



**Merry Christmas**



## **December 2018 News**

### **General Info:**

Mail correspondence to:  
The Emerald Association of Putnam County  
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### **General Membership Meeting Schedule**

**2nd Friday of each month September through June. Mark your calendar!**

Our next general membership meeting will be held Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 161 East Lake Blvd, Mahopac.

**Please take note** - We have a new meeting place starting in January. Starting January 11, 2019, we will meet at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster. There is plenty of parking and is easily accessible. Meeting dates are: January 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, May 10, 2019 and June 14, 2019.

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Our website and e-mail system continue to provide all the information on the association and our activities at your fingertips. We are continually working at updating and improving our site. If you have suggestions for content please contact Nuala at [nualadonnelly@aol.com](mailto:nualadonnelly@aol.com)

## **Member News Items:**

### **Hello to All and a Merry Christmas!**

I would like to thank everyone who attended the West Put Setanta Annual Dinner Dance. The Emeralds really had a great turnout it was a very nice evening. The West Puts appreciate our support.

We would like to send out get well wishes to Catherine McManus and Anne O'Reilly. Both are doing well.

Condolences to Connie Furey and family on the sudden passing of his cousin Liam Hegarty in Philadelphia - just 52 years old. A loss to the family and the youth GAA in the United States.

Seems we have a couple of Groupies - Eamon and Bernie Cummins have been busy following Nathan Carter on tour! They'll be seeing him again in May!

Now that some of our snowbirds have flown south for the winter, Pat Farrell is going to keep us updated on what's happening in the Sunshine state! See Pat's note below.

We have secured a new meeting place for 2019. Starting January 11<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster. There is plenty of parking and is easily accessible. Thank you to Cathy Phillips and Margaret O'Reilly for finding it for us. Photo below of the back of the Church.



## **Social Media:**

If you are a Facebook user go ahead and “Like” our page and share it with your friends! If you have content you would like to see posted, please pass it along to Nuala or Lisa Scully. Any comments or suggestions are always welcome.

## **Dues:**

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Sally Ann Comparetto:  
[scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com](mailto:scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com) . \$30 for Family; \$20 Single

## **Save –the- date**

### **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

The Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dancing will host their annual Celtic Christmas Showcase at Brewster High School 50 Foggintown Rd Brewster, NY. The afternoon starts at 12pm with a visit from Santa followed by a Holiday Sing-a-Long at 1:30 then their Irish Dance Holiday Show from 2pm - 3pm. Discounted pricing for all Emeralds. Preferred seating \$7; General seating \$6; Seniors \$5. All proceeds will go toward dancers attending the World Championship in April 2019.

### **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

We will celebrate the Christmas season with a buffet dinner prior to the general membership meeting. Dinner is open to all members in good standing. The doors will open at 6:30pm with a buffet dinner followed by our general membership meeting. Pauline Killeen will be calling on members to bring their favorite dessert to share.

## **Other:**

All Emerald Association members are invited to help by recruiting family members, friends, co-workers, etc.... to join our organization, and encouraging entrepreneurs, store owners, etc.... to place an ad in our newsletter.

If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/marriages, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact John Shanley at [jtsconstruction@aol.com](mailto:jtsconstruction@aol.com). Thank you!



Please keep in your thought and prayers All our First Responders and the Women and Men in the Armed Forces. Also, a thank you to all our veterans.

## Have a laugh

Two Nuns are ordered to paint a room in the convent, with a warning from Mother Superior not to get even a drop of paint on their habits. After conferring about this, the two nuns decide to lock the door of the room, strip off their habits, and paint naked. In the middle of the project, there's a knock at the door.

Who is it?" calls one of the nuns.

"Blind man," replies a voice from the other side of the door.

The two nuns look at each other and shrug, both deciding that no harm can come from letting a blind man into the room. They open the door. "Nice boobs," says the man. "Where do you want the blinds?"

A senior citizen... said to his eighty-year old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!' 'Do I know her?' 'Nope!' 'This woman, is she good looking?' 'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?' 'Naw, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?' 'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?' 'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

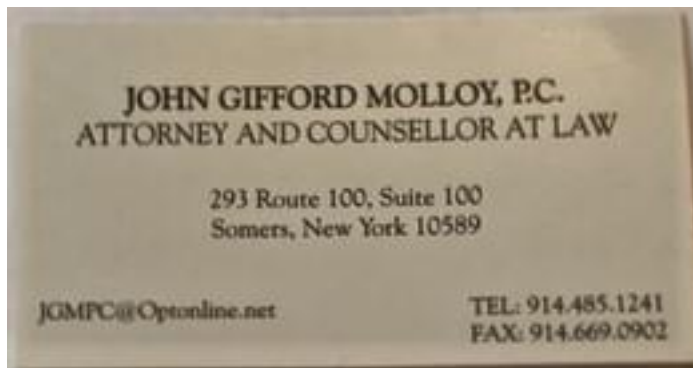
'Because she can still drive.'

Submitted by John Glynn.

*Please, if you have a joke or funny stories that you would like to share with the members please email me.*

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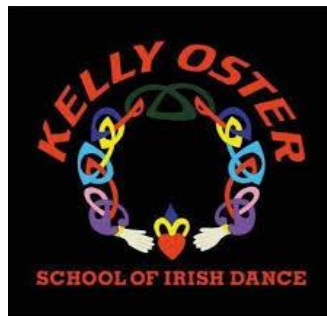
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## **The life and times of a Snowbird in Florida.**

By Pat Farrell

One may be prone to ask 'What is a Snowbird'? Based on the name alone one could easily conclude that it is a bird that enjoys the snow or a bird that dislikes the snow or a bird that is made of snow. Of course, it is none of these. It happens to be the name given to a person that leaves the cold northern weather in the Autumn of the year and returns in late Spring when all the snow is melted and the daffodils are poking their heads through the ground.

It so happens that a few of the Emeralds chose this lifestyle. A few years ago, there were quite a number. But due to a variety of reasons, that number has diminished substantially.

A novice may be prone to ask 'What do you do down there'?

To answer that question, some background information may be required. Most snowbirds live in either a condo or a house. They may either own or rent. Each development is governed by a Home Owners Association whose officers are elected by the residents. Then there is a management company that controls the whole shebang within each development, charges well for the privilege and are paid from monthly dues. Each development usually has a clubhouse, a pool and some have a gym and still some more have a golf course. There are ongoing activities every day at these clubhouses. These activities usually consist of card games, pool games, dance lessons and exercise activities.

Now that the environment has been set, let's get back to the original question.

Doctors, Dentists, Quacks, Chiropractors. are among a variety of characters that unfortunately have to be visited on a regular basis. All activities should be scheduled before mid-afternoon. After all, one does not want to miss the Early Bird Specials and most restaurants have these specials. Then again, we are senior citizens on fixed incomes and every dollar saved can be spent elsewhere.

Card games of every description are played at the clubhouse but those of Irish persuasion congregate at designated locations and times to play twenty-five. It is a card game where all the cards are worth five points but some of the card are more powerful than others. For example, the five of trumps is the most powerful and you have to play a trump card if you have one. Failure to do so, means you renege and that has severe consequences. There are rules as to what card is better than another so you have to keep your wits about you. Whoever accumulates twenty-five points first wins the game. It can be a fun game but be prepared for ridicule if you screw up. Some of these players take the game very serious and even some a little too serious.

I may continue this rambling at a later date but for now it is time for Judge Judy.