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Bernie Kelleher



REMEMBERING BERNIE KELLEHER, by Mary McCaffrey

Bernie Kelleher was educated at Dominican College receiving her teaching credential in the spirit of the 60's, the spirit of our Bay Area Catholic Colleges and Universities and the CA State College System. Bernie was a born teacher, loved teaching at St. Isabella School, loved her students and their families and appreciated her colleagues. She was so proud of her students' accomplishments and as they traveled through their high school and college years and beyond, enthusiastically followed them, academically, athletically and in the arts.

We remember Bernie's organizational skills, her fabulous memory, and her love for socialization, getting together with family and friends. But for many of us we will remember Bernie most of all for her service and generous spirit – to our school, parish community and the Marin community at large – and this service was more than not connected to her love of education and the young people.

Besides being a member of many boards and societies, Bernie attended every possible fundraiser benefiting St. Isabella School and Parish, the children of Timothy Murphy School, the Marin Irish American Club, ADK Educational Sorority to name a few. She was happiest when she knew young people were being assisted by scholarship and donations.

We of the Marin Irish American Club remember her smiling face at the Giants' games, the Cline Jazz Festivals, the Christmas Dinner Dance, the Memorial Mass/Irish Breakfast, the cultural events, and always Bernie could be found behind a table selling raffle tickets, welcoming guests, checking off names. Her excitement was contagious at the annual Board Meeting/ Scholarship Dinner as the recipients received their certificates and monetary scholarship awards. We're not quite sure how a person of Portuguese heritage served as our president, but we are blessed and grateful for it!!!

We will miss Bernie, her encouragement, her enthusiasm, her get up and go, her compassion, her love of children, her attention to us all, her generosity, integrity, sense of service and faith. God Bless, Bernie, we know you are safe home!!!

MIAC Calendar of Events

2012

Nov 16 Memorial Mass

Dec 7 Christmas Party

2013

Feb Irish cultural presentation

Mar 3 St. Patrick's Potluck

May MIAC Scholarship Awards
At the Club at McInnis

Summer SF Giants Baseball
Game at AT&T Park

Summer Cline Jazz Festival

Fall Memorial Mass
Christmas Party

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MIAC MEMORIAL MASS

November—a special time to remember loved ones passed before us. We in the Marin Irish American Club experience this in a very meaningful manner. Come join together on Friday, November 16th, 10 AM at St. Cecilia Church, Lagunitas as Father Cyril celebrates a beautiful liturgy giving us pause to reflect upon family members and friends so dear to us. Following Mass, Irish Breakfast will be served: eggs, rashers, sausage, tomatoes, potatoes, cooked by firefighter/chef Kevin McKeon. In addition, Irish bread, scones and fruit will enhance the palate.

So mark your calendars, Friday, November 16th. We hope to see you all on this very special morning as we gather to pray, to enjoy a delicious breakfast and each other.



MIAC Christmas Party

Reservations for the Christmas Party will be in the mail soon. Come join the festivities at the Club at McInnis, Friday, December 7th. There will be a raffle, auction and plenty of good music with our DJ Grand Slam, not to mention great Club food.

Donations are appreciated for our raffle and auction at the Christmas Party. Please contact Bobbie or Mary for more information. .

Celtic Music at the Mayflower

MIAC held its first music evening at the Mayflower on Tuesday October 16th. Ten Club members used the evening to give tribute to Bernie Kelleher and also John Trimble, another Club member who initiated the practice of Irish music at this restaurant on 4th Street in San Rafael, every Tuesday nite.

We all had a wonderful evening with great food, Irish music and some special memories and stories with some special people.

We intend to have more of these evenings in the future so please look at our calendar and join us. You definitely will be happy you did.

2013 MIAC SCHOLARSHIP TO HONOR BERNIE

The MIAC Board approved a 2013 scholarship to honor Bernie Kelleher. We expect this will make 2013 the best year ever for our scholarship program. So get your nominations going and submit them early. You can get a scholarship nomination form directly from our website on the scholarship page. Just complete it and submit it to Pat McEntee at our PO Box.

This is a huge benefit from our Club and one you should make use of.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

Look no further for an application for a friend or neighbor to join our Club. It is on the website in the "contact us" selection. One click and you can print it or send it to someone you know. A good way to spread the Irish word.

Also, get your family member who is starting or con-

tinuing College an 2013 MIAC Scholarship application by going to the Scholarship page on the website and clicking in the selection box and there it is to fill out and submit.

Continue to let us know of anything else that would improve our site.