The San Francisco Cooley-Keegan Branch proudly promotes these traditions of Irish Culture in the S.F. Bay Area. MEMBERS of the Branch enjoy the benefits of:

- Bi-Monthly Subscription to our “Scéal Eile” newsletter containing events and news of our branch, of Comhaltas in Ireland and Irish activities in the Bay Area. “Scéal Eile” gives notification of our Céilís, Music and Song Seisiúns, Children’s Céilís and Music and Language Lessons.
- Weekly Set Dance Classes (see website or “Scéal Eile”)
- *Quarterly issue of “Treoir”, the Comhaltas Magazine containing a wealth of information on traditional Irish programs & activities of CCÉ world-wide, stories of its members & branches and tunes, songs and their history, for readers of all ages.
- Access to our website: <http://sf.ccewest.org> and a chance to involve yourself in the growing movement to preserve and promote Irish traditional Music, Song, Dance, Storytelling and Language.

Our music/dance program for children, workshops & set dance for all members and our Annual Music Youth Scholarship Program are thriving. Your support through Membership is greatly appreciated and urgently needed to accomplish these goals. Comhaltas is a volunteer organization. Please complete the form below to join, or renew your membership **TODAY**, for the coming year. Keep the Tradition Alive! *(If you wish to subscribe/renew on-line, please visit our website under <http://sf.ccewest.org>, click on “Join CCÉ”. Payment by sending a check or utilizing Pay Pal is available for your convenience.)*

Go raibh maith agat. (Thank you)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW, CUT HERE AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Comhaltas – S.F. Cooley-Keegan Membership Form 2013

*First Member of Household: \$40.00 or *Two or more in household: \$50.00

First & Second Member’s Names: _____

Children’s Names and Ages: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

**If you have E-Mail and wish to receive the “Scéal Eile” and other information electronically (you will be notified monthly of the link to our website), PLEASE INDICATE HERE: YES _____ NO _____

To pay electronically, please visit our website at “http://sf.ccewest.org/misc/join_cceck.html”.

If returning this form with your check, please make check payable to “CCÉ”, and mail to:

CCÉ Attn: Joannie O’Leary
P O Box 16244
San Francisco, CA 94116

For Questions or information, please call:
Joannie at (415) 664-6579

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Space is limited—please register early! Use this form by mail, or register online at website given above.

Cancellation Policy: Course fees—less a \$75 handling charge—are refundable up to 1.September.2012 (4 weeks before the course).

To register by post, fill in this coupon and send it, together with your check or money order for \$355.00, made out to N. L. Ragsdale (for Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta). *Payment must be made in advance to secure your place on the course.*

Name _____

Address _____

tel. _____ e-mail _____

Do you have knowledge of the Irish language? yes no a bit

maith sásúil lag

<i>Inis dúinn faoi do leibhéal Gaeilge:</i>	Comhrá	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scríobh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Léamh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Send to: N. L. Ragsdale, re: Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta, 22661 Linden Street, Hayward, CA 94541-3121.

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