



December 2019 Newsletter



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!
Friday, December 13th; January 10th; February 14th; March 13th; April 10th; May 8th; June 12th
at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

Executive Board 2019-2020:

President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460
Vice President: John Shanley 845.590.3052
Treasurer: Margaret O'Reilly 845.225.7375
Correspondence Secretary: Dympna Zazzero 845.278.8271
Recording Secretary: John Molloy 845.628.3056
Membership Secretary: Sally Ann Comparetto scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com

Web Site: www.emeraldapc.com.

Our website page was recently updated causing several formatting issues on some tabs to look different. Please bear with us as we work with the developer to clean things up.

Member News:

Important letter from Nuala, from our President, attached regarding the purchase of our own property. Please read and kindly respond.

Sending Get Well wishes to Eamon Cummins after a recent fall off his roof decorating the house for Christmas. He is home resting...wait, Eamon doesn't rest – but he is supposed to be resting! Keeping you in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Kevin and Brianna Byrne who are expecting a Baby Boy in May!

Saturday, December 7th is "Holiday on the Lake" A full day of activities is planned! See the flyer attached for more information.

The 2020 U18 Irish National Baseball Team Tryouts will be held Sunday, December 8th at Hardball Training Center in Elmsford. See flyer attached for more info!

We will celebrate the Christmas season with a buffet dinner prior to the general membership meeting on Friday, December 13th. 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. *We are asking all members to bring their favorite dessert to share.*

Our Lady of the Lakes Ladies Auxiliary is asking for support for Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. Please see the Donation Wish List attached. We will collect donations at our December meeting – monetary gifts are also welcome.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also hosting "Pasta for a Purpose" on Sunday, December 22nd at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carmel in support of Daniel Thut recently diagnosed with cancer. See flyer attached.

WestPut Setanta 2020 Winter Indoor Clinic dates have been announced. Please see the flyer attached.

Please see the attached letter from Pat O'Malley, Chairman of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please consider making a donation. Congratulations to Grand Marshal Liz Flannery from the Irish American Social Club in Yorktown.

Attention Snowbirds! Be sure to drop Pat Farrell a line at mrpatf@aol.com so he can keep us Northerners updated on goings on South of the Border!

**Wishing all our members and families a very Blessed Christmas Season
and Happy New Year!**

Scholarship 2020

Applications are posted on our website and available at each General Membership meeting. There are Six \$600 Scholarships available to qualified candidates. Qualifications:

- Candidates need to be a graduating High School Senior planning to attend an accredited College, University, Business or Trade School.
- Be the son/daughter/grandchild of an Emerald Member.
- Emerald Member needs to be a member of the organization for two consecutive years and have attended four general membership meetings each year.
- Members must also be current on dues.

Please contact Jim Scully, Scholarship Chair, with any questions. skullman@reagan.com

Social Media:

If you are a Facebook user please "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

Save-the- date

- Friday, February, 7th – Installation Dinner for parade Grand Marshal Liz Flannery
- Sunday, March 8th – St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Saturday, March 28th - Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
- Saturday, April 5th - WestPut Setanta Dinner Dance
- Sunday May 17th – 40th Annual Feis at Putnam Park
- Sunday August 30th - 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.

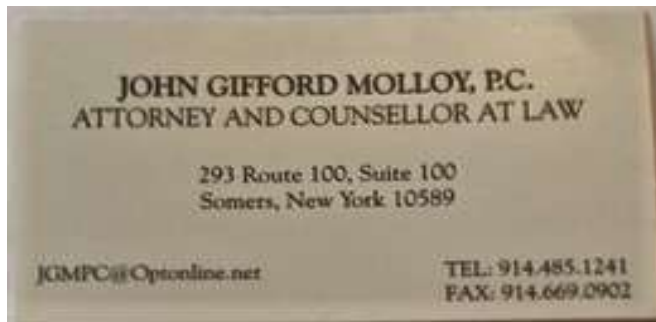
If you have any news/information regarding our members (engagements/marriages, births, death notices, hospitalized/sick/injured members, etc...) that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact John Shanley at jtsconstruction@aol.com. Thank you!



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.

Please Patronize our Advertisers:

Ad rates: Member \$30; Non-member \$50 for 10 months





December 1, 2019

Dear Fellow Members,

For the past couple of years, we have openly discussed the potential of owning a place to call our own.

We are far away from anything concrete however the time has come for us to get more serious and realistic.

Please know we would not be looking for donations. Exploratory committees would have to be formed and fundraising ideas and searches for grants would have to be looked into. We would need members to commit so we could move forward.

At our December General Membership meeting we will take a ballot vote as to whether or not we should proceed with the idea.

