

SCÉAL ÉILE

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

From the Chairman

A Chairde,

Well December is upon us, and the Christmas ceili is just ahead. Then Christmas and then the Wren Boys will be making the annual rounds. It should be fun.

Due to server problems the CCE website has not always been available. Most functionality has been restored except for the on-line membership form. Please be patient, and it will be back soon.

Slán,
Michael

Membership Renewal

Just a note to thank all those who have sent in their dues... and a reminder that now is the time if you have not renewed. The membership list must be sent to Ireland immediately. We have only received about 50% of the renewals and want to make sure you continue to receive the Sceal, Treior and all the information Josephine sends out on local events. Dues: \$35.00-Individual Membership; \$45.00 two or more in household. Please make your check payable to CCE and send to P O Box 16244, SF, CA 94122 with your contact information. If you need a membership form, please visit our website or call Joannie at 415 664-6579.

Thanks.
Joannie

Mallen Scholarship

This coming year, our branch will be a little more organized about the Mallen music scholarship -- we are asking families with children who are interested in learning Irish traditional music to apply for this award. The scholarship is funded through the generous bequest of Kevin Mallen, and is intended to promote interest in traditional music, through supporting the cost of music lessons. The simple application is available on our web site, and copies will also be available at the Christmas Ceili and other events. Please fill them out and return them to any officer of our branch by the end of December in order to be considered for a 2006 award. We look forward to hearing more and more young musicians at our events in the near future!

Healy Music Fund

The Michael Healy Children's Music Fund was established in the memory of Mary McDonough's father. The purpose of this Fund is to purchase instruments for children to learn traditional Irish music. At the last ceili Mary McDonough was presented with a framed, hand-drawn certificate reflecting this honor. Thank-you to everyone who gave donations to make this fund successful.

If you would like to donate please contact Kasey MillerE at (707) 769-8552.

General Meetings

The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday December 6th and January 3rd at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



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)



Member Notes



Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to Jim, Peggy, Pat, Danny & Sean O'Donnell on the sad, untimely passing of Jim's young niece, Moira Erin O'Donnell.

We also include Noreen Corry in our prayers on the passing of her uncle, Maurice O'Connor.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Paul Reynolds in Santa Rosa who is recuperating from an illness this past year. Hope you are back to us soon, Paul.



Thank You



How can I express all that I feel inside when I've been so blessed? To be surrounded by a community of people who have given me so much. The outpouring of support and love that I have received over the many years was truly a great gift unto itself. But to be given a Golden Ticket to go to the C.C. E. Convention this spring will be a gift I will treasure always. I thank you all for that from the bottom of my heart. As I once said, "As individuals you are all remarkable people, but as a group you are an unbelievable force, capable of accomplishing anything." I am humbled and honored to be able to dance among you. Thank you all!

Kasey



Song and Storytelling



The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Cathy & Harold Jones in Santa Clara on Friday, December 2nd @ 8pm. Contact info:

964 Capitola Way,
Santa Clara.
408 247 3326

On January 6th Dan & Maureen will host. Contact info:

1625 North Point Street (behind the Marina Safeway)
San Francisco
415-775-7773



Gaeilge - Irish Language



Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 18 Nollaig. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge, seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dhinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 15 Éanair 2006.

Seoladh agus treoreacha le fáil:
gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Sunday 18 December, 6:30p.m. (3rd Sunday of the month) - conversation in Irish, music and sean-nós singing session. "Pot luck" dinner: 6:30; session: about 8:00 p.m. Next one: 15 January 2006.

Address and directions:
gaeilge@ccewest.org, (510) 881 5958.



Ceili's this Month



Holiday Ceili

On Saturday December 3rd there will be a holiday ceili at the Plough and Stars. Topsy House will be playing starting around 9PM. \$5 admission.

Christmas Ceili

Sunday December 11th from 7PM to 10PM with special entertainment. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

CCE Night at UICC

Saturday, December 17th is Comhaltas Night at the UICC. Join us for dinner followed by music, dancing and "a bit of a song" from 7:30-11:30pm in the restaurant-bar lounge. Dancing to live music begins at 8:30 p.m.. Audience participation in singing, recitation, or solo dancing especially during band's intermission is also welcome. The dances will consist of the ceili, ceili figure, set, couple, and barn dance varieties. If people want to meet for dinner, contact Josephine Brogan 415-681-4803 or josephinebrogan@yahoo.com. Meeting time for dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Children's Ceili

The next Children's Ceili will be on January 15th For general information about kids' ceili contact Michael Murphy at 415-786-1337 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com.



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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:
No lessons on December 22nd or 29th
- Plough and Stars in San Francisco at 9:30pm. Topsy House typically plays on the 2nd 4th and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1st and 3rd Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.

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



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 calendar for exact details.

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THE COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH**



CHRISTMAS CÉILÍ

*JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC, DANCING,
SINGING AND SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT!*

WHEN: Sunday, December 11th, 2005

*WHERE: United Irish Cultural Center
2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco*

TIME: 7 - 10 P.M.

MUSIC: Shannon Ceili Band

Scottish & Irish Dance Performance by "Siamsa le Cheile"

ADMISSION: Adults: \$10. Children: Free

*For Information, call Josephine Brogan at (415) 681-4803
Please visit our website at: <http://sf.ccewest.org>*

DECEMBER 2005

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ SATHAIRN SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 <u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	2 <u>Song Seisiún</u> Cathy & Harold Jones's Santa Clara	3 <u>Holiday Ceili</u> Plough and Stars
4 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	5	6 <u>CCÉ Meeting</u> U.I.C.C.	7	8 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band	9	10
11 <u>Christmas Ceili</u> UICC Seisiún - Plough and Stars	12 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	13	14	15 <u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	16	17 <u>CCÉ Night</u> U.I.C.C.
18 <u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars	19	20 <u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	21	22 <u>Set Dancing</u> <i>No class tonight</i> Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House	23	24
25 Seisiún - Plough and Stars	26	27	28	29 <u>Set Dancing</u> <i>No class tonight</i> Plough & Stars w/ Barry O'Connell & Vinnie Cronin	30	31

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

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