



May 2019 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, May 10th, June 14th.
Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.

We will have a Feis meeting following the general membership meeting. This will be the last one before the Feis so please plan to attend.

Executive Board 2018-2019:

President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460
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Web Site: 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

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 . \$30 for Family; \$20 Single

Member News Items:

Congratulations to Pauline Killean, SallyAnn and Charlie Comparetto on Charley's graduation from the University of Miami and to Dympna and Paul Zazzero on Christopher's graduation from Manhattan College. Time sure does fly!

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery go out to John Glynn, Pat O'Malley and Russ Lavan.

Condolences to Eileen Weir on the passing of her sister Margaret. Condolences to Dorothy Galvin on the passing of her husband Martin – long time member of our organization. RIP

Yearly elections: Jim Dolan chair of the nominating committee presented a slate of candidates at the April general membership meeting:

- President: Nuala Donnelly
- Vice President: John Shanley
- Recording Secretary: John Molloy
- Corresponding Secretary: Dympna Zazzero
- Board: Bernie Cummins, Jim Dolan, Pauline Killean, Jim Scully, Mary Thorne

John Glynn made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Catherine Cioffi. All were in favor. Welcome to our new Officers and Board members! A big thank you to Catherine Cioffi, Mary Dolan, John Glynn and Tara Keegan for your dedication and time.

Congratulations to our 2019 Scholarship winners:

Lauren Adams – *Granddaughter of Russ and Pat Lavan*

Brendan Brady – *Grandson of Tom and Beatrice Brady*

Owen Carmody – *Grandson of Owen and Kathleen Farrell*

Philip Granitto – *Grandson of Catherine Cioffi*

Our next big event will be the Feis Sunday, May 19th. We will be in need of a lot of volunteers for all the necessary projects. We will have sign-up sheets available at the meeting Friday night. Please encourage as many young folk as possible to volunteer. *At time of writing we have 417 entries.*

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 1st at Somers Middle School Auditorium at 7pm. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please contact Lisa at lisaoneill92@yahoo.com if interested in attending.

Once again we are coming close to the end of our year. We will have our annual Buffet dinner at the June meeting. All members in good standing are invited to attend. Doors open at 6pm, dinner served at 6:30pm with meeting to follow.

Thank you to Ruth Reilly for the refreshments at the April general membership meeting.

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

Save –the- date

Sunday May 19th Annual Feis at Putnam Park

Friday June 14th Annual end of year Buffet Dinner

Sunday August 25th Annual Picnic at Putnam Park

The Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

This month of May, I will digress from the task at hand and briefly describe what is required as the snowbird season comes to an end here in Florida. As you well know, Florida is known for hurricanes, so it behooves property owners to secure their house or condo before locking up and heading north.

Before I delve in, I would like to convey my condolences to Rosaleen, Nuala and family on the death of Connie. A kind and gentle man who was called away much too soon. I got to know Connie through the Emerald Association and from working at the Feis. I always found him to low key, reliable and someone you could count on. Rest in Peace, Connie, our loss is St. Peter's gain. You will be missed.

There is an element of sadness permeating throughout the development as the snowbirds lock up and leave for the summer. As it is a development populated by mostly older people, there is always the possibility that some of them may not be around next year. Of course, that applies to all of us, so it is better to take one day at a time. Most of the houses in my development and Owen Farrell's have clam shutters to cover the windows. The two developments were built by the same company, so the houses are pretty much the same. These shutters act as deterrent from the sun when raised and provide protection from the hurricanes when closed.

As we drive around in the C.O.P. car, we can easily determine who has left. Of course, the permanent residents would still have their shutters open. Then in September or October, we know who did not make it back. I know of one house that has never been opened in the time that I have been down here. It is possible that it is hung up on some kind of litigation which is often the case.

Anne Hynes and Kathleen Healy have closed up their houses and headed north. We hope to see them back again next year. Actually, I saw them at the April movie at our Recreation Center which is held on the first Tuesday of each month.

I spotted Ann and Ed Fitzgerald at mass at St. Mark church the other evening. I guess they will be heading north shortly.

Claire and myself watched the Grand National at Burke's house on Saturday, April 6th. Also, in attendance were Peggy and Bill Mannion. Some horse won the race but the highlight of the afternoon was the Irish breakfast prepared by Gabriella, great job Mrs. Burke, Thank you. It was also good to see that Seamus is back in great shape after his recent hospital stay. Bill Mannion had also had some patch work done on his body but he has recovered enough to attend the dances at the Shamrock Club.

That is all for now. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe summer.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell

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. 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

It's Saint Patrick's Day and an armed hooded robber bursts into the Bank of Ireland and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash. On his way out the door with the loot one brave Irish customer grabs the hood and pulls it off revealing the robber's face.

The Robber Shoots the Guy Without Hesitation! He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him. One of the tellers is looking straight at him and the robber walks over and calmly shoots him also. Everyone by now is very scared and looking down at the floor. Did anyone else see my face?' screams the robber. There is a few moments of silence then one elderly Irish gent, looking down, tentatively raises his hand and says, 'I think me wife may have caught a glimpse.'

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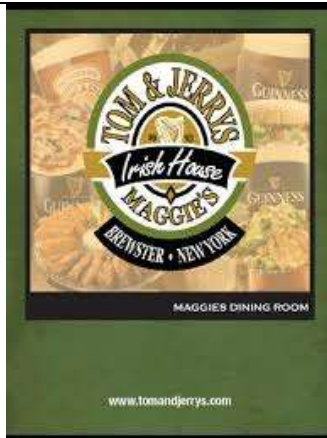
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