



November 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.

at the Trinity Lutheran Church hall located at 2103 Route 6 in Brewster.

November 13th, December 11th, January 8, 2021, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th.

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: Unfortunately, we did not meet the quorum requirements to present the slate of candidates at our October meeting. A motion was made from the floor to postpone the election until the Spring and present the slate of candidates at the April 2021 meeting with the election to be held at the May 2021 meeting. **Nominations: Officers:** President: Nuala Donnelly; Vice President: John Shanley, Membership Secretary: Bernie Cummins. **Board Members:** Mary Reamer and Declan Sheeran. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted at the April meeting.

- Our organization has the honor of choosing the Grand Marshal of the 45th Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day Parade. A committee will be formed and the announcement will be made before our December meeting.

-Liam McManus, son of Kathleen and Brian McManus, has been nominated for the 2020 William V. Campbell Trophy as announced by the National Football Foundation. Named in honor of the late William V. Campbell, The William V. Campbell Trophy has become the most prestigious and desirable "academic" award in college football. The trophy recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his academic success, football performance and exemplary leadership. Good Luck Liam and Congratulations for being nominated!

-Congratulations to Maurice and Teresa Foley who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

-Sending thoughts and prayers to Dympna Zazzero's mother-in-law in Florida as she recuperates from Covid. She is home from the hospital feeling a bit better.

-To all our Veterans...we will be thinking of you on Wednesday, November 11th. With Respect, Honor and Gratitude, we thank you for your service!

-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 Association Scholarship 2021

The Application for our 2021 Scholarship is posted on our website and will also be available at our General Membership meetings through February. The application must be submitted by the March meeting with awards chosen at the April meeting.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Society of Irish American Lawyers (SOCIAL) have established a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a senior in high school (or a 2020 graduate who deferred admission to college or trade school for a year) who is of Irish ancestry. Please see the application attached. NOTE: The deadline for applications is December 1, 2020.

Feis 2021

We are optimistic that we will be able to hold our Feis in May. Our first planning meeting will follow our November 13th general membership meeting. We thank Karyn Oster for once again chairing the Feis – remotely from Nashville and in person the weekend of the event. Karyn will be shadowed by Lorraine Sheeran who will take over the reigns in 2022.

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



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.

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.

Have a Laugh:

Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.

Dad: Wonderful; do you have someone in mind?

Boy: Yes...Grandma! She said she loves me; I love her too...and she's the best cook and storyteller in the whole world!!

Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!

Boy: What's the problem?

Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother?

Boy: Why not? You married mine!

You Might Be Interested In:



The Hudson Valley Regional Farmers Market, your source for everything Local, Sustainable and Fresh. Eat well, Be Well.

The Market is located at 15 Mt. Ebo Rd Brewster, NY

Open on Sunday's from 10-2

Current Market Vendors

Ashbell's Premium Smoked Foods

Bartolo's Food and Cheesecake

Chanda Essentials

DoReMe Farms

General Cochran Farm

Happy Life Animal Rescue Pet Adoptions

Judson's Farm

KAS Spirits

Laughing Gut Kombucha

M|F Designs

Picklelicious

Piggygreens microgreens

Sacred Grounds Coffee

Sharamel: Baked Goods

Smellz Good: Natural Goat Milk Soaps, Lotions, & Sprays

South Salem Winery

Wave Hill Breads

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.

Greetings from the sunshine state. Compared to last month, the weather is delightful at present. But other than that, not much has changed. Remnants of the coronavirus pandemic and the associated restrictions are still with us.

I seem to have adopted a Muscovy duck and her twelve eggs. Claire accidentally found the nest next to the front door after Mrs. Duck squawked and scared her. I got friendly with our new find by giving her some water and scraps of food. It pays to be nice. This bird is as big as a goose and I don't understand why they are called ducks. We have a plentiful supply down in Boynton Beach but it is illegal or discouraged to feed them. As a result, I don't befriend them. Our duck is hatching twelve eggs but there is no Mr. Duck around.

The hatching period for Muscovy ducks is five weeks and since we were not here to know when the project started; I am not sure when we can expect babies. Since I write this report in bits and pieces throughout the month, I should see little ones by the time this is submitted. Since she is the only duck on the lake here in Ormond it raises some questions as to where she originated. I have added her care to my morning routine.

I first check on her when I get up, then I replenish her water. On weekdays she gets oat meal and on weekends it is pancakes. Every day around 4PM she leaves the nest and goes for a walk. I figure she goes to the "Duck Bar" for a beer. If I don't see ducklings by the middle of October and with no Mr. Duck around, I will conclude that Mrs. Duck got fooled and she will wind up with gluggers. Stay tuned.

