

June 2020 Newsletter

General Info:

Mail correspondence to: The Emerald Association of Putnam County P.O. Box 141 Brewster, NY 10509 www.emeraldapc.com.

General Membership Meeting Schedule

2nd Friday of each month September through June Trinity Lutheran Church 2103 Route 6, Brewster, NY Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm. *Please Note: We hope to resume our meetings in September*

Executive Board:

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 914.924.4331

Board Members:

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

Member News:

- Sending a great big THANK YOU to those who have been on the frontlines during this pandemic.

-Trinity Lutheran Church along with all our churches remains closed. We are going to try, once again, to hold a virtual General Membership meeting Friday, June 12th at 7:30pm via Zoom. An email with further details will be sent out on the 12th.

-We hope all of our Snowbirds have made their way back North safe and sound!

- Our deepest sympathies to Eamon and Bernie Cummins on the death of their daughter Caroline's Father-in-Law John Dumont. RIP

- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the memorial service for Gerry Farrell has been postponed until Saturday, September 5th, 2020. Further details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

-Elections are once again on hold. As you know we did not hold elections in 2019. 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 September General Membership meeting and the official election will be held in October*.

-June is the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life month. The Annual Relay for Life in Patterson will be virtual this year! Click on the link for more information on how you can participate and or donate. <u>https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=95878</u>

-Happy Father's Day to all our Emerald Dads!

-Congratulations to all Graduates! Celebrate the best way you can! 2020 will be one to remember!

Emerald of the Year 2020

Tom Brady, we haven't forgotten about you! You are still our Emerald of the Year! We are looking forward to celebrating you as soon as we can!

<u>Social Media</u>

"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

Emerald Association Scholarship 2020.

11 applications were submitted, of that 8 candidates met the established Association guidelines for eligibility to receive our scholarship. Two candidates (from 2018 and 2019) returned their awards which will allow us to award all 8 scholarships this year.

Congratulations to: Arianna Tara Cioffi, Riley Comparetto, Michael Donnelly, Maggie Ouhrabka, Katherine Grace Randlett, Fiona Sheeran, Matthew Weir, Patrick Weir. There is one final step in the process where each candidate must submit their college transcript after completing their first semester in January 2021.

Dues:

If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact Sally Ann Comparetto: <u>scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com</u>. \$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 <u>jtsconstruction@aol.com</u>.



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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I guess everyone are sequestered in their homes due to the coronavirus pandemic. I hope everyone survives these challenging times. I wish it was all done and over with it. There is light on the horizon, things are beginning to get back to normal. Hopefully, by the time you read this note, I will have gotten a haircut, visited the dentist and sundry doctors.

I attend church remotely at St. Thomas More in Boynton Beach. It is easy to follow the mass there and Father Harris keeps his sermons reasonably short. We normally attend Prince of Peace when we are in Ormond Beach but their online presentation is very subdued. In other words, boring.

My days are still spent raking leaves and trimming hedges, the same ones that I trimmed yesterday and will probably do the same tomorrow if anything grew overnight. To hide the gas tanks, I had to create an opening in the hedge for the gas people to fill the tanks. I have let the ends of the opening grow taller than the hedge itself. I will now attempt to train the hedge to form a canopy over the tanks. Since I can only proceed when there is growth, this project could take a couple of months.

It is too hot here to spend all day exposed to the sun, so, there is ample opportunity to watch television. With no sports, one needs to do a lot of channel hopping to find something acceptable. I have settled on three or four comedies, namely, Three's Company, Mama's Family, Last Man Standing and Married with Children. I like comedies but some of the aforementioned are pathetically stupid, especially Three's Company and Married with Children. In Mama's Family, poor Mama has to deal with a bunch of losers.

On occasion, Claire is able to pick up segments of "Keeping up Appearances". on her I-Pad. By now I am familiar with most of the characters, namely, Hyacinth, Richard, Onslo, Daisy and Rose. Hyacinth's other sister Violet, who is never seen, drives a Mercedes and has room for a pony, has a husband who is a cross dresser but never seen.

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 it gets reopened.

This completes my assignment for now. In the meantime, we can only hope and pray that normalcy will return shortly.

God Bless, stay safe and healthy and enjoy the Summer months.

Pat Farrell.