



March 2011 News & Events

We Are Not Saints - Saturday, March 5!

LAUGHS WITHOUT LIQUOR
 FELON O'REILLY
 IAN HARVIE
 AMY DRESNER
We Are Not Saints
 STANDUP COMEDY TOUR 2011
 LAUGHS WITHOUT LIQUOR

The Recovery Comedy Tour & Making the Documentary Film

SATURDAY
March 5th 8pm
 Most Holy Redeemer Church
 (ELLARD HALL)
 100 Diamond St
 San Francisco, CA
 Tickets \$20

Portion of the proceeds benefit Castro Country Club

Felon O'Reilly | Amy Dresner | Ian Harvie

Laughs Without Liquor "We Are Not Saints" is a recovery-based standup comedy tour with three outcast Comics sharing their hilarious and poignant stories of recovery and change.

This feature length film will capture the stories of an unlikely group of friends: a recovering addict and former career criminal Felon O'Reilly; a tranny and recovering alcoholic Ian Harvie; and a Jewish recovering meth head Amy Dresner; as they take their act on the road.

These Comics not only entertain, but inspire everyone.

General Inquiries 818.588.7390

TOUR INFORMATION: www.laughswithoutliquor.com
 FILM INFORMATION: www.kickstarter.com/projects/wearenotsaints

Get your tickets today at
www.brownpapertickets.com/event/142006 or
 800-838-3006 or at CCC!

The Season of Hope

Last year, faced with the possible loss of our home after the new owners decided to put it on the market, the Castro Country Club and others tried to persuade them to delay the listing so that we could try to raise the money to buy it.

Ultimately, the owners said "no thanks," and listed the 18th Street Edwardian that has been our home since April 1983 - for \$1.7 million.

Of course we were disappointed. But the CCC had been so important to us and to so many others. We couldn't let it just slip away. What about the second part of the serenity prayer:

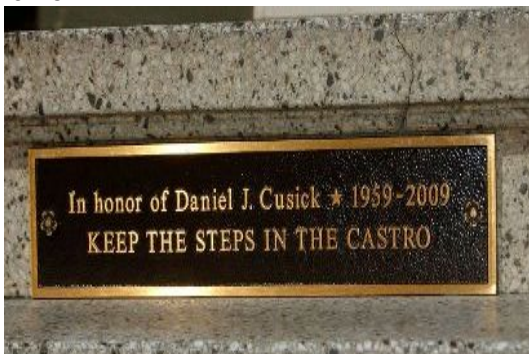
"...courage to change the things we can...?"

So we launched [Keep the Steps in the Castro](#) in the hopes of securing this home for future generations of people in recovery.

All year, volunteers have produced garage sales, art exhibits, drag shows, plays, films, raffles, dinners, a

In Honor of Dan Cusick, 1959-2009

In honor of late club manager Dan Cusick's birthday and his tireless efforts to keep the steps in the Castro and of the \$50K he raised for the building fund, we recently dedicated a plaque on the club's top step in his name.



The Joys of CCC Membership

Join the CCC as a dues-paying member, and you will enjoy a great benefits package and help [Keep the Steps in the Castro](#). We offer our sincere thanks to our newest card-carrying members:

New "Happy" Members

(\$25/month or \$250/year)

Brian H, Joey B, Brian K, Bethesda H, Luke A,
Johnny G, Dan D, Jeff L, Alice R-S, Randy S,
Anonymous

New "Joyous" Members

(\$50/month or \$500/year)

Les L

New "Free" Members

(\$100/month or \$1000/year)

Brian J, Michael M

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Secure donations through
Network for Good

[Click here to become a member!](#)

membership drive... all the while knowing our home could be sold out from under us.

Then the owners - recognizing that they were getting no offers - began dropping the price, first to \$1.5 million, then \$1.4 million. And still not a nibble - except from the CCC and its supporters.

Recently, the CCC assembled a *pro bono* team of real estate and legal experts who crafted a practical lease-to-buy proposal which would have allowed us to stay in the building while guaranteeing the landlord a steady income.

Sadly, the owners rejected the proposal, saying they want to cash out and sell the building as quickly as possible.

