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### General Membership Meeting Schedule

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

Friday, \***April 17<sup>th</sup>**; May 8<sup>th</sup>; June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.  
Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

*\*Please Note: April's meeting is cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic*

### Executive Board:

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### Board Members:

Bernie Cummins  
Jim Dolan  
Pauline Killean  
Jim Scully  
John Simpson  
Mary Thorne

## Member News:

April's General Membership is cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please stay safe and healthy. If anyone needs anything please do not hesitate to reach out to your Board and fellow Emeralds. We are all in this together, we will get out of this together!

As you know we did not hold elections in 2019. As a result, the terms of all of the Officers and Board Members are set to expire at the same time as opposed to the staggered term expiration that would be preferable. Since all Officers and members of the Board have two-year terms, it would be ideal for half of their terms to expire each year. The Board has had a long discussion about the best way to schedule this year's election to correct this oversight. It was determined that to accomplish that, President, Nuala Donnelly, Vice President, John Shanley, Correspondence Secretary, Sally Comparetto, Board Members Jim Scully, John Simpson and Mary Thorne will all resign in May of 2020 and each will then run for the positions that they currently hold if they so desire. A nominating committee will be formed. John Molloy and Dympna Zazzero will represent from the Board. We will need three members to volunteer at which time a Nominating Committee Chairperson will be selected. If you would like to volunteer please contact John or Dympna as soon as possible. In addition, just as with any other Emerald election, the nominating committee may nominate other Emerald members to run for any seat opened by the aforementioned resignations. The Candidate slate will be proposed at the May General Membership meeting with the official election in June due to the cancellation of our April meeting.

Our Snowbirds will be heading North soon. If you have news to share please be sure to drop Pat Farrell a line at [mrpatf@aol.com](mailto:mrpatf@aol.com) so he can keep us updated. See Pat's April note attached.

## Emerald of the Year 2020

Tom Brady we are looking forward to celebrating you as soon as we can!

## Emerald Association Scholarship 2020

Scholarship applications have been received and are being reviewed.

*\*2019 Scholarship winners – please submit your first semester transcripts as soon as possible so we can pay out your scholarship!*

Please contact Jim Scully, Scholarship Chair, with any questions. [skullman@reagan.com](mailto:skullman@reagan.com)

## Feis – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Due to the current circumstances, the Feis Committee has made the decision to cancel this year's Feis. Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will have to wait until 2021!

## 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](mailto:scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com) . \$30 for Family; \$20 Single

## Save-the- date

- Sunday August 30<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, Doctors, Nurses and the Women and Men in the Armed Forces and their families.

## **Pope Francis's Prayer to the Blessed Mother during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

In his prayer, Pope Francis calls Mary "Health of the Sick", adding that she kept her faith firm as she stood near the Cross as Jesus suffered.

"You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial."

The Pope also said we seek refuge under Our Lady's protection, knowing that she will help us "conform ourselves to the Father's will".

O Mary, you shine always during our pilgrimage as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, O Health of the Sick, who, standing by the Cross, participating in Jesus' pain, keep your faith strong. O Salvation of the Roman People, you know that we need and we are certain that you will provide it, so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do whatever Jesus tells us. He who took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



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The Florida Report, April 2020.

The warm weather came and went, but is back with us again. Hopefully, it will stick around for the remainder of our stay in the sunshine state. I know March has come and gone also, but it behooves me to make mention of things associated with March. But it is corned beef and cabbage that takes the stage in March. I am sure all of my favorite readers have had their fill of this tasty meal.

As all my faithful readers probably know, corned beef did not originate in Ireland. An Emerald member told me of a story while visiting Ireland, he had a hankering for a corned beef on rye sandwich. He happened to be travelling in Tipperary and he stopped off at a store that he was confident would be able to fulfill his desire. Unfortunately, he was disappointed, not only did they not have the ingredients to make the sandwich, but to make matters worse, they never heard of his request. As he was hungry, he had to settle for the usual two slices of ham sandwiched between two slices of white bread.

The truth be told, corned beef was discovered in the Lower East Side in Manhattan. It was a favorite of the Jewish immigrants who populated the area back in days of yore. When the Irish immigrants arrived, after being familiar with bacon, cabbage and spuds, they decided to substitute the bacon with this new found meat. and like Mikey, they liked it. So, there it is folks, my take on corned beef. It is now a favorite among most nationalities during the month of March.

When Claire and myself are up in New Jersey in the summer, we pal around with this Jewish couple who rent in the West Palm area during the winter months down here. Since they had us up for lunch back in February, we decided to have them here for some corned beef and cabbage in March. To make a long story short, they, like Mikey, liked it.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations were practically nonexistent this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. Our own "St. Patrick's" function at the clubhouse was cancelled due to the virus. Actually, all activities have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. Normally, they serve their version of corned beef and cabbage, but this year it was to be corned beef sandwiches. The truth be told, I don't believe I missed much. To make up for the loss, we decided to try out a corned meal on an Italian couple. And like our Jewish friends, they loved it. I guess one could conclude, that corned beef and cabbage is an international dish, enjoyed by all nationalities.

The summer weather has returned with all its glory. Unfortunately, we will not be able to enjoy it as the beaches are closed. So, I guess for our remaining stay here in Florida, we will have to stay cloistered in our houses and enjoy the air conditioning. Rumor has it, that Ann Hynes has sold her house but hopes to return next year as a tenant someplace. I wish her well.

That is all for now. Will chat again next month. In the meantime, we can only hope and pray that normalcy will return shortly.

God Bless and stay safe and healthy.

Pat Farrell

## Tom Brady Emerald of the Year 2020

Tom was born in Enaghan, Co. Longford Ireland to Susan and Tom Brady and is the second oldest of seven children. Tom attended Cortober National School and went on to Technical School in Ballinamuc.

After Technical School Tom apprenticed in Carpentry Workshop at McManus Workshop in Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim and was a member of the ASW (Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers) in Ireland. McManus manufactured and supplied all the necessary interior woodwork for new schools and churches mainly in the west of Ireland including the first self-service store “Quinnsworth” in Longford town. Toms commute to work every day took him through a part of three provinces.

Tom immigrated to the United States in 1961 and lived in New Rochelle, NY. He became a member of the Carpenters Union in Westchester. In 2012 Tom received a gold watch for 50 years of service in the Union. Tom met the love of his life Beatrice O'Donnell (who hails from Co. Roscommon) in the Red Mill in the Bronx and was married in Holy Spirit Church in the Bronx in 1967. Tom and Beatrice moved to Yorktown Heights in 1971 and are happy to still call it home!

Tom and Beatrice have four children – Kevin (Laura), Sean, Brain (Lori) and Tom (Christina). The Brady's are blessed with 8 treasured grandchildren – Patrick, Brendan, Sheamus, Sophie, Emma, Reese, Thomas (the 5<sup>th</sup>) and Martin.

Tom is one of the founders of the Retired Carpenters Club and where he currently sits as Vice President. He is also one of the founders of the Irish-American Social Club in Yorktown Heights and Board Director of the Tara Circle. Tom is also a member of the KBIC Club in Wappingers Falls.

As an Emerald, Tom continues to use his carpentry skills and expertise to help with the set up of our Annual Feis each May. You will see Tom on the day of the Feis helping out in any capacity needed. Tom and Beatrice also enjoy participating in the Emeralds activities and can be seen enjoying a waltz at our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. As an avid historian of the Irish culture, Tom shares with the membership information he thinks would be of interest.

As a longtime member of the Emerald Association of Putnam County, Tom is honored and humbled to be selected as Emerald of the Year 2020 and looks forward to a great evening celebrating with friends and relatives when the dance is rescheduled.