



(photo circa 1939)

# O'Connor Irish Heritage House

home of Culture, Heritage and Learning

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## Teach Oidhreacht Eireannach Ui Chonchubhari

**Rotman-NeXus** — "Linking Business Minds and Social Missions" - carried out a Survey, Feasibility Study and Business Plan for the O'Connor House project. We are grateful to Kavitha Narasimhan, Fiona Tam, Marie Desmarteau, and Shawn Siddiqui for their quick grasp and understanding of our mission; clear communication and presentation skills; and helpful analysis of reams of data and responses collected from the community, donors & supporters, educators, heritage and the O'C Board. See for yourself .....

~C~ From the *community* survey results and analysis, we can clearly see that there is a clearly established need in the community for Historical, Arts, Education and Community related activities. The key will be to continuously adapt services to keep up with the changing needs of the community. And, the easy solution is involving the community in every way possible!

~D~ Overall the responses from *donors* are very positive and encouraging. It is very important to note from this analysis that the donors are happy and see the value in establishing O'Connor House for community purposes as long as there are some Irish cultural events and any other way to promote the awareness of the Irish culture. As long as some of these aspects of the donors' suggestions are met and the OCH reps keep up the spirit and the optimism that they are known for, O'Connor House can bank on continued support from its donors.



E) In previous reports, Rotman NeXus categorized the different possible uses for the house into four groups: historical, arts & culture, education & community. While *educators'* focus is on the educational value that OCH can contribute towards, their suggestions are to provide a space where students can learn about history, each other's cultures, and arts. In that sense, interestingly, teachers are in line with the community and donors.

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Tribute to Jim Fay October 15th 1963—October 11th 2008

Adoring Husband~Awesome Father~Great Brother~Caring Friend  
Mary invites you listen to Jim's music on [www.myspace.com/jimfaymusic](http://www.myspace.com/jimfaymusic)



Jim, the youngest brother of Mary Fay, Chair of O'Connor Irish Heritage House, was a lovely musician & carpenter; very generous with his time & talent as a Volunteer for O'Connor House events—playing mandolin & guitar and singing at Celtic Family Sundays, & a key team member building our fabulous O'Connor House float. Mary, Trish & Bernie Fay with Jim's wife Marie and young son Seamus are heartily grateful for friends' loving kindness.



Eternal rest grant unto to Jim O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace.

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