Next, we found an investor - a strong supporter of the CCC who wanted to help ensure the future of the organization. He saw the potential in the 1901 building, but also recognized that it needs a lot of work. He made an offer to buy the building for \$1 million - \$400 thousand less than the owners are asking - with the promise that he would lease the building to the CCC while we renovated and then sell it to us within a few years.

Cult Movie Classics - Fridays in March



CULT MOVIE CLASSICS
● AT THE CASTRO ●

FREE ADMISSION
POPCORN
FELLOWSHIP



MARCH 4
La Vie
En Rose



MARCH 18
The Da Vinci
Code



MARCH 11
Moliere



MARCH 25
Girls Will Be
Girls

FRIDAY NIGHTS @ 9:30PM
Castro Country Club ● 4058 18TH Street



The LayBelline St Patricks Show - 3/12

BITCH AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

THE LAYBELLINE SHOW

March 12th 2011
Saturday • 10:30^{PM}
Castro Country Club
4058 18th Street

A star-studded night of magic and mayhem

Kick-off search for MISS CASTRO COUNTRY CLUB 2011

\$10 suggested donation. (above listed price for CCC members. Non-members listed price for above funds. All proceeds go to keeping the steps in the Castro.

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Bake Sale for a Good Cause - 3/19

BAKE SALE
FOR A GOOD CAUSE

MARCH 19 • SATURDAY • 11AM to 3 PM
Castro Country Club • 4058 18th Street (Between Castro & Hartford)

Try SF's ALL NEW Belgian Street Waffles™

Stop by and be one of the first to get your hands on one of San Francisco's newest treats, the street waffle, and support a great cause. Belgian Street Waffles™ is a local start-up offering premier street vendor-style waffles. They are waffles made fresh, hand-baked, and hand-eaten!

All proceeds from the bake sale will be donated directly to Castro Country Club to support the "Keep the Steps in the Castro" campaign.

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Click pic to RSVP!

The owners - reportedly three local nonprofit groups - turned him down cold.

Our supporter went back and increased his offer to \$1.2 million. And they turned him down again, demanding the full \$1.4 million asking price.

It is evident that the owners and their representatives are not concerned about the future of the CCC. It does not bother them that we have paid rent on the building - currently \$7,000 a month - for 28 years, and spent many thousands on improvements. They are not worried that - according to formal estimates - the building requires at least \$250K worth of seismic upgrades plus a new roof. And frankly, they don't seem to care about the thousands of men and women who have relied on this humble building as a spiritual home, and the many more who will need it in the future to help them to achieve and maintain sobriety.

Over the last year, our community has raised nearly \$140,000 - 10% of the current asking price - but not enough to secure the building with a downpayment.

Nevertheless, with March comes Spring in San Francisco, and Spring is the season

Take-a-Cake Meeting & Party - 3/26



TAKE A CAKE CELEBRATION

NO MORE SAD BIRTHDAY PUPPIES
Friends. Newcomers. Old timers. Everybody.
ALL FELLOWSHIPS WELCOME! LET'S PARTY!

Last Saturday of Each Month
MARCH 26TH 2011
Meeting @ 9^{PM} • Party @ 10^{PM}
Castro Country Club • 4058 18TH Street

If you have a recovery milestone that you want to celebrate,
please email info@castrocountryclub.org to reserve
a slot in our birthday celebrants list.

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Spring Cleaning Garage Sale - 3/27

GARAGE SALE

BIG Spring Clean

SUNDAY
MAR 27TH 2011
8AM-3PM

CASTRO
COUNTRY
CLUB

4058
18TH STREET

Donations accepted until
10am. All proceeds help
Keep the Steps in the
Castro.

For a complete 12-step meeting & events calendar, visit
www.castrocountryclub.org.

of renewed hope.

We hope the building owners change their minds, and work with us to help keep the steps in the Castro.

If we lose the building, our plan is to find another home in the Castro neighborhood, and maybe that is where the third part of the serenity prayer will kick in.

But in the meantime, please help us keep hope alive by joining us as a dues-paying member. Visit us at the CCC or online at castrocountryclub.org.

And be sure to check out the awesome events in March - starting this Saturday with ["We Are Not Saints"](#) from traveling comedy troupe Laughs Without Liquor. Hope to see you there!

Terry Beswick
CCC manager