If you are not able to attend the meeting please send me an email with your vote:

1. Yes - Proceed exploring.
2. No - I am not interested in pursuing this idea.

All responses will be kept confidential. No identities will be revealed or shared with anyone.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to vote. Your feedback very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Nuala

Email: nualadonnelly55@gmail.com

The Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

As I am still looking for some lost snowbirds, I will take a trip down memory lane this month and recall a trip a bunch of Emeralds took to Nashville many moons ago. This all came back to me while I was watching a Ken Burns program on PBS pertaining to the history of Country Music back in September. I guess country music had its beginnings as Blue Grass or Mountain Music. I would venture to guess that any aficionado of country music must have heard Bill Monroe and his Blue Grass band. If you listen to the lyrics of country songs, they all told a story, some sad and some uplifting.

I always liked country music. In days of old there was a tv station dedicated to country music. It eventually disappeared. The prominent DJ was Ralph Emory. Most of you I am sure have heard of the Grand Old Opry, the Ryman auditorium and Music Row. I had the pleasure of visiting all these places years ago thanks to John Mulvihill. May he Rest in Peace. I don't remember all the details of that bus trip, But I know we stayed overnight in Virginia on the way down and a guest on the bus who was not an Emerald was very perturbed, in other words, pissed off big time, when he could not have wine with his supper. Apparently, Virginia was a dry state. We also had the pleasure of having Gabriella Burke, Margie Greenan and Kitty Tully on board and I am confident that they will remember something about that trip. Some of us only forget what we have to.

But we cannot forget the names of George Jones and Tammy Wynette, Johnny Cash, The Carter Family, Loretta Lynn, Buck Owens, Hank Williams, Marty Stuart, Emmy Lou Harris and of course Dolly Parton. These are just a few that come to mind,

I had the pleasure of seeing Johnny Cash at the Jaeger House back in the sixties. That was before he became famous. Back then he was just some entertainer trying to make a buck. I thoroughly enjoyed that PBS special. It brought back good memories and information about these great entertainers that were part of our lives down through the years. Definitely worth watching when the opportunity presents itself again.

It looks like a perfect evening for the beach, so I will conclude and head over there. "I must go down to the sea again. To the lonely sea and the sky. All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by." Them words are from Sea Fever by John Masefield. But I will settle for glorious sunshine and an abundance of heat, along with some wine and tasty edibles. So, come on down, what are you waiting for?

Keep them cards and letters coming. Merry Christmas to all.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell



Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

December 3, 2019

Dear Friend and Neighbor:

My name is Patrick O'Malley and I am the chairman of The Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. 2020 marks our 44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. We've come a long way since the very first Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade marched in the pouring rain, with a small contingent, down Gleneida Avenue to Putnam Plaza on Route 6 in Carmel.

This parade has become a much anticipated event, growing larger every year. It is with gratitude we offer many thanks to those whom have stood fast with us to help keep this parade alive. In these economic times, it's difficult to raise the monies needed to keep this parade going; we are reaching out to you, our friends and neighbors, to help us continue this grand tradition for our community.

Attached are ways you can help to sponsor and support the parade. If you are not in a financial position to help and know of a business or individual who may be able to do so, we would greatly appreciate it if you would pass the attached information along to them. You can also show your support by coming to the parade to enjoy the day with us, to celebrate Irish culture and being an American! Additionally, if you would like to march in the parade as an individual or as part of a group, please go to our website at www.SaintPatricksDayParade.net to register.

The parade steps off promptly at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Prior to the parade, we invite you to join us as we stand at attention for the Pledge of Allegiance at the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department 9/11 Memorial (corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road), to begin at 1:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there!

Very truly yours,

Patrick J. O'Malley
Parade Chairman



Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.

**The 2020 Northern Westchester-Putnam
St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee will honor
Grand Marshal Elizabeth "Liz" Flannery
at its 44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 8, 2020
Mahopac, New York**

**Patrick J. O'Malley
Chairman**

**John Molloy
Vice Chairman**

**Lisa O'Malley
Recording Secretary**

**Allison Winstanley
Corresponding
Secretary**

**Bernie Cummins
Treasurer**

**Tara Keegan
Publicity Secretary**

**Jerry Grant
Band Coordinator**

**Christine Hickey
Lineup Coordinator**

**James Scully
Public Address
Announcer**

A list of 2020 Sponsorship Packages may be found on the sheet attached.

Please indicate below your choice of Sponsor Package

Please complete and return no later than Feb. 21, 2020. Payment must be made in full.

