

# October 2020 Newsletter

<u>General Info:</u> Mail correspondence to: The Emerald Association of Putnam County P.O. Box 141 Brewster, NY 10509 <u>www.emeraldapc.com</u>.

# General Membership Meeting Schedule

**2nd Friday of each month September through June.** at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster. October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, January 8, 2021, February 12<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 7:15pm – meeting starts at 8pm.

## **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:

- Election update: Dympna Zazzero, Nominating Committee Chairperson, will present the Candidate Slate at our October General Membership meeting. The election will be held in November. This will put us back on track for elections in the Spring of 2021.

*Nominations:* Officers: President: Nuala Donnelly; Vice President: John Shanley, Membership Secretary: Bernie Cummins. Board Members: Mary Reamer and Declan Sheeran.

- Please keep Pat Joyce in your thoughts and prayers: Pat was discharged from Memorial Sloan Kettering on Thursday, September 24th – after 28 days in the hospital. He is very tired and has a long road to recovery ahead of him, but happy to be home.

-Condolences to the Donaher family on the passing of Ted on August 30<sup>th</sup> and to the O'Reilly family on Anne's passing September 19th. Two Emeralds who will be greatly missed.

-Our organization has the honor of choosing the Grand Marshal of the 2021 St. Patrick's Day Parade. A committee will be formed and our selection will be made in November.

-Meeting reminders: Refreshments will not be provided at our meetings until further notice. Feel free to bring your own beverage. The church hall requires that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Please don't forget to sign the attendance book upon arrival. We hope you join us.

## Emerald of the Year 2020

We recently caught a glimpse of our Emerald of the Year! He's wearing his Crown proudly! Hang in there Tom we will celebrate you one way or another very soon.

## Emerald Association Scholarship 2021

Applications for our 2021 Scholarship will be available at our General Membership meetings and are also posted on the website.

## Feis 2021

Our first meeting will follow our November 13th general membership meeting.

## 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: <u>scomparetto@houlihanlawrence.com</u>. \$30 for Family; \$20 Single



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.

## You Might Be Interested:

Open House on Tilly Foster Farm:



There will be Animals & Art, Antique Tractors, Apples, Cider & Donuts, Ask a Master Gardener, Clover Scavenger Hunt, Pollinator Pathway, Tilly's Pumpkin Patch, Roasted Corn, Self-Guided Art Tour & Hiking Trails.

Live Streaming Concert with Daniel O'Donnell!



Announcing Daniel O'Donnell's First Ever Live Streaming Concert. Streaming Live on danielodonnell.org Sunday 1st November @ 7pm (GMT) To watch this live event from the comfort of your own home purchase your tickets now.

# 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 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 Life and Times of Emerald Snow Birds in Florida.

Hello boys and girls and children of all ages.

Thanks to Nuala, it looks like I am back again reporting on our Emeralds in Florida for another season. My problem is with the coronavirus restrictions, I am not sure what I will be reporting on. I guess I will have to wing it. In normal times it is not easy to track down Emeralds, but with everyone staying indoors, it makes the job that much harder.

What a year this has been. This coronavirus really screwed everything up. I wound up staying in Florida for the summer. As I usually drive up to New Jersey, I was not willing to take the chance and along with the quarantine requirements, why bother.

Since this was my first summer in Florida, one thing I learned is that Florida gets very hot in the summer. So indoors was the place to be. To minimize exposure to corona, I spent most of my time in Ormond Beach. Palm Beach county, where my house is, had a higher number of casualties than some of the other counties, so I minimized my time there. To combat boredom. I decided to plant a little garden. As long as I stayed within the border of the house, I was able to get permission from the HOA. That would not have been possible in Boynton as the houses have well defined boundaries.

My first order of business was to build a fence on the exposed side facing the street. Then I had to reclaim the land by relocating existing shrubs and remove the roots. Since this is an ongoing project with no set completion date, I have no idea when it will be finished.

Getting back to the coronavirus, we had one casualty. One of Claire's brothers in laws attended a wedding up in Tennessee in June and acquired the virus there. He has been in hospital since and came home on September 13<sup>th</sup>. He now has to recuperate and God only knows when he can resume his normal routine.

This is an excellent time to move to Florida if such a move is in your plans. Houses are relatively cheap but seem to be going up in price. Taxable are manageable, definitely better than New York. So, come on down. Also, I would have something to write about. I am going to conclude now as I have to stretch out my reporting to last for the next eight or nine months.

That is all for now. Keep them cards and letters coming and we will chat again next month.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell.