



## March 2019 News



### **General Info:**

Mail correspondence to:  
The Emerald Association of Putnam County  
P.O. Box 141  
Brewster, NY 10509

### **General Membership Meeting Schedule**

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

Our next general membership meeting will be held Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, April 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.

We will have a Feis meeting following the general membership meeting  
Also we will have a property exploratory meeting.

## **Executive Board 2017-2018:**

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## **Web Site: [www.emeraldapc.com](http://www.emeraldapc.com)**

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 Lisa Scully [lisaoneill92@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaoneill92@yahoo.com)

## **Member News Items:**

### **Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!**

A nominating committee has been formed to select new candidates for the upcoming Elections to be held in May. *Thank you to Margaret O'Reilly, John Molloy, Bernie Cummins, Jim Dolan and Declan Sheeran for volunteering.* Positions available are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and 5 Board members. A slate of candidates will be presented at the April general membership meeting and nominations will also be accepted at that time. Please refer to Articles V and VI in the By-Laws for duties expected of Officers and the Executive Board. The By-Laws can be found on our website under the About Us tab.

Get Well wishes to Martin O'Reilly after recent knee surgery.

Please keep Connie Furey in your thoughts and prayers.

Pat Farrell, our Snow bird correspondent, has sent us an update on the goings on in the sun. Pat's note's below.

John Molly has submitted remarks by Justice Frances T. Murphy about the Irish spirit.  
(See attached)

Thank you to Rosaleen Furey for the refreshments at the February meeting.

## **45<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance**

Congratulations to Eileen Weir on being selected as Emerald of the Year 2019.

Eileen, a long standing member of the Emeralds, will be honored at our Annual dance to be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Vails Grove Pavilion in Brewster. Music will be provided by Mike & Noreen Sherry and dancers from O'Rourke School of Irish dance will perform.

Tickets are \$60 per person.

Please contact Dympna Zazzero, Dance Chair with the list of names that will be attending a.s.a.p. We have attached a Dance flyer with all the information.

## **2019 Scholarship Opportunity:**

Applications are now available on our website and at membership meetings for the 2019 Emerald Association Scholarship. Six \$600 scholarships will be awarded to children/grandchildren of members in good standing. Deadline for submission is at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting – selections will be made at our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Criteria is outlined on the application form. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Scully, Scholarship Chair at [skullman@reagan.com](mailto:skullman@reagan.com).

## **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**

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: St. Patrick's Day Parade, Rt 6 Mahopac. *Notification will be sent out with step-off information once it's released.*

Friday, March 15 Emerald's Annual St. Patrick's Dance.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Feis at Putnam Park

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Putnam Park

## **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

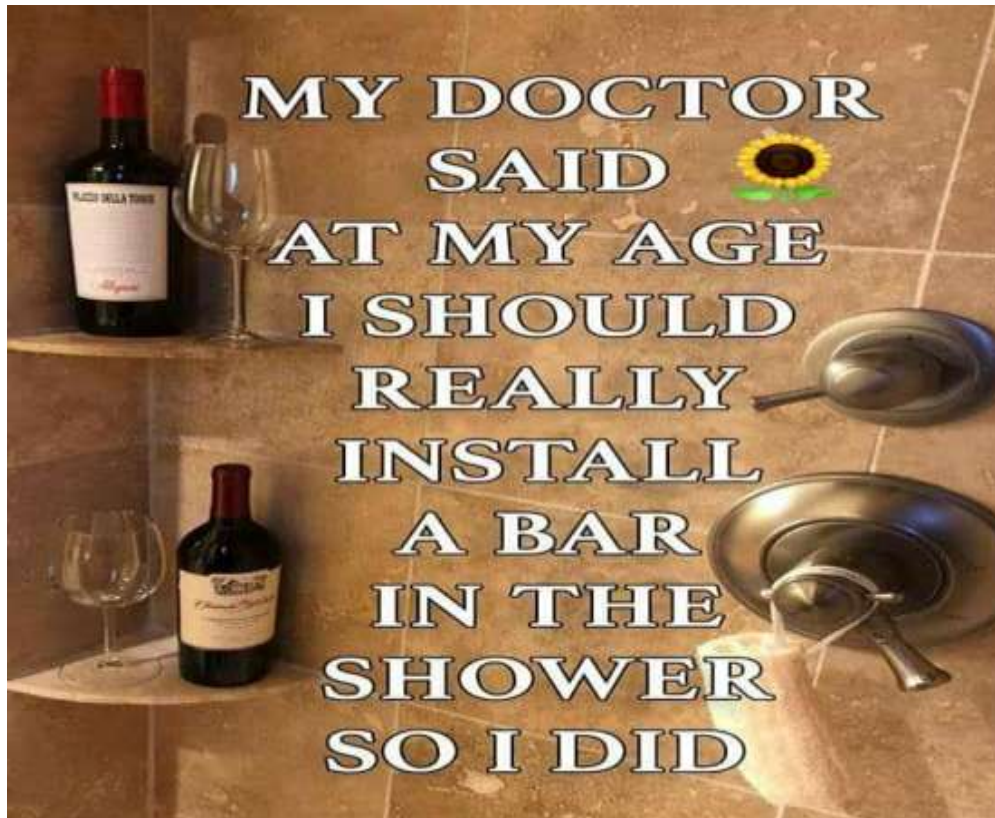
Husband and wife have a heated argument.