I have chosen the following Sponsorship Package:

**Enclosed please find my check payable to:
Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade
for \$ _____**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Website: _____

Kindly mail this completed form along with your check to:

**Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade
960 Route 6 ~ Suite 230
Mahopac, New York 10541**

Sponsoring Organizations

**The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Putnam County
WestPut Setanta Gaelic Football Club
Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes Council 6318
Irish American Social Club of Yorktown
Emerald Association of Putnam County
Fraternal Order of Police – Stephen Driscoll Memorial Lodge #704**



Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

2020 PARADE SPONSORSHIPS

Gold Sponsor: \$1,500.00

Name displayed as a Gold Sponsor on Parade Website (with your link)

Announcement during TV coverage, listing on Parade Facebook Page, listing in Parade Brochure

Two (2) complimentary tickets to the Installation Dinner of the Grand Marshal (if time allows)

Silver Sponsor: \$1,000.00

Name displayed as a Silver Sponsor on Parade Website (with your link)

Announcement during TV coverage, listing on Parade Facebook Page, listing in Parade Brochure

One (1) complimentary ticket to the Installation Dinner of the Grand Marshal (if time allows)

Bronze Sponsor: \$500.00

Name displayed as a Bronze Sponsor on Parade Website (with your link)

Announcement during TV coverage, listing on Parade Facebook Page, listing in Parade Brochure

Supporter of the Parade: \$100.00

Name displayed as a Supporter of the Parade on Parade Website (with your link)

Friend of the Parade: \$25

Name displayed as a Friend of the Parade on Parade Website

KofC Our Lady of the Lakes Council 6318
Ladies Auxiliary

asks for your support for

Rosary Hill Home

Hawthorne, NY



Donation Wish List

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Dove Soap & Body Wash

Sets of 4 (all the same):
XL Floral Twin-size Sheets (women)
XL Twin-size Sheets (men)



Women's Nightgowns - Med, Large, XL, 2X
Joe Boxer Men's Shirts & Pants Sets - Med, Large, XL, 2X, 3X
Joe Boxer Men's Cotton Pants - Med, Large, XL, 2X
Men's Nightshirts - Large, XL, 2X

Hair Trimmers, Irons, Toasters
Microwave Ovens (.7 or .9 cu. ft. or 900/1000 Watts)
Hot Water Boilers (NO Sunbeam Hot Shots)

Lemon-flavor Cough Drops - Hard Candies

Monetary gifts are also welcome
Collecting Until 12/20/2019

Donations can be dropped off Friday and Saturday evenings
at the Knights of Columbus - 10 Fair Street, Carmel, NY
or contact Isabel Pompa: Izzy_pompa@comcast.net

*Rosary Hill Home is committed to providing loving, one-on-one
palliative care to those suffering from terminal cancer.
The Sisters and staff strive to meet the physical, emotional,
spiritual, and recreational needs of their patients.*



PASTA FOR A PURPOSE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A MEAL TO SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT FOR THE:**

THUT FAMILY

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 10 FAIR STREET CARMEL
FROM 4 -7PM**

Donation \$10 pp \$25 Family

We will have a 50/50 & Raffle Baskets



To make a donation or have ?'s please
email ladieskofc@gmail.com or call Maria
after 5pm 845-661-1729



2020 U18 IRISH NATIONAL TEAM TRYOUTS

WHEN:

DEC. 8, 2019

330P-530P

WHERE:

