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GET THROUGH THIS!**

May 2020 Newsletter

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!
Friday, ***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.

**Please Note: May's meeting will be VIRTUAL – see access details below*

Executive Board:

President: Nuala Donnelly 845.494.9460
Vice President: John Shanley 845.590.3052
Treasurer: Margaret O'Reilly 845.225.7375
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Recording Secretary: John Molloy 845.628.3056
Membership Secretary: Sally Ann Comparetto 914.924.4331

Board Members:

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

Member News:

- Our deepest sympathies to Pat Farrell on the recent death of his son Gerry. May he Rest In Peace. A memorial service is scheduled for the end of May – details will be sent once confirmed.

<https://www.cargainfuneralhomes.com/obituary/patrick-farrell>

-Our deepest sympathies to Catherine Cioffi on the recent death of her sister Peg O'Sullivan in Ireland. May she Rest In Peace.

-Birthday Milestones - Happy 80th to Pat Lavan and Happy 80th Birthday to Mary Barrett! We will raise a toast or cup of tea to you when we see you soon!

-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 June 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 June General Membership meeting with the official election will be held in September.

-May is Mental Health Awareness Month. These are trying times. Please take care of yourself and take care of each other!

-Several of our Snowbirds are delayed in heading North. If you have news to share please be sure to drop Pat Farrell a line at mrpatf@aol.com so he can keep us updated. See Pat's note for May attached.

-As New York State remains on PAUSE through May 15th we have decided to hold a VIRTUAL General Membership meeting Friday, May 8th! Let's give it a try. *Please join us via Go ToMeeting at 7:30pm.*

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone at 7:30pm

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/737907453>

You can also dial in using your phone. (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 737-907-453

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-Happy Mother's Day to all our Emerald Moms!

Emerald of the Year 2020

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

Emerald Association Scholarship 2020.

Eligible candidates will be announced at our *virtual* meeting Friday, May 8th. *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

Social Media

“Like” our page on Facebook 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. 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

- Sunday, August 30th - Annual Picnic at Putnam Park
- Saturday, November 21st – West Put Setanta Annual Dinner Dance

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.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers All those working on the front lines and their families during this pandemic: our First Responders, Doctors, Nurses, Women and Men in the Armed Forces, Grocery store and Pharmacy workers.

Protect Yourself and Others

Practice Social Distancing:

Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, wear a mask and keep at least 6 feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.

Wash Your Hands. Cover Your Cough

Cover your cough and sneezes. Use your elbow or a tissue. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Take Caution

Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Avoid visiting those most at risk, call instead. Offer help with groceries and other goods.


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The Florida Report, May 2020

I guess everyone is coronavirus sequestered in their homes. I hope everyone survives this pandemic. I wish it was done and over with it. The weather is delightful down here currently but unfortunately, we can't go anyplace. All the activities have been cancelled; the facilities are all closed including the beaches. The bottom line is we have nothing to do and all day to do it.

I spend my days raking leaves and trimming hedges, the same ones that I trimmed yesterday and will probably do the same tomorrow if anything grew overnight. I don't know if my faithful readers watch the English comedy show on PBS on Saturday nights. The name of the show is "Keeping up Appearances". Hyacinth is the main character and she is married to Richard. Hyacinth wants to associate and impress people of the upper class even though some of her family are far from upper class. In one episode, Richard is retired and Hyacinth is driving him crazy, so to stay busy and away from Hyacinth, he goes out every morning with a hedge clipper and looks for overnight growth. Now I find myself doing the same. By the time this coronavirus is gone, I will have the neatest hedges in Ormond Beach.

The leaf raking project is different than the hedge trimming. The leaves fall at their own pace depending on the weather conditions. You see, there is this huge magnolia tree on the front lawn that produces an inordinate amount of leaves. It is so tall that the flowers are not visible unless you walk across the street and down the road. The tree is on the property line and the neighbor does not like it either as he gets the leftover leaves. He might be interested in having it cut down after normalcy returns. For now, I am not pushing the issue as the raking gives me something to do.

Physically attending mass is out of the question at this time. So, I have resorted to my trusty computer. I have attended masses all over the country since this virus showed up. I even attended the Pope's mass one Sunday. It was in Italian, so I don't see myself going back there anymore. If I thought Father Harris at St. Thomas More in Boynton Beach would shorten his sermons, I might try it for an upcoming Sunday.

It is possible that I may be domiciled here in Florida for the summer. If this coronavirus pandemic is not resolved, it does not make any sense to go up north. At least down here, we have the beach to visit anytime we want, assuming they get reopened.

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.