The wife calls her mother.

“He fought with me again! I’m coming over to live with you.”

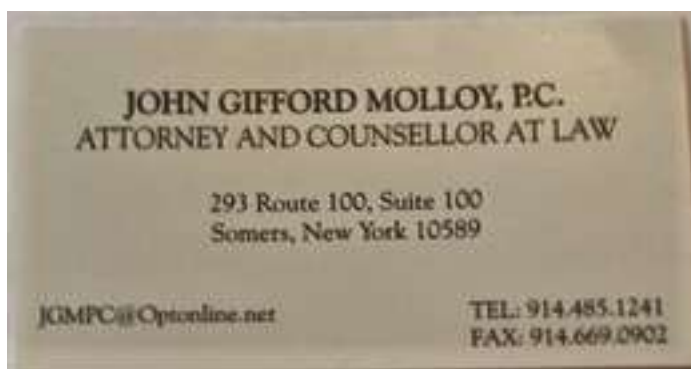
To which her mother replies,

“No, no, darling. He must pay for his mistake. I’m coming to live with you.”



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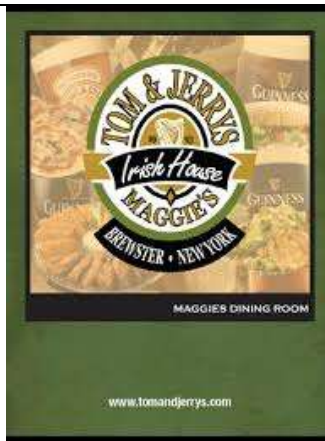
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# The Irish and the Judiciary

BY FRANCIS T. MURPHY

The following is the text of remarks made by Presiding Justice Francis T. Murphy to the New York County Lawyers' Association on December 11, 1997, a few days after announcing his retirement from the Appellate Division, First Department bench.

The Irish are an odd lot. Of them it has been said that they are surely a race gone mad, for their wars are all merry and their songs are all sad.

I do not know whether the Irish are more brave than others; I doubt it. I do not know whether the Irish are more kind, more merciful, more peaceful than others; I doubt it.

I know, however, that the Irish, like the Jews, have long memories. They remember bloody oppression, and those who caused it. They remember the fright of a knock on the door at night, and those who caused it.

And of their misery, they remember that in no Irish court was there a judge who would do them justice free of the influence of a foreign power.

For the Irish who fled to this country, a judge who was not a coward, a judge who found the law and cleaved to it, a judge who took counsel only from his conscience, a judge who bent a knee to no one except his God, that judge was that Irishman's ideal of a nation free of tyranny.

Of all who came before and after that Irishman, none foresaw judges fearful of speaking out because they might lose public office, or judges so passionate for governmental favor that they would dance to any tune a distant piper played.

A judge, in the main, is not a scholar, nor an intellectual, nor a philosopher. He is an ordinary human being carrying the ordinary baggage of the good and the bad. His only hope for distinction is that, in the end, when he puts down that baggage and looks back, he will not see that his shadow is that of a coward or a hypocrite. He will see that though his robe has become worn, his oath is as strong as on the day that he first took it.

Having had fear of no one, and having given favor to no one, he closes the courthouse door behind him, and, if he's Irish, walks up the avenue with a skip and a smile.

## The Life and Times of Snowbirds in Florida

This month we will jump around a bit and cover a multitude of news worthy items.

Each year there is a tag sale here in Boynton Leisureville. The funds raised help to keep our maintenance fees at an affordable level. After all, in case you forget, we are senior citizens on a fixed income.

Ann Hynes and Kathleen Healy are down here now. Both were spotted dropping off some clothes at the Clubhouse for the flea market or tag sale, call it what you want.

Mary Valentine has her house rented so we are not sure if she will make it down this year. She could rent a condo in Sterling Village but it is almost impossible to find a place for a couple of months at this time of the year.

