



SCÉAL ÉILE



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

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends and Members,

Welcome to the new look of the Scéal Eile!

Every few years it seems to be time to change our newsletter – not just for a “fresh look,” but also to better convey the information about our activities and fulfill the other purposes of the newsletter.

Apart from the new graphics and layout, there are a few changes in the content to note:

- Contact information for the officers and organizers of our events have been combined to a single block on page 2 – check there for phone numbers or email addresses.
- We are developing a short column which will highlight a different activity in more depth than we have traditionally had space for, and
- We intend to include photographs, in the future, to convey a bit more clearly all the fun we have at our varying events!

I'd like to thank two valued members of our group in connection with this transition – Anne Brenneis, who has been editing the Scéal for more than 3 years (and consistently keeping it all together under some trying circumstances!), and Dana Regan, who has gamely agreed to take on the role beginning with this issue.

You will also hopefully notice that a membership form is enclosed with this issue. Please take the time to renew by returning it prior to November 1st. For those more computer inclined, we are also setting up a convenient on-line membership

renewal this year, through our web site.

We will be holding our annual election of branch officers at the November general meeting (November 4th), and you should have renewed by then in order to vote. Since I doubt that the U.S. Supreme Court will step in to determine whether to postpone this election, it should be safe to plan on attending the November membership meeting and count on making your voice heard!

Which of course also reminds me – members interested in becoming more involved with our organization are strongly encouraged to consider running for office. We will be accepting nominations at the October meeting (October 7th). If you aren't sure about the duties or the levels of time you would be asked to commit, please feel free to talk with any of the officers about this – or come in October to find out what it's all about.

Slán,
Michael R.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The next General Meetings of the membership will be on Tuesday, October 7th and November 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the United Irish Cultural Center (2700 45th Ave. at Sloat). All members are encouraged to participate in the planning and discussion of our branch's activities.



COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN IS IRELAND'S PREMIÈRE CULTURAL MOVEMENT, FOUNDED IN 1951. WHEN YOU JOIN COMHALTAS, YOU JOIN PEOPLE FROM MORE THAN 400 BRANCHES WORLDWIDE IN SUPPORT OF THE TRADITIONAL IRISH ARTS OF MUSIC, DANCE, AND LANGUAGE. WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN OR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION OR VISIT US AT WWW.CCEWEST.ORG!

☞ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞

On behalf of SF Cooley-Keegan, we wish to thank Pat McManus for storing the sound equipment for the past 2 years. It was a real big help for the Branch. Thank you again! CCE



Seamus Walshe, a good friend of Joe Cooley, is coming to SF from Galway and will need a place (or places) to stay while he is here. He is arriving on October 7th, and will be here for three weeks. He need not stay at the same location for the entire time. Anyone who is able to put him up, please contact Michael Duffy as soon as you can. Thanks!!

He is looking to play at pubs, seisiuns and hold accordion workshops while he is here.

☞ MUSIC SESSIONS ☞

Our **SLOW SESSIONS** are intended for beginners who are learning to play traditional Irish tunes. These are usually held twice each month at **Ireland's 32** pub (3920 Geary Blvd, S.F., between 3rd and 4th Avenues). This month they will be on **October 13th & 27th** beginning at 7:30pm.

Those same evenings, starting at 9:00 pm, more experienced musicians are encouraged to join in on the faster paced, more **TRADITIONAL SESSION** which follows. All are welcome to come listen as well! Contact Michael Riemer or Michael Duffy for questions.

☞ SONG & STORYTELLING ☞

For information about the next Song and Storytelling Session this month, please contact Michael Duffy.

☞ IRISH LANGUAGE & CULTURAL EVENTS ☞

A Chairde!
Friends!

Beidh fáilte romhaibh anseo i Hayward don Oíche Ghaeltachta, Dé Domhnaigh an 19ú Deireadh Fómhair 2003 (an triú Domhnach de mhí, mar is gnáth), le haghaidh comhrá as Gaeilge agus seisiún ceoil agus amhránaíochtá ar an tsean-nós. An chéad ceann eile: 16 Samhain 2003. Seoaldh agus treoreacha le fáil, ach téigh i dteagmháil liom: 510 881 5958, gaeilge-cce@OneSourceGraphics.com

You will be welcome here in Hayward for the next Gaeltacht Night, on Sunday the 19th October (the third Sunday of the month, as usual), for conversation in Irish and a music and sean-nós singing session. The next one will be 16 November 2003. Get in touch with me for directions: 510 881 5958, gaeilge-cce@OneSourceGraphics.com

"Ádh an phóta" don dhínnéar, agus seisiún sa gháirdín ina dhiaidh sin, más mian linn! Íosfaidh muid thart fá 6:30pm, agus an seisiún ag 8:00pm nó mar sin.

Potluck for the dinner, and a session in the garden after that, if we like. We'll eat at around 6:30pm, and the session at 8:00pm or so.

