

# SCÉAL ÉILE

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



## From the Chairman



A chairde,

The Summer Solstice is past and July is nearly upon us. The summer is unusually cool and without a calendar, one would think that it is still early spring.

A few things to note: The CCE night at the United Irish Cultural Center is being well attended, and people are having a good time. Let's help to ensure that this continues. The next one is on Saturday the 16th of July.

Our singing seisiuns are going strong with anywhere between 8 - 14 people in any given month. The next one is slated to be in San Francisco. If you have not come to one, please consider coming to one in the months ahead.

The dance classes at the UICC are getting a bit thin. If you can make it, please come to the classes before heading over to Plough. Our instructors need our support!

Well, that about wraps it up.

Slan,  
Michael



## General Meetings



The next General Meetings of the Membership will be on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> (postponed from the 5<sup>th</sup>) and August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at the United Irish Cultural Center.



## Congratulations



Congratulations are in order for some of our high stepping CCE friends. Brian Cleary and the Celtic Dance Ensemble performed at the Nationals in Ireland. The group took first place in the Drama Group with "Tinkers Wedding". Our own Michael Riemer has the distinction of getting married TWICE in one week as the lead in the piece (with Katie's permission of course). Along with Michael Riemer some of our CCE friends included Mary McDonagh, Terry Ritts, Coleen Dowling, Mary Rock, Ruthie Goldfine, Beth Schluter, Marisa Farias, Mary Purcell, OJ Erickson & Stephanie Graham. Brian & Ensemble...Well Done...

Congratulations to Connie Lynch on the addition of a new granddaughter to her family. Her daughter & son-in-law, Lynn & Ron Lahout, of Littleton, New Hampshire, went to Lebanon last month and brought home their newly adopted baby girl, Olivia Lauren Lahout. Olivia was born on April 13, 2005, and is adorable and a very good happy baby. Welcome home to Connie who has been in Littleton taking care of the other grandchildren for the past month. We missed you.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lew and Judi Milligan who recently celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to those dancers and musicians from Comhaltas who attended the San Francisco Free Folk Festival and gave valuable and cherished support to the workshops and other events. CCE Cooley-Keegan and Clifford-Hoban were well represented.



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Jonathan and Jenny found this restaurant in Ireland -- they say if you bring a copy of this newsletter you get a free dinner.

### Song and Storytelling

The next CCE Singing and Storytelling session will be hosted by Gloria Martine in San Francisco on Friday 7/1 @ 8pm. Contact info:

Gloria Martine  
2007 Buchanan Street #5  
(between California and Pine)  
San Francisco, CA 94115  
(415) 563 4214

The singing seisiun for August will be on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The contact info is as follows:

Madeleine Adkins  
276 Adams St. #17  
Oakland 94610  
(510) 891-3953

### Gaeilge - Irish Language

Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh, 17 Iúil. Hayward, 6:30 i.n. (3ú Domhnach de mhí) - comhrá as Gaeilge agus seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíocht ar an tsean-nós. "Ádh an phóta" don dinnéar: 6:30; seisiún thart fá 8:00 i.n. An chéad ceann eile: 21 Lúnasa 2005, in Hayward. Seoaldh agus treoreacha le fáil: [gaeilge@ccwest.org](mailto:gaeilge@ccwest.org), (510) 881-5958

Gaeltacht Night, Hayward, Sunday 17 July, 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: 21 August 2005, in Hayward. Address and directions: [gaeilge@ccwest.org](mailto:gaeilge@ccwest.org), (510) 881 5958.

### CCE Nights at UICC

Following the great success of the "Comhaltas Night" at the Cultural Center, we are now planning to host similar events on the third Saturday of each month. 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.

Don't forget to come out and support Comhaltas and the Irish Cultural Center at the next CCE Night on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Irish Immersion Weekend

Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta 2005  
(SF Bay Area Irish Language Immersion Weekend)  
September 23-25  
6PM Friday through 4:30PM Sunday  
Venue: United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.

Increase your confidence and fluency in Irish, or make a good start on learning it! Four class levels!!!

The Deireadh Seachtaine Gaeltachta features intensive tutorials focusing on spoken language and increasing fluency. Teachers are native speakers of Irish, who travel to SF for this weekend course. Bring instruments and your voices for seisiúin each evening, when we'll enjoy playing music, and sharing songs, poetry, stories, and craic in Irish.

Info & registration form available at:  
<http://www.OneSourceGraphics.com/Gaeilge/DeireadhSeachtaine.html>  
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# July 2005

DÉ DOMHNAIGH SUNDAY	DÉ LUAN MONDAY	DÉ MÁIRT TUESDAY	DÉ Céadaoin WEDNESDAY	DÉARDAIN THURSDAY	DÉ h-Aoine FRIDAY	DÉ Sathairn SATURDAY
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					Song Seisiún Gloria Martine's San Francisco	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Seisiún - Plough and Stars			<u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	<u>Set Dancing</u> Plough & Stars w/ Shannon Ceili Band		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Seisiún - Plough and Stars	<u>Slow Seisiún</u> Ireland's 32	<u>CCÉ Meeting</u> U.I.C.C.	<u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough & Stars w/ Topsy House		<u>CCÉ Night</u> U.I.C.C.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<u>Oíche Ghaeltachta</u> Nikki's House Hayward Seisiún - Plough and Stars		<u>Slow Seisiún</u> Plough and Stars	<u>Set Dancing</u> Fiddler's Green	<u>Set Dancing</u> UICC for class Plough and Stars w/ Topsy House		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Fiddler's Green - 333 El Camino Real, Millbrae, (650) 697-3419  
Ireland's 32 - 3920 Geary Blvd. (Between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>), 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), San Francisco, (415) 751-1122  
U.I.C.C. - 2700 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Topsy House typically plays on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and last Thursday; Shannon Ceili Band on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Dancers are encouraged to contribute \$5 to support the live music.



## Seisiún



Slow Seisiún:

- Ireland's 32, starting at 7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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