



Happy Easter Everyone

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**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, April 12, 2019, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Nuala at [nualadonnelly55@gmail.com](mailto:nualadonnelly55@gmail.com)

### Member News:

Our condolences to Rosaleen Furey and Nuala Donnelly and all their extended family on the passing of Connie Furey may he R.I.P. He will be very much missed by all the Emerald family.

A nominating committee has been formed to select new candidates for the up coming elections to be held in May. Positions available are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and 5 Board members. A slate of candidates will be presented at the April meeting and nominations will also be accepted at that time. Elections will be held at the May General Membership meeting.

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

Jim & Lisa Scully will be putting on their dancing shoes and dancing with their pros Igor and Angelina and their Fred Astaire Dance School family showing off their stuff on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at Somers Middle School Auditorium at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please contact Lisa at [lisaoneill92@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaoneill92@yahoo.com) if interested in attending.

Our next big event will be the Feis Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Putnam Park. We will be needing a lot of volunteers for all the necessary projects. Please encourage as many young folks as possible to volunteer. There will be a Feis meeting after the General Membership meeting on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Think of the old saying many hands make's light work.

### Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance

Congratulations once again to Eileen Weir on being Emerald of the Year 2019.

Thanks to Eileen and her family for making it a great evening. I hope everyone had a great time.

A big thanks to Dympna Zazzero, our dance chair, for a job very well done as always.

Thanks to all that helped set up and clean up afterwards.

### 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 Donnelly 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 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 thoughts 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 Irishman Meet a Suisse Tourist**

A Swiss man, on holiday in Dublin, needed directions. He was standing outside Davy Byrne's pub when he saw two youths walking by so he stops them and asks, 'Entschuldigung, koennen Sie Deutsch sprechen?' The two lads look at each other blankly and stare back at him. 'Excusez-moi, parlez vous Français?' He tries. The two continue to stare. 'Parlare Italiano?' Still absolutely no response from the two lads. 'Hablan ustedes Espanol?' The Dublin lads remain totally silent. The Swiss guy walks off extremely disappointed and downhearted that he had not been understood. One of the boys turns to the second and says, 'Y'know, maybe we should learn a foreign language!' 'Why?' says the youth, 'That guy knew four languages, and it didn't do him any good.'

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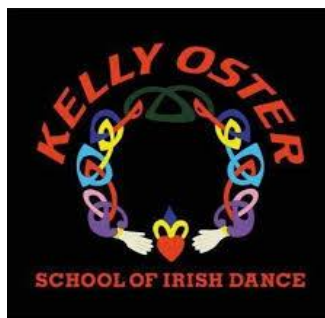
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## The Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

This month I will digress from the task at hand, take a trip down memory lane and briefly describe what transpired in building our own stages. I am tapping into long term memory for this report and if anyone one can enhance my memory; I would greatly appreciate it. Needless to say, we needed our own stages so we had to build them. Of course, we then needed a place to store them.

The proprietor of Clancy Movers was a gentleman from Limerick named Niall Breslin. Niall was kind enough to let us use his property in Patterson to build and store the new stages These stages were built to last. Niall also allowed us to borrow his trucks to haul the stages to the Feis grounds and then haul them back to Patterson to store until the following year. Back then we did not have storage of our own as we have today at the 4H facility.

Compared to what we use today, it was probably overkill. They were built using 16-foot 2 X 6's and covered with ½ inch plywood. Seamus Burke was the lead carpenter and was ably assisted by Tim Sullivan (RIP), Mike Hartney (RIP), Pat Weir (RIP), Danny Moran and others that I don't remember. One thing that I do remember is that they were very heavy and they had to be moved to the Feis grounds until they were no longer needed. With the weight of the stages the truck got stuck numerous times while transporting them to the 4H facility.

These stages lasted for years and believe me no one missed them after they were deemed to be no longer needed. They were heavy and they seemed to get heavier each year or maybe it was that we were getting weaker.

I WILL NOW ADD SOME ODDS AND ENDS:

Congratulations to Eileen Weir on being chosen Emerald of the Year. A well-deserved honor for this lovely lady from Co. Clare.

Congratulations to Bill Dowling on handling the duties of Grand Marshall of the Putnam Parade.

Seamus Burke has been in and out of hospital a few times since our last communication. He is home now, looks and feels fine. I believe it was the cute nurses who were doting over him that was making him want to extend his stay as long as possible.

Happy Easter to all from the Sunshine State.

That is all for now.

Pat Farrell