



## The Emerald News April, 2016

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### **Next General Membership Meeting**

Our next general membership meeting will be on **Friday, April 8th, 2016** at Reed Farm Clubhouse on Rt. 22 in Brewster N.Y. Doors open at 7:30pm, and the meeting will begin at 8pm.

### **General Info:**

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Membership Secretary: Rosemary Kelly 1-845-279-2298

**Trips:** Margaret O'Reilly is coordinating a trip to the Canadian Rockies, and advises the trip has been rescheduled for July, 2017 due to the availability of hotels and coaches. Margaret will have more information on the trip at a later date.

**Member News:** As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Rose advises the breakdown of members in Emerald Association is 108 families and 45 singles, for a total of 153 members. There are 49 members who owe dues for 2016. Dues must be paid by the June, 2016 meeting.

**The St. Patrick's Day Dance** was held this year on March 19, 2016 at Vail's Pavilion. 114 attended. Doors opened at 5:00pm. There was a very nice cocktail hour with tasty appetizers, followed by a delicious dinner and lots of deserts. Thank you to Elaine O'Shea for providing and serving the food. Afterward, there was lots of music and dancing, with the Billy Keenan Prime Time Show Band playing great traditional and current songs. Kevin Bryne did a wonderful job playing the bagpipes. Thank you to the bartender who did a great job. Jim Scully honored The Emerald of the Year, Geraldine Keegan, along with several honorary guests in attendance. A good time was had by all. Dymphna Zazzero was the Chairperson, and it goes without saying that she did an AMAZING job. A huge "THANK YOU" is in order for all the time and effort Dymphna put into making this dance the success that it was. On a personal note, Dymphna asked me to make sure I put a "Thank You" in this newsletter to all who assisted in setting up before, and breaking down after, the dance.

**Feis:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Feis will be cancelled this year. The 2017 Feis is scheduled for May 21, 2017.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade** (Carmel/Mahopac) was held this year on Sunday, March 13, 2016. On the morning of the parade at St. John the Evangelist Church, there was an Irish Breakfast served at 9:00, and a Mass at 10:45. The Mahopac Fire Department had the Pledge of Allegiance outside their firehouse at 1:00pm, and the Parade stepped off at 2:00pm. The weather was lovely, and many of our members came out and proudly marched up the parade route. Thanks to our banner and flag carriers. They really did a great job.

**Scholarship**: The Emerald Association Scholarship will be awarded at the Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nuala Donnelly, Scholarship Administrator advises she has received 7 applications for the scholarship. All 7 candidates have met the criteria will go into a drawing at the April meeting where six applications will be chosen at random. Representative(s) for each candidate must be present at the April meeting.

The Irish American Social Club of Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties will hold their annual St. Patrick's Mass and Installation of Officer and Board Members on Sunday April 17, 2016 at 3:00pm. The Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Church 137 Moseman Road in Yorktown Heights. The Celebrant of the Mass is Rev. Thomas Kreiser. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. For details, call 914-245-7211 or email [creevagh@optonline.net](mailto:creevagh@optonline.net).

Kerry Kelly Oster teaches group dancing on Wednesday evening from 7:30pm-8:30pm at the studio located at 267 Tomahawk Street in Baldwin Place, NY 10505 ( Bikeway Plaza). Why not join your friends and have some fun!

Word has it that those who saw Celtic Crossings Live in Concert at the Paramount Hudson Valley Theater on Thursday, March 16 really enjoyed the show. Phil Coulter, Andy Cooney with special guests Geraldine Branagan and the Irish Pops Ensemble performed. The Concert helped benefit the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement.

WestPut Setanta will hold their 2016 Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on April 16th 2016 at the Villa Barone Hilltop Manor, 466 Route 6, Mahopac NY. Guests of Honor: John Myers & Tim Sullivan. Gael of the Year: Vincent McMahon Lifetime Contribution: Brendan Hynes. The Emerald Association plans on taking a table at the dance.

Please keep Eileen Lynch in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

A member of the Emerald Association, Kevin Bryne, is currently running as a candidate for New York State Assembly.

Pat Lavan advises the Election Board is in order for the election at the April general membership meeting.

Nuala Donnelly advises Website is "Ready to go live". Nuala will provide information regarding the Website at the April meeting.

Please see Tim Hannon and sign up to help drive local Veterans in need to get to the store, doctor's appt, etc...

If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/weddings, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact me by the end of that month. John

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