HARDBALL

TRAINING CENTER

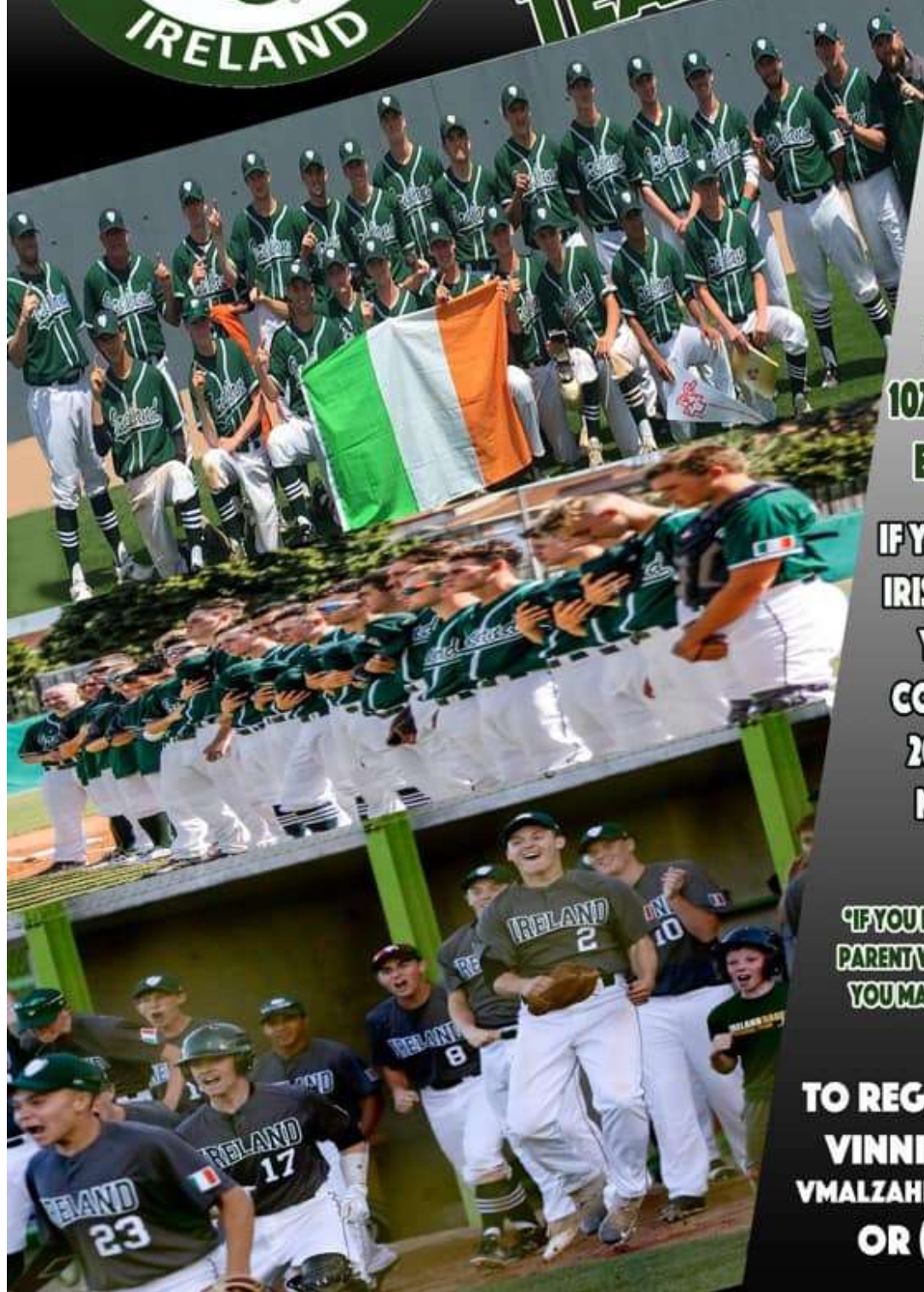
102 FAIRVIEW PARK DR.

ELMSFORD, NY 10523

**IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR
IRISH CITIZENSHIP AND
YOU'D LIKE TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR THE
2020 U18 TEAM YOU
MUST ATTEND THIS
TRYOUT.**

***IF YOU HAVE A PARENT OR GRAND-
PARENT WHO WAS BORN IN IRELAND,
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY FOR
TEAM IRELAND.**

**TO REGISTER, CONTACT
VINNIE MALZAHN AT
VMALZAHN@HARDBALLNY.COM
OR (914)347-4700**



Holiday on the Lake Parade and Tree Lighting Saturday, December 7, 2019

Sponsored by **The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association**
www.carmelcivicasoc.org www.facebook.com/HCCA.Carmel

Schedule of Events



8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Carmel Firehouse
 Pancake Breakfast
 & Photos with Santa
 Holiday Crafts
 Contact Carmel Fire Dept. for info

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Reed Memorial Library

11:00-11:45 Holiday Crafts & Snacks
 11:45-12:45 Holiday Songs & Sing-Along
 1:00 - 2:00 Santa Visits!



Starting at 3:00 PM
Carmel High School
Cafeteria
 Family Fun Activities
 4H - Face Painting
 Children's Crafts



4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
Cornerstone Park

Caroling by Local Choirs
 Hayrides with Santa
 Cocoa & Cookies
 Chowder Tasting
 Community Tree Lighting



5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Live Music
 on the steps of the
 historical County
 Courthouse, outside
 Drew Church and at
 Lake Gleneida
 near Sybil's statue

6:15 Santa Stroll
 A fun stroll before the start
 of the parade. Cheer on all
 those strolling on Gleneida
 Ave. to raise funds for the
 American Cancer Society.
 Strollers start from
 Cornerstone Park

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Holiday Blessing
Parade of Lights
 Watch more than 40
 community groups and floats



7:30 PM to 7:45 PM - Caroling & Tree Lighting at the Lake
 Caroling by local school groups
 Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Santa appears at the end of the parade!
 "It's A Wonderful Life" will air outdoors
 in the Hamlet during the parade

A special honoree
 will pull the switch
 to light the trees

Free
 Hot Chocolate
 Juice
 Cookies

Holiday Bazaars, Craft Fairs and Events (throughout the day)

St. James School

Drew Methodist Church

VFW Memorial Hall