Seamus Burke spent a couple of days recuperating in a hospital He went in for a hernia operation but they found other problems that required immediate attention. He came home with the hernia still intact. So I guess it will have to wait. Anyway he is up and around. It is not easy to keep a Galway man down, especially a good one.

As I mentioned in a previous report there are various means and types of entertainment available. Cruises probably lead the pack. Most of them go to the Caribbean. Gertie Byrne has a full ship every year. Andy Cooney also has his cruise of Irish Stars every January. They are both very enjoyable. They must be as the same people keep on coming back year after year.

Andy Cooney is having a cruise to Hawaii on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Claire and I hope to be on it. If any folks would like to join us, I believe there may be some cabins still available. I can provide some details or I know a man who can.

For those who like to dance or listen to live music, the Shamrock Club in Lake Worth is the place to be every Friday night from November to April. Jimmy McPhail has been the main stay there for a number of years, Sharon and other musicians also entertain there when Jimmy is not available.

The Shamrock Club is a unique building, long and narrow. The dancers go down on one side and return on the other side. The band is at one end and the bar is at the other end. A row of tables can be found on both sides which makes the dancing space very limited. But like everything else, adjustment is required. Guaranteed you will work up a sweat on a crowded night.

There is also the river cruises in Europe. You cruise up or down some river for a week or so. So far I have been on three, The Elbe, The Danube, and The Rhine. I find them very relaxing and enjoyable. The boat stops at various spots along the river. Then there are buses there to take you to visit the neighboring towns. A word of caution, there can be some walking involved and most of the streets are paved with cobble stones. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes. Personally, I like the river cruises better than the ocean cruises. The boats are small and no one is pushing crap on you to buy, stuff that you don't really need.

A number of folks of Irish persuasion meet at McDonald's on Sunday mornings after mass at St. Mark church. They sit at a large table, trade stories and news and can be very noisy.

Then there is Finnegan's down in Delray where you can sip a cool one, eat something if you are hungry and listen to some spontaneous Irish music.



Down here they give you movie tickets for donating a pint of blood. So if you have blood in your veins and have a hankering for a free movie, you can donate and get your free tickets every fifty six days.

They give two tickets to each person, so you and your significant other can see at least two movies every fifty six days,

Another activity that some of us participate in is driving the C.O.P. car for two hours each week. C.O.P. Stands for Citizens on Patrol. It entails driving a car provided by the police department. The purpose is to deter crime. There is no crime but occasionally some suspicious folks meander around and who knows what they are up to. In the fourteen years that I have been driving the only thing I have encountered is an open garage door at night.

We drive very slow at a speed of about six miles per hour and look for anything suspicious. We cover twelve or thirteen miles in the two hours. We look for open garage doors. If it is daylight and we find an open door we do nothing, if night, we call the homeowner to remind them that their garage door is open. If no response we just call the police department.

Slainte for now.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

Pat Farrell

**TWO WEEKS AWAY!!** This year marks the 43rd consecutive year of the Northern Westchester Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade. Join Grand Marshal and fellow Emerald, Bill Dowling Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 pm!!



## **Northern Westchester – Putnam 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:00pm  
Grand Marshal of the 2019 Parade**

# **Bill Dowling**

**This Parade is one of the largest parades in New York State with 6 divisions – it consists of numerous marching bands, police and fire departments, civil servants, schools and various organizations throughout the state.**

**Parade will be kicked off with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1:30 by the 9/11 memorial on the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road.**

**Parade will kick off at 2:00 pm sharp. Lineup will be on Route 6 between Mt. Hope Road and the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.**

**Buses will run from the Lake Plaza Shopping Center to the Corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road starting at 11:30 am.**

**PLEASE COME OUT AND SHARE THE DAY  
CELEBRATE YOUR HERITAGE AND BEING AN AMERICAN.**

**For Participation or Sponsorship Information go to  
[www.SaintPatricksDayParade.net](http://www.SaintPatricksDayParade.net) or email [Info@SaintPatrickDayParade.net](mailto:Info@SaintPatrickDayParade.net)**



**Contact Dympna ASAP to reserve your spot!**

The Emerald Association of Putnam County  
45<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Friday, March 15, 2019

Vails Pavilion

5 Vails Blvd, Brewster, NY

Music provided by Mike & Norcen Sherry  
O'Rourke Irish Dancers will perform

Doors open at 6pm; Appetizers served from 6pm-7pm;  
Buffet Dinner from 7pm-8pm; Dancing from 7pm-11pm

The Emerald Association will honor  
Eileen Weir  
as "Emerald of the Year"

**Donation: \$60 per person; BYOB**

(includes: appetizers, dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea,  
Irish soda bread and assorted desserts)

Reservations & info contact:  
Dympna Zazzaro - Chairperson  
845-278-8271  
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