The Fall weather has arrived in South Florida and I must say, it is most welcome. The coronavirus is still with us but in a reduced state. They have eased up on some of the restrictions. Since there are no church services, the chances of meeting or seeing some Emeralds is zero comma none at this time. The snowbirds who ventured up north should be returning shortly. I will keep my eyes and ears open. My garden has taken a beating from the heavy downpours that are common here in South Florida during the Fall months. I guess there is always next year.

Our Muscovy duck had done her job. On the evening of October 3rd, I noticed the first baby. But next morning there were seven more. There was eight in total, one of the ducklings was completely yellow. One egg got broken and there were three gluggers. That accounts for all the eggs. I was thinking that with eight extra mouths to feed that I would be eligible for food stamps.

When I visited my duck family on October 5th, I was both surprised and saddened. My ducklings were gone as well as the three gluggers. Some animal must have discovered the nest during the night and devoured its contents. End of story, sad but true.

That is all for now. Keep them cards and letters coming and we will chat again next month. Maybe an Emerald will show up. Otherwise, I will have to pull something from the sky that is both educational and entertaining.

God Bless.

Pat Farrell



The Society of Irish American Lawyers Scholarship

Information

The Society of Irish American Lawyers offers a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior of Irish-American heritage from an accredited high school. Each student will be evaluated based upon the submitted scholarship essay, evidence of leadership and service to school and community, and the letter of recommendation. The applicant's demonstrated academic ability, as well as any factors relating to the applicant's character, may be considered by the scholarship selection committee.

In order to be considered, an applicant must:

- Have applied or be in the process of applying to a recognized and accredited post high school educational institution;
- Graduate from high school in 2021 or have graduated in 2020 and deferred admission to a post high school educational institution for a year;
- Be of Irish descent;
- Reside in the Ninth Judicial District (Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Rockland); and
- File a completed application, including the essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation, **by midnight on December 1, 2020, via email to SocialScholarship2021@gmail.com.**

The application must include:

- An essay of at least 250 words (typed and double-spaced) but no more than 350 words addressing the topic: **"How your Irish heritage has influenced your life and goals"**;
- One letter of recommendation (this can be from a teacher, coach or employer);
- A high school transcript (does not need to be certified). The transcript must include grades for the 9th through 11th year, a three-year average, and class rank (if available);
- A record of any awards or extracurricular activities, including employment;
- A record of any service to the community; and
- A completed Certification and Acknowledgement form.

After review of all written applications, the Scholarship Committee will select the five top candidates who will then be interviewed by the committee before the final winner is decided.

Payment of the scholarship award will be made upon verification in writing of the recipient's accepted attendance to an accredited post high school educational institution.

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address (if different): _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address (if different): _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What are your siblings' names and ages?

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Type of Diploma Anticipated: _____

Previous High School (if any): _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Reference

Please give us information about your reference.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
School or Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

Post High School Educational Plans

What do you plan to study? _____

What profession do you wish to pursue? _____

How do you plan to finance your college education? _____

Have you received any other scholarships or awards? Please give details. _____

Please list all post high school educational institutions to which you have applied. List the schools in order of your preference.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Employment

If you worked for pay during the last three years, please list all employment.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____

Community Service

Please list all community service activities and dates of service.

Other Extracurricular Activities

Please list all other extracurricular activities in which you are involved and the dates of involvement.

Certification and Acknowledgment

I, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that I am the Applicant for the Society of Irish American Lawyers' Scholarship, and do hereby state as follows:

- That I have reviewed the information provided on the application and certify, to the best of my knowledge, that all information as stated on this application (and attachments, if any) is true and correct:
- That I understand and acknowledge that as a candidate for the Society of Irish American Lawyers' Scholarship, the Scholarship Committee will rely upon and consider the information and representations provided to the Committee by me;
- That I further understand that the information provided to the Scholarship Committee is used for the sole purpose of determining whether I should be awarded a scholarship offered by the Society of Irish American Lawyers; and
- That I understand that, if I should receive a scholarship from Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Scholarship Committee learns at some future date that the information supplied was false, inaccurate, and/or misrepresented to the Committee by me, that in that event, the scholarship received by me may be forfeited and any monies received by me shall be immediately returned to the Society of Irish American Lawyers.

Print Name (Applicant)

Date

Signature

Signature of Parent/ Guardian