Nikki Ragsdale,
Treoraí na Gaeilge, CCE

☞ CHILDREN'S CÉILÍ ☞

Sunday, October 26, 4-6:30 p.m., at the United Irish Cultural Center, St. Patrick's Room. LIVE MUSIC, Sing-Songs, Music Workshop and Demos and of course, Dancing. Admission is free. Parents or guardians are encouraged to accompany their children. Contact Michael Murphy at 415-564-7188 or irishboogieman@yahoo.com



☞ COOLEY-KEEGAN BRANCH OFFICERS ☞

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☞ CCÉ DANCING ☞

On the first Thursday of every month from 8 to 11 p.m., we meet for **SET DANCING** to live music provided by the Shannon Céilí Band at the Plough and Stars pub on Clement Street between 2nd and 3rd Ave., San Francisco.



On the other Thursdays, we gather for **SET DANCING LESSONS** that are free to members, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the **Sunset Recreation Center** (on Lawton St. at 28th Ave).

Immediately following these classes, we head over to the **Plough and Stars** (at about 10:00 PM) for more set dancing to the inspiring sounds of Topsy House, who play especially for the sets we are calling! Dancers are encouraged to contribute about \$5 to help support this great opportunity.

NEED MORE SET DANCING?

Josephine Moore is teaching her **set dancing classes** at the **United Irish Cultural Center** (2700 45th Avenue - across from the SF Zoo) on **Wednesdays** around 8:30pm.

On Tuesdays, Josephine teaches at **O'Neill's** pub in San Mateo around 8:30 pm. Please contact Josephine at 650-372-9659 for further details.



You can find it at **Scruffy Murphy's** (187 South Murphy Ave, Sunnyvale) on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month (**October 8th & 22nd**), with lessons starting at 8:00 pm and dancing to live music beginning around 9:00 pm. Please note that we're only at Scruffy's once per month in November & December - the 12th and 10th respectively.

These popular evenings of set dancing are led by **Michael Murphy**, and more information can be obtained by calling him at 415-564-7188.



NEW SAN JOSE CÉILÍ

Irish Céilí Dance with music by "Cooking with Turf." **October 18th** (and every 3rd Saturday of the month) from 7:30--10:30pm at the **Trinity Cathedral** (81 N 2nd Street at St. John Street, San Jose) Call Lucy at 408- 885-0811, or email Jonathan for more info: ceili@doves.demon.co.uk or <http://www.doves.demon.co.uk/ceili>
Adults \$10, students \$5, kids are free

☞ BAREFIELD CONCERT ☞

No event is ever a success without so many working together. The Barefield Concert, August 7, was such a success. The Barefield Committee would like to extend special thanks to all who supported the Concert in so many ways . . .

Special thanks to the hosts with the most: Don & Sheila Billings, Dan & Margaret McAuliffe, Katherine Scanlon, Joannie and Francie O'Leary.

Chauffeurs extraordinaire Frank Lynch, James McAuliffe & Friends.

Pot Luck hostess: Cathy Mibach.

Publicity & Tickets: Ann Rosenfeld, Pat Beaupre, Nikki Ragsdale, and Josephine Brogan.

Concert Nite Door/Raffle teams: Frank & Margaret Lynch, Cathy Mibach, Pat Beaupre, Don & Sheila Billings, Florence Keighran, Connie Lynch, Denis Howard, Joanne Hartnett & Friend, Charlotte MacDonald & Friend, Margaret & Dan McAuliffe, Mags Stevenson, Michael Murphy and Judy McCarthy.

Sound & Camera: George Shea, Michael Duffy and Teresa Ford.

Special thanks to Frank Rooney, Dan & James McAuliffe, and Frank Lynch, for the work done on the "Kitchen Scene." It was the perfect backdrop for our Concert Seisiún.

And a final thanks to our local entertainment for sharing their superb talents: Louise Crossan and the Tara School of dancing.

Go raibh maith agat to the UICC, The Gael

☞ CLIFFORD-HOBAN BRANCH ☞

The Clifford-Hoban Branch in the Santa Cruz - Monterey will host a **monthly céilí** on Friday, **October 10th**, at the Felton Community Hall (6191 Hwy 9 in Felton). Lessons begin at 7:30pm and the ceili begins at 8pm with a live band. \$10 for adults, children are free when accompanied by an adult.

They have also been hosting **slow sessions**. Please contact Linda Preston (831-688-5729) for information on these events.

☞ EDITOR'S NOTE ☞

Please contact me no later than the 15th of each month for items to be included in the next issue of the Scéal Eile. This includes updates for regular monthly events! My email address is danalregan@hotmail.com (Dana L. Regan) or my work number is 415-665-4505. Thank you!



COOLEY-KEEGAN & COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

PRESENTS THE FIRST

PETALUMA CÉILÍ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH & 7-11PM

HERMAN SONS HALL, 860 WESTERN AVE. (AT NORTH WEBSTER), PETALUMA

Music performed by the Bridge Gap Céilí Band
Entertainment by the Keenan School of Irish Dance.

Irish music seisiún at 7pm - bring your instruments!

\$10 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE.

Contact Mary McDonagh @ 707-765-0416
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