

Hi all,

Saturday Feb 1 at 18.30 at the Farándula theatre-restaurant in Donostia-San Sebastián, close to the bus station. All welcome to our celebration of Irish patroness Brigid, Brid, Bridie... Also to make a contribution of not more than 5 minutes by or about an Irish woman past or present (to avoid duplication, please inform Joe of your selection at wordlan2012@gmail.com). Men also welcome to attend/contribute. After the contributions, a light in situ dinner can be taken. Pesa bus from Bilbao at 17.00, from Gasteiz at 16.45; Alsa bus from Pamplona at 17.30.

#### Suggestions

“3 Irish women who left the world a better place”: “Pickhandle Mary” Fitzgerald (Wexford-South Africa),

Mary Lee (Monaghan- Australia), Leonora Barry (from Cork farming family – Chicago, USA)

Rosie Hackett amongst 11 most amazing Irish women from “Think Business”:

<https://www.thinkbusiness.ie/articles/11-of-the-most-amazing-irish-women/>

Holocaust victim Ettie Steinberg and murdered journalist Veronica Guerin - 2 of 9 inspirational women, from a business webpage Claddagh Design: <https://www.claddaghdesign.com/ireland/9-irish-women-you-should-know-about/>

Nurse Margaret Sanger, the original Wonder Woman and one of “The five most famous Irish women you've never heard of”, from the Irish Independent: <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/the-five-most-famous-irish-women-youve-never-heard-of-including-the-lady-who-coined-the-term-birth-control-36411894.html>

Margaret O’Carroll (Offaly, d. 1451) medieval road and bridge builder, patron of the arts and a queen, to boot. Amongst 25 fearless women who helped shape today’s Ireland from the Irish Times: <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/25-fearless-women-who-helped-shape-today-s-ireland-1.3406499>

Caitlín Ní Uallacháin, the mythological figure representing Ireland, famed in past postal stamps and punt notes.

The equally mythological Sean-Bhean bhocht and its personification in Lady Augustus Gregory’s play Cathleen Ni Houlihan.

The Aisling poetic genre or vision poem, where Ireland appears in the form of a woman: sometimes young and beautiful, sometimes old and haggard. This female figure is generally referred to in the poems as a Spéirbhean (heavenly woman).

18th century poem Mna na h’Eireann of the Aisling genre - Ireland as a generous, beautiful woman suffering the depredations of a foreign master on her land, her cattle, or herself, and which demands Irishmen to defend her, or ponders why they fail to do so.

Mary Elmes – recently inaugurated pedestrian bridge named after her in Cork city.

Artist Frances Kelly (Louth). “She held four ‘one-man’ shows at Dublin’s Dawson gallery” (!). one of a list\* of 24 Irish female artists.

Edith Anne Stoney (1869, Dublin) the first woman medical physicist, one of a list\* of Irish scientists. When working in London at the Royal Free Hospital, she actively supported the women’s suffrage movement.

Surfer Easkey Britton (Donegal). One of a list of 7 Irish sportswomen from Redbull: <https://www.redbull.com/ie-en/female-irish-adventurers>

\*Lists available on request. Also available on request are the 22 April 1969 Bernadette Devlin’s (shortened) maiden speech when the youngest MP in the British Houses of Parliament and a translation of Peader Ó Doirnín’s Mna na h’Éireann.

Best regards,

Joe Linehan